

JANUARY 11, 2009

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MASS SCHEDULE

Baptism of the Lord

Saturday	Jan. 10	6:00 P.M.	August Kubos	St. John
Sunday	Jan. 11	9:30 A.M.	Bill, Stasie & Bill Jr. Siegel	Moravia

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Jan. 17	6:00 P.M.	L.A. and Vera Wenglar	Moravia
Sunday	Jan. 18	9:30 A.M.	Leo Schramek	St. John

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feast of St. Paul

Saturday	Jan. 24	6:00 P.M.	Henry and Martha Besetzny	St. John
Sunday	Jan. 25	9:30 A.M.	Edmund and Julia Filip	Moravia

THE WORD OF GOD

The Baptism of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Psalm 29:1a,2,3ac-4,3b,9b-10 Acts 10:34-38 Mark 1:7-11 or in Year B: Isaiah 55:1-11 Isaiah 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6 1 John 5:1-9 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! Option: All who are thirsty come to the waters, to the Lord, the fountain of salvation. Jesus Christ came through water and blood. He is the Son in whom the Father is well pleased.

After the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Ordinary Time begins.

Ordinary Time

Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle those weeks (33 or 34) that do not celebrate a specific mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. This period is known as Ordinary Time (General Norms, 43).

Ordinary Time begins on Monday, January 12 and continues through Tuesday, February 24, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. It will resume when the Easter season ends, that is on Monday, June 1, the day following Pentecost.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19 Psalms 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 - Feast of St. Paul

Readings: John 3:1-5,10 Psalms 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?

In this Jubilee Year marking the 2,000th anniversary of St. Paul's birth, the Mass celebrating The Conversion of St. Paul, apostle, as found in the Roman Missal for January 25, will be used today. The second reading of the Mass taken from the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Creed is said. The Year of Saint Paul concludes June 29, 2009. Plenary indulgence available. Readings: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 68:1 Corinthians 7:29-31 519: Mark 16:15-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

From this Sunday evening through Thursday evening, Fr. Michael will be on annual Priest Retreat at the Spiritual Renewal Center. He and half of the priests of the Victoria Diocese will be on retreat this week, and Fr. John and the other half of the priests will be on retreat the following week. Keep all of our priests in your prayers.

Sunday, January 18, there will be a **Sacramental Workshop at the St. John RE Center**. The Mandatory Classes will be for all sacramental students (Communion and Confirmation) and their parents. The day will begin with the 9:30 am Mass and continue to 3:30 pm. Brunch will be provided.

Wednesday, January 21, **Gospel Stories -St. John's RE Center**. *Pizza Hut Tuscan Pasta/Cookies* will be available. Families will donate \$1.00 per person.

MORAVIA KJZT

The Moravia KJZT Society #44 will hold a meeting on January 11, 2009 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

MORAVIA ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

The Moravia Altar Society will have a meeting on January 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Moravia Parish Hall.

ST. JOHN CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL DONATION

In memory of Adolph B. & Adella Kutac given by the family - \$20





WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT (SHINER)

The retreat will be on March 12-15. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church.

SPIRITUAL BOOK STUDY

You are invited to participate in reading & discussing *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by renowned author Fr. Henri Nouwen. A chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt's painting of the encounter between the father & his wayward son sent our author on a long spiritual adventure. In his book he shares the deeply personal meditation that led him to discover the place within where God has chosen to dwell. We who join in this opportunity to study his work are sure to have our own encounter with God as we explore our life experiences in light of this familiar story from Scripture. Who do you most relate to - the father, the younger son or the elder son? Does it change for you? Come join us in this adventure and be enriched by the words we will read and the stories we will share on Wednesdays beginning January 7, 6:00 to 7:10 p.m. at Mary's House, which is the new meeting area at Sacred Heart. For book ordering information, call Pat Scherer at (979) 562-2252.

PRO LIFE CORNER

Priests for Life, in conjunction with Anglicans for Life, co-ordinates the largest mobilization in history of women and men who have lost children to abortion. It is the Silent No More Awareness Campaign. It is first of all a clearinghouse for healing resources. Anyone who needs healing, or needs to refer others to it, can go to www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org to find the help they need, no matter what their religious background may be. (from Priests for Life Jan.-Feb. 2009 newsletter)

THE YOUTH CONNEXION FROM SACRED HEART - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

January 11: There will be no Youth gathering.

January 17: CHAMPS meet at 2:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church. K-7th Graders are invited to attend. Kinder & 1st Graders must be accompanied by a parent. We would love to have more children become involved. Adult volunteers are also needed. Please join us!

January 18: Youth Gathering will be combined with Firefall. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. in church & after Firefall gather at the Youth House for social, dinner & discussion of upcoming events.

Wanted: Musicians from the parish to help us out with music for Firefall!!! If God has blessed you with musical talent, please come to church at 3:00 p.m. on January 18 to prepare for Firefall.

February 20: 5th-7th Grade Youth Lock-In. Details coming soon! Our youth are invited to be a part of this at Sacred Heart.

ST. ROSE COURT #1597

The Catholic Daughters of America Court #1597 will have a fried chicken dinner at the K.C. Hall in Schulenburg on February 15 beginning at 11:00 A.M. Adult - \$7.00, Children - \$3.50. Silent auction, cake walk, country store & raffle beginning at 10:00 A.M.

MORAVIA JANUARY BINGO REPORT

Cards	\$168.96
Pull Tabs	\$ 68.25
Kitchen	<u>\$175.00</u>
Total	\$412.21

MORAVIA ALTAR SOCIETY-DECEMBER

Bake Sale	\$594.75
Bingo	\$138.25
Kitchen	<u>\$123.30</u>
Total	\$856.30

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. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! 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 the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

MORAVIA CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In memory of Daniel Spies by Mary Ann Spies, In memory of F.C. Sparks, Victor & Hermina Rybak by Eunice Sparks & family, In memory of Clarence Haas by Evelyn & Barbara Haas, In memory of Thelma & Ann Spies by Arthur Spies, In memory of John & Mary Young, John Young Jr., and Leon Young by David & Dorothy Young, In memory of our parents by Dyrel & Arlene Holmes, In memory of Timothy & Mark Olsovsky by Albert & Dorothy Olsovsky, In memory of Joe & Vlasta Holik, Leroy Rehak, Sr., and Mary Zappe by Franklin & Henrietta Filip & Alexis Hubenak, In memory of L.A. & Vera Wenglar by Phil Guenther Family.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In memory of Tom Farek by Elsie Farek, In memory of all living & deceased members of their extended families by James & Dana Daughtry & Family, In memory of Gene D. Slavik & Edward & Martha Appelt by Frank & Barbara Forestier, In memory of deceased members of Berger & Janda families by Leo & Joyce Janda, In memory of Leon Sitka, Jerome & Willie Mae Krupala by Eugene & Jo Marie Krupala & family, In memory of Schmidt & Berger families by Arnold & Dorothy Berger, In memory of Edward & Stephen Kusy & Henry & Martha Besetzny & Leo Schramek by Evelyn Kusy, In memory of Frank & Ludmilla Janik & Sons & Fred & Martha Hermis by Harvey & Evelyn Hermis.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women of the Province of Galveston-Houston Winter Meeting will be held at Holy Family, Victoria, Saturday, Feb. 7 beginning at 9:00 am & concluding with Mass at 4:00 pm offered by Most Rev. Bishop David Fellhauer. Please register by January 20-send your name, address, phone number, Diocese & Parish name along with \$25 fee to Kathy Strader, P.O. Box 1391, LaPorte, TX 77571. Keynote address will be given by Fr. David Berger. Please bring an item for the Silent Auction. If you have any questions, call Charlotte Boudreaux (281) 471-1628.

Next Bulletin: Jan.25th, 2009

Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22nd