

**December 21, 2014**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
ST. JOHN, TEXAS

**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH**  
MORAVIA, TEXAS

**DIOCESE OF VICTORIA IN TEXAS**



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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Saturday	Dec. 20	6:00 P.M.	Julius Drozd & Annie Holub Drozd	Moravia
Sunday	Dec. 21	9:30 A.M.	People of Both Parishes	St. John

**Christmas**

Wednesday	Dec. 24	5:00 P.M.	Parishioners	Moravia
Thursday	Dec. 25	9:30 A.M.	Parishioners	St. John

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

Saturday	Dec. 27	6:00 P.M.	George & Bernice Vasek & Barbara Snowden	St. John
Sunday	Dec. 28	9:30 A.M.	Henry Tupa	Moravia

**New Year – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Wednesday	Dec. 31	5:00 P.M.	Leroy Rybak	Moravia
Thursday	Jan. 1	10:00 A.M.	Peace	St. John

**First Friday**

Friday	Jan. 2	8:00 A.M.	Edgar & Kenneth Besetzny	St. John
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**The Epiphany of the Lord**

Saturday	Jan. 3	6:00 P.M.	Elo & Cecilia Anders	Moravia
Sunday	Jan. 4	9:30 A.M.	Sylvester Janak & Sheryl Janak	St. John

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Psalm 89:2-5,27,29 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

David's posterity shall endure forever. His kingship finds its fulfillment in the son of Mary, Jesus the Christ. To him be glory and praise forever.

**The Nativity of the Lord**

Readings: 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.

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

Readings: Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3 Psalm 105:1-6, 8-9 Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19 Luke 2: 22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family.

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Readings: Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2:16-21

We seek God's blessings as did Mary. Because of her Son, we can confidently call God, "Abba".

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FROM DESK OF MSGR. JOHN**

The generosity and outpouring of love from so many parishioners at this time of year is very heartwarming. Let us always be willing to share our blessings.

Thursday, Christmas Day, we celebrate the Birthday of Jesus. Let us celebrate this day in the true spirit of Christmas by attending Mass with our family and fellow parishioners and giving thanks to Almighty God for the greatest gift He could have ever given us-His Son, Jesus. In return, let us show our love for Him in all that we say and do.

May you have a very Blessed Christmas!

As we draw near the end of the year, you may want to consider making a tax deductible donation to the parish! You may do this in honor or memory of someone if you wish, or just make a donation.

**PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES**

Our Parish Pictorial Directories have arrived! We will start giving them out this weekend. If your picture is in it, it is free.

**ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR JANUARY:** Darlene Duffin & Barbara Appelt

**ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR JANUARY:** Marcus Bujnoch & Robert Besetsny

**PERPETUAL ADORATION**

Perpetual Adoration will continue through the Christmas and New Year's holiday. If unable to fulfill your normal adoration hour, please find a replacement or contact your hourly captain.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Come out with your friends and ring in 2015 at the Hallettsville KC Hall. The KC Council will host a New Year's Eve Dance. The band playing for the dance will be the Red Ravens Polka Band. Breakfast will again be served and a good time of dancing and visiting with friends and family will be had by all. Dancing from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am (midnight). Hope to see you there! Happy New Year!

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

**Moravia:** Christmas Eve - 5:00 p.m.  
New Year's Eve – 5:00 p.m.

**St. John:** Christmas Day – 9:30 a.m.  
New Year's Day – 10:00 a.m.

**St. Mary:** Christmas Eve -12:00 a.m. (Midnight)  
Christmas Day - 9:15 a.m.  
New Year's Day – 9:15 a.m.

**Sacred Heart:** Christmas Eve – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. (Midnight)  
Christmas Day – 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
New Year's Eve – 6:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.  
New Year's Day – 8:00 a.m.



**The Rectory will close at noon on Wednesday and all day Thursday and Friday for Christmas.**

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE

Once again, Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring the Catholic School Sweepstakes Raffle that will benefit Sacred Heart Catholic School (SHCS). Tickets are only \$5.00 each and all money collected stays at SHCS. Prizes are as follows:

Grand Prize: Choice of 2015 Ford Truck or 2015 Ford Fusion Sedan or Prepaid \$20,000 Visa Gift Card.

Secondary Prizes: (15) Prepaid \$1,000 Visa Credit Cards  
(20) Prepaid \$500 Visa Credit Cards  
(20) Prepaid \$250 Visa Credit Cards

Tickets are available at the school, the rectory, or any SHCS student. Drawing will be held on January 30, 2015.

## MEMORIALS

### St. John Building Fund

In memory of Leroy "Buddy" McBride  
Al & Donna Hermis \$30  
Drew & Carrie Brossmann \$30

### St. John the Baptist Altar Society

In honor of Lillian Besetzny's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Tony & Joyce Bludau \$20

### Msgr. John Peters' Seminary Burse

In honor of Lillian Besetzny's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
J.D. & G.C. Akers \$25

### Christmas Memorial – St. John Church

In honor of and in memory of Family Members of  
Adolph B., Adella Kutac, Julius and Frances Hrcek  
By Donald & Karen Kutac Family \$20

### In honor of Msgr. John Peters' 40<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Lillian Besetzny \$50

## MORAVIA PARISH HALL MANAGER

When I was first asked to manage the Moravia Parish Hall, I agreed to try it for 2 years. During the past 2 years, my responsibilities at the Schulenburg Chamber have increased dramatically. I've started a nonprofit organization called Peter's Place, and we've bought a home in Schulenburg that has to be completely remodeled. Needless to say, I don't have the time to devote to the Moravia Hall any longer. The amount of commitment that the hall requires isn't overwhelming; it's just that I don't have any spare time. If you're interested in taking over the hall management or if you just want to find out more about it, please call me at 832-331-2096. Marcia Hrncir

## MORAVIA CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Anyone wishing to donate to the Christmas flowers for Moravia church in memory of loved ones can do so by contacting Dorothy Olsovsky, 979-562-2169 or you may drop it in the collection basket marked with your intention.

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 20 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Caitlin Deem, Joshua Becan, James Lofland  
Sunday, Dec. 21 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Dylan Goldberg, Rylie & Regan Lux  
Wednesday, Dec. 24 – **5:00 p.m.** – Moravia-Joshua Becan, Caitlin Deem, James Lofland  
Thursday, Dec.25 – **9:30 a.m.** –St. John- Dylan Goldberg, April Brossman, Alex Lozano  
Saturday, Dec. 27 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Rylie and Regan Lux, Kenna Kubena  
Sunday, Dec. 28 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Miranda Shimek, Seth Eckhardt, Blaine Besetzny  
Wednesday, Dec. 31 – **5:00 p.m.** – Moravia – Volunteers  
Thursday, Jan. 1 – **10:00 a.m.** – St. John -- Volunteers  
Saturday, Jan. 3 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Joshua Becan, Caitlin Deem, James Lofland  
Sunday, Jan. 4 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Dylan Goldberg, April Brossman, Alex Lozano

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

In the midst of your celebration of Christ's birth, please pray that all nations will come to respect life from conception to natural death. [December 2014 Growing in Faith]