

LITURGIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

All 6:30 pm Masses this week will be in **English** for Novena
There **will** be a 6:30 pm Mass on Friday for the Novena

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:30 am Sammy/Shirley/Bryan/David Sharp + + + +

12:05 pm Emil Toupal +

6:30 pm **Sts. Cyril & Methodius Novena**

TUES., FEB. 8—St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita

6:30 am June Rose Zaidle +

12:05 pm Anthony “Tony” Prachyl +

6:30 pm Pablo Gonzalez + and

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Novena

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:30 am Willie J. Salik +

12:05 p.m. Leonard Vrana + and

Annie Vrana +

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

6:30 pm Gary & Rudy Valek ++ and

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Novena

THURSDAY, FEB. 10—St. Scholastica, Virgin

6:30 am Milton & Nadine Martinek ++

12:05 pm Louis J. Slovacek +

6:30 pm Special Intention for all the Sick in our Parish
and **Sts. Cyril & Methodius Novena**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11—Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day of the Sick

6:30 am Special Intention for all the Sick in our Parish

12:05 pm Tom F. Valek + and

For All Our Nursing Home Parishioners

6:30 pm Wesley T. Mikel + and

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Novena

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

5:00 pm Emilia Cervantes + and

Joe W. Vitovsky + and

St. Cyril & Methodius Novena

6th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 13

7:30 am Elizabeth Schleich + and

Jerry & Lucy Svehlak ++

10:30 am Winnie Whitfill + and Mariana & Arturo Casanova ++

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Novena

1:00 pm Rosa Diaz +

For Our Parish Community

No 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass today

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY

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

Sun., Feb. 13, 9:30 am For All the Sick in Epiphany Parish

THAT MAN IS YOU! SPRING SEMESTER

The *That Man is You!* Spring Semester continues 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: stjtmty@gmail.com or check out link on stjohnc.net for thatmanisyoo.org



Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Blessed Cardinal Henry Newman once said, “My parish at Littlemore wanted nothing more from me than to be left alone!”

I hope none of you can say that Fr. John, “just leaves us alone!” Our fellow Parishioner and Finance Council Chairman, Joe Oscar Neuhoff, just sent me that quote in an email this morning. I am not quite sure what he wanted me to get from it! Whether he was trying to tell me, just “to leave us alone,” or assuring me that I am doing a good job of not just “leaving my parishioners alone!”

All of us, in our broken, selfish humanity, many times just want to be left alone to go about our lives the way we are, without anyone trying to change things. Usually I prefer to keep doing things the same way I always do them rather than even entertain the idea of something different.

Jesus says to each of us in our Gospel reading this Sunday, “. . . your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” Most of us would rather “softly/dimly glow” rather than “shine.” In order for something to shine it must be continually cleaned and polished to a high shine. For us as human beings to “shine” before others we need to constantly work at holiness. . . . a holiness that stands out from the crowd.

Jesus starts off this Gospel reading by pointing out to each of us, “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste. . . it is no longer good for anything. . . !” In order not to “lose our taste or shine” we must be the person at work, with our family or in the grocery store who acts, thinks and does what Jesus would do. We must be the ones who are always joyful, courteous, helpful and patient. We should never lose our temper, push ahead in line or give an angry, impatient look toward anyone.

The second part of the command, “to shine,” comes afterwards when we are asked by others, how we are able to remain so calm, joyful, patient or friendly in this situation. This is the time, like St. Paul tells us, to be ready to give a reason for our hope, joy and patience. Of course, that reason is our close relationship with Jesus that fills us with all the gifts of the Holy Spirit! This is when our frequent Confessions, daily Mass/Holy Communion, daily prayer and reading of the Saints pays off!

See you “shining” in Church!

Love and prayers,

Father John

Pastor

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: MALISKA HOMES INC.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

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 Mass, but **No Life Night**

Monday, February 7

- 7:00 pm Catholic Daughters Meeting/KC Hall
 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting/Conference Room
 7:10 pm Bible Study on the *Exodus*/Cafeteria

Tuesday, February 8

- 9:30 am Golden Crusaders Bingo-Lunch-Meeting/Cafeteria
 6:00-8:00 pm Winter Walkers in SJ Gym (see notice)
 7:00 pm *Women of Grace* Study/Cafeteria

Wednesday, February 9

- 6:30 am Mass- Teens "Food for the Soul" —free Breakfast
 10:00 am Little Saints Playgroup/Gym
 5:00 pm SJ Altar Society Meeting/Room 101
 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
 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus #1353 Meeting/KC

Thursday, February 10

- 6:00 pm St. John Rosary Guild Meets/908 S. Mulberry
 7:00 pm *That Man Is You* Session/Cafeteria

Saturday, February 12

- 7:00 am *That Man Is You* Session/Cafeteria
 7:00 am *Women of Grace* Study/Room 103 Compound

Sunday, February 13—Sts. Cyril & Methodius Celebration

- 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
 10:30 am Polka Mass for Sts. Cyril & Methodius followed by procession to and lunch at KJT
 3:00 pm Baptisms/Church
No Life Teen Mass or Life Night today

ALTAR SERVERS FOR LITURGIES

February 12, Saturday

- 5:00 pm Grant Vrana/Tyler Dennie

February 13, Sunday

- 7:30 am Nate Allen/Dylan Fisher
 10:30am Matthew Matous/Zachary Matous/Kenny Janousek
 Tyler Novy/Josh Zapletal/Matt Zajic

No Life Teen Mass or Life Night today

COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 29 & 30

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 18,561.46
St. John Charity Collection	2,968.41
Epiphany Church Support Collection	720.68

WOMEN OF GRACE STUDY GROUP

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

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS IN SANCTUARY

The lovely flower arrangements gracing our sanctuary Tabernacle this weekend are in memory of Stanley Vlk, donated by Vlk family.

STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS NOVENA & CELEBRATION

The 9-day Novena for St. Cyril and St. Methodius will continue Monday through Friday, 6:30 pm Masses, in English, and the 5:00 pm Mass on Sat., Feb. 12. 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.

GOLDEN CRUSADERS MEETING

Golden Crusaders will meet Tues., Feb. 8 in cafeteria. This will be **Bingo Day** starting at 9:30 am. If you have new or almost new items to donate for prizes, please bring them. Members A-N bring desserts; O-Z bring vegetable or side dish. Everyone 55 years or older is welcome to join them for fun & fellowship.

KJZT JUNIORS NEWS

The KJZT Juniors will participate in the St. Cyril & St. Methodius Celebration next Sunday. Active Juniors can receive points for this event. They will meet at 9:45 am. Please wear your uniform shirt. The group is still trying to get more active members. This year will be filled with fun activities. Remember, the more active you are in the Junior group, the more college scholarship money you can earn. If you want to become a new member, there will be a meeting on Sunday, Feb. 20 at the KJT dining room. The new officers will be installed. They need new ideas to help make it a fun year! Please join them and make new friends. For information, call Melissa at 972-938-8993.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

The Catholic Daughters will meet on Monday, February 7, at 7:00 pm at the KC hall. Chocolate Sunday, the St. Cyril and St. Methodius Celebration, the State CDA Convention, Education Contest and other important dates and events will be discussed. All members are urged to attend and to bring a friend.

The annual Catholic Daughters **Chocolate Sunday Bake Sale** will be Saturday & Sunday, February 19 & 20. Mark your calendars and plan to purchase CDA delicious **chocolate** desserts.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light on the south side of sanctuary is in memory of Clem Rejcek, donated by Adell Rejcek & Family, for the week of February 5-11. The sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary T. Dick.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Gloria Garcia, Lisa Marklund, Helen Zmolek, David Perdue, Mark Trojacek, Tommy Rickman, 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, Johnny Mensik, Lillian Slovak, Ysidro, Josie, Elva, Henry and Ray Castillo, James Pustejovsky, Gary Kidder, Frankie Joe Patak, Sr. Edna Gonzalez, Raul Partida, Steve Betik, Betty Rogala, Tony Alvarez, Evelyn Dlabaj, Joe & Mary Patak, Ruphine Patak, Jerry Dolezal.

Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius Celebration

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.**



ST. METHIDIUS

869 – Consecrated Archbishop for Diocese of Pannonia

Named Papal Legate “ad gentes” (for the Slav peoples)

Held the Episcopal See of Sirmium

Tribulations:

Imprisoned for 2 years, charged with invading the Episcopal jurisdiction of another

Set free by Pope John VIII

New sovereign of Greater Moravia, Prince Svatopluk, was hostile to his work

Svatopluk was opposed to the Slavonic liturgy

He spread doubts in Rome as to Methodius’ orthodoxy

880 – Methodius is called to defend himself from these sorts of charges

He is cleared by Pope John VIII who issues the Bull *Industriae Tuae*

This bull restores prerogatives granted to the liturgy in Slavonic

881 or 882 – Methodius goes to Constantinople

Receives similar recognition of legitimacy and orthodoxy from Byzantine Emperor and Patriarch Photius

Last years of life – continues making translations of Sacred Scripture, liturgical books, works of the Fathers of the Church, and the Nomocanon (ecclesiastical and Byzantine civil laws)

"After all of these, the merciful God, in our own time, raised up for the good work, for the sake of our own people, for whom nobody had ever cared, our Teacher, the holy Methodius, whose virtues and struggles we unblushingly compare, one by one, to those of these men pleasing to God"

Vita Methodii II, 1

Saints Cyril and Methodius

Died: Cyril—869

Methodius—885

Sainthood celebrated by the whole Church: 1880

Declared Co-Patrons of

Europe: 1980 by Pope John Paul II

A Spirit-Filled Journey

Home Study Prize Challenge

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!

While they last, you can pick up an information/application package (\$10) for this program at the parish office.

See the parish website for details,
or check the board in the church annex for flier.

Men...

Are your troubles getting you down?

Despite all you do, do your attempts to improve your life seem to only make things worse?

Is something missing from your life?

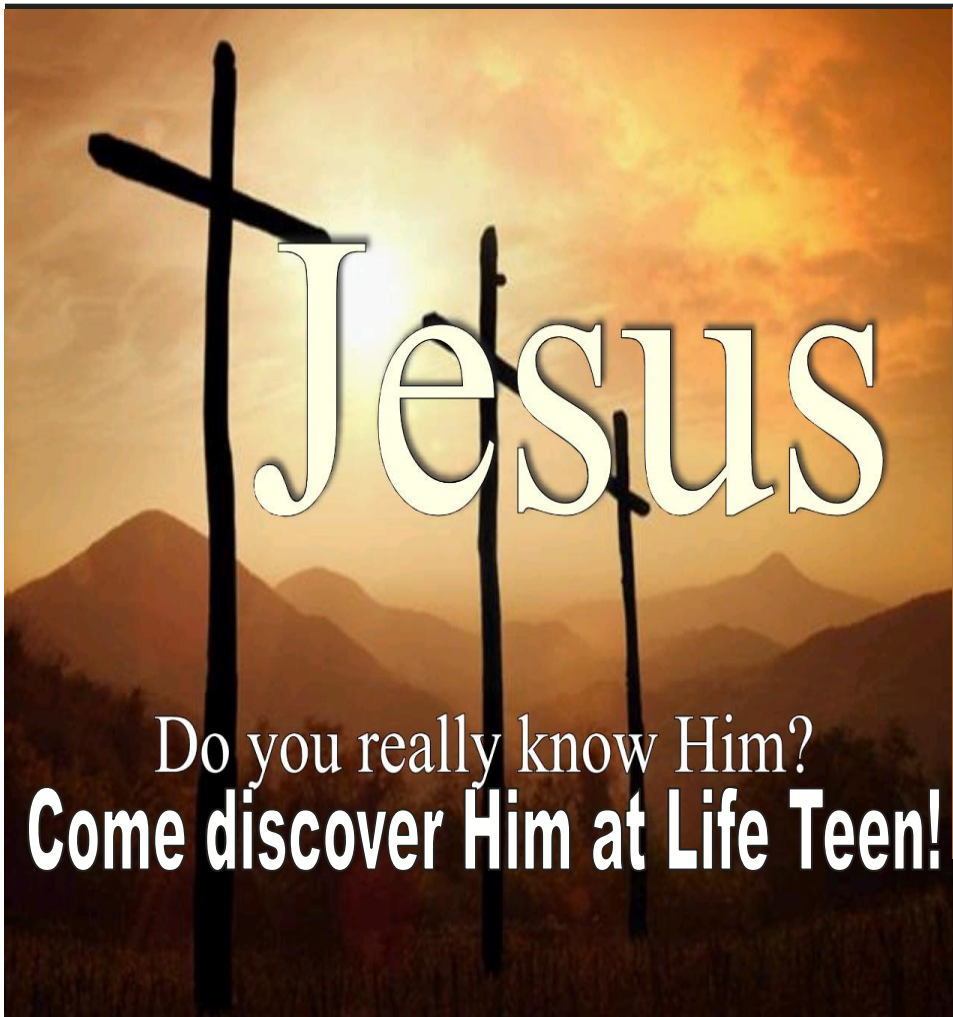
You need renewal. We all need renewal.

Let Christ renew you.

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)

Men's Retreat Weekend

March 12-13



Feb. 6– Mass 5pm –
No Life Night

Feb. 13 – no Life Teen
Mass or Life Night

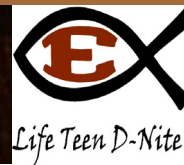
Food for the Soul-Feb. 9

All teens are welcome! 6:30
am Mass Wed. & free break-
fast!

D-Nite– Feb. 9

Wednesday nights 7pm-
8:15pm in the Cafeteria

Questions? Contact Joey
at 972-878-8336 or



This new Steamtable will be a big help when we gather in fellowship! Thank you to the Golden Crusaders, John Marek, the Catholic Daughters of America, Kevin Betik, the Altar Society, the KJZT, the Knights of Columbus, and the KJT for donating the money for this useful addition to our Cafeteria kitchen!

Thank you for our new Steamtable!

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS 2011 EDUCATION CONTEST

Catholic Daughters of the Americas is sponsoring a 2011 Education Contest open to grades 4-12. Check CDA website: www.catholicdaughters.org or the National Office at CDofANat1@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.

PRIZE CHALLENGE FOR HOME BIBLE STUDY

Check at the business office for availability for the Home Study Bible Prize Challenge. It is a year-long course at home. Check web or annex board for more info.

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. Call Joan Johnson, 214-728-6160.

ST. JOHN ROSARY GUILD

The St. John Rosary Guild will meet Thursday, February 10, at the home of William Becker, 908 S. Mulberry St. Come anytime after 6 pm and stay as long as you are able.

They are still making CRHP World Mission Rosaries and also finger rosaries for Faith Formation. Confirmation students needing service hours are especially welcome. Any questions, call Cheryl, 469-337-3497.

TAX STATEMENT LETTERS

We are not mailing out letters this year to show donations for 2010. If you require a statement of church donations for 2010, please call the office to request it, 972-878-2834, or 972-875-2834.

FLOWER MEMORIALS FOR WEEKENDS

Sanctuary flower arrangements for weekends with no weddings are being taken in honor or memory of someone. Call Evelyn Zmolik, 972-875-2791.

ST. JOHN ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 5:00 pm, Room 101

LITTLE SAINTS PLAYGROUP

Parents: bring your young children to play in the gym from 10-12 on Wednesday mornings. Parents will stay with their children; this is not a drop-off service. Stephanie Holland, 214-229-8293.