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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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MASS SCHEDULE

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Sept. 17	6:00 P.M.	Louis & Frances Shimek Family	Moravia
Sunday	Sept. 18	9:30 A.M.	Albin & Gladys Lux	St. John

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Sept. 24	6:00 P.M.	Alphonse Berger	St. John
Sunday	Sept. 25	9:30 A.M.	Doraine Buck	Moravia

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Oct. 1	6:00 P.M.	Ludvik Svetlik	Moravia
Sunday	Oct. 2	9:30 A.M.	Lebert & Leona Berger	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18 Philippians 1:20c-24,27a Matthew 20:1-16a

How different are the Lord's ways from our own! Gracious and good to all, the Lord is equally generous in compassion and love to those who are quick to respond to his invitation, as well as to those who are slow to hear his call. May the Lord Jesus always be our life.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ezekiel 18:25-28 Psalm 25:4-9 Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus was obedient to the Father, even to death on a cross. We need never fear if we turn away from the path of virtue for the Lord is ever ready to forgive us, if we but repent. Remember, the Lord's compassion and kindness are from of old.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:9,12-16,19-20 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. At vintage time the master will return to receive the harvest. May we bear fruit in plenty, and be pleasing in his sight by living lives that are marked by love and respect.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This weekend and next weekend, we will be taking up a second collection for the people who have been affected by fires in the Bastrop area. The funds will be sent to Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Austin and they will distribute accordingly. I know some of you have already helped some relatives and others directly. God bless all of you for your generosity in a time of need such as this.

Let us continue to pray for rain and an end to these disastrous fires.

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. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on 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.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 17 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Josh Becan & Dylan Goldberg
Sunday, September 18 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Miranda Shimek, Seth Eckhardt, Riley Lux
Saturday, September 24 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - James Lofland, Riley Lux, Dylan Goldberg
Sunday, September 25 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Miranda Shimek, Seth Eckhardt, Jared Krischke
Saturday, October 1 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Josh & Ashley Becan
Sunday, October 2 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Caleb Krischke, Blaine & Hayden Besetzny

We have trained two new servers and would like to work with anyone else who is interested in serving. Please let Elsie Farek or Fr. John if you are interested.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Please call Fr. Tommy Chen to sign up for RCIA classes to receive instruction on the Catholic faith.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Are you an adult at least 18 years or older who regularly practices your Catholic faith, but still needing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation? Please call Fr. Tommy Chen to sign up for Confirmation preparation classes for adults. The bishop will be coming to our parish on May 20, 2012 to administer the sacrament of Confirmation to all those who are prepared.

MORAVIA KJZT SOCIETY MEETING

Moravia K.J.Z.T. Society #44 will hold their annual social and meeting at the Moravia Parish Hall on October 2, 2011 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 September 25, 2011 at 979-562-2169 or Dorothy Young at 361-596-7294.

THE YOUTH CONNEXION

NCYC NEWS: Any high school student who wants to go to Indianapolis (Nov. 17th-19th) for the National Catholic Youth Conference, must contact Kris & Greg Hermes at 798-0655 asap. We will start meeting next week to plan this event!

Sept. 18th: Firefall 5:00 p.m. in church, followed by youth social at the Youth House for 8th-12th Grades

Oct 1st: BACK TO SCHOOL BASH (Dance), Sacred Heart Family Center, 7:00-11:00 p.m. All Jr. High parish members of our parishes are invited (5th-8th). Come enjoy an evening of fun, food & dancing with your friends...FREE!!

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Catechetical Sunday is September 18, 2011! Our catechists for GOF 2011-2012 are as follows: Dana Daughtry, James Daughtry, Anthony Hrcir, Kristen Jahn, Kim Lofland, Angie Pilat, and Larissa Tesch.

Our first GOF is Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 5:30PM-8:30PM. Please remember to bring your Registration Form with you to GOF if you have not already turned them in. We will follow a slightly different format this first GOF—we will begin with Mass at 5:30PM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, followed by a sandwich dinner **provided for all attendees**, which will then be followed by our regular GOF.

After Mass and dinner, we will begin our study of “Responding in Prayer” with “We Are Called to Pray.” As Catholics, our prayer and our daily life must be one; therefore, this year, the students will be keeping Prayer Journals as our theme this year is DOG—Depend On God!. We will make “Comfy Critters” for Child Protective Services during our Craft Center at this GOF. **As required by the Diocese of Victoria, we will be presenting a Safe Environment Training to all GOF students and their parents during the Technical Center.** The names of the video/dvd/books are as follows:

Grade PK: Catie the Caterpillar Book

Grades K-4: My Body Is Mine! Book

Grades 5-6: Bully No More: Stopping the Abuse DVD

Grades 7-12: Respecting Yourself and Others Video

Parents: Internet Safety: What You Don't Know Can Hurt Your Child DVD

You may read more about the video/dvd/books by visiting www.victoriadiocese.org, click on "Check Out Our Library" and then type in the name of the video/dvd/book. It is imperative to teach students personal safety skills that will enable them to take an active and necessary role in protecting themselves from crimes of: abduction, Internet crime, violence, sexual abuse, physical abuse and verbal abuse. By providing children with the tools to recognize and avoid potentially dangerous situations and people, we will give them a better chance of growing up in a happy, healthy and safer environment. All parents/guardians are invited to attend this training.

GOF would like to thank the St. John's KJZT for once again cleaning the Religious Education Department/Rectory for us and providing us with supplies such as water, trash bags, cleaning supplies, paper towels, and copy paper. The KJZT also graciously donated two months of our “take home” magazines. We would like to thank one of our Catechists, Angie Pilat, for the donation of our decorative paper for our GOF folders. And last, but certainly not least, GOF would like to thank the Parish for providing the students and their families with the prayer book, The Catholic Devotional. We appreciate everyone's generous support!

If you have any questions about GOF, please contact Dana Daughtry at 979-562-2381, home, or 713-822-3019, cell.

ST. JOHNS' 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 \$57,819.00 Check received \$578.19. **OUR SOCIETY THANKS 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Gabriel Project needs volunteers. If interested, please call Renae Harper, 361-208-4047. An informational meeting will be held Monday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Family Center.

PRO LIFE

From the Vatican “In our present times there is an urgent need to promote a culture of life and also to undertake direct actions that help protect the life of the weakest, especially the unborn. For that reason the work done by ‘Priests for Life’ deserves the gratitude and support of the whole Church.” (Cardinal Stanislav Rylko, President, Pontifical Council for the Laity, Vatican City State, June 7, 2011)