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MASS SCHEDULE

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 16	6:00 P.M.	Julius Jasek	Moravia
Sunday	March 17	9:30 A.M.	Delaine Dittrich	St. John

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday	March 23	6:00 P.M.	Laddie Siegel	<u>Moravia</u>
Sunday	March 24	9:30 A.M.	Joe & Irene Drozd Barcak	<u>St. John</u>

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday	March 28	7:00 P.M.	Pope Francis	St. John
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Good Friday

Friday	March 29	1:00 P.M.		St. John
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Easter Sunday

Saturday	March 30	6:00 P.M.	Joe & Larry Zatopek	Moravia
Sunday	March 31	9:30 A.M.	Ludwig & Adela Dittrich	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126:1-6 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11

To the exiles in Babylon, Isaiah foretells a new exodus, when the Lord will lead his people from captivity to freedom. True freedom is rooted in the person of Jesus, not in observance of the Law. It is he who challenges us to examine our own hearts before self-righteously judging others.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Readings: Luke 19:28-40 38: Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 22:8-9,17-18a,19-20,23-24 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Jesus humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, but offered his life on the cross. He relied on his Father's love.

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Readings: Exodus 12:1-8,11-14 Psalm 116:12-13,15-16bc,17-18 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus celebrates the Last Supper in which he gives us his body and blood.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION Prop 3 parts: The Liturgy of the Word, The Adoration of the Holy Cross, and Holy Communion Prayer Over the People Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25 Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42 Entrusting his life to the Father, Jesus bore our infirmities, and, obedient unto death, won for us eternal salvation.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1,26-31a Psalm 104:1-2a,5-6,10,12-14,24,35c or Psalm 33:4-7,12-13,20,22 Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 Psalm 16:5,8-11 Exodus 14:15-15:1 Exodus 15:1-6,17-18 Isaiah 54:5-14 Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b Isaiah 55:1-11 Isaiah 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6 Bar 3:9-15,32-4:4 Psalm 19:8-11 Ezekiel 36:16-17a,18-28 Pss 42:3,5bcd;43:3-4; or, when baptism is celebrated, Isaiah 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6 or Psalm 51:12-15,18-19 Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 118:1-2,16ab-17,22-23 Luke 24:1-12

Alleluia! The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone! If we have died with Christ (8:Rom), we shall also rise with him and pass from death to life.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 16ab-17,22-23 Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 John 20:1-9 or 41: Luke 24:1-12 On this day of days we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM DESK OF MSGR. JOHN

Habemus Papam - We have a new Pope! On Wednesday, March 13, 2013, Argentinian Jorge Cardinal Bergoglio became Pope Francis, our 266th Pope. We pray for his intentions and for him as he guides the Catholic Church in our world at this time.

Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent. "Let the one among you who is without sin, be the first to throw a stone." The season of Lent calls us to recognize our own sinfulness. This familiar passage from the Gospel of John urges us to look at our sins before we condemn another. Jesus silences the scribes and Pharisees by fulfilling the Law of Moses without condemning the woman. Jesus grants forgiveness to the woman (and to us), and this authority comes from God.

God offers eternal forgiveness. Sin separates us from God. The only sins that remain unforgiven are the ones we haven't repented. Examine your conscience this Lent.

The scribes and Pharisees in this passage seem not to care about the woman and care more about putting Jesus in a difficult situation in an attempt to entrap Him. Jesus, in contrast, treats the woman with dignity. Our faith demands that we treat people with dignity and respect.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says to the woman, "Go and sin no more." How might we break the patterns of sin in our lives?

MORAVIA KJZT MEETING – Moravia KJZT Society #44 will have a meeting on April 14th after Mass.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL REGISTRATION – Sacred Heart Catholic School Registration for the 2013-2014 school year is presently in progress for Pre-K (4 yrs. Old), Elementary and High School students. Extended care is available until 5:30 p.m. for students in grades Pre-K-5. For registration information, please call the school office at 361-798-4251.

ASCENSION CHURCH EASTER FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to donate Easter flowers in memory of loved ones to Ascension Church, please contact Dorothy Olsovsky at 979-562-2169.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH EASTER FLOWERS

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

PRO-LIFE CORNER

“Each one of us is here today because we have been loved by God who created us and our parents who accepted and cared enough to give us life. Life is the most beautiful gift of God. That is why it is so painful to see what is happening today in so many places around the world: life deliberately destroyed by war, by violence, by abortion. And we have been created by God for greater things - to love and to be loved.” (from page 93 in “Where There Is Love, There is God” by Mother Teresa)

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 16 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Joshua Becan, Caitlyn Deem
Sunday, March 17 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - April & Clayton Brossmann, Dylan Goldberg
Saturday, March 23 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Joshua Becan, Caitlyn Deem, Kenna Kubenka
Sunday, March 24 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - James Lofland, Rylie Lux, Megan Lux, Caleb Krischke
Saturday, March 30 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - April & Clayton Brossmann, Miranda Shimek
Sunday, March 31 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Blaine Besetzny, Seth Eckhardt, Dylan Goldberg, Alex Lozano

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - St. John - Friday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Hallettsville Sacred Heart Men's ACTS Retreat, April 18-21. Registration forms available at the entrance of the church. Mail form to address on application.

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

SILENT RETREAT & DAY OF FASTING

Silent Retreat & Day of Fasting, March 23, 10am-4pm St. Mary's Church, Hallettsville. Mass, confessions, adoration, stations, rosary, Divine Mercy. Bread and water will be provided. Bring your rosary and bible. For more information, call Lorrie Adamek at 293-1300 or 293-6190. Families are encouraged to attend.

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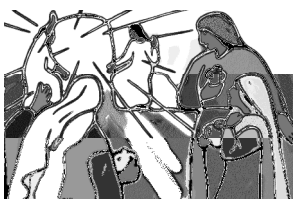
South Texas Polka & Sausage Fest, March 22-24, K.C. Hall, Hallettsville. Great music, good food and happy times!

Dance \$8.00 per person per day. **Friday:** Texas Legacy Czech Band 7:00-10:30 p.m. Fish Fry Meal \$8 per person serving 5:00-7:00 p.m. **Saturday:** Polka Mass 3:00 p.m. Dujka Brothers & Jodie Mikula 5:00-11:00 p.m. Serving Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner with Kolaches - \$8 per plate **Sunday:** Shiner Hobo Band 11:00 a.m. Czechaholics & Fritz Hodde & Red Ravens 1:00-8:00 p.m. Concert 4:30-5:00 p.m. Serving Fried Chicken, Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner with Kolaches - \$8 per plate. Serving begins 10:30 a.m. **Chicken noodle soup available Saturday and Sunday.**

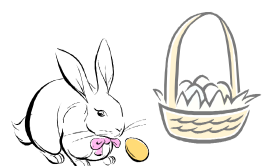
YOUTH NIGHT! We will be having our second to last youth night of the semester on Sunday, March 24, at Sacred Heart Church with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 pm followed by games & pizza at the Youth House!! Also, the surprise previously mentioned will happen. We have been blessed with a donation of a new ping pong table for the Youth House by Catholic Life Insurance! The evening will end with a short presentation & discussion titled “Saved by Faith and Works,” based on a common criticism of Catholics by Protestant Christians. As Catholics we are often asked, “Are you saved?” or “Have you accepted Jesus Christ into your heart?” The answer is “Yes, I am saved. I am Catholic!” We will discuss what this means & how this applies to the way we live out our daily lives. Don't miss out on the opportunity to learn how to defend your faith, & be the first to play on the new ping pong table!!

Please pray for the blessing of 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.



Happy Easter!



Next Bulletin: Sunday, March 31st, 2013

Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday March 27th, 2013