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MASS SCHEDULE

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Oct. 30	6:00 P.M.	Helen Etzler	Moravia
Sunday	Oct. 31	9:30 A.M.	Ida Kahane	St. John

All Saints Day

Monday	Nov. 1	6:30 P.M.	Deceased Parishioners of Both Parishes	St. John
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First Friday

Friday	Nov. 5	8:00 A.M.	Pat Hrnecir	St. John
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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Nov. 6	6:00 P.M.	Willie & Albina Barborak	Moravia
Sunday	Nov. 7	9:30 A.M.	Evelyn Novosad	St. John

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Nov. 13	6:00 P.M.	Charles Hajek	St. John
Sunday	Nov. 14	9:30 A.M.	In Thanksgiving Daniel & Shirley Steffek 40 th Wedding Anniversary	Moravia

THE WORD OF GOD

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wisdom 11:22-12:2 Psalm 145:1-2,8-11,13-14 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 Luke 19:1-10

The Lord is full of mercy and compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness. He has come to search out and save what was lost. Let us be more concerned with doing the Lord's work than with idle speculation about when he will come again.

All Saints Day- November 1

Readings: Revelations 7:2-4,9-14 Psalm 24:1bc-4b,5-6 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12a

Let us rejoice in all the men and women, blest in the eyes of the Lord, who celebrate the heavenly liturgy. They stand in God's holy place and sing of the love the Father has bestowed upon them through the blood of the Lamb.

The Commemoration Of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)-November 2

Readings: Wisdom 3:1-9 Psalm 23:1-6 Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9 John 6:37-40 or 10:11-10:16

As suggested: The souls of the just are in God's hands. Christ, the Good Shepherd, died for us while we were still sinners. He is the resurrection and the life.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 2 Mc 7:1-2,9-14 Psalm 17:1,5-6,8,15 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 Luke 20:27-38 or 20:27,34-38

In response to an attempt to ridicule his teaching about life after death, Jesus again proclaims a resurrection of the dead, that life is indeed stronger than death itself. This is our eternal consolation and hope. Then will our joy be truly complete.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Malachi 3:19-20a Psalm 98:5-9 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Luke 21:5-19 Jesus teaches that his disciples will be persecuted as a necessary prelude to the parousia. Through their perseverance, they will emerge victorious, when the Lord comes again. As we await the Day, let us conscientiously fulfill our Christian obligations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It's hard to believe it's already November. As this year comes to an end we are reminded that time in this life will come to an end for each one of us. It's not something most of us enjoy thinking about, but the Church reminds us through various liturgies at this time of the year that this life is not all there is. God has greater things prepared for us. And so we begin the month with the feast of All Saints, giving us an image of the glory God intends for us if we just travel along the way He has pointed out for us.

On All Souls Day, we pray for those who have died and may need our prayers on their journey. The poor souls in Purgatory need our prayers. Let us remember them in a special way during the month of November.

ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS & USHERS

Church Cleaners for the month of November - Gene M. Bohuslav, Helen Gertner & Diane Halata
Ushers for the month of November - Aubrey Shanks & Ervin Neskora Jr.

ST JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS & USHERS

Church Cleaners for the month of November - Carol Siegel, & Joyce Janda
Ushers for the month of November - Garrett Kutac & Eugene Pauler



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SWEEPSTAKES

Catholic Schools Sweepstakes sponsored by Catholic Life Insurance, Grand Prize: 2011 Ford F150, 2011 Ford Fusion, or \$20,000 VISA prepaid credit card. Secondary prizes: (2) \$5,000, (2) \$2,500 & (5) \$1,000 prepaid VISA credit cards. Raffle tickets available from any Sacred Heart Catholic School student, at the Elementary Library, school office or the Rectory. Drawing Jan. 29, 2011 in San Antonio. This is also being done at St. Rose Catholic School in Schulenburg.

DEER HUNTER STAG SUPPER

KC's Deer Hunters Stag Supper, Monday, November 1, KC Hall in Hallettsville. Doors open at 5 pm with social. Steak dinner begins 7 pm.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH (GOF)

We would like to thank the GOF parents for their support—we had a 100% attendance of our students and about 50% of our parents at our mandatory annual Safe Environment Training! We studied about bullying and our Catholic Social Teachings. We encouraged all students to notify a trusted adult if they are being bullied. Our Remembrance Wall was a huge success. Kaddin Tesch nominated Father John for a “God Sighting” since he loves us so much that he came to visit us during our October GOF!

Our next Generations of Faith will be Wednesday, November 17, 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 God.” As usual, we will begin GOF with a meal; you must bring your meal and drink if you do not notify Dana Daughtry by November 10, 2010 that you would like a sandwich meal. Sacrament students will be receiving their Sacrament training assignments each month at the end of GOF.

GOF is going to once again join with Advanced Home Health Services in their Fall Community Service Drive for the San Antonio Homeless. We are asking for the parishes' support in this service project. We are collecting toiletries such as, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, bars of soap; adult items such as, new or gently used clean socks, blankets, coats, jackets, sweaters, duffle bags, backpacks; children's items such as, new or gently used clean socks, underwear, warm-up sets, coats, jackets, sweaters, other children's clothing, duffle bags, backpacks; and baby items such as, formula, diapers, wipes before each Mass the weekend of November 13-14, 2010. The personal items will be given out during Advanced Home Health Services' Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the San Antonio Homeless. We are truly blessed with this opportunity to live our faith by supporting Advanced Home Health Services in their endeavor to minister to the homeless.

For GOF questions or more information, please call Dana Daughtry, 979-562-2381, or Kim Lofland, 979-562-2267.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 30 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia -Caitlyn Deem, Ashley & Joshua Becan

Sunday, Oct. 31 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Miranda Shimek, Seth & Logan Eckhart

Saturday, November 6 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Ashley & Joshua Becan

Sunday, November 7 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - James Lofland, Caleb & Jared Krischke

Saturday, November 13 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Miranda Shimek, Clayton & April Brossmann

Sunday, November 14 - 9: 30 a.m. Moravia - Logan & Seth Eckhardt, Blaine Besetzny

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Oct. 25-Nov.12: Band Tamale sale. Delivery date Nov. 18. To order, call Tim Hines 798-5554, Becky McElroy 798-2831 or the school office.

Nov. 5: Homecoming Pep Rally, 7 p.m., school grounds.

Nov. 6 : Homecoming Memorial Mass, 12:30 p.m. Football game time at 4:30 p.m. followed by Chicken Fried Steak dinner 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the KC Hall followed by private dance.

ST. JOHN'S KJZT SOCIETY #9

St. John's KJZT Society #9 annual meeting/social will be held Friday, November 12, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Bessie Dornak's home.

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY FUND RAISER REPORT

Harlan's Food Market will donate 1% of all cash register receipts to your church, or charity. St. John's Altar Society continues to use this project as its Fund Raiser. Harlan's Sales Receipts turned in to Harlan's this year totaled \$77,436.37 Check received: \$774.36. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, and ask you to continue to save your Harlan's cash register receipts and drop them in the envelope in back of church, as we continue our fund raiser. Money received is used to purchase candles and other items for the altar and church.

THE YOUTH CONNEXION

Kris Hermes 798-0655

Nov. 14: Firefall 5:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church. Youth Social for 8th-12th 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Youth House.

Music Practice: Monday's @ 6:00 p.m., Youth House.

PRO LIFE

A person's right to choose ends at the point where another's rights are violated. No one has the right to choose the direct killing of another human being. Preborn babies are the poorest, weakest and most vulnerable members of our society, and unfortunately their civil rights have been trampled on by those who champion “choice” to destroy them. (from Why Vote Pro-Life? By Rev. T.G. Morrow, Catholics Unite for Life)



WRAP Week

Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010, through Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010

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Are you a parent who lets your son have, or are you the son or adult who has degrading pictures of women in magazines, calendars, or other pictures on your wall?

Are you a parent who lets your daughter put, or are you the daughter or adult who puts suggestive pictures of yourself on Facebook?

Are you a parent who lets your child watch, or are you that child or adult that watches immoral behavior on television or the Internet?

Let us pray that we may all turn away from this evil and seek the will of our Father. We are called to see and respect Jesus in all persons. Be careful of what you see and hear, so that you will be holy and blameless in God's sight. **"Blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God."** Matt 5:8

Please wear a white ribbon all this week, and pray for all God's children whose sinful behavior harms them and promotes an industry that hurts family values and human dignity, and erodes society as a whole.

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November 2010

Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Nurture faith

Spiritual growth doesn't stop with formal religious education. To know God better, start with the Bible and consider adding spiritual books or magazines. (*Hint:* ask a priest or religious for recommendations.) Read so that you may learn more about God's ways.

Don't assume

No matter how good a judge of character we may be, making assumptions about others' intentions or motives is risky. Assumptions become facts in our minds, yet it is impossible to accurately see inside another's heart or mind. Guessing or assuming may lead to misunderstanding. Instead, wait for the truth.

Develop a prayerful disposition

Many of us would like to pray more but can't find the time. A key is to develop a prayerful disposition. That means limiting activities to a few useful projects, abandoning useless interests, and looking for time to be with God. It's a trade-off, but one that brings the peace of a closer union with God.



Follow a sure path to Heaven

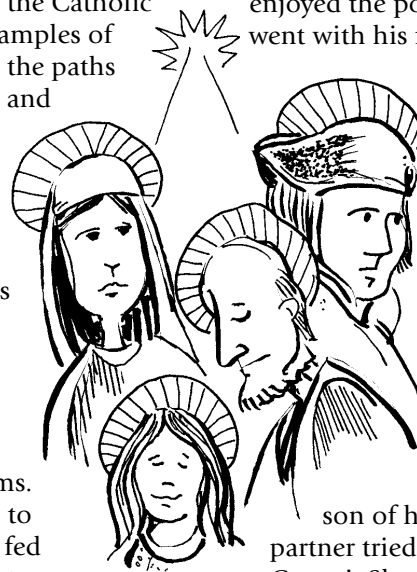
Our loving Father wants all of his children to follow a path that leads to Heaven. To help, the Catholic Church offers us examples of people who walked the paths of charity, holiness, and heroic virtue. We call them "saints."

Charity. Although a queen, St. Margaret of Scotland (1093) was dedicated to caring for the poor. In public she never refused beggars, washing their feet and giving them alms. Before sitting down to eat herself, she first fed orphans and destitute adults. St. Peter Claver (1654), horrified by the treatment of West African slaves imported to Colombia, often rowed out to the disease-ridden slave ships to bring food, comfort, and

God's love.

Holiness. St. Thomas More (1535) enjoyed the power and prestige that went with his friendship to King Henry VIII, but he loved God more. He earned a death sentence when he refused to sacrifice the Church to Henry's demands. His last words declared him to be, "the King's good servant, but God's first."

Heroic virtue. She was only 12 years old when the son of her father's business partner tried to seduce St. Maria Goretti. She refused to be the cause of his sin or to sin herself, and was murdered. Her example of purity had a converting effect on her murderer and he attended her canonization decades later.



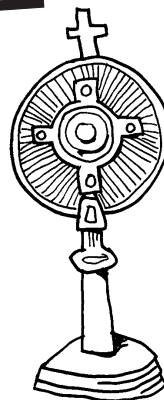
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Eucharistic Benediction or Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is a liturgical service during which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in a receptacle, such as a monstrance, on the altar. It is a practice that fosters a deeper

What is Eucharistic Benediction?

spiritual communion with our Lord.

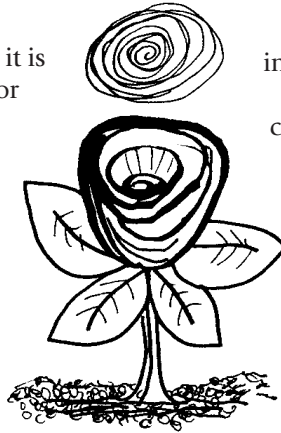
Eucharistic Benediction reminds us of the mystery of the Eucharist – that Jesus is truly present, body and blood, soul and divinity, in the Blessed Sacrament. It offers us an opportunity to "keep watch with me" (Matthew 26:38).



Bury the dead and comfort the living

Catholics know that death leads to new life but it is very difficult to lose someone we love. When we or someone we love experiences such a loss, friends and family can be a great comfort. Such acts as burying the dead and comforting the living are Works of Mercy and part of our Catholic faith. Although knowing how to help can be puzzling, there are ways to make a difference.

Pray. Pray for the souls who have died that they may find their place in heaven. Perhaps arrange to have that prayer included in the



intentions during Mass in your parish.

Be there. Attend the funeral or wake service. Such customs are part of honoring the life of the dead and showing compassion to the living.

Show support. Bring a meal to the family. Mass cards, notes and phone calls can also offer comfort.

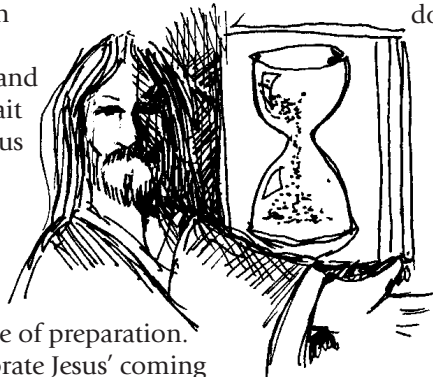
Contribute. Consider making a donation of time or money to organizations such as a local Hospice that provide grace and dignity to those dying.

from Scripture

Matthew 24:37-44, Is he here yet?

The Church calendar is a gift to help us mark the seasons of joy and sorrow, work and rest. We can withdraw from the pattern of the world and remember that we wait in joyful hope for Jesus to come.

Beginning at the end of this month, the season of Advent is a time of warning and a time of preparation. Next month we celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas. But he will come twice more: at our own death, and at the end of time. This Gospel reading reminds us that we will never know ahead of time



just when he will come for us. Advent is the time to ask, "What do I need to do to be ready to greet the Lord?"

Start by examining your conscience and pick one or two sinful practices you want to eliminate. Then try to spend more time in prayer, attend Mass faithfully, and go to Confession.

Finally, spend a few extra minutes each day in prayer. Then when Christmas comes, you will know you are ready to greet the Lord with joy.

Q & A How does the Church decide who is a saint?

There are many people in Heaven who are saints, but whose names we may never know. They are uncanonized saints.

Canonization is the formal process by which the Church identifies and determines whether someone has become a saint.

In its simplest form, official Church procedures detail three steps to recognizing a saint. First, the bishop of the diocese where the person died begins an extensive investigation. The results are passed to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. If the Congregation approves, the prefect presents the cause to the pope. With the pope's approval, the petitioner becomes "venerable" and is called "Servant of God."

Next, "beatification," may come after further investigation and a miracle has proven to be attributed to the Servant of God's intercession after his or her death. Then the person can be called "Blessed."

Finally, canonization may follow additional investigation and a second miracle also proven to have occurred after the beatification and as a result of the candidate's intercession. After canonization, the "Blessed" is called "Saint."



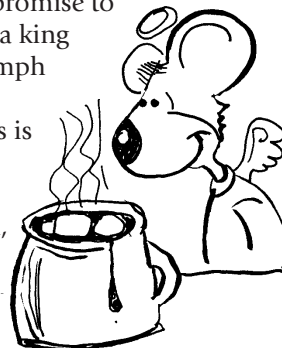
Feasts & Celebrations

The first day of Advent falls on Nov. 28 this year and begins a new year in the Church calendar (Cycle A). The Advent wreath is lit in households all over the world as we anticipate the birth of our Lord.

Nov. 1 - All Saints Day. In the early Church, each saint and martyr was assigned a feast day. However, the persecution of the Christians became so great that there weren't enough days in the calendar for individual commemorations. Eventually Pope Gregory IV designated Nov. 1 as All Saints Day.

Nov. 2 - All Souls Day. This is a day when we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven faster.

Nov. 21 - Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. A solemnity that commemorates Our Father's promise to his people of a king who will triumph over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under his kingship.



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