

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 24, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 30th

5 P.M. – Evans Dwayne “Bo” Jalufka

Sunday, July 1st

7 A.M. – Father Kuratko

9 A.M. – Eddie Belcik

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Albin and Justine Migl.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Your Gift to God: June 17th

Sweet Home	\$1,320
Online Giving	\$520
Koerth	\$665

May God reward your generosity!

Celebrate the Lord's Abundant Mercy

Each Saturday the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance/Confession) is available from 4:00 P.M. to 4:40 P.M. in the Sweet Home confessional.

Special Collection

A special collection for Peter's Pence (Holy Father) will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

Area Picnics

Sunday, June 24th

Sts. Peter & Paul – Plum

Wednesday, July 4th

St. John the Baptist Parish, Schulenburg

Gracious God,

We thank you for the many blessings you share with us. In answering our prayers for much needed rainfall, we see Divine Providence at work and are in awe of Your goodness and love for each of us. Continue to shower us with your mercy and grace, so that we may more fully imitate Your Son as His disciples. May the Spirit inspire us to share the goodness we receive from You with all we meet. With Mary's intercession, help us to truly seek and live according to your will. Amen.

Picnic 2018

The Parish Picnic for Queen of Peace will be **Sunday, September 30th**...Mark your calendars! The income generated from the Picnic helps the parish cover the annual “large” expenses it has, i.e., Property Insurance and the Diocesan Services Appeal (parish pays the difference at the end of the year of that which is not donated to the appeal through pledges and gifts). It also helps with the regular expenses of electricity, maintenance and cemetery. As much as the “parish” has much sentimental attached by so many over the years, the reality is that there are expenses to be met and the Picnic truly helps us do just that. Speak with Allan Monk to pitch in and volunteer!

Raffle Prize Donations

So that we can get the tickets together, we are asking for donors towards the Parish Picnic Raffle. We would like to be able to have the tickets at the printer by mid-July...so if you'd like to donate a raffle prize, contact the Pastoral Center in Yoakum by Friday, July 13th.

“Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John.”

CCD Registration

For those who want to get ahead and cross an item off of the annual "to do" list...you can find the registration forms available for download in the parish website (or by stopping by the Pastoral Center during office hours). There will be a designated evening in August for registration—this is just information for the "early birds" amongst us.

-Calling All Youth- You are Invited!

2018 Vacation Bible School

July 9th – 13th

St. Joseph Family Center

9:00 A.M. – 12-noon

Students entering grades K-6 will be VBS campers
Students entering grades 7-12 will be VBS helpers

Adult helpers are also needed

Please contact Jana Guajardo at 361-648-3863 or
faithformation@stj catholicchurch.com

VBS Day Includes:

River Run Storytelling; Plunge-In Bible Challenge;
Fireside Snacks; White Water Games; River Riffs
Music & Dance, and Sandbar Crafts

VBS Daily Colors:

Monday – Yellow; Tuesday – Red;
Wednesday – Purple; Thursday – Green;
Friday – Blue

Safe Environment Student Awareness
will take place Monday, July 9th during snack
times.

***Friday, July 13th – Parents are invited to our
Closing Celebration at 11:45 A.M.***

Application forms are available at the
entrance of the church and at the St. Joseph
Pastoral Center.

Diocesan Catechist Rally

Those involved in Faith Formation/CCD...mark your calendars! "We are Catechists, Witnessing for Jesus: Living as Missionary Disciples" is the theme for the 2018 Catechist Rally which will be held on **Saturday, July 14th**, at the Cathedral Center, next to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, Victoria, Texas. The Catechist Rally is a Catechist appreciation and recognition event. All Catechist and Parish Catechetical Leaders are invited to attend.

Sacred Heart Teen ACTS Retreat July 19-22

The Sacred Heart Teen ACTS Retreat will be held **July 19-22** at Cathedral Oaks in Weimar, Texas. Cost is \$160.00 (\$30.00 registration fee will be credited to retreat fee). Retreatants will depart from Hallettsville on July 19th at 5:00 P.M. and return July 22nd for 10:30 A.M. Mass in Hallettsville. Registration forms are available at the back of the church.

SOS Marriage Retreat

Surrender your marriage to God's plan.

Open your hearts and let the Holy Spirit lead you.

Serve the Lord in all that you do.

Are you longing to spend relaxing quality time with your spouse and better understand God's plan for your marriage and your family? If so, please join us for the annual Hallettsville Deanery marriage retreat, which will be held **August 17-19** at Disciple Oaks in Gonzales. We are all different couples, at all stages of marriage, and this weekend is designed for anyone! Registration forms are located in back of the church. You may contact Jeff and Leslie Chancellor at 361-772-2650 or Anthony and Joyce Harper at 361-798-6325 for more information. We hope to see you there!

Parish Office Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

"You, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way."

You are Invited to Attend

An Eight-Part Bible Study

Follow Me:

“Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John”

Monday evenings beginning June 25th

at 6:00 P.M.

St. Joseph Family Center

Cost - \$20

Being Catholic takes more than simply believing in God or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer--he wants you to be his disciple and friend. To help you answer this call to a deeper friendship with Christ, join us Monday evening as we begin **Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John**. For more information contact Sharon Janca at (361) 293-8367. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

When Padre Pio prayed for someone, he used this powerful prayer

Philip Kosloski

Thousands of miracles are the result of this simple prayer said by a saint.

Typically when someone asks us to pray for a specific intention, we have our “go-to” prayer. It might be the Rosary, an Our Father, or simply a heartfelt plea to God.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina (more commonly known as “Padre” Pio) had his favorite prayer that he prayed for everyone who asked for his prayers. Every day Padre Pio was asked by numerous people, whether in person or by letter, to pray for a specific intention and many times this intention was miraculously answered by God.

The following is the prayer that Padre Pio would pray each time he wanted to intercede for someone. It is actually a prayer composed by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and is commonly called the “Efficacious

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.” She was a saint who lived in the 17th century and during her lifetime received multiple visions of Jesus.

Many believe this is a powerful prayer because it calls upon the heart of Jesus to have mercy on us and our petitions. Jesus’ heart is indeed full of love and compassion and this prayer trusts in that love, believing that he is tender enough to generously grant our petition if it is in his holy will.

Above all things it must be prayed with a sincere faith, as Padre Pio would have prayed it, and not as a candy dispenser. God is not a genie who grants us whatever wish we desire, but instead responds in love to a child who asks for something, knowing exactly what we need.

I. O my Jesus, you have said: “Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you.” Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of (here name your request) Our Father Hail Mary Glory Be to the Father Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

II. O my Jesus, you have said: “Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.” Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of (here name your request) Our Father Hail Mary Glory Be to the Father Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

III. O my Jesus, you have said: “Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away.” Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of (here name your request) Our Father Hail Mary Glory Be to the Father ... Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours. Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.

