

**June 8, 2014**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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**Pentecost Sunday**

Saturday	June 7	6:00 P.M.	Julius Drozd & Annie Holub Drozd	Moravia
Sunday	June 8	9:30 A.M.	Living & Deceased Members of Chudej Family	Moravia

**Feast of the Most Holy Trinity (Father' Day)**

Saturday	June 14	6:00 P.M.	People of the Parish	St. John
Sunday	June 15	9:30 A.M.	Fathers - Living & Deceased	St. John

**Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

Saturday	June 21	6:00 P.M.	Arthur W. Spies, Sr. & Lillie H. Spies	Moravia
Sunday	June 22	9:30 A.M.	Eddie Pilat	Moravia

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

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**Pentecost Sunday**

Readings: Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13 John 20:19-23

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit. That same Spirit, the Advocate, was given as gift to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, "to renew the face of the earth".

**The Most Holy Trinity**

Readings: Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9 (Ps) Daniel 3:52-55 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18

God sent his Son to save us and to forgive us, making us his adopted children. Like the Trinity, may we be united in peace and love through the Spirit, through whom we offer God praise and glory.

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

Readings: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14b-16a Psalm 147:12-15,19-20 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 John 6:51-58

The cup we share, is it not the blood of Christ? And the bread we break, is it not his body (2,3)? Just as God fed the Israelites with manna from heaven (1), so too do we feed on the best of wheat (Ps), the bread of angels, food for the pilgrim journey.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**FROM DESK OF MSGR. JOHN**

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. This is the birthday of the Catholic Church.

Tomorrow, Monday, we begin Ordinary time in the Church year.

Next Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We also celebrate Father's Day when we pray for all fathers, living & deceased. May all who are fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and those who serve in the role of father, have a blessed Father's Day.

At St. John, the hall kitchen has a new floor and has been painted and has new curtains, and the tea room has new flooring and has been painted. We also have new tables and chairs in the dining hall. We have additional ceiling fans under the auction pavilion.

At Moravia, we have had the parish hall leveled and painting and repairs done inside and out. We will also have new tables in the parish hall.

Work has been done on the dance hall - the building was leveled, some gutters put on and other work done. Also, a handicap ramp into the parish hall has been installed, a sidewalk from the parish hall to the dance hall & pavilion will be installed next week for wheel chair accessibility.

It seems that everything is being done and readied for the parish picnics.

**MULE RAFFLE TICKETS**

Mule Raffle tickets for St. John picnic are available! Please contact Ann McBride (979-561-6261) if you would like to buy or sell any tickets.

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to the Chudej's families for their \$300 donation for Ascension Building Fund and \$200 for Ascension Cemetery Fund.

**ST. JOHN PICNIC**

**REMINDER:** It is time to start thinking about items for the Auction. Suggestions: Home canned pickles, homemade jam/jelly, salsa, relish, home baked goods (cookies, bread, strudel, rolls, etc.) and fruits (watermelons, cantaloupes, etc.), antiques, quilts, livestock and other unique items.

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 7 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Kenna Kubenka, April Brossmann, Dylan Goldberg  
Sunday, June 8 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Miranda Shimek, Blaine Besetzny, Seth Eckhardt  
Saturday, June 14 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Alex Lozano, April Brossmann, Dylan Goldberg  
Sunday, June 15 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Miranda Shimek, Rylie & Regan Lux  
Saturday, June 21 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - James Lofland, Joshua Becan, Caitlin Deem  
Sunday, June 22 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Miranda Shimek, Blaine Besetzny, Seth Eckhardt



**PRO-LIFE CORNER – A Father’s Prayer:** Thank you, Lord, for children, our gifts from Heaven above. Give us strength to raise them with Thy peace and love. They will have to make decisions of what is right or wrong. Let them trust and obey, may their faith be strong. Walk along beside them as they endure through youth. Let them choose the narrow way, implant in them Thy truth. Thank You, Lord, for giving us such a holy task to do, raising children prayerfully, to live their lives for You. (by Edna Massimilla)

## AREA CHURCH PICNICS

**June 8: St. Mary’s Church Picnic** at St. Mary’s Parish Hall. St. Mary’s Special Stew & Sausage Dinner, serving begins at 10:30 a.m. - dine in or drive thru. Adult plates only - \$8.50 each. Live Auction begins 1:00 p.m. - antiques, cattle, arts & crafts, handmade quilts, etc. Bingo, cake & plant walk, country store, children’s games, raffle & more! Cold refreshments & delicious hamburgers all afternoon. Live music 10:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. by Texas Sound Check, Tony Janak Band and The Red Ravens. Entertainment for the young and the young-at-heart!

**June 8: St. Rose of Lima Parish Picnic, K.C. Hall, Schulenburg.**

**June 14: Kolache Klobase Festival-Riverside Hall, East Bernard.** BBQ Chicken & Sausage Plate Lunch. Indoor Entertainment: Ennis Czech Boys, Czech & Then Some, Praha Bros., Red Ravens. Kolaches, arts/crafts, raffle, kiddie games.

**Sacred Heart Catholic School Mini-Cheerleader Camp, July 28-30,** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, PreK & up. Camp \$15. T-Shirt \$12. Call Debi Bludau (361-798-6842) before June 16 for more information.



**Sacred Heart Catholic School Mini-Twirling Camp, July 21-24,** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Sacred Heart Gym, K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Call Becky McElroy (361-772-6674 or 361-798-3088) before July 1<sup>st</sup> for more information.

**Young Adults Retreat June 26-29.** Application Forms are in the foyer of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Retreatants will leave Sacred Heart on Thursday, June 26 and return Sunday, June 29. If interested in attending, please return a completed form to the address indicated on the application.

**Sacred Heart Catholic School Early Childhood 3K Registration in Progress - Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** SHCS is adding a 3 yr. old Early Childhood Program (3K) beginning the 2014-15 school year. A child must be 3 yrs. old by Sept. 1 to be eligible. (For the 4 yr. old Early Childhood Program (4K), a child must be 4 by Sept. 1 to be eligible for admission.)

The 3K curriculum is the Early Childhood Curriculum written and adopted by the Victoria Diocese Catholic Schools Office and includes academic, emotional, social, and religious areas.

Please call the school office at 361-798-4251 for additional information or visit our website at [www.shschool.org](http://www.shschool.org). Copies of birth certificate, immunization records, social security card, and baptism certificate (if applicable) is required for registration.

**Women’s Acts Meeting.** Monday, June 9, 7:00 p.m. St Joseph Parish Dining Hall, Moulton, For information, call Deborah Novosad, 361-772-6822.

**Retrouvaille Weekend, August 15-17.** Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information or to register, call John or Jennifer at (361) 580-2770, email [jbvjov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbvjov@sbcglobal.net) or visit the website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**Falling Leaves Gala featuring The Original Triumphs, Saturday, Oct. 11, 5:30-11:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, Hallettsville. Tickets on sale now!** Only 400 tickets will be sold. \$100 per couple includes a rib-eye steak dinner for two, open bar, dance and give-away prizes (Grand prize \$4,000). Tickets may be purchased at the K.C. Hall or online [www.kchall.com](http://www.kchall.com) and click on the Falling Leaves tab. For more information, please call 361-798-2311.

**FATHER’S DAY – JUNE 15:** *Father, it is Your Commandment that we should honor our fathers; hear the prayers we offer You for them. Grant them many years on earth and keep them in health of mind and body. Bless their word and all they do. Give them back a hundred-fold whatever they have done for us. Inspire them with Your love and help them to fulfill Your holy law. One day, may we be their comfort and support, so that having enjoyed their affection on earth we may have the joy of being with them forever in Your home in Heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



**Happy Father’s Day!**



Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” — Jn 20:21-23

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June 2014

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

### One Minute Meditations

#### St. Aloysius Gonzaga

As the son of a marquis, Aloysius Gonzaga was accustomed to life at court but chose religious life instead. Influenced by St. Charles Borromeo, he renounced his title and inheritance and joined the Jesuits in 1585.



Aloysius was a brilliant and pious student. In fact, he had to be told to tone down his penances. When a plague struck Rome, Aloysius tirelessly nursed patients but caught the disease himself. He died at the age of 23.

#### The face of Christ

How do you show the face of Christ to people in your community? Do you bake for others? Can you sing or play music for others' enjoyment? If you have a car can you drive people who need rides to church or their doctors? Whatever you can offer, your community can use it. Call your parish to find out how you can help.

"One loving spirit sets another on fire." St. Augustine



## Four ideas for a more peaceful life

When what we are trying to achieve on earth conflicts with that which is necessary for eternal life with God, we lose the calming, soothing peace Christ wants to give us. Unless we move back into harmony with God's will, we have no hope to regain that peace. Try these tips for a more peaceful life.



2. Be kind and gentle. Resentment, anger, and frustration rob you of peace. Whenever you can, be gentle and considerate of your neighbor. Remember,

Jesus was "meek and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29).

3. Learn to live with what you cannot control. When you let God help you rise above such things, you'll have the peace acceptance brings.

4. Consult the Church for answers. It isn't always easy to discern God's will, so Jesus created the Catholic Church. When it doubt, turn to Scripture, the *Catechism*, or a trusted priest or religious for advice. After all, helping us to achieve Heaven what they do!

### Why Do Catholics Do That?

Celibacy, "the renunciation of marriage implicitly or explicitly made, for the more perfect observance of chastity," (*Catholic Encyclopedia*) allows a priest to focus on his calling without the practical concerns of family life.

The goal of a celibate life is enhancement of love; a way for



### Why aren't Catholic priests married?

priests to "consecrate themselves with undivided heart to the Lord and to 'the affairs of the Lord' (1 Cor 7:32), they give themselves entirely to God and to men" (CCC 1579).

Note: there are some circumstances under which married priests are permitted. There are several hundred serving in the United States.

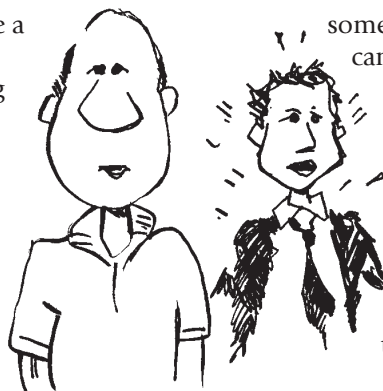


# What would you do for a friend in need?

Most of us will do anything we can to save a friend who is heading for trouble. However, taking no action at all may be the best thing we can do for a friend. Consider these three ways to help.

**Pray.** Bring God in right from the start – not as the last resort. Who can handle it better than he can? Plus, praying for others brings grace to us and to those for whom we pray.

**Set an example.** The best way to tell



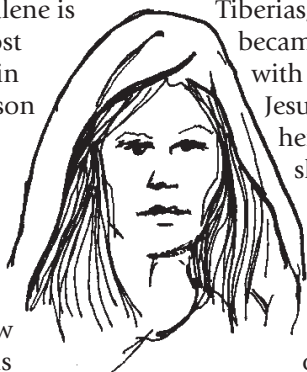
someone what to do is to do it ourselves. You can help others live a holier and happier life by showing them how. After all, your first task is to save your own soul.

**Keep silent.** Learn to hold your tongue unless your duty obliges you to speak. Keeping silent prevents the flaring of tempers or the spreading of gossip. Also, it is in the silence of the soul that we hear God's voice, but we can't hear him if we're doing all the talking.

**Q & A**

## I'm confused. Where in the Bible does it say Mary Magdalene was a prostitute?

Mary Magdalene is one of the most misunderstood figures in the Bible. For some reason she became associated with the "sinful woman" in Luke 7:36-50 or the penitent woman who anointed Jesus a few days before his crucifixion (Matthew 26:6-13). In truth, she is neither.



Tiberias, was converted by Jesus and became a faithful follower who stayed with him through his final ordeal.

Jesus cast out seven demons from her (Mark 16:9), and in gratitude she helped to finance his public ministry (Luke 8:1-2).

Nowhere in any of the four Gospels is Mary Magdalene referred to as a sinful woman or a prostitute – reformed or otherwise. However, she is the only person all four Gospels agree saw the empty tomb on Easter morning and the first to whom the risen Jesus appeared.

What we do know about Mary Magdalene is that she came from Magdala, on the west shore of Lake

## from Scripture

### Matthew 16:13-19, The Rock for ages

The events in this passage lay the foundations for the Catholic Church. Jesus first asked his disciples who people say he was. Their answers named the ancient prophets reincarnated. Then Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered for the group and identified Jesus as the Son of God. This highlighted Peter's role as spokesperson for the disciples.



Jesus pointed out that it was only by inspiration from the Father that Peter was able to recognize the truth about Jesus. ("No one but the Son knows the Father, and no one but the Father knows the Son," Matthew 11:27.) Divine inspiration would lead Peter to speak and act in truth as head of Christ's Church. The Holy Spirit guides the pope to speak and act in truth today.

The Church has to last until the end of time. When Jesus changed Simon's name to "Peter," he signaled that he was building his Church on "rock," a solid foundation upon which a wise man will build his home (Matthew 7:24).

## Feasts & Celebrations

June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The image of Jesus with his flaming heart exposed is a reminder of his intense and eternal love for us.

June 1 – **St. Justin** (165). When ordered by a pagan judge to renounce his faith or die, St. Justin responded, "Nobody in his senses would give up truth for falsehood." His was beheaded.

June 5 - **St. Boniface** (754). Called the Apostle of Germany, St. Boniface was a monk dedicated to spreading the Gospel in Germany. He converted many to Christianity and was instrumental in restoring dioceses in Bavaria, Thuringia, and Franconia.

June 11 - **St. Barnabas** (1st Century). The Apostles changed his name from Joseph to Barnabas, which means "son of encouragement" because he sold his property and gave the much needed funds to the Jerusalem community. He accompanied St. Paul on his first evangelical journey.

June 24 - **Nativity of St. John the Baptist**. The only saint whose birth and death we observe, St. John was Jesus' cousin. He baptized and prepared the people for Jesus' saving mission. He even baptized Jesus and was later executed for denouncing Herod's marriage to his sister-in-law.



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