

**February 17, 2013**

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

**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH**  
MORAVIA, TEXAS

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday	Feb. 16	6:00 P.M.	L.A. Wenglar	Moravia
Sunday	Feb. 17	9:30 A.M.	Evelyn Novosad	St. John

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Saturday	Feb. 23	6:00 P.M.	Melissa Waibll	St. John
Sunday	Feb. 24	9:30 A.M.	Dominic Loth	Moravia

**First Friday**

Friday	March 1	8:00 A.M.	Tom Farek	St. John
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**Third Sunday of Lent**

Saturday	March 2	6:00 P.M.	Joe N. Steffek	Moravia
Sunday	March 3	9:30 A.M.	Edgar & Kenneth Besetzny	St. John

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

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**First Sunday of Lent**

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Psalm 91:1-2,10-15 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

Moses recounts great events of salvation history which find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. We confess him to be Lord, for God raised him from the dead. He is ever faithful, resisting temptation to forsake his Father's mission, trusting in God's love.

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Psalm 27:1,7-9,13-14 Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 Luke 9:28b-36

Abram's faith is sealed with a covenant initiated by God, our light and our salvation. The transfiguration of Jesus prefigures the transformation in glory to which we are called by our sharing in the paschal mystery-the dying and rising of Jesus.

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Readings: Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15 Psalm 103:1-4,6-8,11 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 Luke 13:1-9

From the burning bush, Moses is called by God to lead his people out of slavery into freedom. The parable of the fig tree speaks, on the one hand, of God's patience, but of the urgency of the call to conversion, on the other. Like the Hebrews of old, we too have failed to heed God's call, thinking ourselves to be self-righteous.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**FROM DESK OF MSGR. JOHN**

Thank you to everyone who helped with or participated in the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Ascension of Our Lord Church last Sunday. The Bishop had many wonderful comments to make about the parish and the celebration. It was a great day. Thank you again.

Lent has begun. Let us use this season well. The best of Lent is one in which we enter the season wholeheartedly. All too often people either take on too much or don't take on enough. The solution is to simplify our disciplines, focus our intentions, and concentrate more clearly on our spiritual goals.

We aren't just spiritual beings. We are also physical entities, and the way to the soul is through the body. That's why Lenten discipline has historically centered on the "Big Three" of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer.

Fasting is not just a spiritual diet. By denying our bodies, our physical hunger reminds us of the hunger of our souls for God, our longing for a deeper relationship with Our Lord.

Almsgiving teaches us to separate ourselves from material possessions. By freely giving of our money and possessions, we learn to trust the Lord more deeply for our own daily needs.

Finally, an emphasis on prayer during Lent is a way to stir up our love and ardor by having a deepening conversation with the Almighty.

Remember that the light of God's love shines more brightly in the darkness of the recognition of our own sinfulness.

**MORAVIA ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING**

The Moravia Altar Society will meet Monday, March 4 at the parish dining hall starting at 7:00 P.M. Please make plans to attend.

**SCHULENBURG CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

The Schulenburg Catholic Daughters are having a dinner this Sunday, Feb. 17, at the KC Hall in Schulenburg. Serving starts at 11:00 a.m. Drive through or dine in. Plates \$8.00 adult \$4.00 children. Adult plates to go only. A silent auction, cake walk, country store and sweepstakes will be held in the KC Hall.

**St. John Building Committee Meeting:** Monday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Open meeting for everyone. Please come.

### **MORAVIA CHURCH CLEANERS AND USHERS**

March church cleaners for Moravia are Dorothy Henke and Kathy Guenther.  
Ushers are Anthony Hrcir and Thomas Brosch

### **ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS**

March church cleaners are Agnes Berckenhoff & Jan Morin.

### **PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Texas has one of the most prominent legislatures in ending tax dollars for abortion. Early in 2012 the Texas legislature voted to cut Planned Parenthood and other abortion provider's from state-funded healthcare plan designed for low income women. Planned Parenthood protested and appealed to the White House, demanding that the funding be reinstated. Kathleen Sebelius, Sec. of Health and Human Services, gave Texas an ultimatum: Texas must either use Medicaid funding for the Women's Health Program to pay Planned Parenthood and other abortion related businesses - OR 30 million in federal tax dollars appropriated for Texas would be cut off. Instead of caving in to the abortion lobby's demands, Texas found the funds for the Women's Health Program in their own budget. The abortion lobby turned to the courts. BUT - The 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed the case and refused to even hear Planned Parenthood's complaint; allowing Texas to continue moving forward with their abortion free program. (From Winter 2013 Newsletter of the National Pro-Life Alliance)

### **SOUPER BOWL**

A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who supported the Souper Bowl of Caring sponsored by St Rose School. A total of \$303.00 was collected by both parishes. The money was donated to the Schulenburg Area Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday, February 16 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Joshua Becan, Caitlyn Deem  
Sunday, February 17 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - April & Clayton Brossman, Miranda Shimek  
Saturday, February 23 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - James Lofland, Caitlyn Deem, Kenna Kubenka  
Sunday, February 24 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Caleb Krischke, Miranda Shimek, Rylie Lux  
Saturday, March 2 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Joshua Becan, April & Clayton Brossman  
Sunday, March 3 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Blaine Besetzny, Seth Eckhardt, Dylan Goldberg

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Fridays during Lent at 7:00 p.m.  
St. John - Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 8<sup>th</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Moravia - March 1<sup>st</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Sacred Heart - 6:00 p.m. every Friday  
St. Mary's - 6:30 p.m. - every Friday

**Hallettsville Sacred Heart Women's ACTS Retreat, March 21-24.** Registration forms available at the entrance of the church. Please mail the completed form to the address on the application. Leave from and return to Hallettsville.

**Hallettsville Sacred Heart Men's ACTS Retreat, April 18-21.** Registration forms available at the entrance of the church. Please mail the completed form to the address on the application. Leave from and return to Sweet Home.

**NATIONAL PRO-LIFE POSTCARD CAMPAIGN: "Project Life and Liberty."** The bishops have launched a nationwide postcard campaign as proposed by the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities and the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty beginning this month. Based on the news threats to the Church's pro-life and religious freedom concerns, the current campaign would call on Congress to respect life and religious freedom by preventing federal funding and the promotion of abortion, and protecting rights of conscience in health care. Each parishioner is asked to address, fill out, and mail pre-printed postcards to our two Senators John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchinson and to our Representative Lloyd Doggett. Each parishioner can mail as many as he/she wants. The whole purpose of this campaign is to bombard Congress with as many postcards as possible to "get our point across." Extra postcard strips are available at the various exits of church. Please be generous in sending out as many cards as you can.

**Gabriel Project Angel Workshop and Training,** Saturday, Feb. 23, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, 101 W. Convent St., Victoria (behind St. Mary's Church). Light breakfast, lunch, and free materials are provided. For information or to register, call Barbara McCain 361-649-1612 or [barbaramccain85@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaramccain85@yahoo.com). **What is the Gabriel Project?** It is a "Good Samaritan" approach toward helping women in a crisis pregnancy. **What can I do to help?** \*Become a Gabriel Angel and accompany a woman throughout her pregnancy. \*Become a Michael Angel and be a positive male role model to mothers-to-be and fathers-to-be. \*Collect monetary, maternity and baby items from parishioners. \*Maintain an inventory of the donations. \*Work the Telephone Hotline. \*Prepare meals for new mothers. \*Provide childcare for mothers. \*Money management instruction/income tax preparation for mothers. \*Pray for the mothers and volunteers of the Gabriel Project.

**Moravia Centennial Cookbook** is available for sale at Hallettsville General Store.

### **NEW HALL MANAGER - MARCIA HRNCIR**

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### **MEMORIALS**

#### **St. John Church Building Fund – In Memory of Hattie Berger**

Arnold & Dorothy Berger- \$20; Frank Forestier & Barbara Appelt- \$10

#### **Ascension Building Fund – In memory of Marcella Chaloupka**

William & Helen Gertner- \$25

#### **Msgr. John Peters Seminary Burse – In Memory of Oswald "Ozzie" Berger**

Richard & Wilma Schaefer- \$15

