

FEBRUARY 21, 2010

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MASS SCHEDULE

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday	Feb. 20	6:00 P.M.	L.A. Wenglar	Moravia
Sunday	Feb. 21	9:30 A.M.	Dominic Loth	St. John

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday	Feb. 27	6:00 P.M.	Jimmy Sanchez	St. John
Sunday	Feb. 28	9:30 A.M.	John & Betty Stasny	Moravia

First Friday

Friday	Mar. 5	8:00 A.M.	Daniel Pargac & George Barborak	St. John
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Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday	Mar. 6	6:00 P.M.	Arnold T. Poth, Jr.	Moravia
Sunday	Mar. 7	9:30 A.M.	Ludwig & Adela Dittrich	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

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, on the other, of the urgency of the call to conversion. Like the Hebrews of old, we too have failed to heed God's call, thinking ourselves to be self-righteous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Life goes along and then, all of a sudden, the bottom falls out. In these times, it's easy to feel despair. We want to crawl into bed and disappear.

Despair is a devastating emotion that drains our energy. As hard as we may try to avoid it, it's important to know what to do if we experience it. Surprisingly, the answer is simple: Just keep moving forward!

We can learn a lesson from Jesus' desert duel with the devil: The worst thing we can do is focus on the anguish that we're experiencing. Jesus' anguish came in three strong waves of temptation, but Jesus kept moving forward. We need to do the same.

Edmund Burke, a British statesman and philosopher said, "Never despair; but if you do, work on in despair." This advice is about as simple as it gets. Don't stop pursuing your dreams and goals. Don't forget the reason why you started your journey, whatever it may be. Get out of bed, and start moving!

If you've had a tragic event in your life, what thoughts could bring a measure of relief? What do you have to be grateful for? What have you accomplished in your life? Write it down.

If you've lost a job, brainstorm new ways to earn the revenue you need. What are you naturally good at? What do you do in your spare time that you enjoy? Keep your mind open and allow the ideas to flow.

Dear Jesus, when I'm faced with a hopeless situation, help me feel better and move forward. Amen.

Lenten Reflection: In Luke's story of the temptations of Jesus we see we can be tempted by wealth, power, and esteem just as He was. Lent calls us to focus on our faith life by living it in deeper ways. As we begin our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us pray and sacrifice so that through our faith life we can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

ST. JOHN & MORAVIA CHURCH CLEANERS

St. John's Church cleaning list for March: Agnes Berckenhoff & Jan Morin

Moravia Church cleaning list for March: Kathy Guenther & Dorothy Henke



GENERATIONS OF FAITH (GOF)

Our next GOF will be Sunday, February 21, 2010 after Mass at the Rectory/Religious Education Center and should last until about 1:30PM. All generations are encouraged to attend. We will continue our discussion of Catholic Social Teachings with " Peace." As the U.S. Catholic Bishops explain, ". . .Peacemaking is not an optional . . .requirement of our faith. We are called to be peacemakers, not by some movement of the moment, but by our Lord Jesus. The content and context of our peacemaking is set not by some political agenda or ideological program, but by the teaching of His Church." Adults will continue their Bible Study. All GOF attendees, please be sure to bring your snack or lunch and drink as usual.

Confirmation students, their parents, and/or sponsors will spend the day after Mass in a retreat instead of attending GOF; lunch is provided for the retreat. We look forward to seeing you for another fun-filled learning experience about your faith.

DIOCESAN SERVICE APPEAL

The Annual Diocesan Services Appeal for 2010 is underway. You should have received your pledge cards and letters in the mail from the Diocese. The assessment for St. John is \$4,526.00. The assessment for Moravia is \$4,743.00. Whatever is not collected from your pledges and donations at the end of the year will have to be paid for by parish funds. At the end of this month, we will know how much we owe for last year, 2009 for the Diocesan Service Appeal.

Please remember this is separate from the Capital Campaign.

MORAVIA ALTAR SOCIETY

The Moravia Altar Society Spring Social will be held Sunday, March 7, 2010, at the parish hall. A catered meal will be served. Each member is asked to bring a dessert. Dues can be paid at this time. The meal will be served around 11:30. Please come out and enjoy the social. Call Kathy Guenther at 979-562-2124 or Bernice Neskora at 361-596-7420 if you plan to attend.

MORAVIA KJZT #44

Moravia KJZT Society #44 will be hosting the District 2 meeting on March 21st at the Moravia Dining Hall. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. with a meeting to follow at 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served after the meeting.

PRO LIFE

This is FOR or AGAINST vote on March 2nd ballot.

PROPOSITION 4: Public Acknowledgement of God - The use of the word "God," prayers, and the Ten Commandments should be allowed at public gatherings and public educational institutions, as well as be permitted on government buildings and property. PLEASE VOTE MARCH 2ND!

MEMORIALS FOR JIMMY SANCHEZ

<u>St. John Bldg. Fund</u>		<u>St. John CCD Program</u>	
Everett & Pam Bludau	\$25	Marty & Karen Steffek & family	\$10
Tom & Peggy Kostelnik	\$10		
<u>St. John Cemetery Fund</u>			
Jeff & Joan Stock & family	\$15		
Terry & Ervin Bludau & family	\$20		
Jeanette Henke	\$10		
Kubena Funeral Home	\$20		

SUPPER QUILT

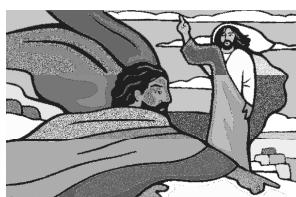
"**The Supper Quilt**", modeled on the painting, *The Last Supper*, will be exhibited at the Shiner Methodist Church Activity Center, Friday, March 19 (10 - 4) and Saturday, March 20 (9:30 - noon) This quilt contains over 50,000 half-inch fabric squares, measures 15.3 ft by 5.6 ft, and took 2 1/2 years to complete. The event is free. Visit www.shinerheritagequilters.org or call Irene Cerny 361-594-3185 for more information.

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Rose #1597 will be having their 17th Annual Fried Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings on Sunday, February 21 at the Schulenburg KC Hall. Adult plates \$7, Children \$4, under 12. Silent Auction starting at 10 a.m., cake walk, country store & sweepstakes.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 20 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Joshua & Ashley Becan
Sunday, Feb. 21 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Clayton & April Brossmann, Seth Eckhart
Saturday, Feb. 27 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - James Lofland, Joshua & Ashley Becan
Sunday, Feb. 28 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Caleb & Jared Krischke, Logan Eckhart
Saturday, March 6 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Clayton & April Brossmann
Sunday, March 7 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Hayden & Blaine Besetzny, Seth Eckhart



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."

- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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Next Bulletin: March 7, 2010
Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2010