

AUGUST 10, 2008

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
ST. JOHN, TEXAS

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH
MORAVIA, TEXAS

DIocese of Victoria in Texas



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MASS SCHEDULE

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Aug. 9	6:00 P.M.	Hulda Kainer	St. John
Sunday	Aug. 10	9:30 A.M.	Victor & Hermina Rybak	Moravia

Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day)

Thursday	Aug. 14	7:00 P.M.	Theresa Kubenka	St. John
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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Aug. 16	6:00 P.M.	Wilma Blanton & Linda Sue Parker	Moravia
Sunday	Aug. 17	9:30 A.M.	Rudolph Berckenhoff	St. John

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Aug. 23	6:00 P.M.	Joe & Irene Drozd Barcak	St. John
Sunday	Aug. 24	9:30 A.M.	Dominic Loth	Moravia

THE WORD OF GOD

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a, Psalm 85:9-14 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33

In the midst of our trials and tribulations, the Lord extends his hands to us and saves us. He calms our frightened hearts through his quiet presence. May our faith in the Lord draw God's chosen people to the new covenant in Christ.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 56:1,6-7 Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8 Romans 11:13-15,29-32 Matthew 15:21-28

All peoples are invited to worship the Lord and to know his ways. God's gifts and his call are to Jew and Gentile alike. Jesus comes to recognize the universality of God's call in granting the request of the Canaanite woman.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23 Psalm 138:1-3,6-8 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20

As Eliakim is given authority as master of the palace, so does Jesus confer upon Peter authority to bind and loose. To Jesus, who promised to be with his Church for all time, be glory for ever and ever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We continue reflecting on the Year of St. Paul. The meaning of the Year of St. Paul Logo is as follows:

- The chain represents the imprisonment of Paul in Rome.
- The sword is symbolic of his martyrdom. As a Roman citizen, Paul could not be crucified nor stoned, the two most common means of execution, but rather was accorded the "honor" of beheading by sword.
- The book represents his epistles.
- The cross is emblematic of Christ, of whom Paul said, "We preach Christ crucified".
- The tongue of flame refers to the Holy Spirit.
- 2008-2009 are the dates of the Pauline year.
- 29 VI represents June 29, the ending day of the Pauline celebration and the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to Wilma & Richard Schaefer for arranging and donating the various silk arrangements on the altars of Ascension of Our Lord Church.

MORAVIA PICNIC APPRECIATION DINNER

Moravia Picnic Worker's Appreciation Dinner will be held on Sunday, August 24th at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Please bring a dessert for the catered meal.

MORAVIA AUGUST BINGO REPORT

Cards - \$80.75 Kitchen - \$161.11 TOTAL \$241.86

MORAVIA/ST. JOHN BULLETIN AVAILABLE ON-LINE

The Moravia/St. John bulletin is now available on the Sacred Heart website at www.shcatholicchurch.org. To view the bulletin, click on bulletins and to get general information on the churches, click on Mission.

THE YOUTH CONNEXION FROM SACRED HEART

August 10: Youth Group Meeting 4:00 pm.

- o Discuss plans for DECLARE VICTORY!

Church Picnic (Pig Plop, Nachos, Lemonade, etc...)

August 16: CHAMPS meet in church at **2:30 pm** (time change) Incoming 3rd-7th graders

August 17: Youth meet at 5:00 p.m. in church. **Firefall** at 6:00 p.m.

August 23 - 24: DECLARE VICTORY - All Diocesan High School Youth at KC Hall - Hosted by Sacred Heart Youth Group

Contact Kris & Greg Hermes if you have any questions 798-9327 or 798-0655.

PRO LIFE CORNER

"To claim the right to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia, and to recognize that right in law, means to attribute to human freedom a perverse and evil significance: that of an absolute power over others and against others. This is the death of true freedom." (Pope John Paul II)

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

GENERATIONS OF FAITH (Religious Education Program): Generations of faith is a program designed to offer spiritual and religious training for ALL ages. The format is set up to accommodate religious training for the younger members of the parish and spiritual exercise for the young-at-heart members.

A Registration and Information Table will be set up after the Masses on the weekend of August 23 & 24. All parishioners and parents of school-aged children are encouraged to stop by and pick up the schedule and information regarding the 2008-2009 Religious Education Year at St. John's and Ascension Parishes. The first gathering will take place on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at the St. John's Rectory/Religious Education Building beginning at 6 PM.

Any interested teachers/facilitators are welcome to stop by and talk with Janis Hrcir, Dana Daughtry or Kim Lofland. The program is in need of teachers to help teach the classes and for facilitators to help with food, errands and general maintenance of the program. A teacher/facilitators meeting will take place on Monday, August 25, at 7 PM at the St. John's Rectory/Religious Education Building.

If you have any questions, contact Janis Hrcir anytime at 361-772-4309 Cell, 361-596-7525 in the evenings, Dana Daughtry anytime at 979-562-2381.

BOOK FOR SALE

A reprint of "History of Moravia Community, Lavaca County, Texas 1881-1996" is now on sale. This was compiled by William Vrana. With his permission, we are now selling it for \$30 a book and the proceeds will go to the Ascension of Our Lord Church. To obtain a book you may contact Janis Hrcir at 596-7525 or check with the Sacred Heart Rectory in Hallettsville. It is a book full of information about the Moravia area.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS (361) 798-4251

Freshmen Orientation: August 13, 7:00 pm, Cafeteria

Fifth Grade Orientation: August 14, 7:00 pm, Cafeteria

First Day of School: Monday, August 18th.

Used Tennis Balls: are needed for classroom chair legs. Please drop them off at the school office.

BOYS/CUB SCOUT MEMBERSHIP RALLY

The Boys/Cub Scout Membership Rally will be on August 27 at 7:00 p.m., K.C. Hall. Boys 6-21 are encouraged to join. For information, call Kim Lofland at 979-743-6733. The local chapter is sponsored by KC Council #2433.

WEEKEND RETREAT

St. Mary's Catholic Center at Texas A & M, College Station will have a 2008 Welcome Weekend Retreat, August 22nd-August 24th for incoming Freshmen and transfer students. For information or to register, call (979) 846-5717 or visit www.aggiecatholic.org.

SACRED HEART DAYCARE

Sacred Heart Daycare is accepting applications for part-time help in the infant room (must be at least 21) & the 1 year old room. Call Amy Shimek at 798-1806 for details.

PICNICS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 - St. Michael's Harvest Feast, Veteran's Park, Weimar. Fried chicken & stew dinner 11 a.m. Auction at 1 PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 - Praha Picnic. Mass 10 am. Fried chicken & Stew dinner 11 am. Auction 1 pm. Bingo, cake walk, country store, games & more. Music by Central Texas Sounds, Czechaholics & Czech & Then Some.



Next Bulletin: Aug. 24th, 2008
Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 21st

