

February 17, 2013

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Feb. 16	6:00 P.M.	L.A. Wenglar	Moravia
Sunday	Feb. 17	9:30 A.M.	Evelyn Novosad	St. John

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday	Feb. 23	6:00 P.M.	Melissa Waibll	St. John
Sunday	Feb. 24	9:30 A.M.	Dominic Loth	Moravia

First Friday

Friday	March 1	8:00 A.M.	Tom Farek	St. John
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Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 2	6:00 P.M.	Joe N. Steffek	Moravia
Sunday	March 3	9:30 A.M.	Edgar & Kenneth Besetzny	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Psalm 91:1-2,10-15 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

Moses recounts great events of salvation history which find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. We confess him to be Lord, for God raised him from the dead. He is ever faithful, resisting temptation to forsake his Father's mission, trusting in God's love.

Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Psalm 27:1,7-9,13-14 Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 Luke 9:28b-36

Abram's faith is sealed with a covenant initiated by God, our light and our salvation. The transfiguration of Jesus prefigures the transformation in glory to which we are called by our sharing in the paschal mystery-the dying and rising of Jesus.

Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15 Psalm 103:1-4,6-8,11 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 Luke 13:1-9

From the burning bush, Moses is called by God to lead his people out of slavery into freedom. The parable of the fig tree speaks, on the one hand, of God's patience, but of the urgency of the call to conversion, on the other. Like the Hebrews of old, we too have failed to heed God's call, thinking ourselves to be self-righteous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM DESK OF MSGR. JOHN

Thank you to everyone who helped with or participated in the 100th anniversary celebration of Ascension of Our Lord Church last Sunday. The Bishop had many wonderful comments to make about the parish and the celebration. It was a great day. Thank you again.

Lent has begun. Let us use this season well. The best of Lent is one in which we enter the season wholeheartedly. All too often people either take on too much or don't take on enough. The solution is to simplify our disciplines, focus our intentions, and concentrate more clearly on our spiritual goals.

We aren't just spiritual beings. We are also physical entities, and the way to the soul is through the body. That's why Lenten discipline has historically centered on the "Big Three" of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer.

Fasting is not just a spiritual diet. By denying our bodies, our physical hunger reminds us of the hunger of our souls for God, our longing for a deeper relationship with Our Lord.

Almsgiving teaches us to separate ourselves from material possessions. By freely giving of our money and possessions, we learn to trust the Lord more deeply for our own daily needs.

Finally, an emphasis on prayer during Lent is a way to stir up our love and ardor by having a deepening conversation with the Almighty.

Remember that the light of God's love shines more brightly in the darkness of the recognition of our own sinfulness.

MORAVIA ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

The Moravia Altar Society will meet Monday, March 4 at the parish dining hall starting at 7:00 P.M. Please make plans to attend.

SCHULENBURG CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Schulenburg Catholic Daughters are having a dinner this Sunday, Feb. 17, at the KC Hall in Schulenburg. Serving starts at 11:00 a.m. Drive through or dine in. Plates \$8.00 adult \$4.00 children. Adult plates to go only. A silent auction, cake walk, country store and sweepstakes will be held in the KC Hall.

St. John Building Committee Meeting: Monday, Feb. 18th at 6:30 p.m. Open meeting for everyone. Please come.

MORAVIA CHURCH CLEANERS AND USHERS

March church cleaners for Moravia are Dorothy Henke and Kathy Guenther.
Ushers are Anthony Hrcir and Thomas Brosch

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS

March church cleaners are Agnes Berckenhoff & Jan Morin.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Texas has one of the most prominent legislatures in ending tax dollars for abortion. Early in 2012 the Texas legislature voted to cut Planned Parenthood and other abortion provider's from state-funded healthcare plan designed for low income women. Planned Parenthood protested and appealed to the White House, demanding that the funding be reinstated. Kathleen Sebelius, Sec. of Health and Human Services, gave Texas an ultimatum: Texas must either use Medicaid funding for the Women's Health Program to pay Planned Parenthood and other abortion related businesses - OR 30 million in federal tax dollars appropriated for Texas would be cut off. Instead of caving in to the abortion lobby's demands, Texas found the funds for the Women's Health Program in their own budget. The abortion lobby turned to the courts. BUT - The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed the case and refused to even hear Planned Parenthood's complaint; allowing Texas to continue moving forward with their abortion free program. (From Winter 2013 Newsletter of the National Pro-Life Alliance)

SOUPER BOWL

A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who supported the Souper Bowl of Caring sponsored by St Rose School. A total of \$303.00 was collected by both parishes. The money was donated to the Schulenburg Area Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 16 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Joshua Becan, Caitlyn Deem
Sunday, February 17 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - April & Clayton Brossman, Miranda Shimek
Saturday, February 23 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - James Lofland, Caitlyn Deem, Kenna Kubenka
Sunday, February 24 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Caleb Krischke, Miranda Shimek, Rylie Lux
Saturday, March 2 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Joshua Becan, April & Clayton Brossman
Sunday, March 3 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Blaine Besetzny, Seth Eckhardt, Dylan Goldberg

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 7:00 p.m.
St. John - Feb. 22nd, March 8th, March 22nd
Moravia - March 1st, March 15th
Sacred Heart - 6:00 p.m. every Friday
St. Mary's - 6:30 p.m. - every Friday

Hallettsville Sacred Heart Women's ACTS Retreat, March 21-24. Registration forms available at the entrance of the church. Please mail the completed form to the address on the application. Leave from and return to Hallettsville.

Hallettsville Sacred Heart Men's ACTS Retreat, April 18-21. Registration forms available at the entrance of the church. Please mail the completed form to the address on the application. Leave from and return to Sweet Home.

NATIONAL PRO-LIFE POSTCARD CAMPAIGN: "Project Life and Liberty." The bishops have launched a nationwide postcard campaign as proposed by the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities and the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty beginning this month. Based on the news threats to the Church's pro-life and religious freedom concerns, the current campaign would call on Congress to respect life and religious freedom by preventing federal funding and the promotion of abortion, and protecting rights of conscience in health care. Each parishioner is asked to address, fill out, and mail pre-printed postcards to our two Senators John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchinson and to our Representative Lloyd Doggett. Each parishioner can mail as many as he/she wants. The whole purpose of this campaign is to bombard Congress with as many postcards as possible to "get our point across." Extra postcard strips are available at the various exits of church. Please be generous in sending out as many cards as you can.

Gabriel Project Angel Workshop and Training, Saturday, Feb. 23, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, 101 W. Convent St., Victoria (behind St. Mary's Church). Light breakfast, lunch, and free materials are provided. For information or to register, call Barbara McCain 361-649-1612 or barbaramccain85@yahoo.com. **What is the Gabriel Project?** It is a "Good Samaritan" approach toward helping women in a crisis pregnancy. **What can I do to help?** *Become a Gabriel Angel and accompany a woman throughout her pregnancy. *Become a Michael Angel and be a positive male role model to mothers-to-be and fathers-to-be. *Collect monetary, maternity and baby items from parishioners. *Maintain an inventory of the donations. *Work the Telephone Hotline. *Prepare meals for new mothers. *Provide childcare for mothers. *Money management instruction/income tax preparation for mothers. *Pray for the mothers and volunteers of the Gabriel Project.

Moravia Centennial Cookbook is available for sale at Hallettsville General Store.

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MEMORIALS

St. John Church Building Fund – In Memory of Hattie Berger

Arnold & Dorothy Berger- \$20; Frank Forestier & Barbara Appelt- \$10

Ascension Building Fund – In memory of Marcella Chaloupka

William & Helen Gertner- \$25

Msgr. John Peters Seminary Burse – In Memory of Oswald "Ozzie" Berger

Richard & Wilma Schaefer- \$15

