

DECEMBER 26, 2010

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday	Dec. 25	6:00 P.M.	Gladys Chaloupka	St. John
Sunday	Dec. 26	9:30 A.M.	Deceased Members of Arthur W. Spies Sr. Family	Moravia

New Year's Day - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Friday	Dec. 31	5:00 P.M.	George Shimek	Moravia
Saturday	Jan. 1	9:30 A.M.	A.J. Kalich	St. John

The Epiphany of Our Lord

Saturday	Jan. 1	6:00 P.M.	Recovery - Matt Holmes	Moravia
Sunday	Jan. 2	9:30 A.M.	Frank Pargac	St. John

First Friday

Friday	Jan. 7	8:00 A.M.	Laurie Kristinik	St. John
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The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday	Jan. 8	6:00 P.M.	Gladys Lux	St. John
Sunday	Jan. 9	9:30 A.M.	Charles & Julie Neskora	Moravia

THE WORD OF GOD

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Readings: Sirach 3:2-7,12-14 Psalm 128:1-5 Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God, as witnessed by the Holy Family.

The Octave Day of Christmas; The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God

Readings: Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21

We seek God's blessings as did Mary. Because of her Son, we can confidently call God, "Abba"!

The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 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 Psalm 29:1-2,3-4,9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We know as Catholics that Christmas isn't over on December 26. Even just those first few days after Christmas invite us to continue to open our hearts to the Christ Child and what he brings: There's the challenge of discipleship (St. Stephen on December 26), the beauty of the Word Made Flesh (St. John the Evangelist, December 27), the reality of opposition to Christ (the Holy Innocents on December 28), and the blessing of family (Holy Family, the Sunday after Christmas).

January 1 is the beginning of a new calendar year, but that's not the reason we celebrate it as a feast. On the Catholic calendar, January 1 is both the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and a day of prayer for peace. We make all sorts of resolutions for a new year, but alongside those efforts, we say a different sort of prayer. God has come to us, not in overwhelming power, but in humility as a child; so, on this day, we pray that the new year might be marked by humility and peace, brought by Christ and modeled by Mary.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany, traditionally observed on January 6 (the last of the familiar "Twelve Days of Christmas"), is transferred to a Sunday in the United States. "Epiphany" means "manifestation," and it's the celebration of Jesus manifesting his glory as Savior to all nations to the world (symbolized by the Magi). Epiphany is a gift-giving day in some cultures, as well as a day to ask for God's blessings on our homes. One particular blessing includes bracketing the initials of the traditional names of the Magi who visited the home of Jesus - Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar - with the year above the front entry door, usually in chalk, like this: 20+C+M+B+11.

The Baptism of the Lord, celebrated the Sunday after Epiphany, commemorates the final "Christmas" feast of our present calendar. As we hear the Scriptural account of the Father revealing the divinity of Jesus at his

baptism in the Jordan River, we celebrate our own baptism, our “new birth” in Christ and inclusion in his body, the Church.

For Catholics, December 25 is only the beginning of the celebration of Christmas. As others pack away the decorations, we continue to celebrate the gift of Christ, ever present for us in the Eucharist - a continual manifestation of God’s loving care for us all year long. May you have a Blessed 2011.

ST. JOHN’S CHURCH CLEANERS

St. John’s Church cleaning list for the month of January: Evelyn Kusy and Barbara Appelt.

MORAVIA KJZT SOCIETY #44

Moravia KJZT Society #44 will hold their meeting on January 9, 2011 after the 9:30 a.m. mass in Moravia.

ST. JOHN CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

James & Dana Daughtry & family for all living & deceased members of their extended family; Elsie Farek for Tom Farek, Al & Donna Hermis for Alphonse, Viola & Lorine Hermis; Barbara Appelt for Gene D. Slavik & Edward & Martha Appelt; Diane Kutac for Adolph & Adele Kutac; Darrell, Claudette & Ella Lynn Demel for Evelyn Novosad; Harvey & Evelyn Hermis for Frank & Ludmilla Janik & sons & Fred & Martha Hermis; Eugene & Jo Marie Krupala Family for Leon Sitka, Jerome & Willie Mae Krupala; Evelyn Kusy for Edward & Stephen Kusy; Alphonse Besetzny for Henry & Martha Besetzny & Leo Schramek; Leo & Joyce Janda for Herbert Berger and Joseph Janda families; Fr. John Peters for parents and grandparents.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS FOR ST. JOHN CHURCH

Christmas memorials for St. John Church in memory of Adolph B. & Adele Kutac, August & Rosie Valicek, Carrie Kutac & Julius & Frances Hreck by D.W. & K.F. Kutac - \$20

GENERATIONS OF FAITH (GOF)

We wish to thank Pam and Robert Besetsny for the delicious meal that they provided for our December GOF meeting! Our next Generations of Faith will be Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at the St. John’s Rectory/Religious Education Bldg. from 5:30PM-8:15PM. We will continue our study of “Professing Our Faith” with “We Believe in Jesus’ Death and Resurrection: Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday.” We begin GOF with a meal; you must bring your meal and drink if you do not notify Mrs. Dana that you want to participate in the \$5.00 sandwich meal by January 16, 2011. Remember, Sacrament students will be receiving their Sacrament training assignments each month at the end of GOF. For GOF questions or more information, please call Dana Daughtry, 979-562-2381, or Kim Lofland, 979-562-2267.

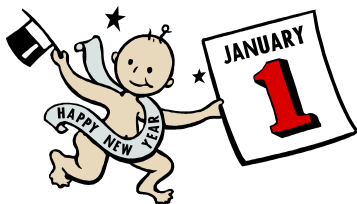
ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 25 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Blaine & Hayden Besetzny, James Lofland
Sunday, December 26 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Joshua & Ashley Becan, Miranda Shimek
Saturday, January 1 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Joshua & Ashley Becan
Sunday, January 2 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - James Lofland, Clayton & April Brossmann
Saturday, January 8 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Seth & Logan Eckhardt, James Lofland
Sunday, January 9 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Miranda Shimek, Blaine & Hayden Besetzny

PRO LIFE

The song “O Holy Night” includes the following words: “Truly He taught us to love one another. His law is love, and His gospel is peace. Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease.” At Christmas, we renew our commitment to ending all oppression, particularly of those who are most oppressed, the children in the womb. (from Nov-Dec Priests for Life Newsletter)

Next Bulletin: Sunday, Jan. 9th
Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 6th, 2011



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Wishing you a happy and blessed New Year!
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