

August 23, 2009

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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MASS SCHEDULE

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Saturday | Aug. 22 | 6:00 P.M. | John & Betty Stasny | St. John |
| Sunday | Aug. 23 | 9:30 A.M. | Joe & Irene Drozd Barcak | Moravia |

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Saturday | Aug. 29 | 6:00 P.M. | August & Rosie Konvicka | Moravia |
| Sunday | Aug. 30 | 9:30 A.M. | Deceased members of Joseph & Rosalia Brossmann | St. John |

First Friday

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| Friday | Sept. 4 | 8:00 A.M. | Rain | St. John |
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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Saturday | Sept. 5 | 6:00 P.M. | Clarence Haas | Moravia |
| Sunday | Sept. 6 | 9:30 A.M. | Gladys Lux | St. John |

THE WORD OF GOD

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b Psalm 34:2-3,16-23 Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a,25-32 John 6:60-69
Joshua confronts the tribes of Israel: Will you desert your covenant with Yahweh? The desertion of disciples is a prelude to the paschal mystery. With Peter, however, let us profess our faith in the Lord, who gave himself up for us all.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8 Psalm 15:2-5 James 1:17-18,21b-22,27 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
Through observance of the Lord's commands, we shall experience the fullness of life. Living in conformity with God's will frees us from all casuistry about good and evil. We are called to welcome God's word and to let it take root in our hearts.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146:7-10 James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37
The advent of the age of salvation is upon us: the deaf hear, the blind see, and those bowed down are raised up. The kingdom is made manifest around the eucharistic table, where rich and poor alike are invited to feast.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thank you to all who have had your picture taken for the Pictorial Directory. If you haven't had it taken yet, you will still have another opportunity to do it at Sacred Heart or St. Mary's at the end of August or beginning of September.

This is the year of the Priest. The Knights of Columbus has given us a prayer for this year. Please pray this prayer regularly.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to Priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us. Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your work and follow your will. O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests pray for us and our priests.

MORAVIA PICNIC APPRECIATION DINNER

Please set aside Sunday, August 23 for our annual picnic appreciation dinner. All workers are invited to come for a catered noon meal. Please bring a dessert for the sweets table. Come and enjoy the meal.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Wenglar's Pipe & Iron Supply for donating the pipe and angle iron for the new addition to the Moravia Parish Hall.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 22 - James Lofland, Clayton & April Brossmann

Sunday, August 23 - Hayden & Blaine Besetzny, Logan Eckhardt

Saturday, August 29 - Caitlyn Deem & Ashley & Joshua Becan

Sunday, August 30 - Jared & Caleb Krischke & Seth Eckhardt

Saturday, September 5 - James Lofland, Clayton & April Brossmann

Sunday September 6 - Hayden & Blair Besetzny, Logan Eckhardt

ST. JOHN'S KJZT SOCIETY #9

St. John's KJZT Society #9 members cleaned St. John's Rectory/Religious Education Building, in preparation for the 2009-2010 Religious Education/Generations of Faith Program. The society also purchased CD players for each of the classrooms and other supplies to be used by the teachers and students.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CLEANERS

St. John's Church cleaners for September are: Pam Besetzny, Peggy Mendel & Cheryl Brossmann.

PRO LIFE CORNER

Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law: You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish...Life, must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes. From Catechism of the Catholic Church, Life in Christ - 2271

MEMORIALS

Ascension Building Fund

In Memory of Irene Schulte by Mildred Hajek - \$10

ST. JOHN ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

St. John's Altar Society meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 30th, in church, after the 9:30 AM Mass.

The Youth ConneXion

August 30: End of Summer Bash beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Youth House.

September 13: CHAMPS will begin monthly gatherings at the Youth House. More information to follow

Music Practice: Mondays, 4:00-5:30 pm, Youth House.

Prayer for Rain: Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. We place our trust in You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and rivers will sing Your praises, and the heart of men will be made glad. Amen.

Next Bulletin: September 6, 2009

Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3rd