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MASS SCHEDULE

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Feb. 14	6:00 P.M.	Evelyn Novosad	St. John
Sunday	Feb. 15	9:30 A.M.	Adolph B. & Adella Kutac	St. John

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday	Feb. 18	7:30 P.M.	Deceased Priests Who Have Served at St. John & Moravia	Moravia
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First Sunday of Lent

Saturday	Feb. 21	6:00 P.M.	L. A. Wenglar	Moravia
Sunday	Feb. 22	9:30 A.M.	Henry & Julia Olsovsky & Rebecca Patterson	Moravia

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday	Feb. 28	6:00 P.M.	Sylvia Bartosch	St. John
Sunday	March 1	9:30 A.M.	George & Bernice Vasek	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 Psalm 32:1-2,5,11 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1 Mark 1:40-45

Jesus manifests the powerful, healing love of God by curing the leper who was forced to live under severe restrictions by Jewish legislation. He turned to Jesus in his need and was filled with joy. We are called to imitate the healing and compassionate Jesus.

Ash Wednesday

Readings: Joel 2:12-18 Psalm 51:3-6b,12-14,17 2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Be reconciled and return to the Lord by means of prayer, fasting and deeds of loving service.

*Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church.

First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Genesis 9:8-15 Psalm 25:4-9 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15 Mindful of his covenant, the Lord promises never to destroy creation again by flood waters. The waters of baptism bring salvation and forgiveness through the death of Christ. After fasting forty days and being put to the test, Jesus begins his public ministry.

Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 Psalm 116:10,15-19 Romans 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-10

Abraham offers the ultimate sacrifice of thanksgiving, the gift of his very son. This sacrifice prefigures the sacrifice of Jesus who died for us all. In his transfiguration, Jesus discloses a suffering messiahship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM DESK OF MSGR. JOHN

Wednesday, February 18, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

Lent is the penitential season of the Church's year. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Lent has six Sundays. The sixth is called Passion or Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. It commemorates the Lord's passion and death on Good Friday, reaches its high point at the Easter vigil and ends with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Then the joyful Easter Season of 50 days begins.

Traditionally, the Lenten season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. Lent is a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. Fast and abstinence are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

During the weekdays of Lent there is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat. After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten Easter Season.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

St. John – Feb. 20, March 6, March 20

Moravia – Feb. 27, March 13, March 27

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE (February 18)

Sacred Heart – 6:45 a.m., 8:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m. (noon), and 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary's – 6:00 p.m.

Moravia - 7:30 p.m.



YOUTH NEWS

If your child is interested in going on our summer trip to Steubenville on the

Bayou, please contact Troy Spring at troy@splashwaywaterpark.com. More information will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

HALLETTSVILLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY, February 20, 5:00-6:30 p.m., K.C. Hall. Fried Fish, Fries, Coleslaw, Pinto Beans, Hushpuppies-\$9 per plate, dine-in or drive-thru. Tickets available for purchase at Hoffer's Drive-In and K.C. Hall. Benefits Knights of Columbus Texas State Charities.

Country Music Benefit for Manna Food Pantry: Tuesday, February 17, 7:00-9:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Hallettsville. Admission: Monetary donations or canned goods (all to be given to Manna). Featuring Chris Rybak, Elvis Johnston, Garrett Johnston, Glen O'Neill, along with other singers & musicians.

ST. JOHN BUILDING FUND – In memory of **Bernice Vasek**: Mark & Barbara Vecera-\$10; Pam & Robert Besetsny-\$20; Bill & Dolly Klesel-\$5; Alphonse Besetzny-\$10; Louis & Emma Nitschke-\$10; Larry Krupala-\$50; Nathan & Kathy Loth-\$20

ST. JOHN CEMETERY FUND – In memory of **Bernice Vasek**: Bernice & Eugene Pauler-\$20; Bea Dittrich-\$25; Johnny Barton-\$25; Albert & Agnes Berckenhoff-\$20; Dan & Angela Beck-\$50; Harvey & Evelyn Hermis-\$50; Pete & Virginia Jurica-\$40; Grace & Leonard Sumbera-\$40; Carol (Jurica) Jordan-\$5

ST. JOHN SEMINARY BURSE – In memory of **Bernice Vasek**: Albert & Dorothy Olsovsky-\$10; Forrest & Ann Dittrich-\$20

ST. JOHN CCD PROGRAM - In memory of **Bernice Vasek**: Evelyn Kusy-\$5

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 14 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Alex Lozano, Rylie & Regan Lux

Sunday, Feb. 15 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Dylan Goldberg, April Brossmann, Caitlin Deem

Saturday, Feb. 21 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Kenna Kubenka, Joshua Becan

Sunday, Feb. 22 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Dylan Goldberg, Rylie & Regan Lux

Saturday, Feb. 28 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – James Lofland, Alex Lozano, April Brossmann

Sunday, March 1 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Caleb Krischke, Seth Eckhardt, Caitlin Deem



PRO-LIFE CORNER – Judgment Day by Congressman Henry Hyde

When the time comes, as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the Final Judgment, I've often thought, as Bishop Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates. You are there standing alone before God, and the terror will grip your soul like nothing you can imagine.

But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there will be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world, but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world. They will plead for everyone who has ever been in this movement: They will say to God, "Spare him because he loved us." And God will look at you and not say, "Did you succeed?" Rather, He will say, "Did you try?" [From Priests for Life Legacy Family brochures]

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

CDA Court St. Rose #1597, Fried Chicken Dinner with trimmings, this Sunday February 15. Dinner held at K of C Hall, Schulenburg, serving begins at 11:00 A.M. Dine-in or take home plates. Adults - \$9.00. Children under 12 - \$4.50. Silent Auction, Cake Walk, and Country Store.

ST. JOHN ATV RAFFLE

Monetary donations are currently being taken for the St. John ATV Raffle. In addition to the ATV there will be four (4) \$250 cash prizes offered. Deadline is March 8th to get in on this. Please contact Ann McBride if you are interested in donating toward this raffle 979-561-6261 or mcbride@cvctx.com

