

February 3, 2013

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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MASS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Feb. 2	6:00 P.M.	John & Angeline Trlica	Moravia
Sunday	Feb. 3	9:30 A.M.	Adolph B. & Adella Kutac	St. John

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Feb. 9	6:00 P.M.	Eddie Pilat	St. John
Sunday	Feb. 10	10:00 A.M.	Daniel S. Spies, Ann Spies & Matie Linson	Moravia

100th Anniversary

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday	Feb. 13	7:30 P.M.	People of the Parishes	Moravia
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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

THE WORD OF GOD

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19 Psalm 71:1-6,15-17 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13 Luke 4:21-30

“No prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown.” Thus did Jeremiah, and later, Jesus, encounter opposition and lack of faith; thus did both place their hope in the Lord. Paul speaks eloquently of the greatest of all gifts: love.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8 Psalm 138:1-5,7-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8,11 Luke 5:1-11

Isaiah, a man of unclean lips, beholds the Lord’s glory in the temple and is sent on mission. Simon, a sinner, responds to the mission of Jesus by becoming a disciple. Paul, the persecutor, speaks of his call to preach nothing but Christ crucified and risen.

Ash Wednesday

Readings: J1 2:12-18 Psalm 51:3-6a,12-14,17 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Be reconciled and return to the Lord by means of prayer, fasting and deeds of loving service.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM DESK OF MSGR. JOHN

Today, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaise. Traditionally on the Feast of St. Blaise we have the blessing of throats. Especially during this flu season, it is good to have our throats blessed. We will have the blessing at all of the Masses this weekend.

Next Sunday, Bishop David Fellhauer will be at Ascension of Our Lord Church, Moravia, to celebrate the **10:00 a.m.** Mass on the occasion of the parish’s 100th anniversary. We will have a catered meal in the parish hall afterwards. Deadline for registering for the meal is today.

Disciples on the Journey books are available at the Rectory in Hallettsville or from Elsie Farek. The books are \$2.50 each. Disciples on the Journey will meet at St. John’s & Moravia each Friday during Lent immediately after the Stations of the Cross. Please contact Elsie Farek if you are interested. Deacon Linard Harper will be conducting a Disciples on the Journey program on Thursday afternoons during Lent from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at Mary’s House in Hallettsville. Please call the Sacred Heart Rectory if you are interested in attending.

Lent is the penitential season of the church’s year. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday. Lent has six Sundays. The sixth is called Passion or Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday. It commemorates the Lord’s passion and death on Good Friday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil and ends with evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Then the joyful Easter Season of 50 days begins.

Traditionally, the Lenten season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. Lent is a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. Fast and abstinence are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

During the weekdays of Lent there is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat. After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

PAINTED CHURCH TOURS

Most of you are probably familiar with the tours of the Painted Churches that are provided by the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce. Normally, these tours don't include St. John or Ascension of Our Lord, however, the Chamber is now going to offer tours of these churches as a way of featuring them as they celebrate their anniversaries. Visitors who take "The County Line Tour" will also choose 2 of the 3 museums in Schulenburg to visit. Arrangements for the tour have to be made through the Chamber. The churches will remain locked, and will only be accessible to groups with a tour guide. The fee for the tour is \$8.00 per person, with half of that going to the churches and museums. If you have any questions, please call the Chamber at 979-743-4514.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

If you want answers and would like to learn more about Catholic Relationships, the Holy Spirit, the Eucharist, Spiritual Combat and Sexual Integrity for men today, then come to the **San Antonio Catholic Men's Conference, February 22nd & 23rd** at St. Matthew Church on Wurzbach Road. The Conference offers powerful speakers such as Andreas Widmer who was Blessed John Paul II's bodyguard, Joe McClane & others, along with a Healing Service, and Mass with Bishop Oscar Cantu, live music, reconciliation, meals and much more! Don't miss it! You can register on-line at CMCSanAntonio.com. Call the Pilgrim Center of Hope, for information at 210-521-3377. Don't miss this event!

PRO-LIFE CORNER

"I know that couples have to plan their family and for that, there is natural family planning. The way to plan the family is natural family planning, not contraception. In destroying the power of giving life through contraception (one) is doing something to self. This is paying attention to self and so it destroys the gift of love in him or her. In loving, the husband and wife must turn their attention to each other as happens in natural family planning and not to self as happens in contraception..." (from page 94 in "Where There is Love, There Is God" by Mother Teresa) NOTE: Four sets of classes by Victoria Natural Family Planning are currently scheduled. Contact David & Annie Coffey, Instructors, at victorianfpteachers@yahoo.com or call them at 361-579-8464 for location, cost, dates & times, registration & more information.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 2 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Joshua Becan
Sunday, February 3 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Dylan Goldberg, Caleb Krischke, Miranda Shimek
Saturday, February 9 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - James Lofland, Rylie Lux
Sunday, February 10 - **10:00 a.m.** - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Caleb Krischke, Blaine Besetzny, Seth Eckhardt
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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

Sacred Heart Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting, Monday, Feb. 4, K.C. Hall. Registration 6:00 p.m. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a meal. There is no charge for the event. Door prizes will be awarded.

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.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, at KC Hall in Hallettsville, Friday, Feb. 15, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Dine in or drive-thru plates to go. \$8 per plate.

NEW HALL MANAGER - MARCIA HRNCIR

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Please pray for the blessing of beneficial rainfall!

MEMORIALS
In memory of Hattie Berger

St. John Cemetery Fund

Bea Dittrich	\$20
Albert & Dorothy Olsovsky	\$10
Robert & Peggy Mendel	\$20
Marcus & Sharon Bujnoch	\$10
Albert & Agnes Berckenhoff	\$10
Mark & Kim Anders	\$20

St. John Seminary Burse #2

Elsie Farek	\$15
Lillian Besetzny	\$10
Georgia Kalich	\$10
Elreed & Lillie Dittrich	\$5
Forrest & Ann Dittrich	\$20

St John Parish Hall

Robert & Pam Besetsny	\$25
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CCD Program

Harold & Susie Kalich	\$15
Alphonse Besetzny	\$10

Moravia Building Fund

David Young Family	\$20
E.J. Filip & Noe Barrera	\$10

St John Building Fund

Harvey & Evelyn Hermis	\$30
Leroy & Rosemary Schindler	\$10
Leo & Joyce Janda	\$20
Kenneth & Sylvia Berger	\$20
Elgin & Joyce Vyvial	\$20
Walter & Josie Hermis	\$15
Monica & Michael Kusy	\$10
Judith Rothbauer	\$10
Franklin & Henrietta Filip	\$10

Scott & Cheryl Brossmann	\$30
Melvin & Joyce Janak	\$20
Edwin Orsak	\$5
Charlie & Geri Jasek	\$10
Gene & Carol Berger	\$10
Evelyn Kusy	\$5
Gary & Sandra Mendel	\$10
Eileen Sassin	\$15

ST. JOHN BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 6:30 P.M. OPEN MEETING FOR EVERYONE. PLEASE COME!