

OCTOBER 31, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. John the Baptist Church

Saturday..... 6:00 p.m.
(on 2nd and 4th)
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
(on 1st, 3rd, and 5th)
First Friday8:00 a.m. followed by Holy Hour

Ascension of Our Lord Church

Saturday..... 6:00 p.m.
(on 1st, 3rd, and 5th)
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
(on 2nd and 4th)

MARRIAGES

Consult the Pastor six (6) months in advance before making any plans or decisions.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish family. Please stop by the Rectory or call to register.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the rectory.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday Evening—5:30 p.m.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)

Dana Daughtry 713-822-3019-cell or 979-562-2381
EWTN-Cable Channel 71 or Dish Channel 261
Direct TV Channel 370 **RADIO:** 99.9 FM & 94.3 FM

WEBSITES

Cemetery: www.victoriadiocese.org
(Click on “Catholic Cemeteries”)
Safe Environment: www.victoriadiocese.org
(Click on “Safe Environment Program,” then on “eAppsDB”)

PARISH CONTACTS

St. John the Baptist Church

Elsie Farek.....979-562-2159

Ascension of Our Lord Church

Robert & Mary Kendall.....361-217-0624

HALL RENTAL

St. John the Baptist Church

Frank Forestier
Barbara Appelt832-643-4590 (cell)
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Ascension of Our Lord Church

Kathy Guenther 979-562-2124 (home)
..... 979-562-2328 (work)
.....979-743-0369 (cell)

CEMETERY

St. John the Baptist Church

Dorothy Berger.....979-562-2187

Ascension of Our Lord Church

Kathy Guenther979-562-2124
..... 979-562-2328 (work)
.....979-743-0369 (cell)

MASS SCHEDULE

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	October 30	6:00 p.m.	Gladys Barcak	Moravia
Sunday	October 31	9:30 a.m.	Gladys Besetzny	St. John

All Saints' Day

Monday	November 1	6:30 p.m.	For all the Faithful Departed	Moravia
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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	November 6	6:00 p.m.	Charles Pesek	Moravia
Sunday	November 7	9:30 a.m.	Lillian Besetzny	St. John

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	November 13	6:00 p.m.	James & Rita Brossman	St. John
Sunday	November 14	9:30 a.m.	Robert Besetsny & Narissa Cahal	Moravia

October 31: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

The two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor, go hand in hand. Through the priesthood of Jesus, we are brought into communion with the God who is love

November 1: ALL SAINTS [not a holy day of obligation this year]

Readings: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bbc-4b,5-6;1 Jn3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Let us rejoice in all the men and women, blest in the eyes of the Lord, who celebrate the heavenly liturgy. They stand in God's holy place and sing of the love the Father has bestowed upon them through the blood of the Lamb.

November 7: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

The Lord provides for Elijah's needs as the widow of Zarephath shares with him from her want. Her generosity is mirrored in the widow in the temple who gives from her poverty and not from power, privilege, or excess. In Jesus, God became poor for us, offering himself to take away our sins.

November 14: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

At the end, the Son of Man will return with great power and glory, placing his enemies under his feet. Those whose names are in the Book shall live forever in light and joy.

Ministry Schedule has been made. If there is a change, you will be notified. The Mass is live-streamed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Facebook. The link for the Mass is:

<https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCatholicChurchHallettsville> and also on the Radio Stations FM 99.9 & FM 94.3 on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR NOVEMBER: Judy Grones, Mary Kendall

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR NOVEMBER: Dale Halata, Glen Cernik

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR NOVEMBER: Carol Siegel, Donna Lux

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR NOVEMBER: Jim Duffin, Frank Forestier

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 30 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson

Sunday, October 31 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John–Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Wade Shimek, Mary Beth Krischke

Saturday, November 6 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Alaina Halata, William Halata

Sunday, November 7 – 9:30 a.m.– St. John–Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Wade Shimek, Mary Beth Krischke

Saturday, November 13– 6:00 p.m. – St. John– Layne Sevcik, Trent Sevcik, Dillon Goedrich, Kullen Kutac

Sunday, November 14 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Bryce Machicek, Alaina Halata, William Halata

From the Desk of Msgr. John

We are back in November, the month of All Saints and All Souls. During this month especially we pray to the Saints for their intercession and help and for the souls in Purgatory to help them to Heaven.

In addition to our prayers for all the faithful departed, we should try to visit the graves of our loved ones and make sure the graves are clean and that we put new flowers on their graves to show our love for them.

It is very sad to go to the cemetery and see graves that may have weeds on them and/or old or no flowers because no one cares. Try to instill the practice of going to the cemetery and praying for the dead in your children and grandchildren.

Eternal rest grant unto them Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Knights of Columbus Council #2433

Would you or someone you know like to become a Knight? The entire process from registering to attending the degree ceremonies is online. If you are interested, please contact Membership Chairman, David Smolik, at 361-798-4492, or Field Agent Ryan Janak at 832-693-3160.

Dues are free the first year, but you will be subject to yearly dues after the first year.



GENERATIONS OF FAITH: We have a great need for Catechists for our Generations of Faith Program for the 2021-2022 year. Please pray about becoming a Catechist. If you have questions or find it a mission that you would like to participate in, please contact Dana Daughtry, 713-822-3019. Thank you for your discernment.

PRO-LIFE CORNER—The March for Life has filed an Amicus brief with the Supreme Court in Support of Dobbs in the Dobbs vs. Jackson Woman’s Health Case

So, what is an Amicus brief? An Amicus curiae brief, meaning “friend of the court,” is a legal document submitted to the court by someone who isn’t a part to the case—usually an organization or the government—in support of a legal argument a specific case being considered. The goal of an Amicus brief is to bolster the argument of one of the parties in the case through educating the Court from the brief author’s experience and expertise. These briefs can have a huge affect on the outcome of a case.

The March for Life brief explains in the clearest, most persuasive legal argument, why the court should side with the plaintiff, Dobbs, and uphold pro-life laws that restrict abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy:

- 1.) Emphasize how we must have laws protecting the life of a separate and distinct human being in the womb.
- 2.) Show how abortions after 15 weeks have increased health risks to women.
- 3.) Show the positive effects on society and on the medical profession when late-term abortions do not occur.

[Jeanne Mancini, President—March for Life Education & Defense]

This is a reminder that you can purchase Communion, Confirmation Gifts, Wedding Gifts and other Religious Articles and books at the Sacred Heart Church Rectory. Come by and see the latest items for sale.



Amor Meus Spirituality Center at Incarnate Word Convent, 1101 N.E. Water Street, Victoria, Texas, is hosting a **Caregivers’ Retreat/Workshop, “The Gift You Give Yourself”**, on **Saturday, November 13, 2021**, from **9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** It focuses on caregiving, coming from a place of stillness and inner quiet within the caregiver.

It will be facilitated by **Deacon Leo Sharron**, LPC, NCC and **Terry Robinson**, an Occupational Therapist and retired Executive Director of Hospice of South Texas.

To register, call: **361-575-7111** or email amoreuscenter@gmail.com

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A Free will offering is accepted.

AREA EVENTS

- ➔ **Free Drive-Thru Sharps Disposal Sponsored by Health Ministry of Hallettsville and Lavaca Medical Center.** November 4, 2021, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Lavaca Medical Center Parking Lot. For Further Information, contact Barb Koehn – 361-798-4674
- ➔ **Lavaca County Retired School Personnel—Chicken Fried Chicken & Trimmings, Monday, November 8, 2021, Drive-Thru Hallettsville FUMC (206 S. Dowling), 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. \$10 Plate.** Benefits: High School Scholarships & Books for Lavaca County First Graders. Purchase at Hoffer's, The Hair Shop, Beauty Boutique or a member.
- ➔ **Holy Family Catholic Church in Wharton is having a heifer raffle to benefit our RE building repairs.** The first prize will be 10 exposed, black Brangus heifers (blessed by Father Samuel). We will also have fifteen \$1,000 Visa gift cards to raffle off. Drawing will be on January 15, 2022, after evening Mass. Tickets are \$100 each, and we are selling only 1,200 tickets. Visit hfwharton.org or call the parish office for more information: (979) 532-3593.



The Emmaus Center provides individual, couple, family, adolescent and children's counseling as well as specialized support groups from a Catholic perspective. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call (361) 212-0830.



It's Tamale Time!

The Sacred Heart Band Boosters are once again selling Tamales. Regular, Jalapeño and Chicken tamales are \$12 per dozen. The tamales come in steaming hot and ready to eat or you can cool and freeze them for a later date. **Delicious Tamales of San Antonio** has been providing the tamales for the Sacred Heart School Band for over 19 years. So, you know they are Delicious!!

You may place your orders by November 8th with any Sacred Heart Band Student or parent, by contacting the school office at 361-798-4251 or emailing sacredhearttamales@gmail.com. The orders will be ready for pick up at the Hallettsville KC Hall drive thru line on Thursday November 18, 2021 between 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Don't Delay – Order Today!!!!



Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Court #797

Please take note that on Sunday, October 31, 2021, (Fifth Sunday of the Month), Catholic Daughters will gather as a body to attend 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass at Sacred Heart. Please note that the "Blessed Sacrament" side of the Church will be reserved for CDA members.

Monday, November 1, there will be a Craft Day at the Family Center from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. The Members will be working on Christmas and decorating trees for the Festival of Lights on the square from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 2, will be the Memorial Mass for KC and CDA Members who have joined their heavenly family this past year. Followed with KC Hall Social: Chicken Salad sandwiches and Chicken Noodle Soup at the KC Hall.

Catholic Daughters will be making sandwiches at Noon on Tuesday at the KC Hall. Will need about 8 ladies to help make sandwiches.



All Saints Day and All Souls Day is November 1 and 2.

We will have the Blessing of the Graves as follows:

Moravia – Saturday, October 30, at 5:30 before the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

St. Mary – Sunday, October 31, at 8:30 a.m. before the 9:15 Mass.

St. John – Sunday, October 31, after the 9:30 Mass.

Sacred Heart – Sunday, October 31, 3:00 p.m.

St. Augustine – Worthing – Sunday, October 31, 3:45 p.m.

St. Anthony – Witting – Sunday, October 31, 4:30 p.m.

St. Ludmilla – Wied – Sunday, October 31, 5:15 p.m.

Please try to attend at least one of these blessings of the graves.

Please remove old flowers from the graves and make the resting place of your loved ones neat and presentable.

Take some time to visit the graves and say a prayer for your loved ones, especially during the month of November.

SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021

6:45 a.m.

12:05 p.m.

8:05 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

7:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m. (Memorial Mass – KCs & CDA #797)

Strength for the Journey



A Grief Ministry for Parents who have lost children

Parents are in a place they have never been before, often overwhelmed by the grief that follows. Grief does not end in a prescribed number of days, weeks, months or years. We are a group of parents who have lost a child, and will walk the grief journey with you whether your loss is recent or in the past.

Our next monthly meeting will take place from 6:30 – 8pm at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, 108 S. 6th St., Ganado on Tuesday, Nov. 9th. Topic of Reflection is: My Kiss From Christ-Persevering After the Loss of My Child.

Meetings include the opportunity to pray, listen to presentations by clergy and other parents who have lost a child, and meet others on the grief journey. Participants are not required to share anything, and may just remain silent and listen if they'd like. For more information, please contact Patricia Hoelscher at 979-257-9984, phoelscher@victoriadiocese.org or Deacon Larry Hoelscher at 979-578-3934, lhoelscher@victoriadiocese.org.

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DONATION: \$5.00 EACH TICKET SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022



RCIA

RCIA Classes have started. The Class is on Mondays, 6:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Computer Lab—Room 116. If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or learning more about your faith, please call the Rectory at 361-798-5888.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

What is a pilgrimage? Why do people go on them?

Answer:

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God.

Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called "indulgences") can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far.

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MEMORIALS

Ascension Building Fund

In Memory of Willie Mae Hermes:
Dorothy & David Young & Family-\$25

Ascension Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Willie Mae Hermes:
E. J. Filip-\$20

St. John Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Allen Roeder:
Marcus & Sharon Bujnoch-\$20
Eddie & Agnes Kosh-\$20
Arnold & Dorothy Berger-\$25
Caroline Mazoch-\$10

St. John the Baptist Picnic Fund

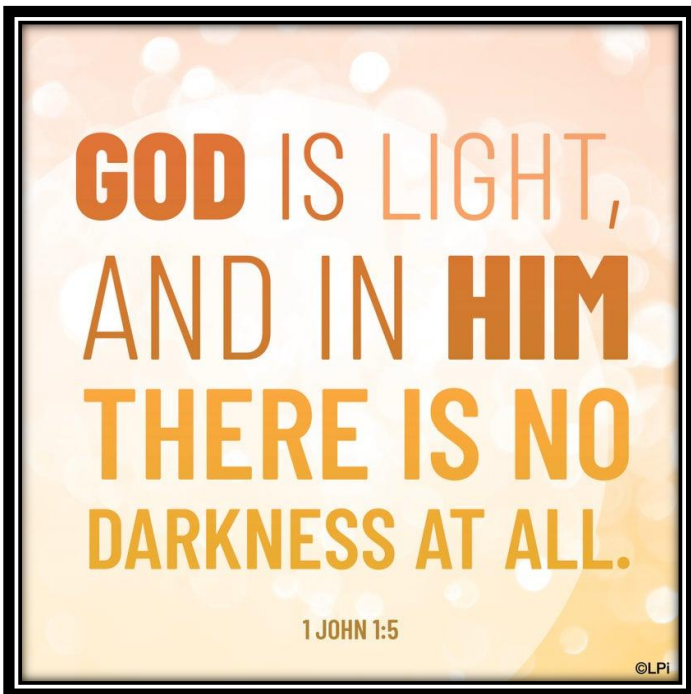
In Memory of Allen Roeder:
Andrew & Sandra Lindblade-\$100

St. John Seminary Burse

In Memory of Allen Roeder:
Hilmer & Margaret Appelt-\$50
Elsie Farek-\$15
Andi Besetzny-\$30
Gary & Ann McBride-\$30

St. John Building Fund

In Memory of Allen Roeder:
Erwin & Helen Chaloupka-\$20
Alphonse & Tracy Kristinik-\$20
Dallas Canada-\$20
Henrietta & Franklin Filip-\$25
Leon & Francas Kubenka-\$20
Leonard & Gracie Sumbera-\$10
Ed & Gladys Krenek-\$20
Pauler Family-\$50
B. J. Appelt & F. J. Forestier-\$25
Al & Donna Hermis-\$50
Dennis & Barbara Janak-\$25
Philip & Kathy Guenther-\$20
Allen Zak, Jr.-\$10
Helwig Family-\$100
Arlene & Allen Becan-\$20
Janet Spies-\$20
A.C. Hilscher-\$20
David Petter-\$50
Glen & Sophie Cernik-\$75
Kristy Clark-\$20





Father John Affum would like to thank everyone for the well wishes, prayers, cards, and food for his 25th Anniversary. He would like to especially thank the school children who surprise visited him with poems, cards and gifts. He was deeply honored. May God Bless You.

Father John Affum

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Bulletin: Sunday, November 14, 2021

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rectory@shcatholicchurch.org or can be called in to the Rectory to 361-798-5888.

Any announcements after the due date and time, will be published in the next bulletin, if applicable.

Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Tuesday, November 9, 2021