

November 23, 2014

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday	Nov. 22	6:00 P.M.	August Kubos	St. John
Sunday	Nov. 23	9:30 A.M.	Sylvester Janak & Sheryl Janak	Moravia

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday	Nov. 27	8:00 A.M.	August & Rosie Konvicka	Moravia
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First Sunday of Advent

Saturday	Nov. 29	6:00 P.M.	Bernice Machicek	Moravia
Sunday	Nov. 30	9:30 A.M.	Sylvia Bartosch	St. John

First Friday

Friday	Dec. 5	8:00 A.M.	Deceased Members of Janik & Hermis Families	St. John
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Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday	Dec. 6	6:00 P.M.	Millie Berger	Moravia
Sunday	Dec. 7	9:30 A.M.	Ervin & Irene Mendel	St. John

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday	Dec. 8	6:00 P.M.	Parish Family	St. John
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THE WORD OF GOD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 Psalm 23:1-3,5-6 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord Jesus is our shepherd. At the end, at his coming, he will hand over the kingdom to his Father. He will “judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats”, between those who have lived their lives for others, and those who have lived for themselves.

First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b;64:2-7 Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

Lord, rend the heavens and come down. Come and save us from our sins. Let us turn again to you and so be found blameless when you return in glory.

Second Sunday of Advent

Readings Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 Psalm 85:9-14 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

As we await new heavens and a new earth, let us make clear the way of the Lord by being servants of justice, truth, and peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM DESK OF MSGR. JOHN

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This is a very special Feast that we celebrate the Sunday before Advent.

We honor our King with a Procession and prayer. At 2:00 p.m. we will meet in Sacred Heart Church and begin the procession with the Blessed Sacrament. We will process around the Courthouse Square praying the Rosary and singing, ending us back in church for Benediction.

The societies are invited to carry their banners and process together as a group. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will serve as Honor Guard.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend today from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Hallettsville.

This week we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Let us pause and take time to be a truly thankful people. God has blessed all of us in various ways, and we need to thank Him and not take God for granted.

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 Hrcir

ST. JOHN ALTAR SOCIETY FUND RAISER REPORT

Harlans Food Market will donate 1% of all cash receipts to your Church or charity of your choice. Harlans sales receipts turned in from St. John Church totaled \$83,654.11 and a check for \$836.54 was received. Thanks to Harlans Food Market for their support. Please continue to save your Harlans receipts and drop them in the envelope in back of the Church. THE ST. JOHN ALTAR SOCIETY THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

ST JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR DECEMBER: Sharon Bujnoch, Vicky Kainer and Tracy Kristinik

ST JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR DECEMBER: Scotty Brossmann, Nathan Redman

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING PRAYER

The Community Thanksgiving Prayer Service in Hallettsville will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25 at First United Methodist Church, 206 S. Dowling Street.

2015 DATES FOR “TO LOVE AS GOD LOVES” MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

March 1, May 17, and Sept. 27. Updated information, and the brochure with the registration form, can be downloaded from the diocesan website under the Marriage tab. Visit www.victoriadiocese.org.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER DATES FOR 2015

January 30-February 1; April 17-19; June 5-7; August 28-30; and October 16-18. The 2015 Engaged Encounter brochures and registration forms are posted on the website (Marriage tab). For more information, call (361) 573-0828 or visit www.victoriadiocese.org.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, Nov. 23 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Kenna Kubenka, Miranda Shimek, Blaine Besetzny

Saturday, Nov. 29 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia – Kenna Kubenka, Alex Lozano, April Brossmann

Sunday, Nov. 30 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John – Rylie & Regan Lux, Dylan Goldberg

Saturday, Dec. 6 - 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Caitlin Deem, Joshua Becan, James Lofland

Sunday, Dec. 7 - 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Miranda Shimek, Blaine Besetzny, Alex Lozano

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Here are the shocking facts about what abortionists can do IF the “Woman’s Health Protection” Act (S.B. 1696) becomes law:

1. Perform a surgical procedure without admitting privileges in a hospital, putting women at extreme medical risk.
2. Kill babies older than six months’ gestation. (The U.S. is already one of the only seven countries in the world-including China and N. Korea-allowing abortion after 20 weeks.)
3. Ignore the will of the people: 21 states including Texas have passed common-sense abortion restriction laws to protect women and unborn children in just the past year, yet this bill invalidates all of them – instantly.
4. Operate with no fear of criminal prosecution

(Alert from American Center for Law & Justice) {Contact our Senators and alert our Congressman}

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Please pray for the blessing of beneficial rainfall! 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.