

July 21, 2013

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 20	6:00 P.M.	Lebert & Leona Berger	St. John
Sunday	July 21	10:00 A.M.	Daniel Spies	Moravia

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 27	6:00 P.M.	Gladys Chaloupka	St. John
Sunday	July 28	9:30 A.M.	Joe & Irene Drozd Barcak	Moravia

First Friday

Friday	Aug. 2	8:00 A.M.	Fr. Brian Crookes	St. John
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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Aug. 3	6:00 P.M.	Frank Okruhlik, Frances & Frank Tupa, Sr.	Moravia
Sunday	Aug. 4	9:30 A.M.	John & Betty Stasny	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15:2-5 Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42

Abraham, the just and upright man, graciously hosts three visitors. As Mary and Martha host Jesus, he speaks of only one thing as necessary for us who follow him: being open to receive the message and person of Jesus, and being receptive to “the mystery of Christ” as he comes to us through one another.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138:1-3,6-8 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13

In bargaining with God, Abraham demonstrates a real persistence in prayer. Jesus invites us to persist in prayer as well, to “ask...seek...knock”. May our prayer open us to God’s will, and so build up his strength within us. In baptism we have died with Christ, and have been raised to life with him.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ecclesiastics 1:2; 2:21-23 Psalm 95:1-2,6-9 Colossians 3:1-5,9-11 Luke 12:13-21

Listen carefully to the voice of the Lord: set your heart on what will last forever. We only fool ourselves if we believe that our possessions will bring us happiness and life. Instead, “grow rich in the sight of the Lord”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM DESK OF MSGR. JOHN

Fr. Ty Bazaar, pastor of Our Lady of the Gulf in Port Lavaca has taken a sabbatical for a while thus creating a need for a new pastor in Port Lavaca. Fr. Tommy Chen, our associate pastor, is next in line to become a pastor and so as of August 1st, Fr. Tommy will be the new pastor of Our Lady of the Gulf, Port Lavaca and its missions: St. Ann Church, Point Comfort, St. Joseph, Port O’Connor and St. Patrick, Seadrift.

We thank Fr. Tommy for his service here with us the last three years and wish him well in his new assignment. We will have a Farewell Social for him at Sacred Heart Family Center on Monday, July 29th at 7:00 p.m. Please bring sandwiches, snacks or desserts. Coffee & tea will be provided.

Due to the shortness of time, we will only be able to have the one reception for all the parishes.

We welcome all those who are visiting us today for our annual Parish Picnic in Moravia.

THANK YOU FROM FR. TOMMY

I would like to express to you my sincere gratitude for the past three years of being able to serve you at Moravia and St. John. I always looked forward to “going out into the country” to celebrate the holy Mass with you all. Your community may be small, but your faith and love are BIG! May God continue to bless you. Please pray for me! I really do need your prayers during this time of transition. I will really miss you all. Fr. Tommy

Teen ACTS Retreat - July 25-28. Registration forms are being accepted for the Teen ACTS Retreat. All forms and fees must be mailed to Therese Ferry in Yoakum. Approximately 20 boys and 20 girls will be accepted throughout the Hallettsville Deanery, so spaces are very limited. Acceptance is on a first-come first-served basis.

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR AUGUST – Bernice Pauler and Kim Lofland

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR AUGUST – David Kubenka and Andy Besetzny

ST. JOHN PICNIC APPRECIATION SOCIAL

The St. John Appreciation Social and Meal for the picnic workers will be held at St. John Pavilion on Saturday, September 7, 2013, starting at 6:30 PM with the social and the meal being served at 7:30 PM. Please spread the word to all your helpers.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PICNIC APPRECIATION SOCIAL

Please mark your calendars for our Moravia Parish Picnic Workers Appreciation Dinner August 25. There will be a noon catered meal as in the past.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

“Where are our old people today? They are in institutions. Where is the unborn child? Where? Dead. Why? Because we do not want them. I find it great, great poverty that in the West, here in this country, a child dies because we are afraid to feed one more child, to educate one more child...The fear of having to feed one more old person in the family means that that person must be put away, and yet, one day we too have to meet the Master. And what will be the answer? What will we answer to Him about that little child, that old father and mother, because they are his creation, they are children of God.” (Blessed Mother Teresa-from “Where There Is Love, There Is God,” page 103) DEFEND LIFE “in the womb to the tomb”!!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 20 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Dylan Goldberg, Joshua Becan, April Brossmann
Sunday, July 21 - **10:00 a.m.** - Moravia - Caitlin Deem, Rylie & Regan Lux
Saturday, July 27 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - James Lofland, Alex Lozano, Kenna Kubenka
Sunday, July 28 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Miranda Shimek, Dylan Goldberg, Seth Eckhardt
Saturday, Aug. 3 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlin Deem, Joshua Becan
Sunday, Aug. 4 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Blaine Besetzny, Clayton & April Brossmann

ALTAR SERVER PARTY

All altar servers who serve for the weekend Masses of Sacred Heart Church, St. Mary's, St. John's and Moravia are invited to a bowling & pizza party on Wednesday, July 31 at the Tenth Frame Bowling Alley in Schulenburg from 11am-2pm. If you plan to attend this event, please call the Sacred Heart Rectory (798-5888) to sign up no later than Sunday, July 28. The parishes will provide the rounds of bowling, shoe rental & Pizza. Parents will be responsible for the transportation of their children to & from the event.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your sacrificial gift to those in need as a result of the West Explosion. Your concern is a genuine expression of the Christian virtue of charity at the deepest personal level. **The amount of this contribution in 2013 for Ascension of Our Lord is \$431.00 and \$302.05. The amount of this contribution in 2013 for St. John the Baptist is \$453.50 and \$175.00.** Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our local church and community members during this difficult time. May the grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you and those you hold dear in your heart. I will be remembering you and other benefactors in my prayers and at monthly masses for this next year.

Sincerely yours,
Very Rev. Edward Karasek, Pastor St. Mary, Church of the Assumption

PICNIC - AUGUST 11th

St. Michael Church in Weimar Texas will be having its annual Harvest Feast, this year celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church and the 125th year of our parish. This event will take place at the Veterans Hall in Weimar. Beginning at 11:00 a.m., we will be serving a delicious fried chicken and stew meal. The plate costs will be as follows: Adults -\$8.50, Children - \$4.50 and Plates-to-Go - \$8.50. Drive-thru To-Go plates will be available at the St. Michael Family Center beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Mini-Cheerleader Camp, July 29-31, 9 am-12 noon, SHCS Gym for girls in PreK-6th Grade. To register, please call Debi Bludau, 798-6842.

Mini-Twirl Camp, July 22-25. To register, please call Becky McElroy at 798-2831 or 772-6674.

Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information or to register for the September 6-8 program, call John or Jennifer Vincent (361) 580-2770 or email: jbvjov@sbcglobal.net or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.



The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” — Lk 10:41-42

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