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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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MASS SCHEDULE

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday	Dec. 11	6:00 P.M.	August Kubos	St. John
Sunday	Dec. 12	9:30 A.M.	Joe N. Steffek	Moravia

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday	Dec. 18	6:00 P.M.	Julius & Annie Holub Drozd	Moravia
Sunday	Dec. 19	9:30 A.M.	Martha Hermes	St. John

Christmas-The Nativity of the Lord

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

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday	Dec. 25	6:00 P.M.	Gladys Chaloupka	St. John
Sunday	Dec. 26	9:30 A.M.	Deceased Members of Arthur W. Spies Sr. Family	Moravia

THE WORD OF GOD

Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6a,10 Psalm 146:6-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

In the person of Jesus, God has come to heal and save us. Patiently, yet joyfully, we await the fulfillment of his advent.

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.

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas

Readings: **Midnight** - Isaiah 9:1-6 Psalm 96:1-3,11-13 Titus 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 Titus 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 Hebrews 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: Sirach 3:2-7,12-14 Psalm 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today we celebrate *Gaudete* (Rejoice) Sunday. We are half way through the Advent Season. We rejoice as we continue to prepare for Christ at Christmas. Let us be spiritually prepared.

Miniatures of the Seminarian Vocation poster are now available at each of the exits of the church. Please pick one up and take it home and remember to pray for these men who may be our future priests! The addresses to their seminaries are provided, in case you would like to write to them or send them some goodies.

RCIA/ADULT EDUCATION

The 2011 Spring Class Schedule and Topics for Fr. Tommy's Tuesday night Religion Classes are now available at each of the exits of the church. They are printed on bright yellow paper.

ST. JOHN CHRISTMAS MUSIC

The only rehearsal for music before and during Christmas Mass in St. John will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 18th. Add your name to sign up list on bulletin board or call Elsie Farek 979-562-2159. All voices are welcome!

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS MUSIC

You are invited to sing in the choir for the Christmas Eve Mass at Ascension of Our Lord Church. Rehearsal will be at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, December 21st, at the church. We will sing carols in English and some in Czech. All voices are welcome! Please call Irene Cerny, 361-594-3185, if you have any questions.

ST. JOHN CRIB

The St. John crib will be assembled after 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 19th. Stay and help decorate our church!

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donations for Christmas flowers for St. John's Church in memory of loved ones, contact Joyce Janda at 979-562-2682.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donations for Christmas flowers for Ascension of Our Lord Church in memory of loved ones or just donations for Christmas flowers, please contact Dorothy Olsovsky at 979-562-2169.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

Moulton: Monday, December 13 - 5:30 p.m.

Shiner: Tuesday, December 14 - 5:30 p.m.

Hallettsville: Thursday, December 16 - 5:30 p.m.

Yoakum: Friday, December 17 - 5:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart:

Friday, December 17, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 18, 4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Tuesday, December 21, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 22, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

St. Mary's: Saturday, December 18 - 10:00 a.m.

Moravia: Saturday, December 18, 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

St. John: Monday, December 20, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart: Christmas Eve - 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & 12:00 midnight, Christmas Day - 8:05 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary's: Christmas Eve - 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day - 9:15 a.m.

Moravia: Christmas Eve - 5:00 p.m.

St. John: Christmas Day - 9:30 a.m.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH (GOF)

Our next Generations of Faith will be Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at the St. John's Rectory/Religious Education Bldg. from 5:30PM-8:15PM. We will continue our study of "Professing Our Faith" with "We Believe in Jesus." **Pam and Robert Besetsny have graciously offered to furnish the entire meal for our December GOF meeting!** Sacrament students will be receiving their Sacrament training assignments each month at the end of GOF.

For GOF questions or more information, please call Dana Daughtry, 979-562-2381, or Kim Lofland, 979-562-2267.

MEMORIALS - In memory of Pam Dornak

Fr. John Peters' Seminary Burse - Willie Barborak \$10

St. John Seminary Burse - Ervin & Bernice Neskora \$10

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 11 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - James Lofland, Clayton & April Brossmann

Sunday, December 12 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Miranda Shimek, Caleb & Jared Krischke

Saturday, December 18 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Joshua & Ashley Becan

Sunday, December 19 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - James Lofland, Clayton & April Brossmann

Friday, December 24 - 5:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Caleb & Jared Krischke

Saturday, December 25 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Seth & Logan Eckhardt, Hayden Besetzny

Saturday, December 25 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Blaine & Hayden Besetzny, James Lofland

Sunday, December 26 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Joshua & Ashley Becan, Miranda Shimek

PRO LIFE

Human life is always a reflection of God's glory - whether big or small, healthy or sick, born or unborn. (November-December Priests for Life Newsletter)

Next Bulletin: December 26, 2010. Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21.



Merry Christmas! Veselé Vánoce! Frohe Weihnachten! Feliz Navidad!