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MASS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday	Dec. 22	6:00 P.M.	August Kubos	St. John
Sunday	Dec. 23	9:30 A.M.	Frankie Kubicek	Moravia

Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday	Dec. 24	5:00 P.M.	People of the Parish	Moravia
Tuesday	Dec. 25	9:30 A.M.	People of the Parish	St. John

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday	Dec. 29	6:00 P.M.	Clarence Haas	Moravia
Sunday	Dec. 30	9:30 A.M.	Rosemary Lewellen	St. John

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) - New Year's Day

Monday	Dec. 31	5:00 P.M.	Henry Tupa	Moravia
Tuesday	Jan. 1	10:00 A.M.	Sylvester Janak	St. John

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday	Jan. 5	6:00 P.M.	Jerome & Martha Hrcir & Jerrilyn Kallus	Moravia
Sunday	Jan. 6	9:30 A.M.	Deceased Members of Neskora & Winkler Families	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: Micah 5:1-4a Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45

From Bethlehem shall come one who will rule Israel. Born of Mary, the servant of the Lord, he will protect and save us, offering himself once and for all in doing the Father's will.

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) (Holy Day of Obligation)

Readings: **(Night)** Isaiah 9:1-6 Psalm 96:1-3,11-13 Timothy 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 Darkness is scattered for God's grace has been revealed in the birth of the Messiah.

(Dawn) Isaiah 62:11-12 Psalm 97:1,6,11-12 Timothy 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20 Out of love for us, God became flesh, for our Savior has appeared. Light dawns for us all!

(Day) Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98:1-6 Hebrew 1:1-6 John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14 God has spoken to us through his Son, the Word made flesh. Thus has salvation been revealed to all the nations.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Readings: 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 Psalm 84:2-3,5-6,9-10 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 Luke 2:41-52

Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family. Option: Hannah and Elkanah offer their son, Samuel, to God in the Lord's temple. Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the temple. He returns to Nazareth, obedient to them.

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord: Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

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 72:2,7-8,10-13 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM DESK OF MSGR. JOHN

Time goes so quickly. We are already celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Tuesday we will be celebrating the birthday of Jesus. It seems as if Advent began only yesterday. Hopefully, we have all taken some time during this Advent season to stop and examine ourselves and our relationship with God and with others and to prepare ourselves well to meet Jesus both at Christmas and at His Second Coming.

Fr. Tommy & I pray that each of you and your loved ones will have a very holy and happy Christmas season, and also a very blessed and healthy 2013. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and wonderful spirit of cooperation this past year.

At this time in our lives, we want to remember all the innocent children who were needlessly killed in Connecticut on December 14 and the adults who were killed trying to save the children. We pray also for their families and for all the youngsters who witnessed this tragedy.



As we celebrate the birth of Our Lord on Tuesday and the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28, let us pray for a greater respect for life in all its forms.

Thank you to all who participated in any way in my celebration of becoming a Monsignor. Thank you for the contributions to the seminary burse, the prayers, congratulations, cards and other gifts. I am very humbled at your kindness and generosity. May God bless all of you.

ASCENSION CHURCH CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Families wishing to donate flowers in memory of loved ones this Christmas at Moravia Church please contact Dorothy Olsovsky at 979-562-2169. Donations may also be put in the collection basket.

ST. JOHN CHURCH CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donations for the Christmas flowers for St. John Church in memory of loved ones can be placed in the collection basket using your Christmas Flower Offering Envelope or mailed to Pam Besetsny at 5325 W. County Line Road, Schulenburg, TX 78956 or call me at 979-562-2818 (home) 979-743-6119 (office) or 979-561-6994 (Cell).

PRO-LIFE CORNER

The Christmas angels sing, "Glory to God in the Highest." What is the glory of God? The human person - alive, and reflecting at every moment the wonder of God's love. Human life, in fact, is always a reflection of God's glory - whether big or small, healthy or sick, born or unborn. (Priests for Life Newsletter, Nov-Dec 2010, Vol. 20)

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS

St. John Church Cleaners for January: Darlene Duffin & Barbara Appelt

KJZT SOCIETY #44

KJZT Society #44 will have a meeting after Mass on January 13, 2013.



ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Christmas - Dec. 24 - Moravia - James Lofland, Josh Becan, Caitlyn Deem, Rylie Lux
Dec. 25 - St. John - Clayton Brossmann, Caleb Krischke, Blaine Besetzny, April Brossmann
Saturday, December 29 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Joshua Becan, Caitlyn Deem
Sunday, December 30 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - James Lofland, Dylan Goldberg, Miranda Shimek
Monday, December 31 - 5:00 p.m. - Moravia - Seth Eckhardt, Blaine Besetzny
Tuesday, January 1 - 10:00 a.m. - St. John - Dylan Goldberg, Rylie Lux, Miranda Shimek
Saturday, January 5 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Joshua Becan
Sunday, January 6 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - April & Clayton Brossman, Blaine Besetzny

SPRING 2013 - ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SIGN-UP

In celebration of the Holy Year of Faith, the Spring series of classes for Fr. Tommy's Tuesday night Adult Religious Education will be using the beautiful Catholicism DVD series by Fr. Robert Barron. This series of twelve classes will be studying the basics of our Catholic faith. Come and refresh your knowledge of the beauty of our Catholic faith! Please call the church office to sign up for the classes and to order the workbook. The workbook is \$25 and must be prepaid. The last day to sign-up is January 14, 2012, so that the materials may be ordered. Classes will begin on Tuesday, January 29 at Sacred Heart Family Center.

YOUTH OF OUR PARISHES

There will be no Youth Night in the month of December. However, we are very excited about a new opportunity we have been given to take part in activities with the residents of Hallettsville Rehabilitation Center on Sunday, December 23. We will be playing dominoes with the residents starting at 2:00 p.m.; snacks and hot chocolate will be provided. This is a great way to spread the love of Christ during the blessed season of Advent. More details to follow. For questions, please feel free to email troy@splashwaywaterpark.com. The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. -Matthew 10-

Please pray for the blessing of beneficial rainfall!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Veselé Vánoce!

Fröhliche Weihnachten!

Feliz Navidad!



O Come All Ye Faithful!