

## JANUARY 8, 2012

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### MASS SCHEDULE

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#### The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday	Jan. 7	6:00 P.M.	Georgia Bohuslav	Moravia
Sunday	Jan. 8	9:30 A.M.	Alex Hrnecir	Moravia

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Jan. 14	6:00 P.M.	John & Julia Jurica	St. John
Sunday	Jan. 15	9:30 A.M.	Rudolph & Rosie Berckenhoff & Eugene & Rudy	St. John

#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Jan. 21	6:00 P.M.	Vera Wenglar	Moravia
Sunday	Jan. 22	9:30 A.M.	Joycelyn Bunt	Moravia

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### THE WORD OF GOD<sup>3</sup>

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#### The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:2,7-8,10-13 Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

#### The Baptism of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 or Acts 10:34-38 Psalm 29:1a,2,3ac-4,3b,9b-10 Mark 1:7-11

Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father. He is the light of the nations and Lord of all creation. To him be all glory and praise!

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19 Psalm 40:2,4,7-10 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20 John 1:35-42

Through baptism we have been joined to the Lord who calls us to be his disciples. How well do we listen to his voice? How willing are we to do his will?

#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jonah 3:1-5,10 Psalm 25:4-9 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

The Ninevites heard the preaching of Jonah and repented of their evil ways, thus experiencing the Lord's compassion. Do we repent when we hear the preaching of Jesus? Do we invest our lives in the world rather than in God's kingdom?

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This week, January 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Tommy will be on the Annual Priest Retreat at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria. Fr. John will be on retreat the following week.

Today, January 8<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Adoration Chapel at Sacred Heart. We have been blessed to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed every week from Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. until Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. We have been able to do this because of so many people who have committed themselves to spending one hour a week with Our Lord in this special way. Adoration has been such a blessing to the individuals participating, to the church and to the community.

Even though we have a great number of people involved, we still need more to replace the ones who have died and those who are ill. If you are not yet involved as a regular adorer or as a substitute, please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224 for more information.

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany. **Epiphany House Blessing.** Using blessed chalk, mark the current year and the initials of the Magi above the outside doorways to your home. Place a cross in between each of the letters. It should look something like this: 20+C+M+B+12

After completing the markings, pray the following prayer: *May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and, may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus Who is Lord of all people forever and ever. Amen.*

The legendary names of the three Magi are: **Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.** The initials C-M-B also stand for the Latin words "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," which means "**May Christ bless this dwelling.**"

The markings over the doors should be left all year round as a sign that yours is a Christian home.

Ordinary Time begins on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, and continues through Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. It will resume when the Easter season ends, that is, on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, the day following Pentecost.

**ASCENSION CHURCH FLOWERS**

In memory of Charles, Mary and Alex Hrcir by Dennis & Barbara Janak, in memory of Eddie Pilat by Pat Pilat Family, in memory of Joe and Jamie Tupa by Richard & Wilma Schaefer, in memory of Dominic Loth by Leroy & Lillie Loth, In memory of David Halata Sr., by Diane Halata & family, in memory of Joe Zatopek, Larry Zatopek, John & Angeline Trlica by Mildred Hajek, in memory of Jim, Frances and Renee Okruhlik, Margie Vacek, Frank Jr. and Carolyn Okruhlik, Frank Sr. and Frances Tupa by Daniel Okruhlik Family, in memory of William and Loretta Kendall, Robert and Mary Dodge by Robert & Mary Kendall, in memory of Frankie Kubicek by Perry & Sharon Kram, in memory of Leroy Rehak Sr., Joe and Vlasta Holik by Franklin & Henrietta Filip, in memory of Timothy and Mark Olsovsky by Albert & Dorothy Olsovsky, in memory of Jerry and Karlene Tupa by Jimmie & Sylvia Steffek, in memory of Vera and L.A. Wenglar by Phil & Kathy Guenther, in memory of Thelma and Ann Spies by Allen & Arlene Becan, in memory of parents-Konvicka and Holmes by Arlene & Dyrel Holmes, in memory of Thelma and Ann Spies by Arthur Spies Jr.

**ADDITIONAL ST. JOHN CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS**

Eugene & Betty Patalik in memory of Albina & Joe Patalik and Frances & Joseph Vanek, Eugene & Jo Marie Krupala in memory of Leon Sitka and Jerome & Willie Mae Krupala.

**KJZT SOCIETY #9 MEETING**

There will be a St. John's KJZT Society # 9 meeting Friday, January 20th at 9:30AM at the home of Joyce Janda.

**KJZT SOCIETY #44 MEETING**

There will be a KJZT Society #44 meeting on January 8, 2012 after mass.

**ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS**

St. John Church Cleaners for February: Grace Sumbera & Josie Hermis

**SACRED HEART EXTRAVAGANZA**

Sacred Heart Extravaganza - Feb. 4: social, dinner & dance (music provided by "Cactus Country.") at the Hallettsville KC Hall. Tickets are \$125 per couple and available at Sacred Heart Credit Union, School Office and Rectory.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

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

Sunday, January 8 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Clayton & April Brossmann, Miranda Shimek

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

Sunday, January 15 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Blaine Besetzny, Caleb Krischke & Seth Eckhardt

Saturday, January 21 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Ashley & Joshua Becan

Sunday, January 22 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Rylie Lux, Dylan Goldberg, Miranda Shimek

**MEMORIALS**

**St. John Building Fund**

In memory of deceased Kutac & Valicek family by Donald & Karen Kutac \$25

In memory of Harry Kalich by Jonathan & Peggy Kalich \$20

In memory of Harry Kalich by James & Barbara Matula \$20

**St. John Cemetery Fund**

In memory of Harry Kalich by Freddy & Pam Neuendorff family \$20

**St. John C.C.D. Fund**

In memory of Harry Kalich by Albert & Agnes Berckenhoff \$10

In memory of George J. Vasek by Albert & Agnes Berckenhoff \$10

**GENERATIONS OF FAITH(GOF)**

Our next Generations of Faith is on Wednesday, January 18, 2012. We will continue our study of "Responding in Prayer" by discussing "Catholic Prayers and Devotions." We will be collecting non-perishable food for the local food banks as a service project in connection with the Hallettsville Cub Scout Pack 222 and Boy Scout Troop 222. Each GOF participant is asked to bring at least one item. If you wish to participate in the \$5.00 sandwich meal, please notify Mrs. Dana, 979-562-2381 or 713-822-3019, by Sunday, January 15, 2012.

Anyone needing service hours may assist with the taking down of the Christmas decorations at St. John the Baptist Church after the 9:30AM Mass at Ascension of Our Lord on January 8, 2011.



*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11*

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