

December 22, 2013

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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MASS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday	Dec. 21	6:00 P.M.	Julius & Annie Holub Drozd	Moravia
Sunday	Dec. 22	9:30 A.M.	Julia Jasek	Moravia

Christmas - Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday	Dec. 24	5:00 P.M.	Parishioners	Moravia
Wednesday	Dec. 25	9:30 A.M.	Parishioners	St. John

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday	Dec. 28	6:00 P.M.	Mathilda Stang	St. John
Sunday	Dec. 29	9:30 A.M.	George Vasek	St. John

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

Tuesday	Dec. 31	5:00 P.M.	Millie Berger	Moravia
Wednesday	January 1	10:00 A.M.	Peace	St. John

First Friday

Friday	January 3	8:00 A.M.	Sylvester Janak and Sheryl Janak	St. John
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The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday	January 4	6:00 P.M.	August and Rosie Konvicka	Moravia
Sunday	January 5	9:30 A.M.	Deceased Members of Neskora and Winkler Families	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 24:1-6 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24

Jesus is Immanuel, "God with us", risen from the dead. He is the king of glory.

Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) [Holy Day of Obligation]

Readings: Isaiah 9:1-6 Psalms 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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Readings: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14 Psalms 128: 1-5 Colossians: 3: 12-21 or 3: 12-17 Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family.

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

Readings: Numbers 6: 22-27 Psalms 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 Psalms 72: 1-2, 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

We have a short Fourth Week of Advent. Christmas is almost here. Hopefully, we have all prepared ourselves well for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Christmas brings a gift of peace, No words can quite impart,
Christmas brings a gift of love, That blesses every heart,
Christmas brings a gift of hope, To lighten all the way:
May all these perfect gifts, Be yours on Christmas Day!

We will soon be working on new pictorial directories for our four parishes. Following are the dates for taking pictures:

St. Mary: January 7-11

Ascension of Our Lord, Moravia and St. John the Baptist, St. John: January 21-26

Sacred Heart: February 4-8 and 11-15

You will be contacted as time goes on to schedule an appointment for your photographs. Dorothy Berger will be in charge for St. John and Barbara Janak and Anthony Hrnecir for Ascension. If you are interested in helping them, please let them know.

We now have new Sanctuary chairs at St. John replacing the velvet dining room chairs. We also have new Advent and Lent altar cloths at St. John.



MORAVIA KJZT #44 MEETING: January 12, 2014 after the Mass.

ST. JOHN CHRISTMAS MUSIC – Those interested in caroling before and singing during 9:30 a.m. Christmas Mass, be in balcony by **9:00 A.M.** on Christmas morning.



ST. JOHN CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS – Donations towards the decorations for Christmas can be put in the flower donation envelope or mailed to Pam Besetsny at 5325 W. County Line Road, Schulenburg. We appreciate your generosity!

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS – Anyone wishing to donate Christmas flowers in memory of loved ones to Moravia Church can do so by contacting Dorothy Olsovsky at 979-562-2169 or you may drop memorial in the collection basket.

MORAVIA ALTAR SOCIETY COOKBOOKS FOR SALE – Cookbooks are still available for sale at Hallettsville General Store, 405 N. Texana, Hallettsville, TX. Books contain 300 recipes and cost \$10, with proceeds benefiting the Moravia Altar Society. Folks can pick up at the store OR call 512.461.3236 (Janet Spies cell) to order. I can ship books for an additional \$2/each. These books make GREAT Christmas presents!!

PRO-LIFE CORNER:

MARY, MOTHER OF THE UNKNOWN

Prayer of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen:

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

I love you very much.

I beg you to spare the life

Of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted

Who is in danger of abortion.

Let me live....

Let me walk into the sunshine...

Let me live....

Feel my mother's arms around me...

Feel my father's love surround me...

Be a Part of God's creation...

Let me live...

Ascension Parish Building Fund: Eugene and Irene Cerny - \$300

ST JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR JANUARY: Darlene Duffin and Barbara Appelt

ST JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR JANUARY: Marcus Bujnoch and Robert Besetsny

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 21 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Joshua Becan, Caitlin Deem, James Lofland

Sunday, Dec. 22 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Miranda Shimek, Blaine Besetzny, Seth Eckhardt

Tuesday, Dec. 24- **5:00 p.m.** - Moravia- Joshua Becan, Caitlin Deem, James Lofland

Wednesday, Dec. 25- **9:30 a.m.** - St. John- Dylan Goldberg, April Brossmann, Alex Lozano

Saturday, Dec. 28 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John- Rylie and Regan Lux, Jenna Kubena

Sunday, Dec. 29 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John- Miranda Shimek, Seth Eckhardt, Blaine Besetzny

Tuesday, Dec. 31- **5:00 p.m.** - Moravia- Volunteers

Wednesday, Jan. 1- **10:00 a.m.** - St. John - Volunteers

Saturday, Jan. 4 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia- Joshua Becan, Caitlin Deem, James Lofland

Sunday, Jan. 5 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John- Dylan Goldberg, April Brossmann, Alex Lozano

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA! Saturday, February 1, 6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, Hallettsville. Cost per ticket is \$125, which covers the entry fee for two people, refreshments for the entire evening, a steak dinner with all the trimmings, and a dance with live music by "Cactus Country." Tickets are now available for purchase at SHCS Office, Sacred Heart Credit Union and Sacred Heart Rectory.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!



The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." — Lk 2:10-12

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Next Bulletin: Sunday, January 5, 2014
Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Thursday January 2, 2014