

May 26, 2013

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MASS SCHEDULE

The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday	May 25	6:00 P.M.	Irene Mendel	St. John
Sunday	May 26	9:30 A.M.	Julia Jasek	Moravia

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Saturday	June 1	6:00 P.M.	Henry R. & Julia Olsovsky & Rebecca Patterson	Moravia
Sunday	June 2	9:30 A.M.	Anton Orsak	St. John

First Friday - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday	June 7	8:00 A.M.	Anton, Marie & Patrick Hrcir	St. John
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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	June 8	6:00 P.M.	Adolph B. & Adella Kutac	St. John
Sunday	June 9	9:30 A.M.	Living & Deceased Members of Chudej Family	Moravia

THE WORD OF GOD

The Most Holy Trinity

Readings: Proverbs 8:22-31 Psalm 8:4-9 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

We are at peace with God our Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. This Spirit, Who is Wisdom itself, will lead us into all truth. How wonderful the name of our God in all the earth.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Readings: Genesis 14:18-20 Psalm 110:1-4 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Luke 9:11b-17

Melchizedek, priest of God Most High, offers bread and wine as a blessing upon Abram. Jesus fulfills this offering, giving us His own Body and Blood under the forms of bread and wine. Thus is our hunger satisfied in abundance as we make our pilgrim way to the heavenly banquet feast.

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16 Psalm 23:1-6 Romans 5:5b-11 Luke 15:3-7

Out of His abundant love for us, we have been reconciled in Christ who, like a good shepherd, seeks out those who have strayed or who are lost.

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Kings 17:17-24 Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-13 Galatians 1:11-19 Luke 7:11-17

Elijah heals the son of a widow. She praises the Lord that her son had been healed. Jesus raises from the dead the son of a widow of Nain. All are amazed and glorify God. It is this God who revealed His Son to St. Paul that he might proclaim him to the Gentiles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM DESK OF MSGR. JOHN

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. Next Sunday, June 2nd, we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi - the Body and Blood of Christ.

For the Feast of Corpus Christi, you are invited to Sacred Heart in Hallettsville for the Eucharistic Procession on June 2nd at 6:00 p.m. This will celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi and the Year of Faith. We will begin in church and process around the Courthouse Square and back to the church for the closing ceremony.

Let us gather together as God's family and celebrate our faith in the Holy Eucharist.

Congratulations to all our graduates!

PICNICS

Sunday, May 26: Sacred Heart, Hallettsville KC Hall. Fried chicken & stew dinner with homemade dressing. Adults \$8 Children \$4. Music 1-9 pm by the Red Ravens & Jodie Mikula Orchestra. Mouthwatering hamburgers, french fries, nachos, popcorn, funnel cakes, sno-cones, soft drinks & cold refreshments served all afternoon. **See you at the picnic!!!**

Sunday, May 26: Shiner Picnic at Shiner KC Hall - Chicken, sausage & stew. All plates \$8.50.

Sunday, June 9: St. Rose Parish Picnic, Schulenburg KC Hall. Fried chicken, sausage & trimmings. \$8 adults & \$4 children. Mark Halata & Texavia 11am-4pm. Inside Hall, D'Vine Testament 11am-12:30pm. Czechaholics 4-8pm.

Sunday, June 9: St Mary Parish (outside of Hallettsville). St. Mary's Picnic stew & sausage. All plates \$8.00. Music by Texas Sound Check, Tony Janak Band & Red Ravens.

MORAVIA PICNIC RAFFLE DONATIONS - July 21, 2013: If you would like to donate a raffle prize for the church picnic, please contact Arlene Becan at 798-9320 or by email, aaajbec@yahoo.com by May 31, 2013.

ST. JOHN RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE: Raffle tickets are ready for pick up in the back of the church. If more tickets are needed, contact Theresa Eckhardt or Ann McBride.

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR JUNE – Patricia Berger, Susie Kalich, Terah Lux and Diane Roeder
ST JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR JUNE – Walter Hermis and Bobby Mendel

ST. JOHN PICNIC WORK LIST: St. John's Picnic on July 4 is coming soon. THE OLD LISTS OF ST. JOHN PICNIC WORKERS-2012 are in the back of Church for Chairmen and Co-Chairmen to take and make corrections, additions, etc. so that the 2013 Picnic Worker List can be prepared. **DEADLINE TO RETURN IS JUNE 7, 2013.** Return to: Dorothy Berger, 95 CR 957B, Schulenburg, Texas 78956. Phone: 562-2187; Email: dsberger@cvctx.com or drop in the collection basket at Mass.

REMINDER: Start thinking about items for the Auction. Suggestions: Home canned pickles, homemade jelly/jam, salsa, relish, home baked goods (cookies, bread, strudel, rolls, etc.), homemade noodles, fresh vegetables (tomatoes, potatoes, onions, etc.) and fruits (watermelons, cantaloupes, etc.), antiques, quilts, livestock and other unique items.

FLOWER DONATION: Fresh Flowers for Mothers Day and Ascension Sunday were donated in memory of Jamie Tupa and Margaret Schaefer by Richard and Wilma Schaefer.

PRO-LIFE CORNER: Does Natural Family Planning lead to better marriages? "In 2000, Dr. Robert Lerner, a sociologist from the University of Chicago, did a study and found a 0.2 percent divorce rate among couples using Natural Family Planning. He found that couples who use NFP are more likely to converse frequently together, attend church together, and pray together. They are more likely to see each other as equal partners because NFP requires you be in touch with the natural rhythms of the wife's body. NFP is entered into as a couple."...(by Jim Graves in Celebrate Life Magazine, Spring 2013) Note: For classes by Victoria Natural Family Planning contact David and Anna Coffey, instructors, at victorianfpteachers@yahoo.com or call them at 361-579-8464

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 25 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - April & Clayton Brossmann, Alex Lozano
Sunday, May 26 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Blaine Besetzny, Seth Eckhardt, Miranda Shimek
Saturday, June 1 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Kenna Kubenka, Colleen Deem, Joshua Becan
Sunday, June 2 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Rylie & Megan Lux, Dylan Goldberg
Saturday, June 8 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Alex Lozano, James Lofland, April Brossmann
Sunday, June 9 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Blaine Bezetzny, Seth Eckhardt, Miranda Shimek

Moravia Centennial Cookbook is available for purchase at Hallettsville General Store.

NEW RATES FOR THE MORAVIA HALLS & PAVILION – RENTAL RATES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2013.

For reservations made *before* April 1, 2013, old rates will apply

DINING HALL: \$125, WITH A \$50 DEPOSIT

DANCE HALL: \$75, WITH A \$25 DEPOSIT

PAVILION: \$100, WITH A \$25 DEPOSIT

BOTH HALLS: \$200, WITH A \$75 DEPOSIT

BOTH HALLS AND PAVILION: \$275, WITH A \$100 DEPOSIT

Deposits will be returned if hall/pavilion are cleaned satisfactorily. Checks must be made payable to Ascension of Our Lord Parish Hall.

Vacation Bible School. June 17-21 at Sacred Heart. Planning meeting Wed., June 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Cafeteria. Call CCD Office 798-3124 or Angela's cell 741-8730.

Sacred Heart Young Adults Retreat, June 13-16. Open to single women & men out of high school up to 30 years old. Applications are in the church foyer. Questions? Please call Cheryl Leopold at 772-4917.

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 as retreatants throughout the Hallettsville Deanery, so spaces are very limited. Acceptance is on a first come first served basis.

Young Men's Vocation Retreat. The Victoria Diocese Quo Vadis Vocation Retreat for young men completing 8th grade through 21 years old will be held at Coopers Farm near LaGrange, Sunday, July 14-Wed, July 17. Spaces are limited. A \$10 non-refundable deposit by July 1 guarantees your spot. Registration forms are available at the Sacred Heart Rectory & church foyer. Retreat cost is \$50 per person. Scholarships are available. For information, please call Fr. Tommy.

ASCENSION EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS: In memory of Anton, Marie & Patrick Hrcncir by Anthony Hrcncir, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Liebicher, Mr. & Mrs. George Jasek Sr. by George & Diane Jasek, in memory of Charles B. & Emilie Halata, Bohumil & Lillie Bohuslav by Arnold & Gene Marie Bohuslav and in memory of Viola and Julius Opella & Richard Opella by Janice Opella.

Ascension Church Building Fund - In memory of Millie Berger: Charles & Earline Ashby-\$15; Albert & Dorothy Olsovsky-\$20; Phil & Kathy Guenther-\$25; Wilma & Richard Schaefer-\$15; Stan, Jeff, Sherrie & Bonnie Hamblin-\$100.

Ascension Cemetery Fund: Harvey & Kathy Vrana-\$50; Mike & Bobby Ischy-\$20; Julius & Dolores Krause- \$20

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June 2013

Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Marianne Cope

The Year of Faith saint for June is St. Marianne Cope who began religious life as an educator in NY schools. In 1870, she made a significant ministry change and became a nurse-administrator at St. Joseph's hospital in Syracuse, NY, where she was known for accepting social "outcasts" as patients. In 1883, "Mother" Marianne embraced the chance to serve more "outcasts" in the isolated leper colonies of Hawaii. She took on the work of St. Damien de Veuster after his death.



Alone at last

Every moment of our lives are lived in God's presence whether we are aware of him or not. Take advantage of it and be alone with him as often as possible. Soon you will be able to see him everywhere you are.

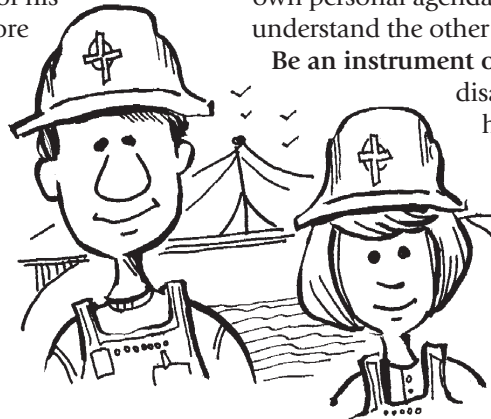
Evangelize

While we are all to tell others about God, we aren't all gifted preachers. The best way to spread God's love is to live it.



Wanted: Bridge builders

In Jesus' day, the accustomed action for people who didn't conform to usual standards of behavior was to turn them into outcasts. Jesus showed us another way. He didn't expel sinners but forgave them. In fact, many of his healings helped restore people to their communities. By commanding us to love our enemies, Jesus demanded that we become bridge builders and refuse to recognize anyone as an enemy. As his followers, he wants us to build bridges, not walls.



Listen without talking. Building bridges requires understanding others' needs. Listening well is key but can be hard to do. Try starting a conversation and practice just listening. Maintain eye contact and don't plan your response

until the other person has finished speaking.

Empathize. Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of another. It means setting aside your own personal agenda so you can fully understand the other person's needs.

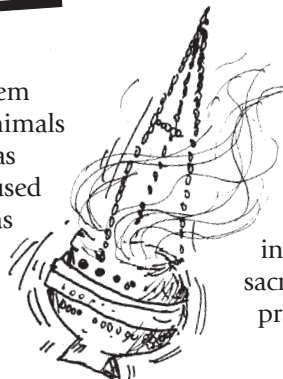
Be an instrument of peace. A

disagreement doesn't have to become a conflict. We gain nothing by being nasty or obnoxious. Instead, stick to the facts and be firm but friendly.

Avoid gossip and gossips. This is the most obvious tip but talking about others behind their backs leads to trouble for others and for you. If you are asked about someone else, always find something positive to say.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

In the temple in Jerusalem in Old Testament days, animals were offered on the altar as sacrifices to God. Priests used incense around the altar as a visual cue to symbolize their prayers rising to Heaven.



Why do we use incense during Mass?

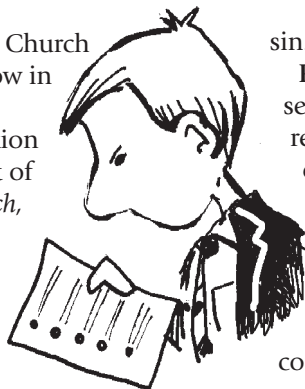
The Mass is the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins. The incense reminds us that our prayers are heard by God in heaven. As we watch the smoke of the incense rise, it symbolizes that sacrifice and the rising of our prayers to God.

Precepts of the Church: a Catholic job description

To help us give God our very best, the Catholic Church has outlined responsibilities that will help us grow in love of God and each other.

Keep every Sunday holy. "The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2177). It's vital that we worship God at Mass each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation (unless unavoidably prevented).

Confess at least once a year. Few humans can go an entire year without committing a serious



sin. Turn to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Receive Communion at least during the Easter season. Prepared by the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive the Eucharist as often as possible but especially during the Easter season.

Fast and abstain. To help us control appetites of all kinds, the Church established times of penance when fasting and abstinence help us focus on God.

Provide for the Church. To keep our Church healthy and strong, we each must care for her and contribute what we can.

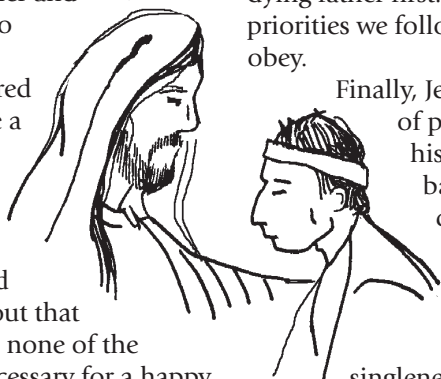
from Scripture

Luke 9:51-62, the cost of discipleship

Jesus' listeners often got swept up by his charismatic manner and professed eagerness to follow him. But they weren't always prepared for what it took to be a true disciple.

In this Gospel passage, a young man asked to follow Jesus but was deflated when Jesus pointed out that he had no home and none of the things considered necessary for a happy life. So it wouldn't always be comfortable to follow him.

The timing wasn't right for the second man. He promised to follow Jesus but



said he needed to fulfill his duty to his dying father first. In truth, Jesus sets the priorities we follow. Our duty is to obey.

Finally, Jesus used the example of plowing a field to make his point. If you look back while plowing it can ruin the job. He used that example to help the third man understand that we need to have a singleness of purpose to be his disciple. We will have to make sacrifices to follow Jesus. But he promises us that the rewards will be worth much more.

Q & A Is it okay to skip Mass once in a while?

If we remember that Jesus is truly present during Mass – as present as he was to his apostles during the Last



Supper – we would never want to miss Mass. Unless absence is unavoidable, we have the command of God and the command of the Church to attend Mass each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.

The command of God: The Third Commandment says, "Remember the Sabbath day—keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8). Jesus instituted Mass at the Last Supper when he took the bread and wine and turned it into his body and blood and said, "Do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19).

The command of the Church: "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). Jesus made Peter the first pope and the head of the Church. The pope speaks for Christ, and the Church through the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2180) requires that we attend Mass every Sunday.

When Jesus and the Church tell us to do something, we really should do it.

Feasts & Celebrations

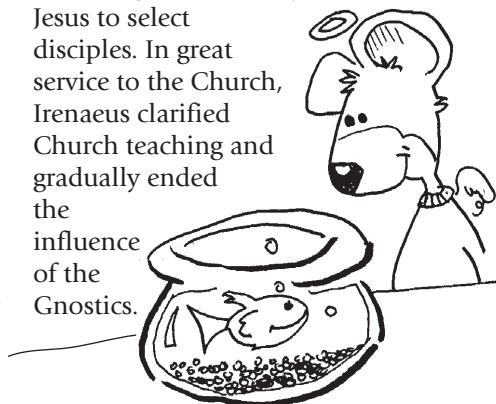
June 7 - Sacred Heart of Jesus. The image of Jesus with his heart exposed in unquenchable flame is a reminder of his intense and eternal love for us.

June 8 – Immaculate Heart of Mary (1945). In response to the request made by Our Lady of Fatima, Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to Mary's gentle and devout Immaculate Heart in 1942, and initiated this feast in 1945.

June 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga (1591). St. Aloysius prayed vigorously and fasted from age 7. Upon joining the Society of Jesus, he was ordered to reduce the severity of his penance in order to study and spend time with

other students. He died at the age of 23 while nursing the sick.

June 28 – St. Irenaeus (220). As bishop of Lyons, Irenaeus investigated and disproved assertions of the Gnostics who claimed secret knowledge imparted by Jesus to select disciples. In great service to the Church, Irenaeus clarified Church teaching and gradually ended the influence of the Gnostics.



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