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MASS SCHEDULE

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Feb. 19	6:00 P.M.	L.A. Wenglar	Moravia
Sunday	Feb. 20	9:30 A.M.	Ida Kahane	St. John

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Feb. 26	6:00 P.M.	Dominic Loth	St. John
Sunday	Feb. 27	9:30 A.M.	Kenneth & Edgar Besetzny	Moravia

First Friday

Friday	March 4	8:00 A.M.	Tom Farek	St. John
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Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	March 5	6:00 P.M.	Henry R. & Julia Olsovsky & Rebecca Patterson	Moravia
Sunday	March 6	9:30 A.M.	Delaine Dittrich	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18 Psalm 103:1-4,8,10,12-13 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

Offer no resistance to one who persecutes you. Rather, love your neighbor as you love yourself. As the Lord is gracious and merciful, treat others in the same way, humbling yourself before the Lord.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 49:14-15 Psalm 62:2-3,6-9 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Matthew 6:24-34

Our heavenly Father is with us, ever providing for our needs. He is always mindful of us. In him we shall never be disturbed. All should regard us as servants of Christ.

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Deuteronomy 11:18,26-28,32 Psalm 31:2-4,17,25 Romans 3:21-25,28 Matthew 7:21-27

The choice is ours, either to embrace the commandments of the Lord or not, to listen to the words of Jesus and act on them or not. We are all justified freely by the grace of Christ in whom is our refuge and our hope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This coming Wednesday through Friday, I will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico along with two priests friends of mine visiting our priest classmate who is in the nursing home there with Parkinson's disease.

New Translation of the Mass to be used beginning November 27, 2011 - In case you haven't heard the "buzz," the Church will be implementing a newly authorized English translation of the Mass beginning the first Sunday of Advent. This is just about eight months away! The ritual actions at Mass, the order of Mass, and the readings for Mass will not change. What will change are some of the words that we have grown accustomed to praying. (That's right; we will all need to re-learn some of the prayers at Mass! But this could be a very good thing, since we may have grown overly familiar with the words that we simply recite them without any thought.)

Why the change now? Remember that we have only been using the current English translation since about 1974. This is only about 37 years. The Second Vatican Council in 1963 mandated a reform of the Roman Rite. In 1969, Pope Paul VI promulgated the authoritative Latin version of the New Order of Mass. It became the task for various commissions to translate the official Latin texts into the vernacular language of the people, so that people could pray the rituals of the Church in their own languages. For the English language, this responsibility was given to the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (or ICEL from now on). ICEL completed its English translation one year later in 1970! Needless to say, this was a "rush job." Because it was so quickly done, and also because the principles that had guided the translation project left room for so much ideological manipulation by the translators themselves, the 1970 English translation of the Mass was not entirely precise or faithful to the Latin official texts. Nevertheless, Rome approved the text to be used, so that the Mass could be celebrated in English.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II issued a third edition of the New Order of Mass and also set new principles in which this Mass should be translated. In 2003, ICEL was reconstituted by the Vatican to translate the Mass into English with the newly set standards. The project was finally completed in 2010. This time, ICEL was more careful to be faithful to the Latin texts and the job was not rushed either. The overall tone of the newly translated prayers of the Mass will be more solemn, dignified, and formal, because they will reflect a more authentic translation of the Latin original texts. This is an exciting time for us!

Please mark your calendars for March 1 & March 15. Fr. Tommy will be teaching two classes (in the Family Center from 7:00-8:30pm) going more in depth about the upcoming new translations. Also, stay tuned to this "corner" of the bulletin and look for bulletin inserts in our upcoming months for more on the new translations.

ST. JOHN & MORAVIA CHURCH CLEANERS

Church Cleaners for St. John Church for March: Agnes Berckenhoff & Jan Morin
Church Cleaners for Moravia Church for March: Kathy Guenther & Dorothy Henke

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Souper Bowl of Caring collected \$213.00 which was donated to the Schulenburg Food Pantry.

PRO LIFE

This poem is in February 2011 issue of Life and Family Advocates News.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE

Freedom of speech, freedom of religion,
Freedom of assembly, freedom of gun.
Freedom to vote, freedom not to vote,
Freedom to write the president a note.
Freedom to sell, freedom to buy,
Freedom your favorite flag to fly.
Freedom to whom your money to give,
Freedom? - what about freedom to live?
Freedom of choice, the act of death,
Freedom to take a baby's breath!
Freedom to kill those who can't talk,
Freedom to murder before they walk,
Freedom to destroy, what they call a blob,
Freedom? The Master hears their tender sob.
Freedom-yes-I am for freedom for all,
Freedom especially for babies so small.
Freedom, freedom, yes freedom for everyone,
Freedom to live, each baby, daughter or son

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MEMORIALS

In memory of Doraine Buck

<u>CCD Program</u>	\$10	<u>St. John Seminary Burse</u>	\$10
<u>Moravia Building Fund</u>		<u>Moravia Cemetery</u>	
Macklin Johnson	\$25	Warren & Bernadette Broz	\$10
Terry Bludau	\$20	Kubena Funeral Home	\$20
Mary Ann Spies	\$20	Others	\$10
Others	\$30		
<u>Moravia Altar Society</u>			
Dyrel & Arlene Holmes	\$20		

NEW MASS SETTINGS SHOWCASE

New Mass Settings Showcase - Monday, April 4, 7:00-8:30 p.m. - As an aid to parish musicians & pastors, the Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be sponsoring various music showcases throughout the Diocese of Victoria featuring the new music settings for Mass. The showcase for the Hallettsville Deanery will be held at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church is Shiner on Monday, April 4, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Sample booklets containing the music from WLP, OCP & GIA will be made available. All parish music directors, organists, and musicians should take time to attend.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH (GOF)

THE GENERATIONS OF FAITH SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY HAS CHANGED DUE TO CATECHISTS' AVAILABILITY. Our next Generations of Faith will be Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at the St. John's Rectory/Religious Education Bldg. from 5:30PM-8:15PM. We apologize for any inconvenience. We will continue our study of "Professing Our Faith" with "We Believe in Jesus' Death and Resurrection." We begin GOF with a meal; you must bring your meal and drink if you do not notify Mrs. Dana that you want to participate in the \$5.00 sandwich meal by February 20, 2011. Remember, 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.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 19 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Joshua & Ashley Becan, Caitlyn Deem
Sunday, February 20 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Seth & Logan Eckhart, Blaine Besetzny
Saturday, February 26 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - James Lofland, Seth & Logan Eckhardt
Sunday, February 27 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Jared & Caleb Krischke
Saturday, March 5 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Joshua & Ashley Becan, Caitlyn Deem
Sunday, March 6 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Clayton & April Brossmann, Miranda Shimek

