

## NOVEMBER 1, 2009

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
ST. JOHN, TEXAS

**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH**  
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### MASS SCHEDULE

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#### All Saints Day

Saturday	Oct. 31	6:00 P.M.	Henry & Julia Olsovsky & Rebecca Patterson	Moravia
Sunday	Nov. 1	9:30 A.M.	Deceased Members of Both Parishes	St. John

#### First Friday

Friday	Nov. 6	8:00 A.M.	Tom Farek	St. John
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#### Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Nov. 7	6:00 P.M.	Frankie Kubicek	Moravia
Sunday	Nov. 8	9:30 A.M.	Deceased Members of Moravia Altar Society	Moravia

#### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Nov. 14	6:00 P.M.	Charlie Hajek	St. John
Sunday	Nov. 15	9:30 A.M.	Delaine Dittrich	St. John

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### THE WORD OF GOD

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#### All Saints Day

Readings: Revelations 7:2-4,9-14 Psalm 24:1-4ab,5-6 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12a

Let us rejoice in all the men and women, blest in the eyes of the Lord, who celebrate the heavenly liturgy. They stand in God's holy place and sing of the love of the Father has bestowed upon them through the blood of the Lamb.

#### Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Kings 17:10-16 Psalm 146:7-10 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

The Lord provides for Elijah's needs as the widow of Zarephath shares with him from her want. Her generosity is mirrored in the widow in the temple who gives from her poverty and not from power, privilege, or excess (3). In Jesus, God became poor for us, offering himself to take away our sins.

#### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16:5,8-11 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 Mark 13:24-32

At the end, the Son of Man will return with great power and glory, placing his enemies under his feet. Those whose names are in the Book shall live forever in light and joy.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. We pray to all those who have died and have gone to heaven. We pray in thanksgiving for their lives and pray for their intercession in our lives today.

Tomorrow, November 2, we celebrate All Souls Day. We pray for all who have died, especially those most in need of prayer. We pray, we place flowers on the graves of our loved ones and we remember them.

This weekend, we remember those of our parish who have died this past year by lighting a candle for each one of them.

#### MORAVIA USHERS & CHURCH CLEANERS

Ushers for Moravia for the month of November are Aubrey Shanks & Ervin Neskora, Jr.

Church Cleaners for the month of November are Diane Halata, Gene Marie Bohuslav & Helen Gertner.

#### MORAVIA ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

The Moravia Altar Society will have a meeting on November 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dining Hall.

#### The Youth ConneXion

**November 8:** Firefall at 6:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church. Youth gathering in the Youth House after Firefall.

**Reminder:** The youth are selling discount cards to various local businesses. These may be purchased for \$10 from any youth attending NCYC or at the Rectory.

**Thank You** to everyone who supported the youth bake sale last weekend. Thanks, also, to James & Linda Rodgers for their donation to the Youth House. Your generosity & support of our youth is greatly appreciated.

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

#### FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 8 - Our Lady of Lourdes, Victoria Community Center-Turkey & Dressing lunch, Adults-\$7.50,

Children 12 & under \$3.50 Serving from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.. Plates to go \$7.50. Curb service available at 10:30 a.m.

Live auction begins at 12:30 p.m. Silent auction 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## **GENERATIONS OF FAITH (GOF)**

Our next GOF will be Sunday, November 15, 2009 at St. John's Rectory/Religious Education Center immediately after the 9:30AM Mass and should last until about 1:30PM. All generations are encouraged to attend. We will be discussing "Options for the Poor and Vulnerable." One part of our "Action Center" for this study is for GOF to help others that are less fortunate this holiday season by supporting a program that two of our catechists, Kristen Jahn and Larissa Tesch, are involved in at work. GOF is asking that all generations of our parishes join us in our effort-- Advanced Home Health Services of Moulton is sponsoring a community support drive to help those in need. Donated new or clean gently used items are currently being collected for the homeless in the San Antonio area. Every year volunteers from Advanced Home Health Services of Moulton feed many of the homeless in the San Antonio area with food that is provided by the Company. You can help by bringing an item or items on the list below to Mass with you or to GOF on November 15th.

<b>TOILETRIES:</b>	<b>ADULT ITEMS:</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S ITEMS:</b>	<b>BABY ITEMS:</b>
Deodorant	Socks	Socks	Formula
Toothpaste	Blankets	Underwear	Diapers
Toothbrushes	Coats/Jackets/Sweaters	Coats/Jackets/Sweaters	
Shampoo	Duffle bags/Backpacks	Duffle bags/Backpacks	

Please don't forget to bring your lunch and drinks for your family to GOF. For questions or more information, please call Dana Daughtry 979-562-2381, Kim Lofland 979-562-2267 or Janis Hrnrcir 361-596-7525

## **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday, Oct. 31 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - James Lofland & Caitlyn Deem

Sunday, Nov. 1 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Hayden Besetzny, Jared Krischke & Logan Eckhardt

Saturday, Nov. 7 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Ashley & Joshua Becan

Sunday, Nov. 8 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Blaine & Hayden Besetzny, Seth Eckhardt

Saturday, Nov. 14 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - James Lofland, April & Clayton Brossmann

Sunday, Nov. 15 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Caleb & Jared Krischke, Logan Eckhardt

## **PRO LIFE CORNER**

Sunday, November 1 ends WHITE RIBBON AGAINST PORNOGRAPY (WRAP) WEEK. "While pornography is often considered a solitary act...It's victims are many: a) Those who expose the most intimate parts of their bodies to create sexual illusions and incite lust in others; b) Children whose innocence has been shattered for profit; c) Husbands & wives whose marriages have been destroyed; d) Those who have been subjected to unwanted sexual violence because someone else's addiction to pornography has driven them to seek sexual pleasure at any cost; e) Those who are so trapped in fantasy they can never have a genuine relationship with another person. By destroying lives, pornography becomes more than a private vice; it becomes an unspeakable sin of violence against humanity." (From the Desk of Father John-Sacred Heart Bulletin 10-25-09)

## **SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**November 6:** Homecoming pep Rally begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym followed by the lighting of the letters

**November 7:** Homecoming Memorial Mass, 12:30 p.m. Game kickoff at 4:30 p.m. Homecoming activities will be held at the KC Hall after the game.

**November 2-13:** Band tamale sale. Regular & jalapeno tamales \$8/dozen. Chicken tamales \$10/dozen. Call Kris Allen 979-758-1758, Tim Hines 798-5554, Laurie Janak 798-4361, Becky McElroy 798-2831, or school office. Delivery date is Nov. 18

## **MEMORIALS – ST. JOHN BUILDING FUND**

### In memory of Tonie Sumbera

Arnold & Dorothy Berger \$15

### **ASCENSION BUILDING FUND**

### In Memory of Lorene Vaculik

Leo & Dorothy Henke \$15

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Janak \$50

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Guenther \$25

Margaret P. Novak \$10

Anonymous \$5

James & Bernice Machicek \$20

Mr. & Mrs. Julius Krause \$20

Mr. & Mrs. Ervin Neskora \$10

Almeda Poth \$5

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Olsovsky \$10

Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Filip \$10

Mary Ann Spies \$20

A.W. Spies Jr. \$20

Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Bohuslav \$20

Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester Janak \$10

Mr. & Mrs. Victor Kahanek \$20

Eugene & Elyse Chaloupka \$15

Mr. & Mrs. David Young & family \$10

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Schaefer \$10

Marjorie Schmidt \$10

Junior & Helen Chaloupka \$10

Kevin, Anna & Jason Bartos \$10

Jimmy & Liz Kouba \$15

Ernest & Marcella Chaloupka \$10

Dwayne & Susan Klesel & family \$25

Mr. & Mrs. Bennie Jasek \$20

David Steffek \$10

Gene & Dorothy Tykal \$10

Timothy Pospisil \$5

## **ASCENSION BUILDING FUND**

### In Memory of Lorene Vaculik

Bill & Helen Gertner \$10

Mildred Hajek \$15

Mr. & Mrs. James Anders \$10

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Konvicka \$20

Mr. & Mrs. Scott Henrichs \$10

George Migl \$5

Gene & Rose Selzer \$10

Vera Berckenhoff \$15

Marvin Cernik \$20

Mr. & Mrs. Andy Waligura \$20

Ollie Pospisil \$5

Gary & Jane Heiman \$20

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Hrnrcir \$10

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Patalik \$20

Jennifer Steffek \$20

Margaret Vaculik \$20

Henry Kostelnik \$10

Evelyn Kresta \$5

Leonella Klekar \$5

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Brosch \$10

Dyrel & Arlene Holmes \$20

### **Ascension Cemetery Fund**

### In memory of Lorene Vaculik

Mike & Carol Bozka \$25

Alton & Annie Meyer \$10

Kubena Funeral Home \$20

Next Bulletin: November 15th, 2009

Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m., Thursday, November 12, 2009

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

November 2009

## One Minute Meditations

### All Saints Day

In the early Church, each saint and martyr had a feast day. Later persecution of Christians created so many martyrs that there weren't enough days on the calendar for individual commemorations. Eventually Pope Gregory IV designated Nov. 1 as All Saints Day.

### All Souls Day

Names of those who died were posted in the early days of the Church so that they could be remembered in prayer. In the 11th century, the Cluniac monasteries, the Benedictines and Carthusians all started commemorating the Feast of All Souls on Nov. 2, the day after All Saints Day. Now the entire Church remembers all the dead on this day, especially our loved ones and souls in Purgatory.

### Advent is coming

On November 29th, we start a new liturgical year and begin the season of Advent. We get ready by going to Confession, trying for greater holiness, and counting down the days until our Savior comes.



## Be not afraid

When someone we love is dying, our emotions collide. We want to help, but don't know what to do. We want to offer comfort, but can be overwhelmed with grief. Yet, helping others transition from this life to the next is so important, the Church made visiting the sick and burying the dead two Corporal Works of Mercy.

Here is what you can bring to a loved one who is dying:

**Bring love.** Jesus never turned away from the sick and dying. He always had a loving hand to comfort them and their families. Sometimes even just holding a hand or stroking a shoulder says more about love than words.

**Bring attention.** Ask him stories

about his life and listen carefully. Let him know how much he has inspired you. You'll treasure these moments after he is gone.

**Bring comfort.** Remind her how much God loves her and is waiting to

welcome her. He is kind, merciful, and forgiving.

Encourage her to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick.

**Bring peace.** Although someone may lose his ability to speak, he can still

hear. Pray out loud, read from scripture, or sing a favorite hymn.

**Bring strength.** When someone is leaving this world to enter the next, fear can be overwhelming. Remind her of Jesus' words, "Be not afraid."



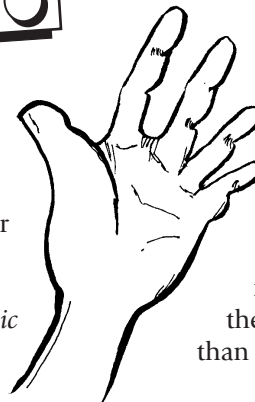
## Why Do Catholics Do That?

When we die in God's friendship we know that we'll eventually go to Heaven. However, if we haven't properly atoned for certain sins, we have to be purified in Purgatory first. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls it, "a final

## Why do we pray for souls in Purgatory?

cleansing of human imperfection before one is able to enter the joy of heaven."

We pray for the souls in Purgatory, especially during the month of November, to help them pass through to Heaven faster than they would on their own.



# What's so great about being Catholic?

**Our Mother.** Mary, the mother of God, is also our mother. **It's dependable.** Our religion hasn't changed since Jesus started it.

**You can sing badly and no one cares.** All voices are welcome in the Church.

**We have a shepherd.** Jesus knew we would need looking after. Pope Benedict XVI can trace his spiritual ancestry straight back to the first pope, St. Peter, who was appointed by Jesus.

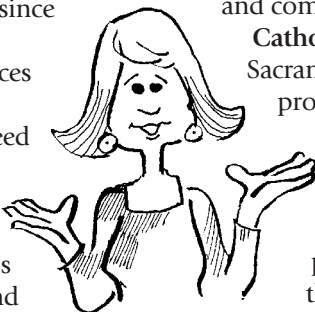
**The ceremonies can't be beat.** Through rituals we express devotion, hope, love, and respect. And

because we repeat them often, they bring a sense of stability and comfort.

**Catholics know when our sins are forgiven.** In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we get to hear the priest pronounce Jesus' words of absolution and forgiveness.

**We have friends in high places.** The saints intercede for us and help us to get to Heaven.

**Where else can you meet Jesus in the flesh?** In the Eucharist Jesus is literally and wholly present—body and blood, soul and divinity—under the appearances of bread and wine.

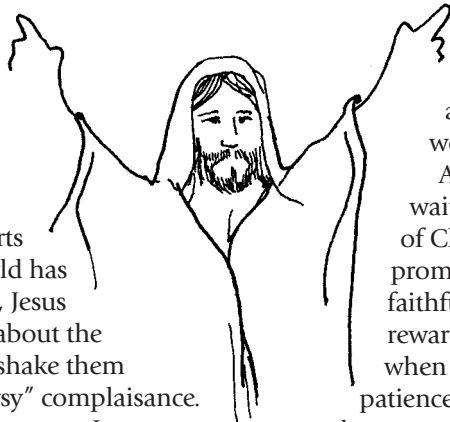


## from Scripture

### Luke 21:25-28, 34-36, the Advent of hope

The virtues of patience and perseverance aren't strengths for most of us. Often the concerns of daily life overshadow our pursuit of holiness. We can even get lured into sin by the comforts and pleasures the world has to offer. Knowing this, Jesus warned his followers about the end times, hoping to shake them (and us) out of "drowsy" complaisance.

Imagine the terrifying scene Jesus described – the shaking of the earth, sea, and sky and people dying of fright. In the midst of that terror, though,

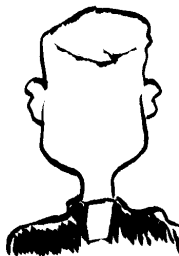


people in God's friendship will have no reason to fear. The key is, he said, to stay on guard against sin and worldly pleasure.

Advent is a time of waiting for the coming of Christ. God has promised us that if we are faithful to him, we will be rewarded. This is a time when we must pray for patience and perseverance to keep us ready for the arrival of our Savior. Then we can hold our heads high and stand confident expecting our promised reward.

## Q & A What can I do about the shortage of priests?

In the Catholic Church, the number of priests increases every year. However, in the United States, Canada, and parts of Europe, fewer men are entering discernment and formation for the priesthood.



It's not that God is calling fewer men here than elsewhere. It may be that fewer act on their call due to lack of information or encouragement. Start by praying for more men to recognize their call to the priesthood.

Then, look for a Catholic who has integrity and a strong relationship with God, has an ability to work with a variety of people, and has good friends and healthy relationships. Perhaps you know someone like this who already serves the Church as an altar server, a lector, Eucharistic minister, or a teacher.

Then, tell him why you think he will make a good priest and suggest he contact the vocation director in your diocese. Studies show that nine out of ten priests in the U.S. are happy in their ministry and would choose it again given the chance.

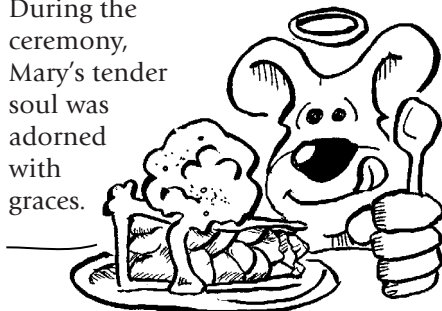
## Feasts & Celebrations

**November 11 – St. Martin of Tours (397).** At 15, Martin became a Roman soldier, but he knew killing was wrong and he wanted to become a Christian. A beggar in France made it so. Martin saw the man cold and hungry and decided to rip in half his cloak to warm him. That night he dreamed the beggar was Jesus, wearing his cloak and surrounded by angels. Martin left the army and became a priest.

**November 12 – St. Josaphat (1623).** Josaphat, the first Saint of the Eastern Church, is known for his generosity toward the needy and his

instruction and teaching of the faith. He died trying to bring the Orthodox and Catholic churches back together.

**November 21 – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** As an infant, Mary was offered to God in the temple. It was Jewish custom to either consecrate a child to divine service or have them offered up by a priest. During the ceremony, Mary's tender soul was adorned with graces.



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