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MASS SCHEDULE

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Respect Life Sunday

Saturday	Oct. 2	6:00 P.M.	Clarence Haas	Moravia
Sunday	Oct. 3	9:30 A.M.	Willie Marie Thompson	St. John

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Oct. 9	6:00 P.M.	Daniel S. Spies	St. John
Sunday	Oct. 10	9:30 A.M.	Leona Chromcak	Moravia

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Oct. 16	6:00 P.M.	Joe & Irene Drozd Barcak	Moravia
Sunday	Oct. 17	9:30 A.M.	Living & Deceased members of KJZT #9	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Hebrews 1:2-3,2:2-4 Psalm 95:1-2,6-9 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14 Luke 17:5-10

Faith is a gracious gift from God. It can neither be earned nor bought, only responded to with works of love and service. A vibrant faith can make us strong, loving and wise, confident that God will guard us from all harm. He is the Rock of our salvation.

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 2 Kings 5:14-17 Psalm 98:1-4 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19 The Lord has revealed his saving power to all the nations! Naaman, a Syrian, is healed, and lepers are made whole, but only the Samaritan returns to give thanks. Let us remain steadfast in faith, and thankful for the Lord's blessings.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Exodus 17:8-13 Psalm 121:1-8 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 Luke 18:1-8 Through incessant prayer, we open ourselves more fully to understanding God's will. Through faith in the power of prayer, we experience God's love and assistance. Our Christian life is nourished by the scriptures we read and by our received tradition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I came across this in an article that I read recently. It gives us all something to think about.

“Sign in the Vestibule of the Church in the Indianapolis Diocese: Out of respect for our Lord and for His church and for the edification of our neighbor, all are required to appear in church modestly and respectfully dressed, including when Holy Mass is not being offered. Shorts, tank tops, low cut, backless and mini dresses, halters, bare midriffs, tight fitting revealing clothes, etc. are not reflective of the norm of Christian modesty. Your cooperation is evidence of your love and devotion to the house of God and the Blessed Sacrament. Thank You.”

RCIA/ADULT EDUCATION

October 5: Holy Mother Church Teaches: Life and Sexuality in God's Plan. In the current struggle in our nation and world to reclaim and reestablish a culture of life, we must necessarily recognize that the correct expression of human sexuality is intrinsically tied to the “life issues.” The sexual revolution that advocates immoral expressions of human sexuality is quickly gaining momentum and is helping to spread a culture of death in our world. Yet, the church's prophetic voice and teachings concerning these issues continue to fall on “deaf ears.”

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CLEANERS for the month of October - Jo Marie Krupala & Gladys Surman

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY

St. John's Altar Society will hold their meeting on Sunday, October 17th in the church immediately after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

MORAVIA KJZT MEETING

Moravia K.J.Z.T. Society #44 will hold their annual social and meeting at the Moravia Parish Hall on October 31 starting at 12:00 noon. Members and family members are all invited and are asked to please bring a dessert. Please RSVP to Dorothy Olsovsky by October 21, 2010 at 979-562-2169.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH (GOF)

Our next Generations of Faith will be Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at the St. John's Rectory/Religious Education Bldg. from 5:30PM-8:00PM. We will continue our study of "Professing Our Faith" with "We Believe in the Communion of Saints." We are going to build a "Remembrance Wall" from our families. Please begin talking with your children about family members that have passed away and their "saint-like" qualities. Children may bring a picture of their saint-like family member or they may print their name on a piece of paper for our "Remembrance Wall." Anyone in the parish that would like to participate in our "Remembrance Wall" may do so by placing their Saint's name or picture in the envelope by the GOF announcements in the Church. Please feel free to leave a note with a comment about your loved ones' "saint-like" qualities.

The annual mandatory Safe Environment training will be presented at our October GOF meeting. All GOF students and their parents are encouraged to attend; however the entire two parishes are always welcome for this valuable training on how to keep our children safe from abuse.

Please remember, parents must attend GOF with children in grades K-5. Also remember, we begin GOF with a meal; you must bring your meal and drink if you did not sign up and pay for the \$5.00 sandwich meal. For GOF questions or more information, please call Dana Daughtry, 979-562-2381, or Kim Lofland, 979-562-2267.

PRO LIFE

Accompanied by a statue of Our Blessed Mother, America Needs Fatima organizes the national public Square Rosary in many cities. We are invited to join St. Anne Society (St. Mary-High Hill) to pray the Rosary at the gazebo in Schulenburg at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 16, 2010. St. John and Moravia parishioners - Do take advantage of this opportunity to join St. Anne Society to publicly invoke Our Lady to intercede for America. Let us pray to Defend Life from conception to natural death

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 2 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Clayton & April Brossmann
Sunday, Oct. 3 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Hayden & Blaine Besetzny, Caleb Krischke
Saturday, Oct. 9 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - James Lofland, April & Clayton Brossmann
Sunday, Oct. 10 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Caleb & Jared Krischke, Blaine Besetzny
Saturday, Oct. 16 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Ashley & Joshua Becan
Sunday, Oct. 17 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Logan & Seth Eckhardt, Blaine Besetzny

PICNICS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

- Holy Rosary Church Festival, Hostyn. Mass 10 am
- St. John's Church Bazaar, Hungerford
- St. Roch Church Picnic, Mentz

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

- Our Lady of Victory Parish Festival, Victoria Community Center BBQ Beef & Sausage Dinner 11 am. Auction
- St. Anthony Church Festival, Columbus BBQ Beef & Sausage Dinner 11 am. Auction, bingo, booths, music
- Holy Cross Church Bazaar, Riverside Hall, East Bernard, BBQ Beef, Chicken & Sausage, Dinner 11 am

Life Chain in Hallettsville, Sunday, Oct. 3, 2:00-3:00 pm. Join us in a Pro-Life Silent Prayer Chain. Meet on Hwy 77 South in front of KC Hall and peacefully hold provided signs that proclaim our pro-life message. Our community needs to know that the Church supports the sanctity of human life. This is a family event and all are welcome. You may bring drinks and should wear comfortable modest clothing. Bring a chair if standing is difficult. For more information, please call Angela at 798-9494.

Pro Life Speaker to speak: In place of Fr. Tommy's usual Tuesday night class, on Tuesday, October 12 from 7:00-8:30pm in the Family Center. Elizabeth McClung from the Austin Coalition for Life will be speaking about the facts about abortion. Please come to listen to this powerful presentation and invite even your non-catholic friends to come.

Join Sacred Heart Seniors in praying for end to abortion: On Monday, October 25, the senior class from Sacred Heart School will be traveling to Houston to participate in the international pro-life campaign 40 Days for Life. We will leave the school at 7am. We will be standing outside the Planned Parenthood facility in peaceful and prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life. There is an opportunity for 14 parishioners to accompany our seniors on the bus as well as 14 passengers on the smaller "Marshmallow" bus if needed. Please call Fr. Tommy at the church office to sign up for more details.

SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 11, 2010

There will be an **IMPORTANT ST. JOHN PICNIC MEETING** on October 11 at 6:30 pm at St. John. The "suggestion box" will be opened. Suggestions will be read and discussed. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Next Bulletin: Oct. 17th, 2010
Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14th, 2010



October – month of the Holy Rosary.
Pray the Rosary!!!



MEMORIALS

St. John Building Fund

In memory of Alma Jurena

Leo & Joyce Janda	\$20	Bernice & Eugene Pauler	\$10
Arnold & Dorothy Berger	\$20	Mr. & Mrs. Scotty Brossmann & family	\$10
Gladys Surman	\$10	Sylvester & Dolores Janak	\$10
Lillian Besetzny	\$5	David & Lorine Kubenka	\$10
Harvey & Evelyn Hermis	\$10	Marvin & Jo Ann Stasny	\$5
Royce & Jeanette Chudej	\$20	Royce & Susan Chudej	\$20

Ascension Church Building Fund

Leo & Dorothy Henke	\$20
Marvin Cernik	\$20
Jimmy & Liz Kouba	\$10
Eugene & Betty Patalik	\$20
Ben & Deloris Smolik	\$10
Perry & Roxanne Deem & Girls	\$5

St. John Cemetery Fund

Johnnie & Alene Steffek	\$10
Julius & Dolores Krause	\$10
Emma Bartos	\$10
Kenneth & Denise Barton & Lance	\$10
Emil & Joyce Hermes	\$10
Ricky & Barbara Steffek	\$40

St. John Seminary Burse

Ervin & Bernice Neskora	\$10
Forrest & Ann Dittrich	\$10
Albert & Dorothy Olsovsky	\$10
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Berger	\$5
Alphonse Besetzny	\$10

St. John CCD Program

Harold & Susie Kalich	\$15
Albert & Agnes Berckenhoff	\$10

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St. John Building Fund

In memory of Gladys Mendel Chaloupka

Roger & Marilyn Hembree (S'burg Class of 1961)	\$40	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chaloupka	\$10
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Chaloupka	\$20	Alvin & Gladys Besetzny	\$10
Robert & Pam Besetsny	\$20	Scotty & Cheryl Brossmann	\$20
Emil & Joyce Hermes	\$10	David & Lorine Kubenka	\$10
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Berger	\$10	Mr. & Mrs. Marcus Bujnoch	\$10
Bernice & Eugene Pauler	\$10	Harvey & Evelyn Hermis	\$20
Erwin & Irene Mendel	\$10	Arnold & Dorothy Berger	\$20

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George & Erline Janik	\$10

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One Minute Meditations

A gratitude attitude

Make a list of all the good things God has given you or done for you. Carry it in your purse or wallet so that you can refer to it often. When worried or discouraged, pull out your list and remember that God has provided for you in the past and promises to always take care of you.

Trust makes sense

Because he's perfect, God can't err. If we let him, God will work in our lives with results that are far better than we could produce on our own. Trust in God brings a sense of personal well-being, security, and peace.

Powerful Body

Catholics are never alone. We are members of the Church, the body of Christ. Together with Christ we can make a tremendous difference. *"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them,"* (Matthew 18:20).



Wanted: A second chance

Sometimes we yearn for one more chance, the opportunity to take what we have learned from our mistakes and try again. The good news is that while the world may or may not give second chances, God always does. In fact, he gives us as many as we need to get it right. All he asks is that we have a sincere desire to change. The Sacrament of Reconciliation can help.

Be prepared. Examine your conscience and think about what is troubling you. What would you like God's help to change?

Fear not. Facing our sins is humbling, and confessing them to someone else can be uncomfortable.

Yet that's the first step to a fresh start. Don't forget that the priest is acting in the person of Christ and can promise

you God's forgiveness and compassion.

Take the plunge. Most parishes offer Confession regularly, and many also offer the chance to make appointments with a priest. Find an arrangement that works for you.

Find the Spirit.

Celebration of a sacrament begins with the Sign of the Cross to remind us that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are there with us.

Make the most of your second chance. *"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light"* (Ephesians 5:8).



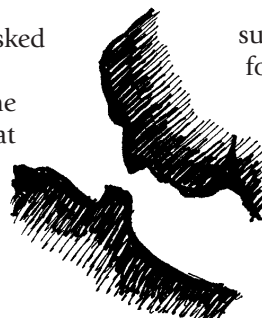
Why Do Catholics Do That?

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, he taught them the Our Father, a prayer that included different aspects of a healthy conversation with God, including praise, petition, thanksgiving, and

Why do Catholics say formula prayers such as the "Our Father"?

supplication. The Catholic Church follows his example by suggesting other prayers that express our faith, hope, love, and contrition.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls prayer "the raising of one's mind and heart to God" (CCC 2559). The form doesn't matter as much as the desire for God it expresses.



Welcome new parishioners with warmth

As children of God, we know that his home is our home, too. When we come for Mass or prayer time, he welcomes us with joy. So when someone new comes to our church or parish, he wants us to share that welcome with all his children.

Share the space. Start by sitting in the middle of the pew to make seating more welcoming for those coming in after you. Or, look for someone sitting alone and take the seat beside her.

Make an impression. A cheerful smile



and a quick “hello” can make an unfamiliar parish seem more friendly. After Mass is over, introduce yourself and offer to answer any questions the newcomer may have.

Build connections. If your church offers a social time after Mass, vow to introduce yourself to someone new each week.

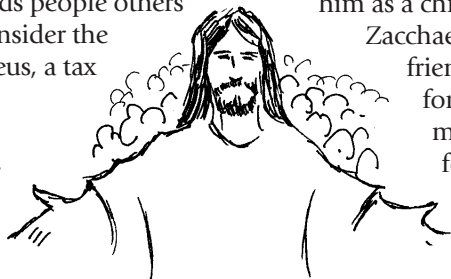
Show love. Mass is a community celebration. Join in singing the hymns and enthusiastically offer a Sign of Peace. Being a joyful child of God is a great witness to the welcome of your parish.

from Scripture

Luke 19:1-10. Jesus is the friend we want to be.

Jesus didn't evaluate people the way others did. Instead of gravitating to the best of society, Jesus included in his inner circle of friends people others often excluded. Consider the example of Zacchaeus, a tax collector.

As the chief tax collector in Jericho, Zacchaeus was not a popular man. He probably took more in taxes than was required and became wealthy from dishonest practices. Imagine the crowd's reaction when Jesus spotted Zacchaeus in a tree the man had climbed for a better view and invited himself to dinner at the tax



collector's home. Jesus wasn't dissuaded by the fact that Zacchaeus was unpopular and dishonest but saw him as a child of God. In return, Zacchaeus' eagerness for Jesus' friendship changed his life forever. He was inspired to make generous amends for his past sins.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to be open, forgiving, and accepting of other people. It is important to look beyond the gossip and public perception. Try to adopt Jesus' habit of being quick to forgive and welcoming in your relationships with others.

Q & A Is Halloween a pagan festival?

Origins of the modern holiday can be traced to the pre-Christian celebrations. For example, the Celtic festival of Samhain or Lord of the Dead, was celebrated before the Celtic new year on Nov. 1. People wore masks and lit bonfires to repel evil souls.



In 835, Pope Gregory IV moved the commemoration of martyrs (later All Saints Day) from May 13 to Nov. 1. The night before became known as All Hallows Eve (“holy evening”), and later Halloween. (Nov. 2 became All Souls Day.)

Many modern Halloween traditions have ancient roots. Trick-or-treating began hundreds of years ago in Ireland when farmers went door-to-door collecting food and goods for an autumn village feast and bonfire. Contributors were promised prosperity; the others received threats of bad luck. Irish Catholics who immigrated in the 1800s brought this practice with them.

However, when combined with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, Halloween can be a good time to celebrate believers who have gone to Heaven before us and our hope of joining them.

Feasts & Celebrations

Oct. 1 – St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (1897). At fifteen years old, Thérèse Martin needed special permission to join her older sisters at a Carmelite convent. There, she offered her life in “little ways of love.” Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, tells how we can all become saints by doing ordinary acts with love.

Oct. 19 – Saint John de Brébeuf and Saint Isaac Jogues and their companions (1652).

Six Jesuits and two laymen were unwelcome missionaries to Native North American tribes and suffered

harassment and torture. St. John de Brébeuf won the Iroquois' respect with his courageous death. St. Isaac Jogues escaped but was murdered when he returned to his ministry.

Oct. 28 – Saint Simon and Saint Jude (1st century). St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed that the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they eventually ended up in Persia where they evangelized until they were martyred.



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