

MARCH 20, 2011

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MASS SCHEDULE

Second Sunday in Lent

Saturday	March 19	6:00 P.M.	Pat Hrcncir	Moravia
Sunday	March 20	9:30 A.M.	Living & Deceased Members of Franz Berger Family	St. John

Third Sunday in Lent

Saturday	March 26	6:00 P.M.	Joe & Irene Drozd Barcak	St. John
Sunday	March 27	9:30 A.M.	Living & Deceased Members of KJZT Society #44 of Moravia	Moravia

First Friday

Friday	April 1	8:00 A.M.	Willie Marie Thompson	St. John
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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Saturday	April 2	6:00 P.M.	John & Angeline Trlica	Moravia
Sunday	April 3	9:30 A.M.	Ludwig & Adela Dittrich	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: 25: Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Matthew 17:1-9

Abram places trust in God's promise of making his name and descendants great on the earth. In Jesus' transfigured glory is revealed that life and immortality will rob death of its power.

The Annunciation of the Lord - March 25

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10 Psalm 40:7-11 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38

The Lord will give a sign: a child who has come to do God's will, shall be conceived by the Spirit.

Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Exodus 17:3-7 Psalm 95:1-2,6-9 Romans 5:1-2,5-8 John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,19b-26,39a,40-42

Jesus satisfies our thirst for eternal life. Through his Spirit his grace has been poured into our hearts. God satisfies the thirst of the Israelites whose hearts had become hardened and rebellious.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Psalm 23:1-6 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13-17.34-38

Samuel does not see as God sees in the choice of David, who is anointed with oil. As Jesus cures the blind man, so too are we brought from darkness into light through the grace of baptism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The 40 days of Lent recall the 40 days of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness (Mt 4:1-11, Mk 1:12-13, Lk 4:1-13). The story of Jesus' time in the desert is always read on the first Sunday of Lent as a reminder that we are each called to explore our own temptations and the deserts within us that allow them to flourish.

The Gospels tell us that Jesus, led by the Spirit into the desert, prayed, fasted, and overcame the temptations of the devil. It is in the wake of this desert experience that he begins his public ministry. The same is true for us. Throughout the season of Lent, the Spirit calls us to face the devil's influence in our lives and to turn away from sin. The temptations that Jesus faces in the desert are those that many of us struggle with every day: materialism, ego, and power.

The First Temptation: MATERIALISM

The Gospel of Luke tells us that it is at the end of his 40 days of fasting in the desert that the devil approaches him: The devil said to him, "If you are the son of God, command these stones to become bread." What is the real temptation here? Jesus is hungry and clearly has the power to work this miracle. But bread represents earthly goods, and Jesus knows that his hunger can be satisfied by God alone.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus does not condemn the material goods that we need to survive and thrive as human persons: rather, he challenges us to give up those "things" that keep us from being faithful to God. We are children of God, and in God is the fullness of our identity. When the rich official approaches Jesus in Luke 18:18, Jesus tells him everything that he must do to inherit eternal life. When Jesus reminds him to keep the commandments, the man insists that he has done so for his entire life. But what Jesus knows about this man is that his heart is set on something other than God. So Jesus tells him, "Sell all that you have and distribute it to

the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” The Gospels tells us that the rich official, clearly dismayed by this advice, “went away sad.”

For Reflection

- What are the “things” in my life that keeps me from giving my whole self - body, mind and spirit-to God?
- What value do I place on material goods?
- Is it difficult for me to share what I have been given with people who are less fortunate?

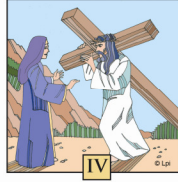
To be continued

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Moravia - March 25, April 8

St. John - April 1, April 15



PRO LIFE

In the U.S. Senate, pro-life Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS) has once again introduced the bill “Life at Conception Act.” In the House of Representatives it is Congressman Duncan D. Hunter (R-CA). In contrast to other approaches, a Life at Conception Act uses the legislative power of Congress, combined with the High Court’s own admission, to overthrow Roe vs. Wade by a simple majority vote from Congress rather than through the arduous process of amending the Constitution. (Lifeline-Newsletter of the National Pro-Life Alliance)

BENEFIT FOR DALTON BUBELA

FOOD and FUN at this BENEFIT - Assist with medical expenses for Dalton Bubela (grandson of Lorine and David Kubenka) by attending the benefit hosted by friends and family on Saturday, April 2nd in Praha Hall from 5 to 10 p.m. The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. with a BBQ Pork Steak Dinner, followed by live and silent auctions and music by Incredible Music Makers. Tickets (\$7.50 ea.) are available from Carol Siegel 979-562-2669, Prosperity Bank in Schulenburg and Flatonia and Fayette Savings-Flatonia.

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 in 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 MARCH HAS CHANGED DUE TO CATECHISTS’

AVAILABILITY. Our next Generations of Faith will be Wednesday, March 30, 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 March 27, 2011. Remember, Sacrament students will be receiving their Sacrament training assignments each month at the end of GOF.

We congratulate Zachary for his Confirmation on March 19, 2011 at St. Mary’s! All confirmation candidates for 2012 will bring some type of a dessert for our Confirmation Reception for Zachary on March 30, 2011 during our closing prayer service.

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

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 19 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Joshua & Ashley Becan

Sunday, March 20 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Miranda Shimek, Blaine & Hayden Besetzny

Saturday, March 26 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Clayton & April Brossmann, James Lofland

Sunday, March 27 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Seth Eckhart, Jared & Caleb Krischke

Saturday, April 2 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Joshua & Ashley Becan, Caitlyn Deem

Sunday, April 3 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Blaine & Hayden Besetzny, Miranda Shimek

Catholic Relief Services’ Operation Rice Bowl - Since 1975, Catholic Relief Services’ (CRS) Operation Rice Bowl has offered Catholics in the United States a way to connect with our brothers and sisters around the world. This Lenten season, CRS invites Catholics to pray with their families and faith communities; fast in solidarity with those who hunger, learn about our global community and the challenges of poverty overseas; and give sacrificial contributions to those in need. Operation Rice Bowl calls us to explore how we, as Jesus’ disciples, have a responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters in all nations.



Next Bulletin: Sunday, April 2nd, 2011
Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 31st, 2011

