

## SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH  
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### MASS SCHEDULE

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#### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Sept. 6	6:00 P.M.	Timothy & Mark Olsovsky	Moravia
Sunday	Sept. 7	9:30 A.M.	Arnold T. Poth, Jr.	St. John

#### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday	Sept. 13	6:00 P.M.	Fred & Martha Hermis	St. John
Sunday	Sept. 14	9:30 A.M.	John, Mary, John Jr. & Leon Young	Moravia

#### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Sept. 20	6:00 P.M.	Henry & Julia Olsovsky & Rebecca Patterson	Moravia
Sunday	Sept. 21	9:30 A.M.	Alfonse J. Orsak	St. John

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### THE WORD OF GOD

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#### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ezekiel 33: 7-9 Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-9 Romans 13: 8-10 Matthew 18: 15-20

May our hearts not be hardened, but may we turn from our sin. In our love for one another, we may be called to confront our brother and sister for the wrong they may be doing.

#### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Readings: Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 78:1b-2,34-38 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17

“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent, so must the Son of Man be lifted up”. “God highly exalted him” and made him Lord! How unforgettable are his deeds!

#### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18 Philippians 1:20c-24,27a Matthew 20:1-16a

How different are the Lord’s ways from our own! Gracious and good to all, the Lord is equally generous in compassion and love to both those who are quick to respond to his invitation, as well as those who are slow to hear his call. May the Lord Jesus always be our life.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

During this year of St. Paul, we ask “Why is St. Paul Relevant Today?”

From his Letters, we know that Paul was far from being a good speaker; on the contrary, he shared with Moses and Jeremiah a lack of oratory skill. “His bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account” (2 Corinthians 10:10), his adversaries said of him. - Pope Benedict XVI, *The Apostles*

How would God choose such a man to be an Apostle who, prior to his conversion, even persecuted Christians? And how did this man succeed in proclaiming the Gospel with such power that is earned him the title “Founder of the Christian Church”?

We know the answer to this from St. Paul’s own words: “It is not I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” (Galatians 2:20)

Pope Benedict continues: The extraordinary apostolic results that [Paul] was able to achieve cannot, therefore, be attributed to brilliant rhetoric or refined apologetic and missionary strategies.

The success of his apostolate depended above all on his personal involvement in proclaiming the Gospel with total dedication to Christ; a dedication that feared neither risk, [nor] difficulty, nor persecution.

In light of this, what challenges - many of which may seem insurmountable - do we face on our own lives? Are we focused on living our lives or living our Faith, as St. Paul did? Are we allowing Christ to live - to breathe, speak, walk and reach out - in our daily lives, beyond Sunday Mass?

May we spend this jubilee year of St. Paul rising to the challenge of the great Apostle’s exemplary perspective and actions?

#### THANK YOU

KJZT Society #9 members cleaned St. John’s Rectory/Religious Education Building in preparation for the 2008-2009 Religious Education Program classes. The society also purchased bibles, paper and other supplies to be used by the teachers and students. Thank you to all who helped.

#### ST. JOHN’S CHURCH CLEANERS

St. John Church cleaners for September are Theresa Eckhardt, Bonnie Besetzny and Tammy Besetzny.



## **MORAVIA/ST. JOHN BULLETIN AVAILABLE ON-LINE**

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

## **ST, WENSESLAUS KJT SOCIETY MEETING**

The St. Wenseslaus KJT Society #32 will have their quarterly business meeting Sept. 7 at 1 p.m. at the St. John Rectory. All members are encouraged to attend. Guests are welcome. This is an extremely important meeting.

## **THE YOUTH CONNECTION FROM SACRED HEART - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

**September 12:** Friday Night Fiesta at the Youth House following HHS Homecoming Game (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades). *Please bring a friend.*

**September 13:** CHAMPS meet at 2:30 p.m. in church.

**September 14:** Youth Group gathering at 4:00 p.m. Meeting to follow.

**September 21:** Youth meet in the church at 5:00 p.m. Firefall at 6:00 p.m.

## **PRO LIFE CORNER**

"The crystal-clear photographs and films that give people the ability to see babies in their pregnant mothers' wombs make it impossible for anyone with the slightest measure of integrity or honor to fail to know what these marvelous beings manifestly, clearly, and obviously are...In simplest terms they are human beings with an inalienable right to live..." (Cardinal Edward Egan of New York)

Note: This is part of Cardinal Egan's statement after Speaker Pelosi's interview with Tom Brokaw on NBC-TV on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **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.

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 Hrcncir, 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

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

The September 17<sup>th</sup> gathering will be at St. John Religious Education Center from 6-9 p.m. The topic will be St. Paul. We will have Chicken wraps, trail mix and cookies.

## **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 Hrcncir at 596-7525 or check with the Sacred Heart Rectory in Hallettsville. It is a book full of information about the Moravia area.

## **PICNICS**

- September 21 - Moulton Church Picnic - KC Hall, Fried Chicken & stew dinner

## **MEMORIALS**

### **Ascension Cemetery Fund**

In Memory of Leona Chromcak  
Richard & Wilma Schaefer \$15  
Edwin & Lorene Vaculik \$10

### **Ascension Building Fund**

In Memory of Arnold Poth  
Arnold & Gene Marie Bohuslav \$10  
Perry & Roxanne Deem & girls \$10

### **Moravia Dining Hall**

In Memory of Leona Chromcak  
Harvey & Doyleen Drozd \$50

### **St. John Building Fund**

In Memory of Martha Hermis  
Mary Alice Mendez \$50

### **St. John Seminary Burse - St. John**

In Memory of Martha Hermis  
Forrest & Ann Dittrich \$15  
Elsie Farek \$20

### **St. John Cemetery Fund**

In Memory of Martha Hermis  
Tommy & Vicky Kainer \$20  
Judy & Larry Krupala \$50

### **St. John CCD**

In Memory of Martha Hermis  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Berger \$10

### **St. John Building Fund**

In Memory of Martha Hermis  
Pam Besetzny \$25  
Johnny Barton & Cynthia Gassman \$50  
Arnold & Dorothy Berger \$20  
Leo & Joyce Janda \$10  
David & Lorine Kubenka \$10  
Gene & Bernice Pauler \$10  
Bobby & Peggy Mendel \$20  
Alvin & Gladys Besetzny \$5  
Marcus & Sharon Bujnoch \$10  
Franklin & Henrietta Filip \$10  
Mr. & Mrs. Scotty Brossmann \$10  
Don & Sherry Davis \$50

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Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18th.