

MON., JAN. 31 —St. John Bosco, Priest

6:30 am Milton F. Vrla Sr. +
12:05 pm Frank and Jay Felcman ++
6:30 pm Rosa Diaz +

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

6:30 am Edward Prachyl +
12:05 pm Frank/Ann/Marvin Kriska +++
6:30 pm (Spanish) Maria Elena Gonzalez +

WED., FEB. 2—Presentation of the Lord

6:30 am Joe E. Vrla +
12:05 p.m. Duane Dolezalik + and
 Joe R. Kubin +

Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass until 5:00 pm

6:30 pm Tom & Elsie Slama ++

THURS., FEB. 3—St. Blaise & St. Ansgar, Bishops

6:30 am Etheline Sylvester +
12:05 pm Arthur “Slick” Langley + and
 Joe & Angeline Valek ++

6:30 pm Spanish Ab John Sulak & Deceased Family ++

FRIDAY, FEB. 4 (1st Friday Devotions after 12:05 Mass)

6:30 am Louise Krajca +
12:05 pm Joe & Martha Dlabaj ++ and
 Linda Dlabaj +

1st SATURDAY, FEB. 5—St. Agatha, Virgin/Martyr

8:00 am John E. Valek +
 and Eileen Mitchell +
5:00 pm John Barto + and
 Randall Prestidge + and
 St. Cyril & Methodius Novena begins

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 6

7:30 am Clem Rejcek + and
 Louis M. & Agnes Dolezalik ++
10:30 am Hope Martinez + and
 Sts. Cyril & Methodius Novena
1:00 pm San Juana Mendez Serrato +
 For Our Parish Community
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass
 Larry Haskovec + and
 Mark Hejny +

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY

Sunday, Jan. 30, 9:30 am For the Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, Feb. 6, 9:30 am For the Epiphany Parishioners

THAT MAN IS YOU! SPRING SEMESTER

The *That Man is You!* Spring Semester begins February 3 on Thursdays at 7:00 pm and Saturdays at 7:00 am. This semester will focus on Lent and how to prepare for Easter as a Catholic man. Sessions include a meal, short video presentation and small group discussions. Registration will begin at all Masses this weekend. For more info, call Michael Kudrna, 469-245-8678, or Paul Robie, 469-658-9120 Email them at: stjtmny@gmail.com or check out link on stjohncc.net for thatmanisyou.org



Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

How disappointed the people must have been! They were coming to hear their Messiah proclaim their freedom! They were coming to hear how He was going to lead them in a revolution against the Roman Empire! Even worse than not starting a revolt against the Romans, He said that they would not even be made happy by becoming richer, enjoying more pleasures and becoming stronger! Instead, He promised poverty, chastity, meekness, mourning, hunger and persecution!

“What a rip off!,” they must have screamed! They had walked miles to come and listen to their Savior and Messiah. He was a fake and failure! He wasn’t going to save them from anything!

Guess what! In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus even goes on to say, after proclaiming the Beatitudes: “Woe to you that are rich. . .Woe to you who are full now. . .Woe to you, when men speak well of you.” People must have thought He was some kind of crazy, lunatic! Why would anyone want to become one of His followers? All he seemed to offer was a life of everything they had been wanting to avoid in life.

Today, most of us do not flatly reject the teaching of Jesus, but rather we rationalize and compromise His teaching. We run His teaching through our personal, “what is comfortable/acceptable to me” program and then embark on living out a modified, sometimes unrecognizable version of His teaching.

How many times do we hear folks proclaim that they are Catholic but they still believe that abortion is OK in certain circumstances? Or that they are Catholic but still believe that in their situation they can use artificial birth control? Or that they are Catholic but do not believe they need to tithe to their parish? Or that they are Catholic but will still not invite Aunt Sally to Easter Dinner because they cannot forgive her?

Jesus does invite us to become His followers and He does promise joy, peace and hope. However, His blessings are dependent on our living out His program as faithfully as possible. We can’t expect the blessings if we don’t follow the program! However, each of us wants to receive the full blessings of the Lord but only by living out my modified Catholic program.

Jesus gave us His life, completely and totally. He expects us to give Him our lives, completely and totally. In exchange, He has promised us a new life in Him. For over two thousand years, we have the testimony and witness of people of have taken Him up on His offer. They say it works! We call them Saints!

Love and prayers,

Father John

Pastor

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: LIZ TAYLOR REAL ESTATE

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 30

- 8:45 am** RCIA Session
9:00-10:15 am Religious Education Classes and EDGE
9:00-12:00 St. John Library Open/Rm 106 Compound
1:30 pm KC Free Throw Competition (see item)
3:00-4:00 pm Pro-Life Rosaries for Reparation in Church
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Night

Monday, January 31

- 7:10 pm** Bible Study on the *Exodus*/Cafeteria

Tuesday, February 1

- 6:00-8:00 pm** Winter Walkers in SJ Gym (see notice)
7:00 pm Baptism Class/Room 101 Compound
5:00-7:00 pm St. John Library Open/Rm 106 Compound
7:00 pm *Women of Grace* Study/Cafeteria

Wednesday, February 2

- Blessing of Candles for home use after all Masses today
6:30 am Mass- Teens "Food for the Soul" —free Breakfast
10:00 am Little Saints Playgroup/Gym
6:00-8:00 pm Winter Walkers in SJ Gym (see notice)
7:00 pm Religious Education Classes & Life Teen D-Nite
7-8:15 pm Parenting Skills Class/Rm 301 High School

Thursday, February 3—Feast of St. Blaise

- Blessing of Throats at 6:30 am, 12:05 pm & 6:30 pm Masses
7:00 pm *That Man Is You* Session/Cafeteria

Friday, February 4

- First Friday Devotions after the 12:05 pm Mass/Church

Saturday, February 5

- 7:00 am** *That Man Is You* Session/Cafeteria
 First Saturday Devotions after the 8:00 am Mass/Church

Sunday, February 6

- 8:45 am** RCIA Session
9:00 am Religious Education Classes and EDGE
9-12 noon St. John Library Open/Rm 106 Compound
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Night

ALTAR SERVERS FOR LITURGIES

February 5, Saturday

- 5:00 pm** Grant Vrana/Joseph Baird

February 6, Sunday

- 7:30 am** Zachary Matous/Dylan Fisher/Matt Zajic
10:30am Cooper Gillespie/Dylan Honza/Tyler Gilmore
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Tyler Dennie/Hardy Walker/Alex Fry

COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 22 & 23

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 16,520.84
Church in Latin America Collection	861.58
Epiphany Church Support Collection	802.00
Epiphany—Latin America Collection	144.02

*Women, find your purpose...
feed your soul.*

Women of Grace Study group meets Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm in the Cafeteria New Group now on Saturdays, 7am, Room 103

FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction will follow the 12:05 pm Mass on Friday. Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, the Rosary and Benediction will follow 8:00 am Mass on Saturday.

BLESSING OF CANDLES ON WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, February 2, the Presentation of the Lord, candles for home use will be blessed at all Masses. Please bring your candles to Mass with you that day.

BLESSING OF THROATS ON THURSDAY

In honor of St. Blaise whose feast day is Thursday, February 3, the Blessing of Throats will take place after all Masses, 6:30 am, 12:05 pm, and 6:30 pm that day.

CLEANING POSITION OPEN

Applications are being accepted for a part time cleaning position at the parish. This would include nightly office cleaning and full day Saturday/Sunday cleaning/maintenance in offices and church. Applications and more information are available in the parish business office. References are required on the application.

STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS NOVENA & CELEBRATION

The 9-day Novena for St. Cyril and St. Methodius will begin with the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass on February 5.

On Sunday, February 13, there will be a Polka Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by a procession to the KJT Hall for a pot luck luncheon and celebration. See the color insert in today's bulletin for lots more information.

ALTAR CARE FOR FEBRUARY 5 & 12

Irene Vitovsky Mary Ann Trojacek



PRO-LIFE ROSARIES FOR REPARATION

Today, Sunday, January 30, rosaries will be prayed in the church from **3:00-4:00 pm** in memory of the 51 million babies who have died by abortion since 1973. We remember the sorrow of so many mothers and fathers suffering in the aftermath of abortion. We pray for an end to abortion and for healing through Christ's blood, shed for forgiveness of all. You are encouraged to come pray.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light, south side of sanctuary, is in memory of Stanley Vlk, Annie & Joe Vlk, and Frances & Louis M. Holy, donated by Vickie Vlk for week of January 29-February 4. The sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary T. Dick.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Lisa Marklund, Helen Zmolek, David Perdue, Al Sanchez, Mary Pat Clements, Beatrice Dlabaj, Tammy LaScala Koch, Patrick Skinner, Joy Dlabaj, Rose Trojacek, Victor Trojacek, Kenneth Vavra, Bessie E. Laznovsky, Deeann Bolin, Viola Dlabaj, Fred Hover, Billy Coplen, Paulita E. Alvarez, Kathy Toth, Samantha Kerr, Lucy Mikula, Nolen Dockery, Earlene Slovak, Ella Patak, Deanna Richardson, Inez Fira, Wanda Slovak, Bernard Betik, Leslie & Millie Trojacek, Helene Valek, Olivia Widener, Johnny Mensik, Lillian Slovak, Ysidro, Josie, Elva, Henry and Ray Castillo, James Pustejovsky, Gary Kidder, Frankie Joe Patak, Sandra Horrell, Sr.Edna Gonzalez, Raul Partida, Steve Betik, Betty Rogala, Tony Alvarez, Evelyn Dlabaj, Joe & Mary Patak, Ruphine Patak, Jerry Dolezal.

Novena: Saturday, February 5—Sunday February, 13

Mass (with traditional Czech costume and music):
Sunday, February 13th, 2011, 10:30 AM

Procession: Following Mass

Luncheon: At KJT Hall, Following Procession

A-M—desserts

N-Z—\$5 per family

The rest of the dinner will be provided.

If you would like to participate in the Offertory or as
an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please
call Betty Schlottman at (972) 878-2576.

Saint Cyril

and

Saint

Methodius

Celebration



THE MISSION TO THE SLAVIC NATIONS

Prince Rastislav of Greater Moravia asks Emperor Michael III for a Bishop and teacher to be sent “to explain to them the true Christian faith in their own language”

First Trip to Slavic Lands

- Cyril and Methodius are sent
- 863 - Arrive in Greater Moravia
- Various Slav peoples are there
- Take texts of Sacred Scripture with them for use in the Sacred Liturgy
- They had translated them into Old Slavonic
- Written in a new alphabet that is now named “Cyrillic” after St. Cyril

Trip to Rome

- 866 – travel to Rome
- Pass through Venice and come under fire for innovating
- Pope Hadrian II approves Slavonic liturgical books
- Places them solemnly on the altar in Saint Mary Major

The Death of St. Cyril

- Feb. 14, 869 – Cyril dies shortly after taking religious vows and putting on the monastic habit
- Buried in Basilica of Saint Clement in Rome (whose bones he and Methodius had discovered in the Crimea)

Pope John Paul II, *Slavorum Apostolorum*

“Indeed all the cultures of the Slav nations owe their ‘beginning’ or development to the work of the Brothers from Salonika. ... the Brothers made a fundamental contribution to the culture and literature of all the Slav nations.”

Pope John Paul II, *Slavorum Apostolorum*, §21)

Initiated by an anonymous donation of \$5,000.00, St. John Parish is offering an exciting and rewarding (in dollars and grace!) program for YOU! I (Father John) asked Deacon Don Griffith to write, structure, and administer a program to serve the purpose of the donation.

Beginning Monday morning, January 31, you can pick up an information/application package for this program at the parish office.

Here is the deal:

- You will complete a home study course, completely on your own time, at your convenience over the next year, until February, 2012.
- This study course will consist of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), New Testament, especially the Gospels, St. Paul's Letters, and the lives of four great saints.
- Your study guide will give you the Books, Chapters, and Verses to be studied. There are also questions to direct your study on the important points.
- The study guide will also give you the different saints to study and a listing of the reading materials you need.



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A Spirit-Filled Journey

Home Study Prize Challenge

Here is how it works:

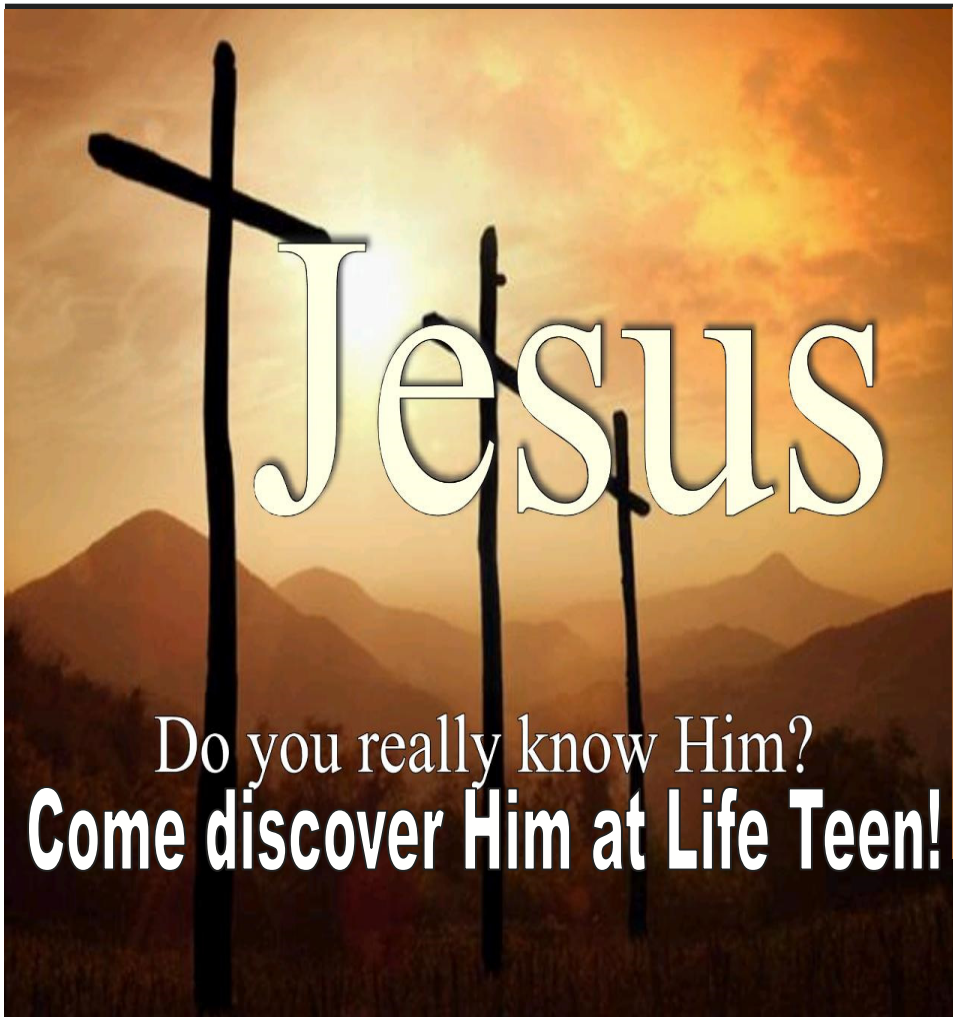
- To be eligible you must be at least High School age (14-19) and under 150 years old.
- The first 30 high school students and the first thirty adults to register will be accepted.
- Registration consists of picking up your packet, a \$10 fee for materials, and completing the application.
- You begin your study immediately. Approximately one month after sign ups are completed, a question/answer meeting will be scheduled, and thereafter every 6 to 8 weeks.
- One year from now, in February, 2012, a two-part test will be scheduled. The first part is an open book test on Scripture. The second part will be a closed book, written essay exam of two pages minimum, five pages maximum to be completed in 3 hours on the saint of your choice.
- Your identity will be secret. The tests will be graded and scored within six weeks and the winners announced.
- First prize requires a minimum score of 85, and the other awards require a minimum score of 70.
- There will be 4 awards for the High School winners and 4 awards for the adults:

1st prize—\$1,500

2nd prize—\$500

3rd prize—\$300

4th prize—\$200



Jan 31– Mass 5pm and Life Night 6:30pm-8pm

Food for the Soul-Feb. 2,
All teens are welcome to come to 6:30 am Mass followed by a free breakfast!

D-Nite– Feb. 2
Wednesday nights 7pm-8:15pm in the Cafeteria

Questions? Contact Joey
at 972-878-8336 or
joeys@stjohncc.net



Candlemas

Wednesday, February 2nd, Feast of The Presentation of the Lord

Today the Blessing of Candles will take place at the Noon Mass. Everyone is invited to bring candles with them to Mass that day to have them blessed for personal and family use. Light penetrates the darkness. Jesus is the light of truth in the world. God's Word is a lamp that lights a path for our feet. At our Baptism we received a lighted candle, along with this charge, "Keep the flame of faith burning in your heart. When the Lord comes may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the Heavenly Kingdom."

The wax, being spotless, represents Christ's most spotless Body; the wick enclosed in it is an image of His Soul, while the glowing flame typifies the Divine Nature united with the human in one Divine Person.

On the second of February the church celebrates the festival of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the day when Jesus was offered in the Temple by Mary, as the Victim who would reconcile God and mankind. The day is often called, Candlemas, the Mass of the Candles.

Candles are used in the administration of the Sacraments. It has become customary for Catholic families to have blessed candles in their homes to light for prayer or in times of trouble. Blessed Candles should be lit when the priest comes to the home to bring the Eucharist or to Anoint the Sick.

We light candles to venerate the Saints and ask for their prayers. We light candles praying for a deceased loved one or for someone who is suffering. As the candles continue burning in Church they represent our prayers to heaven.

Thursday, The Feast of Saint Blaise: Blessing of Throats

Saint Blaise was a fourth century bishop in Armenia. We know by tradition that he saved a small boy from choking on a fish bone by his prayers. People through the ages have sought his help, especially those afflicted with ailments of the throat. On February 3rd, the Feast of Saint Blaise, the Church continues her ministry to the sick through the blessing of throats.

This blessing asks God's healing and protection upon the one blessed. Two candles blessed the day before on Candlemas, joined in the form of a cross and usually tied with a red ribbon (as a sign of the martyrdom of St. Blaise), are placed around the throat of each person asking a blessing. The priest then prays, "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Marytr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS 2011 EDUCATION CONTEST

Catholic Daughters of the Americas is sponsoring a 2011 Education Contest, with themes of: "The Lord is My Light" and "The Light Others Give to Me" to encourage lively imagination and freedom of thought for students, with category choices of: Art, Essay, Poetry, Computer Art, Music, and Photography. Participants need to create an original idea for the entry. Contest open to grades four through twelve. All winning entries must meet contest rules. Check CDA website: www.catholicdaughters.org or the National Office at CDofANatl1@aol.com for contest application and rules. Due date Feb. 7, 2011. Local contacts: Diane Sulak, 972-878-0016, email: dianesulak@wildblue.net or Mary Ann Trojacek, 972-875-6655

DRESS DOLLS FOR 2011 BAZAAR

If you like to sew and would like to volunteer to dress dolls for the Doll Booth at the Bazaar, we need your help! This is a good "cold weather" project and will benefit your parish. Dolls and patterns will be provided. This is a fun project that lets you be as creative as you like. Call the business office for contact information.

K.J.T. SCHOLARSHIP

Graduating seniors who have been a member of the KJT for at least one year may be eligible for a KJT Scholarship. Call 1-800-245-8182 for application, which will be mailed to you and must be returned to the home office by March 1, 2011.

WINTER WALKERS

Come to the St. John gym each Tuesday and Wednesday night from 6-8 pm to walk. Stay healthy, keep warm. Any children **must** be accompanied by a parent and supervised. For info, call Joan Johnson, 214-728-6160. KJZT Society #16 is the sponsor.

KC FREE THROW COMPETITION

The annual KC Free Throw Competition for boys and girls ages 10-14 will be today, Sunday, January 30, at 2:00 pm in the St. John gym. Arrive by 1:30 pm with a parent or guardian. Students are required to furnish proof of age (copy of birth certificate) and written parental consent. For entry forms or more information, call Kevin Betik at 972-825-7016.

The KC Free Throw Competition is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. Youth compete in their respective age and gender divisions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation.

FLOWER MEMORIALS FOR WEEKENDS

Flower arrangements for the sanctuary for weekends with no weddings are now being taken in honor or memory of someone. Call Evelyn Zmolik for more information, 972-875-2791.

LITTLE SAINTS PLAYGROUP

Parents with young children are invited to bring their children to play in the gym from 10 AM until noon on Wednesday mornings. Parents will stay in the gym and socialize while the children play. This is not a drop-off service. For info, Stephanie Holland, 214-229-8293.