

September 15, 2013

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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MASS SCHEDULE

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Sept. 14	6:00 P.M.	Laddie Siegel	St. John
Sunday	Sept. 15	9:30 A.M.	Henry Tupa	St. John

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Sept. 21	6:00 P.M.	Willie, Albina & Irene Barborak	Moravia
Sunday	Sept. 22	9:30 A.M.	Evelyn Novosad	Moravia

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Sept. 28	6:00 P.M.	Rain	St. John
Sunday	Sept. 29	9:30 A.M.	Sylvia Bartosch	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17,19 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Moses intercedes on behalf of the people who had turned away from the covenant. The Lord delights not in sin, but in turning back to him, for a contrite and humbled heart God will never spurn. He sent his Son into the world not to condemn but to save sinners.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113:1-2,4-8 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Amos cries out against those who exploit the poor for the sake of extortion and greed. They seek to serve only themselves rather than the Lord. By giving ourselves to God rather than money, we can truly pray with blameless hands for all those in need, especially the poor whom the Lord will raise up.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146:7-10 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31

Amos condemns the complacency of the rich who seek only their own comfort. In his parable about the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus echoes Amos, exhorting those who have to share with those who have not. Self-sufficiency must never blind us to the needs of others. Only in this way do we keep God's commandments in integrity and in truth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM DESK OF MSGR. JOHN

We will be starting our RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation - program for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and possibly joining. We will meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. beginning October 3rd at Sacred Heart. If you are interested, please call the Rectory and leave your name and telephone number.

We have begun our Capital Campaign for Sacred Heart Catholic School. The FUTURE STARTS HERE THE FUTURE STARTS NOW Campaign will fund:

- A New Advanced Learning Center containing Library/Multimedia Center ,Technology & Skills Lab
- Remodeling and re-purposing elementary and junior high areas to maximize educational environments
- A new Elementary Music and Fine Arts room.

The expanded facilities will build on the 130 year heritage of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament to prepare our students as their future starts here and now:

Phase I: \$800,000. Phase II: \$525,000. Phase III - \$175,000. Total \$1.5 million

At present, we have almost \$500,000 from grants, memorials and individual donations. We will have an open meeting soon for everyone who is interested in learning about the Project and the Campaign. Please keep this project in your prayers.

REV. JOHN KEANE

The Archdiocese of San Antonio was recently contacted by the Thames Valley Police Department in the United Kingdom in reference to an allegation that Rev. John Keane sexually assaulted a minor girl in Berkshire, UK between 1975 and 1978. Rev. Keane, who died in 2001, served in the Archdiocese of San Antonio at St. Margaret Mary in 1957 and at St. Ann's in 1961. We have advised the Diocese of Victoria that he also served at St. Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes in Victoria, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Ganado, St. Rose of Lima and St. John's in Schulenburg, and Sacred Heart in Hallettsville in 1961.

I share this information with you in the hope that any members of our community affected by sexual abuse will feel encouraged to seek all needed pastoral support or counseling as part of their healing process. If we can be of assistance to you, or if you have questions or concerns in regard to Rev. Keane, please contact Mr. Steve Martinez, Director of the Office of Victim Assistance and Safe Environment at 210-734-7786 or 877-700-1888.

I pledge my commitment to continue working to make every Catholic Church, school and institution a safe harbor for all of our children. Please join me in prayer as we reach out to any and all who may be victims of sexual abuse.

Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S., Archbishop of San Antonio

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

“Come & See” Discernment Weekend, Sept.21-22, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria for single Catholic women 18 to 50. For information or to register, please call 575-7111, email jwbsvoc@yahoo.com or go to www.iwbsvictoria.org.

KJZT #44 MEETING

Moravia KJZT Society #44 will have their annual social and meeting on October 6, 2013 at the parish hall beginning at 12 noon. Please RSVP to Dorothy Olsovsky at 979-562-2169 by September 30th. Please bring a dessert.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

ObamaCare regulations issued by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services now require churches, Christian organizations, and all pro-life Americans to purchase health insurance coverage that includes abortion-inducing drugs. This is a direct assault on Christianity and the First Amendment, because it compels millions of Christians and pro-life Americans to pay for abortions, which they find morally abhorrent and which is prohibited by their religious beliefs. The Catholic Church along with more than 70 Christian and pro-life organizations are asking the Supreme Court of the United States to overturn this provision as an unconstitutional violation of the First Amendment protections for religious freedom and freedom of conscience. (From Sept. 2013 CSA Advocate-publication of Christian Seniors Association)

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 14 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John- James Lofland, Alex Lozano, Jenna Kubenka
Sunday, Sept. 15 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John- Miranda Shimek, Seth Eckhardt, Regan Lux
Saturday, Sept. 21 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlin Deem, Dylan Goldberg, Joshua Becan
Sunday, Sept. 22 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Rylie & Regan Lux, April Brossmann
Saturday, Sept. 28 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - James Lofland, Alex Lozano, Jenna Kubenka
Sunday, Sept. 29 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Miranda Shimek, Seth Eckhardt, Blaine Besetzny

AREA PICNICS & FESTIVALS

Sept. 15: Our Lady of the Gulf Parish Festival, Bauer Community Center on TX Hwy 35, Port Lavaca. Seafood Platter- Fried Shrimp and Fish, coleslaw, German potatoes, and hush puppies. Serving 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. dine in or carry out (\$8.00 per plate). Auction, games, ethnic food booths and more!
Sept. 15: St. Joseph Church Picnic, K.C. Hall, Moulton. Open air Mass at 10 a.m. in City Park. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner 10:30 a.m. Auction, booths, games.
Sept. 29: St. John the Baptist Church Picnic, Koerth, Sweet Home Community Center. Stew & Sausage Dinner 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Auction, booths, kiddy games, raffle.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Erwin Mendel

St. John Building Fund

Dorothy & Victor Boudreaux	\$10.00	Robert & Pam Besetsny	\$25.00
James & Carolyn Prihoda Family	\$50.00	David & Lorine Kubenka	\$10.00
Diane & Delphin Bartek	\$20.00	Albert & Dorothy Olsovsky	\$10.00
Scotty Brossmann Family	\$10.00	Mark & Lisa Meysembourg	\$20.00
Clarence & Linda Roemer	\$20.00	Albert & Agnes Berckenhoff	\$15.00
Alvin & Gladys Besetzny	\$ 5.00	Alphonse Besetzny	\$10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Chaloupka	\$10.00	Angie Schwenke	\$ 5.00
Eugene & Jo Marie Krupala	\$20.00		

St. John Cemetery Fund

Eugene & Bernice Pauler	\$50.00	John & Debbie Hofstetter	\$20.00
Frank & Debbie Pargac	\$100.00	Leo & Joyce Janda	\$20.00
Arnold & Dorothy Berger	\$25.00	Victor & Dorothy Boudreaux	\$10.00
Julius & Dolores Krause	\$20.00	Andrea & LeRoy Kainer	\$ 5.00

CCD Program

Evelyn Kusy	\$5.00
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Rev. Msgr. John Peter’s Seminary Burse

Willie Barborak	\$10.00
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St. John’s Church

Nancy & Daniel Winkler	\$10.00	Johnny & Joan Prihoda	\$10.00
Harold & Susie Kalich	\$15.00	Johnny & Cynthia Barton	\$20.00
Harvey & Sandra Michna	\$20.00	Bruce Patteson	\$25.00
Perry & Roxanne Deem & girls	\$10.00		

St. John the Baptist Church

In Memory of Rev. Brian Crookes Burse #2

Georgia Kalich	\$20.00	Elsie Farek	\$20.00
Lillian Besetzny	\$10.00		

St. John Church Building Fund

In Memory of Lillie Vornsand

Glen & Donna Lux	\$25.00
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St. John Church Building Fund

In Memory of Rita Watz Strnadel

Glen & Donna Lux	\$25.00
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Moravia Building Fund

In memory of Agatha Janak

Phil & Kathy Guenther	\$10.00
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Next Bulletin: Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013
Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Thursday Sept. 26, 2013



CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF FAITH

FORM A TEAM AND ENTER THE
FIRST ANNUAL
SACRED HEART PARISH
CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE BOWL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2013
5 P.M. IN THE
SACRED HEART GYMNASIUM



Q: Who makes up a team?

A: Parishioners of Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, St. John's, and Ascension

Note: At least 5 members have to be parishioners

Adult Teams, High School Teams, and Family Teams

(any related members with at least 1 child in grade 8 or lower)

Q: What kind of questions will be asked?

A: Questions regarding the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Bible, Sacramentals, Saints, and Mass just to name a few.

*Refreshments
will be served.*

Q: How do I prepare?

A: First, get your team together and then:

- *Invite an opposing team over for pizza and have a friendly competition
- *Make family night "trivia night" and have parents vs kids, or brothers vs sisters
- *Go to the Diocese of Victoria online and find a wide range of downloadable questions/answers under Catechetical Ministry to get your teams fired up!
- *Plan on having some fun!

Q: How does it work?

A: The questions will be read and projected on a screen for all teams to see. Team members discuss what they believe is the right answer. One person from the team can mark their answers on an answer sheet. When the round is done, someone will come by and pick up your answers and check them. Questions offer multiple choice answers and unless you **win** or **tell**, no one knows your score.

So what's stopping you?

Grab you team members, challenge your friends and get the whole family involved!

Contact: Msgr. John for more information

Register before Sept. 30, 2013