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MASS SCHEDULE

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 15	6:00 P.M.	Arthur W. Spies, Sr. & Lillie H Spies	Moravia
Sunday	March 16	9:30 A.M.	Delaine Dittrich	St. John

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 22	6:00 P.M.	Edgar & Kenneth Besetzny	St. John
Sunday	March 23	9:30 A.M.	Sylvester Janak & Sheryl Janak	Moravia

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 29	6:00 P.M.	Joe Barcak & Irene Drozd Barcak	Moravia
Sunday	March 30	9:30 A.M.	Ludwig & Adela Dittrich	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: 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 earth. In Jesus' transfigured glory is revealed that life and immortality will rob death of its power.

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 DESK OF MSGR. JOHN

We are now in the second week of Lent. It is important that we take this season of Lent seriously. We need to always try to turn away from sin and stay close to God each and every day. If you haven't tried to improve in some way, it is not too late to start.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT - Each Friday at 7:00 p.m.

St. John - March 21 & April 4 Moravia - March 28 & April 11

SAVE THE DATE! Msgr. John Peters will be celebrating his 40th Anniversary of Ordination on **Sunday, March 30**, beginning with Mass at 3:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church followed by a supper at the Hallettsville KC Hall at 5:15 p.m. Everyone is invited. If you plan to attend please **RSVP by March 17** by signing the sheet in the church Foyer and indicating how many are attending.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING, Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m-12:30 p.m., March 18 thru May 6, Hospice of South Texas Office, 306 N. Texana. If interested, call Volunteer Services at 798-2077. Training and materials are free.

PARISH MISSION

We will have a parish mission for Lent at Sacred Heart Monday through Wednesday, April 7th through April 9th in the evenings. Father Bob Hogan will be conducting the mission.

KJZT BAKE SALE

There will be a KJZT Bake Sale on April 5th at 5:00 p.m. at the Moravia Dining Hall.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

...It's time that we teach our daughters and sons how to prepare for founding Christian homes, homes where every baby is welcomed, cherished and raised, and yes, then yes, no child will be left behind...(Michelle Taylor, March-April Crusade Magazine)

REMINDER: Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

ST. JOHN ALTAR SOCIETY QUILT

St John Altar Society is currently quilting a quilt for the St. John 4th of July picnic at Alvin & Bernice Havel's home starting at 9:00 AM Monday - Friday. If interested, please come and join in the fun of quilting!

ST. JOHN ALTAR SOCIETY PICTURES

The St. John Altar Society group picture for the St John directory is scheduled to be taken on Saturday March 22 immediately after the Mass in Church.

DISCIPLES ON THE JOURNEY

As explained on page one of the Catholic Lighthouse, this Lenten resource booklet published by Sisters of Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament is offered throughout the U.S. using Disciples on the Journey as a study guide . St. John/Moravia will have these faith-sharing sessions on the Lenten Sunday Scripture readings. Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 p.m. at St. John on March 7th followed by Disciples on the Journey. Call Elsie Farek (979-562-2159) a.s.a.p. to reserve books or to get details.

ST. JOHN PICNIC RAFFLE

As most of you know we are going to offer two raffles this year at the St. John Picnic. We will have the regular \$1 tickets (6 tickets for \$5) along with a \$20 ticket for an ATV and a few larger prizes. We are currently asking for monetary gift commitments from parishioners to go towards the raffle of your choice. We would like to get the \$20 tickets printed in early March so we can begin selling them right away. Please contact Ann McBride at 561-6261 or mcbride@cvctx.com or Theresa Eckhardt at 743-4435 ASAP with your gift commitment so we know how many prizes we will be able to offer. We appreciate your immediate response so we can get the ball rolling!

YOUTH NIGHT

We thank everyone who attended this weekend's youth night! We had a lot of fun once again.

Also, congratulations to our students who participated in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo!

We will be sending information very soon to complete the next stage of registration for our summer trip to Steubenville on the Bayou!! God Bless!!

40 CANS FOR LENT

Knights of Columbus Council #2433 will again sponsor the 40 Cans for Lent Last year 1,940 lbs. of food along with \$1,724 was donated to Manna Food Pantry. With your generosity we hope to exceed these numbers this Lent! KC Council #2433. Thomas Wick

LOOKING FOR FORMER STUDENTS OF ST. JOHN-ASSUMPTION SEMINARY:

The Committee for the Celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of St. John-Assumption Seminary would like to send former students a formal invitation to the celebration of 100 years of Ministry and Service. If you are a former student or know a former student, please contact Mike Davis at Assumption Seminary: mike.davis@archsa.org or 210-734-5137 with your contact information. Thanks.

SOUTH TEXAS POLKA & SAUSAGE FEST - MARCH 21-23, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, HALLETTSVILLE

Great music, good food and happy times! Dance \$8.00 per person per day.

Friday: Texas Legacy Czech Band and The Moravians, 6:00-11:00 p.m. Fish Fry Meal \$8.00, serving 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday: Polka Mass 3:00 p.m. Dujka Brothers and Jodie Mikula 5:00-11:00 p.m. Sausage & Sauerkraut Meal \$8.00, serving 4 :00 p.m. to end.

Sunday: Shiner Hobo Band 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Red Ravens, Czechaholics and Ennis Czech Boys 1:00-8:00 p.m.

Concert 4:30-5:00 p.m. Fried Chicken, Sausage & Sauerkraut Meal \$8, serving starts at 10:30 a.m.

Chicken Noodle Soup available on Saturday and Sunday.

"Come & See" Discernment Weekend for single Catholic women 18 to 50 years old, April 12-13, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria. For information or to register, call 575-7111, email iwbsvoc@yahoo.com or check us out at www.ibwsvictoria.org.

Mark your calendars: Quo Vadis Vocation Camp for young Catholic men 15-21, July 6-9, Coopers Farm near LaGrange. The cost of this Camp is \$65 and includes food and lodging. A \$15 non-refundable deposit by **June 25** guarantees your spot. Spaces are limited. The retreat will be facilitated by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Victoria. The 2014 Vocation Camp Flyer and registration form is on the Diocesan website at www.victoriadiocese.org. Please email Fr. Dan Morales at pastor@hfccvic.org or vocations@victoriadiocese.org or call 361-573-4328 for more information.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 15 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlin Deem, Joshua Becan, Seth Eckhardt

Sunday, March 16 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Rylie & Regan Lux, Blaine Besetzny

Saturday, March 22 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Alex Lozano, April Brossmann, Dylan Goldberg

Sunday, March 23 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Miranda Shimek, Kenna Kubenka, James Lofland

Saturday, March 29 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlin Deem, Joshua Becan, Seth Eckhardt

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MEMORIALS

Msgr. John C. Peters Seminary Burse: In memory of Franklin Konvicka by Willie Barborak - \$10

Ascension of Our Lord Building Fund: In memory of Dorothy Halata by Mark Halata - \$40

SCHEDULED EVENTS AT INCARNATE WORD CONVENT, 1101 N.E. WATER ST., VICTORIA:

Lenten Vespers: Amor Meus Spirituality Center on Sundays of Lent from 5:00-6:00 p.m. This liturgical prayer of the Church focuses on praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day and offering evening praise to God. This prayer can prepare us for the great feast of Easter.

Directed Retreats: March 28-30, May 16-18, Aug. 8-10. Includes liturgy or prayer service and daily meeting with a retreat director focusing on the participant's experience of God and discerning the interior movements of the Holy Spirit.

Taize Prayer: April 3 & August 26 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Prayer is held in the atmosphere of quiet and candlelight. Includes chants, songs, scripture, and meditations.

Guided Retreat: April 12 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Lenten Theme directed by Fr. R.B. Williams, OP.

Prayer Circles: Amor Meus Prayer Room, Tuesdays of Lent from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Blessing Ceremony: The sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament invite the public to a blessing ceremony of the Outdoor Rosary Path, Stations of the Cross, and Garden of Gethsemane prayer space at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 13 at Incarnate Word Convent. The ceremony will begin in the convent auditorium with a prayer service and acknowledgements of those who made this project possible. A blessing of these new structures by Bishop David Fellhauer will take place on the East lawn of the convent grounds. A reception will follow the ceremony in the convent dining room.

For more information or to register for any of these events, please contact Sr. Emilie Eilers at 575-7111, email amormeus@yahoo.com or go on-line at www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT –

This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him. When they heard this divine declaration, Peter, James, and John fell on the ground, trembling in fear. The gleaming vision of Jesus miraculously transfigured before them, and the appearance of the two prophets who had been dead for ages, didn't knock them over. Rather, the clear voice of God that followed this apparition struck fear into their hearts. The first part of the heavenly announcement certainly confirmed what they had just seen, the unveiled glory of Jesus – divinity. But these words included another element, a command from on high: Listen to Him. Perhaps part of the fear that shook these men was the solemn realization that Christ's divinity demands more than our respect. It demands our response.

Knowing that Jesus is God is only part one. We are also called to follow Him, by heeding His teachings and imitating His example. Lent is a special time to examine just how well we are listening to Christ. It is a season to uncover the areas where we are deaf to His word, or at least where we are pretending not to hear it. To this end, we have the Lenten exercises of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. First and foremost, in prayer we literally pause to listen. We do our best to quiet ourselves and ask God to speak to us in the depths of our hearts. By fasting, we learn to silence the demands of those physical cravings that too often take first priority in our lives. And through the practice of giving alms, we train ourselves to hear the voice of the least of these, in whom Christ Himself is present. This Lent, may we respond wholeheartedly to God's command to listen to His Son.



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Thank God for the rain we received and please continue to pray for the blessing of beneficial rainfall, especially in the drought stricken areas...

Heavenly Father,

We believe that it is You Who created our world with all of its beauty and life.

We believe that it is You Who put into place the systems of nature that sustain, nurture and renew this work of Your hands.

We believe that it is You Who hears Your children when they call upon You.

Hear then, this prayer which comes from a heart filled with confidence and trust.

Grant to us and to all who seek it, the gift of a bountiful rain.

Water our lands so that they may once again spring to life and reflect the beauty of Your creation.

Fill our lakes and rivers with sufficient rain so that they may continue to provide life giving and refreshing water to all who depend upon it for their livelihood and well-being.

Please do not let many more days pass without sending us this most needed blessing of rain.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

Amen.



Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." — Mt 17:4-5

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Next Bulletin: Sunday, March 30th, 2014
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