

## MASSES THIS WEEK



### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

No 6:30 am Mass today

12:05 pm Stanley "Junior" Dlabaj +

Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm Albert Zett +

### TUESDAY, FEB. 14—St. Cyril and St. Methodius

6:30 am Kenneth Langley +

12:05 pm Charlene Bartolic +

Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm (Spanish) Hilario Gallegos +

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:30 am Willie & Mary Kriska ++

12:05 pm Bill/Mary/Jo Ellen Vitovsky +++

6:30 pm Vlasta Knize +

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

No 6:30 am 12:05 pm or 6:30 pm Masses today

Communion Services at :

12:05 pm(English) & 6:30 pm(Spanish)

### FRI., FEB. 17—Seven Holy Founders of Servite Order

No 6:30 am Mass today

12:05 pm Clara/Albin/William Vavra +++

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:00 pm Milton & Ludmila Nesuda ++

### 7th SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 19

7:00 am Alphonse & Agnes Novosad ++

11:00 am Donald Krysinski +

1:00 pm Jose & Enedina Victorino 25th Wedding  
Anniversary

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Louis J. Valek +

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sunday, Feb. 12, 9:00 am Maria Olga Enriquez +

Sunday, Feb. 19, 9:00 am Julia Guerrero +

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

## STAFF TO ATTEND ADORATION ON WEDNESDAYS

Beginning February 15, and continuing every Wednesday, the St. John parish staff will attend an hour of adoration from 3:00-4:00 pm in the church. Therefore, the business office will be closed from 3:00-4:00 pm every Wednesday. Please join them for prayer and meditation and the Divine Chaplet.

SPONSOR OF WEEK: HONZA CPA

## ✠ Pastor's Notes

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

This Sunday we hear another exciting episode from the Book of the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Week after week, it never ends, the love and mercy of our God toward each one of us personally and all peoples.

It is worth the effort to put ourselves in the place of the folks who witnessed this compassionate miracle of Jesus. Living in this time they were fully aware of the horrible nature of this terrible illness of leprosy. Even the Mosaic Law, as we heard in our first reading, prescribes strict and harsh treatment of those poor souls affected by leprosy. They must not approach other people, they must warn others of their presence by crying out, "unclean." How terrible and humiliating a life of leprosy would have been. This terrible life did not end until death. There was no cure for this disease.

This leper had obviously heard of Jesus, he had opened his heart to the gift of faith and believed that Jesus could heal him. He sought Jesus out, knelt down and begged Jesus to take away this dreadful life he was living. What did the people think who were nearby? Why had this man, Jesus, allowed the leper to come close to him? Why did the leper break the law and come close enough to Jesus to speak with him? This disease of leprosy had so messed up his life that it was worth any risk or humiliation if there was a chance of being healed. It was this unclean disease that ruined every part of his life.

The Church Fathers have always viewed this disease of leprosy as a symbol of mortal sin in a person's life. The presence of mortal sin takes away the true peace, joy, and love in our life. It is at the foundation of all that hurts us. We need to recognize this and seek out Jesus in the Confessional. We need to beg Him to heal us and restore us to a good life.

Even though we are unclean, and many people would not want to get near us, Jesus will "stretch out his hand and touch us!" He will always respond to our repentance and heal us. As the priest, *in persona Christi*, "stretches out his hand and gives us absolution, we will receive the same healing power that the leper in the Gospel experienced! See you in the Confessional!

See you in Church!

Fr. John

## BAPTISM CERTIFICATES FOR SACRAMENTS

Baptismal certificates for children who will receive sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist are due as soon as possible. Please bring them to the office to have a copy made. Fee statements have been sent to all families showing what is still due for Religious Education. Please make a serious effort to make payments as soon as possible. Thank you.

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, February 12

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes  
 8:45 am RCIA Session  
 8:30-10:45 am St. John Library Open/Rm106 Compound  
 11:00 Mass, Procession and Lunch (see separate page)  
 3:00 pm Baptisms/Church  
 3:00 pm Confirmation Super Sunday/Cafeteria  
 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

#### Monday, February 13

7:00 pm Theology of the Body/Cafeteria

#### Tuesday, February 14

9:00 am 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  
 7:00 pm Men's Apologetics Class/Room 202 School

#### Wednesday, February 15

6:30 am Life Teen *Food for the Soul* & Breakfast  
 No Mass today at Legend Oaks Nursing Home  
 6:00-7:00 pm Winter Walkers in St. John Gym  
 6:30-8:30 pm Religious Education Classes  
 7:00 pm 7 Steps to Financial Freedom/Room 101  
 D-NITE in the Cafeteria (Discuss Theology of the Body)  
 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

#### Thursday, February 16

7:00-8:15 pm EDGE Night/Cafeteria  
 7:00 pm *That Man Is You*/Room 103 compound

#### Saturday, February 18

7:00 am *That Man Is You*/Room 103 compound

#### Sunday, February 19

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  
 1:30 pm KJZT & KJZT Juniors Meetings/KJT Dining Room  
 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass & Mardi Gras Night(6:30-9:15 pm)

#### SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light is in memory of Joe Blazek and Frank & Annie Pavlacka donated by Janie Blazek Family for week of Feb.11-17.

#### DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE ON FRIDAY

The Daddy-Daughter Dance will be Friday, Feb. 17, 6-9 pm in the PFC of St. Joseph Church, Waxahachie. Sponsored by KC Council 8417 and event is open to all girls ages 3-13. Festivities include dinner, music, prizes, pictures and dancing.  
 Cost: \$30 per couple and \$5 per additional girl. Pay at the door but **must** RSVP to Isaac Martinez, 972-921-4657 before Friday.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus will have only one Fish Fry this year on Friday, February 24, serving from 5-7 pm. Fried catfish with French fries, cole slaw, baked beans, hush puppies and tea or coffee for \$9.00 a plate, take-outs also. KC hall is at I-45 South.

#### COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 4 & 5

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 26,066.89
St. John Capital Improvements Fund	3,099.87
Epiphany Mission Collection	676.91
Epiphany Building Fund Collection	439.84

#### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2012 TODAY

The Bishop's Annual Appeal campaign is much different than a onetime special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months.

The Appeal will positively touch the lives of many. It provides an important portion of the funding for the ministries and services of the diocese. The Appeal covers Catholic schools and religious education, vocations, the two seminaries, seminarians, clergy continual education. It helps to underwrite the work of the Young Adult Ministry and Marriage Ministry. Your gift helps to fund Evangelization through our Catechetical Services. Catholic Charities and Pastoral Services also receive funds to support outreach and ministry to seniors, the poor, struggling individuals or families plus Chaplain services. Please pledge generously today to help make a difference.

This year the theme of the 2012 Bishop's Annual Appeal is "*Let Us Be Imitators of Christ*". Our parish goal is \$76,000, and Epiphany is \$3,000. With your support, we can reach and exceed this goal. All pledges billed in 10 monthly installments.

#### KJZT MEETING

K.J.Z.T. Society #16 and the KJZT Junior Group will meet next Sunday, February 19, at 1:30 pm in the KJT dining room to make plans for 2012. All members urged to attend.

#### GOLDEN CRUSADERS MEETING

St. John Golden Crusaders will have their monthly fun day on Tuesday, February 14. Games start at about 9:00 am with lunch at 11:30 am, followed by a short meeting. Please come and join them. You can be their guest for your first meeting, and then if you're interested, they would welcome you as a new member. Annual dues are only \$15 a person.  
 For the lunch, A-N bring desserts and O-Z bring side dishes.

#### HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

494 The King of Glory  
 634 Shelter Me, O God  
 806 Eat This Bread  
 539 When, in Our Music, God is Glorified

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Hilario Robledo, Rick Sparkman, Shelly Keilers, Donald McManus, Norma Juricek, Don Tubbs, Janie Langley, Hannah Rejcek, Wanda Slovak, Stanley J. Liska, Helen Patak, Betty Rogala, Sandra Bacak, Inosencia Jimenez family, Wilma Zhanel, Brandi Schlottman, Leo Rejcek, Frances Maliska, Diana Chapman, Deanna Massey, Matthew Tacker, Heather Hadash, Patsy Blazek, Frankie Joe Patak, Beto Perez, Helen Blackerby, Celeste Johnson, Emily Holland, Joshua Meachum, Betty Schlottman, Helen Barak, Lori Hearn, Bob Scancelli, Ninfa Carrillo, Maria Manriquez, Raul Monjarez Sr., Mildred Wickliffe, Juanita Levay, Patsy Odlozil, Nathan Gunn, Tony Guerrero, Gertrude Langley, Rosie Mach, Ruphine Patak, Inez Fira, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Lauren Moran, Senaida Arreola, Christian Marente, Helen Matous, James Pustejovsky, Robert Martinez Sr., Alfred Martinez, Rosa Sanchez, Graciela & Ruben Monreal, Helen Zmolek, Gary Kidder, Jerry Dolezal, Tony Alvarez, Josie, Ray & Cynthia Castillo, Steve Betik, Raul Partida



**Come learn about  
what God created you for!**

**Come learn about  
God's amazing plan for you!**

Mondays, 7 PM, Cafeteria

Call Seth Wright at the Parish Office  
to register and order your study guide.

972-878-2834

Childcare is available.

This 8 week study  
is for all of those  
who are over 18  
and have a body  
whether you are  
single,  
dating,  
engaged,  
married,  
divorced,  
or widowed.

#### **BEGINNING APOLOGETICS CLASS FOR MEN**

**Attention men who are committed to learning more about explaining our faith to others:** a Beginning Apologetics Class is being held on Tuesday nights. Attendance every week is not mandatory. This is an introductory level class, so you can attend whatever your level of knowledge of the faith. Classes are held in room 202-204 in the elementary school from 7:00-8:30 pm.

#### **BOY SCOUT FOOD DRIVE**

St. John Boy Scouts are participating in the annual *Scouting for Food Drive*.

The bags that were handed out last weekend or to homes need to be returned next Saturday, Feb. 18, on the church parking lot.

Thank you for helping them meet their goal in their annual food drive.

## **7 Steps to Financial Freedom Seminar**

Sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from February 15 through April 11 – 7:00-8:30 PM, Room 101.

We only have space for 10 people per seminar, so sign up early.

If there is enough interest, we will open up a Thursday evening section.

**Learn God's way to  
manage your money.**

**Contact Seth Wright in the  
Parish Office to register.**

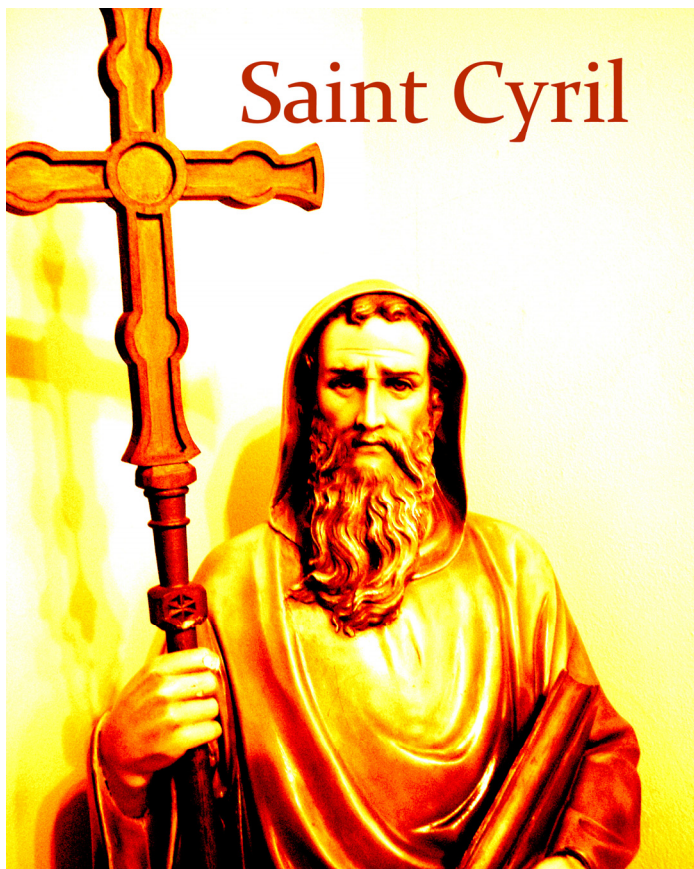
Come celebrate the light of  
Christ entering the lives of  
the Slavic peoples at the

***Saint Cyril  
and  
Saint  
Methodius  
Celebration***

**Saint Methodius**



**Saint Cyril**



**Celebration Activities**

**Novena: Sat., February 4—Sun., February 12**

**Mass (with traditional Czech costume and music):**

**Sunday, February 12th, 2012, 11:00 AM**

**Procession: Following Mass**

**Luncheon: At KJT Hall, Following Procession**

**A-M—\$5 per family**

**N-Z—desserts**

**The rest of the dinner will be provided.**

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

# LIFE TEEN



PICTURES FROM LAST YEARS LIFE TEEN MARDI GRAS NIGHT! HOPE YOU JOIN US THIS YEAR!

## LIFE TEEN EVENTS

- Feb 12- Life Teen Mass & Life Night
- Feb 19- Mardi Gras Night- 6:30-9:15pm- Casino Games, food, and prizes!
- Feb 15- Food for the Soul at 6:30am Mass & D-Nite where we will be discussing the Theology of the Body
- Feb 22- We will be attending the 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Mass



THE EDGE!

### EDGE SCHEDULE

**Feb-16,  
Feb 23,  
March-1st**

**7pm-8:15pm on  
Thursdays in the  
Cafeteria**

### Confirmation Schedule:

**Super Sunday Feb 12 at 3pm  
in the Cafeteria**

**All paper work was due  
February 1st**

**Contact Joey for Questions**

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### HOME BIBLE STUDY TEST

There will be one more review for the Home Bible Study on February 23. Those participants in the Home Bible Study Course who plan to take the final test on March 3, 2012 should already be signed up. You will not be eligible to take the test if you are not signed up.

### ALTAR CARE FOR FEBRUARY 18 & 25

Sharon Kudrna

Ann Gibson

### PARISH FINANCIALS ON WEBSITE

You can find the parish financials for St. John's and Epiphany for October through December on the parish website: [www.stjohnncc.net](http://www.stjohnncc.net)

### TAX STATEMENT LETTERS

In order to cut costs, we are not doing a large mail-out of Tax Statement letters to the whole parish. However, you are very welcome to call the office if you want a copy for income tax purposes, 972-875-2834 or 972-878-2834.

### NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR RELIGIOUS ED

We need more volunteers: teachers, aides to assist the teachers, and substitutes. This is a wonderful way to give back to your parish and help our children. If you are interested, please contact Stacy Gallegos at 972-875-9650, or 972-875-2834.

### CHRISTMAS PLAY DVD

Did your batteries fade out before you got to record the whole Christmas Play? Are you afraid you missed out on the memories of that wonderful night? Don't worry! Christmas Play DVD's are still on sale for \$10. You can pick one up at the parish office during office hours or at the front desk during Religious Ed classes.

### THAT MAN IS YOU

The Spring semester of the That Man Is You men's program has now begun. Sessions are at 7:00 pm on Thursdays and at 7:00 am on Saturdays. Both sessions in Room 103.

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. TMIY 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](http://www.thatmanisyou.org)

### ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

#### Saturday, February 18

**5:00 pm** Nate Allen/Alex Fry

#### Sunday, February 19

**7:00 am** Zachary Matous/Josh Zapletal/Dylan Fisher

**11:00** Chris Trojacek/David Janousek/Tyler Gilmore

**5:00 pm Life Teen Mass** Austin Spaniel/Grant Vrana