

MASSES THIS WEEK



MONDAY, JANUARY 9—Baptism of the Lord

6:30 am Fr. John Special Intention
12:05 pm Stanley “Junior” Dlabaj +
Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass
6:30pm Jonathan Cardona +

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

6:30 am Fr. John Special Intention
12:05 pm Vlasta Knize +
Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm(Spanish) Jose Benito Alvarado +

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

6:30 am Fr. John Special Intention
12:05 pm Louis J. Valek +
6:30 pm John and Austin Jay Zabochnik ++

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

6:30 am Eugene & Mary Lou Novy ++
12:05 pm Rose Ann Vrana +

6:30 pm Spanish Fr. John Special Intention

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13—St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor

6:30 am Fr. John Special Intention
12:05 pm Paul Carrillo and Juanita Lopez ++

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5:00 pm Fr. John Special Intention

SECOND SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 15

7:00 am Fr. John Special Intention
11:00 am Rudy, Emily and Gary Valek +++
1:00 pm Andres Mendoza Jr. +
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass
Joe S. & Mary Patak ++

MASS INTENTIONS FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun., January 8, 2012 For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Now taking Intentions for 2012 at Epiphany Church. Call the St. John business office, Helen Yarbrough, 972-878-2834.



SPONSOR OF WEEK: CENTURY 21

+ *Pastor's Notes*

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

A special greeting to our “Epiphany” folks! On this their Patronal Feast! I extend many Blessings, Prayers, and Congratulations to your wonderful and faithful community. How Blessed is the Church of Dallas to have y’all within her fold! We at St. John Nepomucene are similarly blessed to have you so close to us.

This weekend we celebrate the Grace of the Christ Child given to the whole world. His salvation is universal, catholic! The three magi represent all the peoples of the world. All nations, not just the Israelites, are His chosen people! This gift is manifested in today’s Feast! An “epiphany” is a manifestation or “showing” of something or someone. In this case, the someone, is Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Prophet Isaiah begins our first reading this weekend with the words, “Rise up in splendor. . . Your light has come. . .” These words are the “Good News” of Jesus Christ. The light of Christ has come into the darkness of our world, into each one of our lives, marriages, families, workplaces, etc. He is everywhere He is invited!

Like the Magi, let us offer to Him our most valuable treasure. . . .the very life He has given us! Let us place at His feet all our troubles, hopes, questions, dreams and joys. In return, He will bestow on us, all good things.

Let us prostrate ourselves and pay Him homage, especially in the Eucharist, at the Sacrifice of the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration! Upon entering His House, our beautiful Church, let us always be overjoyed at seeing the Child with Mary His Mother.

See you in Church!

Love and Prayer,

Father John

BEGINNING APOLOGETICS CLASS FOR MEN

Attention men who are committed to learning more about explaining our faith to others: a Beginning Apologetics Class will be held Tuesday nights beginning January 17. This is an introductory level class, so you can attend whatever your level of knowledge of the faith. Classes will be held in room 202-204 in the elementary school from 7:00-8:30 pm.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 8

- 8:45 am RCIA Session
8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes
8:30-10:45 am St. John Library Open/Rm 106 Compound
3:00 pm Baptisms/Church
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

Tuesday, January 10

- Golden Crusaders Social/Lunch/Meeting
5:00-7:00 pm St. John Library open/Compound
6:00-7:00 pm Winter Walkers in St. John Gym

Wednesday, January 11

- 6:30 am Life Teen *Food for the Soul* & Breakfast
6:00 pm Altar Society Meeting/Room 102 Compound
6:00-7:00 pm Winter Walkers in St. John Gym
6:30-8:30 pm Religious Education Classes
D-NITE in the Cafeteria

Thursday, January 12

- 7:00-8:15 pm EDGE Night
7:00 pm Home Bible Study Review/Room 205

Friday, January 13

Life Teen Retreat from Friday through Sunday

Saturday, January 14

- 3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, January 15

- 8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes
8:45 am RCIA Session
8:30-10:45 am St. John Library Open/Rm106 Compound
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

OFFERTORY GIFTS DURING MASS IN 2012

If a family or (3 or 4) individuals would like to take up the gifts at the Offertory during weekend Masses, please tell one of the ushers at your Mass. This is a tiny ministry but important, as the bearers represent the congregation during Mass.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light, south side, is in memory of: Henry W. Rejcek, Donna Kay Rejcek and Janet Rejcek Roach, donated by Dorothy Rejcek & family for the week of January 7-13.
Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary Dick.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS FOR PRIESTS

During the holidays, in the event of a real emergency, you can call Fr. John, 903-624-6114, or Fr. Antonio, 469-831-0607.
For day to day questions or concerns, and to make appointments, please call the office number, 972-878-2834.

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 31 & JANUARY 1

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 16,623.86
Capital Improvements Fund Collection	3,155.48
Epiphany Mission Collection	319.90
Epiphany Building Fund Collection	65.00

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

The St. John Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, January 11, at 6:00 pm in Room 102 in the compound.
New members are always welcome and needed.

THANK YOU TO JOE F. BETIK FOR DONATION

The St. Joseph Cemetery Committee gratefully thanks Joe F. Betik for his generous donation of \$10,000 to St. Joseph Cemetery in memory of his parents, Joe & Frances Betik. May God bless you, Joe, for your kindness and generosity.
With more improvements coming to the Cemetery this year, donations are very needed and welcomed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

Parents of children planning to receive their sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this school year need to turn in a copy of their Baptismal certificate to the Religious Education office (in the parish office). Also, please continue to make payments if you have a balance. **Balances and Baptism certificates are due by January 31, 2012, for all children who plan to receive their sacraments.** Any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Stacy Gallegos, 972-875-9650, or email stacyg@stjohncc.net

SISTERS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE PRAYER SERVICE

The Sisters of Divine Providence invite you to attend a Prayer Service celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the Congregation of Divine Providence.
The Service will be next Sunday, January 15, 2:00 pm at Our Lady of the Lake Convent Center, Sacred Heart Conventual Chapel, 515 SW 24th St., San Antonio, TX 75207
A reception will immediately follow the Prayer Service.

ST. JOHN LIBRARY HOURS

St. John Library, compound area, is open on Tuesdays from 5-7 pm.
Library is also open on Sundays from 8:30-10:45 am.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, EPIPHANY

369 Angels from the Realms of Glory
370 384 As With Gladness Men 387 What Child Is This
367 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Celeste Johnson, Emily Holland, Lolly Dlabaj, Danita Canty, Joshua Meachum, Betty Schlottman, Helen Barak, Betty Coker, Stanley J. Liska, Bob Scancellia, Jerry Holland, Ninfa Carrillo, Maria Manriquez, Raul Monjarez Sr., Lori Hearn, Mildred Wickliffe, Juanita Levay, Patsy Odlozil, Nathan Gunn, Orlando Lopez, Tony Guerrero, Gertrude Langley, Gloria J. Haba, Johnny Garcia, Betty Cloonen, Hannah Rejcek, Rosie Mach, Ruphine Patak, Inez Fira, Louisa Tovar, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Ashton Weaver, Martina Ortiz, Lisa Marklund, Anna Rosales, Lauren Moran, Senaida Arreola, Christian Marente, Helen Matous, James Pustejovsky, Robert Martinez Sr., Olga Patak, Alfred Martinez, Catherine McClelland, Thelma Collinsworth, Rosa Sanchez, Patsy Blazek, Betty Rogala, Graciela & Ruben Monreal, Helen Zmolek, Gary Kidder, Domingo Galban, Jerry Dolezal, Tony Alvarez, Josie, Ray & Cynthia Castillo, Steve Betik, Earlene Slovak, Raul Partida

MASS OFFERINGS AND INTENTIONS in 2012

Canon # 948 of the Code of Canon Law, 1983:

“Separate Masses are to be applied for the intentions for which an individual offering, even if small, has been made and accepted.”

In order to be in compliance with the above Canon Law, beginning January 1st, 2012, the following guidelines will be followed:

1. Only one intention will be allowed per Mass.
2. Intentions can be for the living or dead.
3. For a funeral, the immediate family of a deceased will be given seven Mass Intention Envelopes for their use. Novena Mass envelopes will be available at the funeral homes.
4. The parish will offer a Novena of Masses for the recently deceased as a group, approximately every three months, depending on the number of deaths in the parish. Parishioners will have an unlimited number of offering envelopes available for the Novena of Masses. The names of the deceased will be listed in the bulletin (from the Novena). Novena offerings are \$5.00, same as for a Mass stipend.
5. We will attempt to space the Masses so there will be an opportunity for Mass Intentions during the year for the living and dead.

PRIEST STOLE FEES FOR SACRAMENTS

Beginning January 1st, 2012, there will be no established Stole Fees for the Priest celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage or Funerals. There is no fee for the Priest; any offering is completely voluntary. Any fees already paid for upcoming Sacraments will be considered a donation to the Parish.

For Sale by St. John Church
1999 Winnebago Brave Class A Motor home

For Information and Viewing—call Fr. John
903.624.6114

ADULT CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES

Certificates for the participants of the Adult Confirmation that took place on June 12, 2011 are ready for pickup at the parish business office.

RCIA Sponsors Needed

We need people to help to guide those who are interested in becoming Catholic to know and understand the Church. If you love the Church and want to share that love with those who wish to join Her, become an RCIA sponsor.

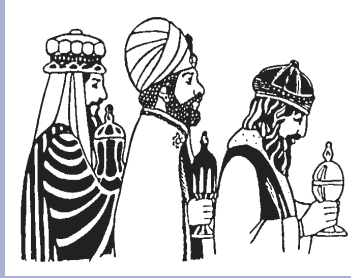
Qualifications:

- Must have received Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation
- If married, must be married in the Catholic Church
- Practicing your Faith

Contact Seth Wright at 972-878-2834.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

EPIPHANY BLESSING FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012



On Epiphany, Sunday, January 8, 2012, you can bless your own house.

Take blessed chalk of any color and mark on the lintel (upper door frame) of your front door (or door used most often to enter the home) **20 + C + M + B + 12**.

Say this prayer or one below: The three Wise Men, C for Caspar, M for Melchior, and B for Balthasar, followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twelve years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen

Other possible prayers you can add or substitute:

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.

Loving God, bless this household. May we be blessed with good health, goodness of heart, gentleness and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessed chalk will be available in the annex of the church for this home blessing. Please do not let children have the chalk in and around the church.

WINTER WALKERS PROGRAM

Winter Walkers Program is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the St. John Gym.

Catholic Family Fraternal—KJZT #16 is sponsoring this program to provide a safe, warm place to keep heart healthy during the winter months.

GOLDEN CRUSADERS MEETING

Golden Crusaders will have their January meeting on Tuesday, January 10. It will be a chili or stew day. If anyone has a great recipe for one of these, and would like to make it, we would like to try it out! We will need crackers, cornbread and anything that complements chili or stew. O-Z bring desserts

January is the month for renewing your membership dues. The yearly fee is \$15.00 per person.

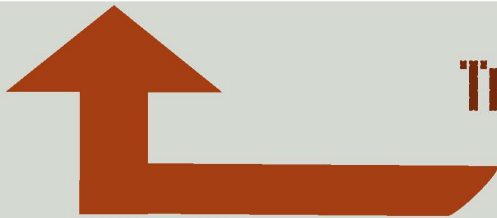
HOW OTHERS SEE US AT ST. JOHN CHURCH

Recent email to Fr. John from Geri & Dub Green (Frances Divin's sister): "A quick note to thank you for making Christmas a memorable one for my husband and myself. We live in Arkansas and were visiting family. We attended Midnight Mass, which was so inspirational. We thoroughly enjoyed participating in the service, the extraordinarily beautiful singing by the choir, your enthusiasm in your homily, etc. During the singing I felt as if I was in the presence of angels. What harmony!!! And, thank you for the Czech hymns. (I remember singing the Czech Silent Night to my dad in ICU prior to his death.) The church was beautifully and tastefully decorated. All in all, huge kudos to everyone for a very special night and celebration.

Both of us agreed that this was the best part and true meaning of CHRISTmas and that we were truly blessed to be there."

THRIVE

"PLANTED AND BUILT UP IN JESUS CHRIST, FIRM IN THE FAITH"
COLOSSIANS 2:7



THIS YEARS RETREAT THEME IS.....

SIGN UP BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

LIFE TEEN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JAN 8- MASS & LIFE NIGHT

JAN 11- FOOD FOR THE SOUL & D-NITE

DON'T FORGET TO SIGNUP FOR OUR LIFE TEEN

RETREAT JAN 13-15 CONTACT JOEY FOR MORE INFO

DEADLINE TO SIGNUP IS JAN 11

EDGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JAN 12- EDGE NIGHT

JAN 19- EDGE NIGHT

QUESTIONS? CALL JOEY 972-878-8336 OR JOEYS@STJOHNCC.NET

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EPIPHANY CELEBRATION



On the Feast of Epiphany, today, January 8, Epiphany Parish in Italy, Texas, will celebrate with the three Kings and a **rosca** (brunch) after Mass. The children will receive treat bags to help celebrate their feast. We wish the Epiphany parishioners many blessings, prayers and congratulations on a wonderful, faith-filled community.



NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR RELIGIOUS ED

Is God calling you? We still need more volunteers for the Religious Education program for the Spring semester. We need teachers, aides to assist the teachers, and substitutes. This is a wonderful way to give back to your parish. If you are interested, please contact Stacy Gallegos at 972-875-9650, or 972-875-2834, ext. 214. We are still in need of catechists for PK, 5th and 4th grades on Wednesday nights. Please pray on this, let your light shine; share your talents with our children in Religious Ed.

SEPARATE CHECKS FOR SEPARATE DEPARTMENTS

When making your checks to St. John Church, or Life Teen, or the Cemetery, etc., please make separate checks to simplify the accounting in the business office. This applies to funeral memorials also.

HOME BIBLE STUDY TEST

The next Home Bible Study review meeting will be Thursday, January 12, at 7:00 pm in Room 205 in the school.

For those participants in the Home Bible Study Course who plan to take the final test on March 3, 2012, you must sign up for the test by February 10 in order to be eligible to take the test. The signup sheet will be in the parish office. Please remember: no signup—no test!

THAT MAN IS YOU

The Spring semester of the That Man Is You men's program will begin January 19 at 7:00 pm(Thursday session) and January 21 at 7:00 am(Saturdays). All men ages 18 and older are invited to participate in this excellent program designed to show men how to live our Catholic faith in today's world. The program is a great way for men to prepare for the Lenten Season and Easter. More information about the program can be found on our parish website or at: www.thatmanisyou.org

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, January 14

5:00 pm Austin Spaniel/Zachary Matous

Sunday, January 15

7:00 am Dylan Fisher/Matt Zajic/Josh Zapletal

11:00 am Chris Trojacek/David Janousek/Grant Vrana

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Alex Fry/Tyler Dennie