

Mass Intentions for week of February 16

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

NO 6:30 a.m. Mass Today
12:05 p.m. Ed & Anita Johnson
6:30 p.m. Anselmo Alvarado +

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:30 a.m. Dorothy Kudrna +
12:05 p.m. Helen Dlabaj +
6:30 p.m. Pauline Garcia +

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:30 a.m. Wesley Mikel +
12:05 p.m. William & Maria Kyle +
6:30 p.m. Vicente Briones +

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**** NO 6:30 a.m. Mass today ****
12:05 p.m. John & Mil Dlabaj ++
6:30 p.m. Sr. Mary Jacinta (Feast Day)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21— St. Peter Damian

**** NO 6:30 a.m. Mass today**

12:05 p.m. Rodney Ruffin +

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22—Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

3:30 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Willie & Carolyn Jurik ++

FEB. 23, SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00 a.m. Alfonse & Agnes Novosad ++
11:00 a.m. Raymundo Castillo, Jr. +
1:00 p.m. Pedro & Yolanda Gonzalez / Huerta & Gonzalez Family
5:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass For the Parish Community

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. February 16, 9 am Miguel & Carmen Palacios ++
Sun. February 23, 9 am Miguel & Carmen Palacios ++

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, February 22

5:00 pm Brandon Martinek / Alex Fry

Sunday, February 23

7:00 am Jake Kasowski / Chris Trojacek / Payton Matous
11:00 am Andrew Martinez / Aaron Martinez / Ermando Campos
5:00 pm LT Mass Juan Lara / Alston Lawrence

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Entrance: Sing of Mary, Meek and Lowly - 778

Offertory: Hail Mary: Gentle Woman - 779

Communion: Gift of Finest Wheat - 816

Recessional: Immaculate Mary - 783

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Compliments of ...(Benny & Evelyn Zmolek)

Lent
Journey to the
Blessings of the CROSS

Preparing
for Lent

The Holy Father has recently written his Lenten message for this year. Let us, as we prepare to journey through the purifications of Lent to the blessings of the Cross and Easter, listen to the words of this shepherd of the Church. Here are some excerpts from his Lenten message:

“In the poor and outcast we see Christ’s face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination and abuse in the world, for these are so often the cause of destitution.”

“No less a concern is *moral destitution*, which consists in slavery to vice and sin. How much pain is caused in families because one of their members – often a young person - is in thrall to alcohol, drugs, gambling or pornography! How many people no longer see meaning in life or prospects for the future, how many have lost hope!”

“Dear brothers and sisters, may this Lenten season find the whole Church ready to bear witness to all those who live in material, moral

“If we think we don’t need God who reaches out to us through Christ, because we believe we can make do on our own, we are headed for a fall. God alone can truly save and free us. “

and spiritual destitution the Gospel message of the merciful love of God our Father, who is ready to embrace everyone in Christ. We can do this to the extent that we imitate Christ who became poor and enriched us by his poverty. Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.”

To read Pope Francis’ entire Lenten message, go to: http://www.vatican.va/phome_en.htm and click on “Message for Lent 2014” along the left side of the page. Copies are also available at the Parish office or in the Annex of the Church.

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 8 & 9
Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Church Support Collection	\$16,130.74
2nd collection for the Church in Eastern & Central Europe	692.65
Epiphany Church Support Collection	803.18
2nd collection for the Church in Eastern & Central Europe	136.10

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 16

8:30-9:30 am International Virgin Pilgrim Statue / Church

8:30-10:45 am St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes

Cyril & Methodius Procession after 11:00 am Mass

** NO RCIA Today **

6:30 pm Life Night

Monday, February 17

6:30am Morning Prayer & Rosary / Church

6:00/7:00 pm Confessions

7:00 pm Qahal/ Rm 101

7:30 pm KC 4th Degree Meeting/ KC

Tuesday, February 18

6:00/7:00 am Morning Prayer & Rosary/Church

7:00 am Food for the Soul Breakfast

5-7:00 pm St. John Library Open/ Room 106

6:00 pm Confessions -**NO Confessions after 6:30 pm Mass**

7:00 pm Apologetics/ Room 301

7-8:30 pm EDGE / Cafeteria

Wednesday, February 19

6:00/7:00 am Morning Prayer & Rosary/Church

10:00 am Little Saints Play Group/Assumption Hall

6-8 pm Life Teen "Into the Deep"

7:00 pm RCIA / Room 101

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 20

6:30 am Morning Prayer and Rosary/Church

10:30 am Catholicism / Room 103-104

7:00 pm Catholicism / Room 103-104

Friday, February 21

7:00 am Rosary/ Church

Saturday, February 22

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, February 23

8:30-10:45 am St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes

9:00 am RCIA/ Room 101

6:30 pm Life Night

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

We accept **clean clothes and shoes** in the gym every **Sunday after 7:00 am Mass until 1 pm.**

During this time anyone is welcome to take what they need free of charge.

ALTAR CANDLES

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary are available for your intentions or for a loved one, living or deceased. Please call Evelyn Zmolik at 214-549-6885.

WINTER WALKERS

Feb. 4– Mar. 5: Tues. & Wed. from 5:30 pm -6:30 pm in the gym.

DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHAPEL CANDLES & FLOWERS

The 4 candles surrounding the Monstrance and the 2 altar flower arrangements in the Divine Providence Chapel are available for your intentions or for a loved one, living or deceased. Please call Evelyn Zmolik at 214-549-6885.

ROSARY GROUP MEETING

Thursday, February 20th, 6:30-8:00 pm at 907 W. Lampasas Street
No membership required. Contact Cathy at 214.718.5828 for info.

K.J.T. SCHOLARSHIPS

State & local are available to high school graduating seniors. Applicants must be insured KJT members for one year. Deadline is March 1st. Call 1-800-245-8182 or 972-875-5443

O most Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—I adore thee profoundly. I offer thee the most Precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ—present in all the tabernacles of the world—in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.

VOTIVE PRAYER OFFERINGS

ST. JOHN CHURCH

Sanctuary Light : Feb. 15—Feb. 21

For: In memory of John J. & Mil Dlabaj; Will & Mary Prachyl; Joe Ben & Geraldine Patril and George Patril

By: Jerry & Irene Prachyl

Altar Candles : Feb. 15—Feb. 21

For: In memory of Anton Galetka

By: Tom & Donna Cooper

Flower Arrangements: Feb. 15—Feb. 21

For: Parish Intentions

By: Parish

DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL

Altar Candles: Feb. 14—Feb. 20

For: In memory of Rudy, Emily, and Gary Valek

By: Children & Family

Flower Arrangements: Feb. 14—Feb. 20

For: In memory of Rudy, Emily, and Gary Valek

By: Children & Family

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

BEGINNING APOLOGETICS

Tuesdays @ 7 PM/ Room 301



Come in faith and expectation!
Come experience our Mother's love; pray for her intercession and miraculous graces.

Sunday, 16th
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 17th
6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

Did you know the Catechism . . .

- contains easy-to-read truths about our faith?
- answers those hard questions you get asked about in the workplace or classroom?
- has great glossaries and indexes including one to find explanations to Scripture, particular subjects, and much more!!!

Whether you are a Catechist or not, you are invited to come to the next Catechist Training session.

February 22, 8:45AM-12:00PM, cafeteria

“Using the Catechism Better”

Childcare provided!

Learn tips and tricks
you might not know
about the Catechism!

St. John Nepomucene Movie Night

Presents an Ignatius Documentary Presentation

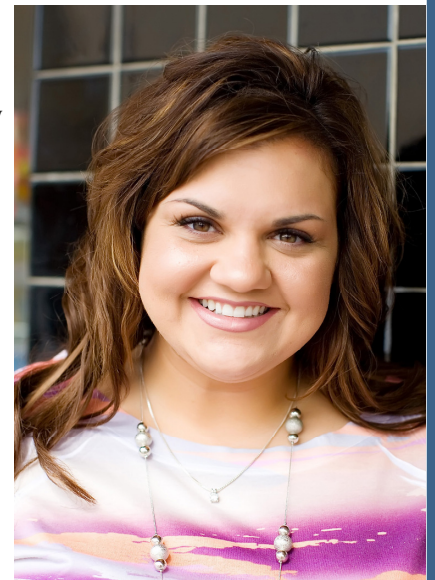
Changing Sides

On **Saturday, Feb. 22**, at **7:00 PM** in **room 103-104** in the Compound, we will be showing the documentary film, *Changing Sides*, the incredible and powerful true story of the conversion of a dedicated Planned Parenthood director to a leading Pro-life Activist. Abby Johnson was the director of the abortion facility that was the launching pad of the bold new pro-life effort - 40 Days for Life. This film reveals what happens when people pray, fast, sacrifice, love their enemies and take a stand on the most controversial issue of our time - abortion. Fences come down, hearts change, and the love of God shines light in the darkest, most unexpected places. And the evil of abortion is exposed and defeated.

Don't miss this opportunity to gather for fellowship, refreshments, and to be inspired by the amazing true story of Abby Johnson! Ignatius books and DVDs will be available for purchase and proceeds will help us continue to show these films and documentaries.

Admission is free.

For more information contact: John Waedekin at (214) 477-4153.



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Married? Planning on getting married within the next year? Are you currently using contraceptives or other forms to prevent pregnancy, but want to be in communion with the Catholic Church? Parishioners, Clayton & Julie Houston are certified instructors on natural family planning through the Couple to Couple League. They will be teaching a 3 part series starting Sunday, February 23rd at 1 pm. Go to www.CCLI.org to register. If you have any questions please call Julie @ 972.921.1523.

NORTH TEXAS MEN'S CONFERENCE IN PLANO

WHEN:

Fellowship: Friday, April 25, 2014, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Conference: Saturday, April 26, 2014, 7 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Prince of Peace Catholic Community
5100 Plano Parkway West
Plano, TX 75093

Contact John Waedekin at 214.477.4153 for more information.

Nepomucene's Teens



Life Teen meetings :

Sunday at 5 PM

Tuesday at 6:30 AM

Wednesday 6:00 PM

February 16th - Our Lady of Fatima/Gym Day

February 23rd - Where do we go from here?

March 2nd - Mardi Gras Party!

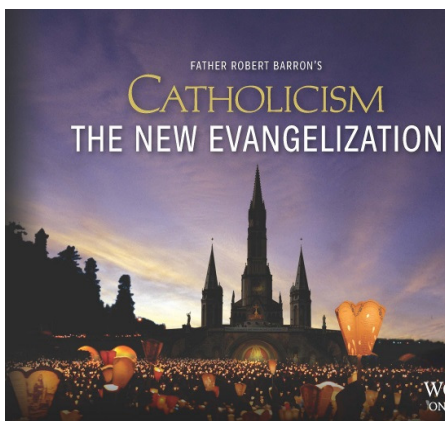
EDGE Class Meeting Schedule: Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 PM

February 18 - Suit Up! *Vocations in the Church*

February 25 - NO EDGE MEETING THIS WEEK

March 4 - Fat Tuesday Celebration

March 11 - NO EDGE MEETING THIS WEEK



Join us for this Lenten study program which focuses on the cultural obstacles the Church faces today and sends us on a joyful mission.

Thursdays in Compound room 103 -104

10:30 AM and 7:00 PM

For more information contact: Nancy Gaines 469-309-2578

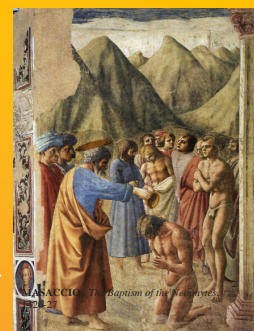
RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- Learn more about God and the Catholic Church
- Become Catholic
- Receive missed Sacraments

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or in becoming Catholic, come to the RCIA sessions—

**Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM,
room 101 in the Compound**

or call Seth Wright at the Parish Office.



Message from the Pastor

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ 2014

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Friday, February 14th, the Universal Church celebrated the Feast of the Brothers, Saints Cyril and Methodius. This Sunday, we at Saint John Nepomucene Parish, built by immigrant families from Czechoslovakia, celebrate their memory with a special Mass, Procession and, of course, a meal.



These two awesome Greek Brothers were brought to the attention of the contemporary Church by Blessed Pope John Paul II in 1985 when he wrote the encyclical "*Slavorum Apostoli*." This encyclical, "The Apostles of the Slavs," once again renewed a devotion and knowledge of these two Saints. Blessed John Paul II wrote, "... a particular obligation to do so is felt by the first Pope called to the See of Peter from Poland, and thus from the midst of the Slav nations."



Blessed John Paul II wrote this work eleven centuries after the Brothers arrived in Greater Moravia. Since we can forget a lot in 1100 years, it is good to refresh our devotion and memory of their lives and work.

Methodius was the older brother, born between 815 and 820. Cyril was born in 827 or 828. Their father was an official in the imperial government. Both young men started out on a political career like their father. However, in 840 Methodius joined a monastery on Mount Olympus. Cyril was ordained a priest in Byzantium then joined a monastery on the Black Sea coast. They were both called out of the monastery and on a journey discovered the relics of Pope Clement and took them to Rome, presenting them to Pope Hadrian II.

When Prince Rastislav of Greater Moravia asked the Emperor Michael III to send missionaries to his land, Cyril and Methodius were chosen, sent and arrived in 863. They spent the remainder of their lives teaching the Slav people the Catholic Faith. They endured years of suffering, privation, hostility, persecution and even imprisonment. While they were visiting Rome, Cyril became ill and died in Rome in 869 on February 14th, where his body is venerated in the Basilica of Saint Clement. Methodius returned to Moravia and continued to work among the people until his death at Velehrad in 885 where his relics are venerated.

See you at the Celebration! Saints Cyril and Methodius, pray for us!

Love & prayers,
Fr. John



Come join us!

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

If you have a loved one who is sick or in need of special prayers (not deceased) please contact the parish office by phone or email joannag@stjohncc.net. Your loved one's name will appear on this prayer list for 4 consecutive Sundays. If a longer period of time is needed, please call the parish office to renew your request 2 weeks before the printed date to the right of your loved one's name.

Jo Ann Dolezalik—3/16/14	Oscar Mauricio-3/2/14	Emil Zabochnik—2/16/14	Rosa Sanchez—3/9/14
Margie Dvorak—3/16/14	Jill Liska— 2/9/14	Helen Matous—2/16/14	Meagan Gould—3/9/14
Helen & Bob Zmolek—3/16/14	Deborah Cortez—2/9/14	George & Margaret Spaniel-2/16/14	Helen & Bob Zmolek—3/9/14
Georgie Ann Nekuza—3/16/14	Jim McKibbin—2/9/14	Johnny & Mary Ann Hajek-1/26/14	Elizabeth Hickman—3/9/14
Mary Hejny—3/16/14	Agnes Prda— 2/9/14	Ed & Peggy Allesandro 2/16/14	Mildred Trojacek—3/9/14
Nathan Gunn—3/16/14	Linda Campbell-3/16/14	Ella Spaniel—3/16/14	Sr. Redempta Bradley—3/9/14
Trish Zabochnik—2/9/14	Helen Autrey -3/16/14	Lydia Mensik—2/23/14	Edwin & Dorothy Langer—3/9/14
Helen Patak—2/23/14	Irma Guerrero -2/9/14	Betty Schlottman—2/23/14	Emilie Harrison—3/9/14
Michael Patak—2/23/14	Ernest Camp—2/9/14	Isabel Olalde—2/23/14	Neil Harrison-3/9/14
Albert Garcia—3/16/14	Betty Rogala—2/23/14	Betty Rogala—3/2/14	Paige Hyepock Cordwell-3/9/14
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-2/16/14	Nelda Westbrook— 2/9/14	Flo Smith—3/2/14	Barbara Sample—3/16/14
Sr. Agnes Marie Marusak-3/16/14	Atam Mata—2/9/14	Carol Waedekin—3/2/14	Louisa de los Santos -3/16/14
Patricia Banks—3/16/14	Mike Varley— 2/16/14	Margaret Krajca—3/2/14	Pete Gutierrez—3/16/14
Frank Prochaski -3/2/14	Theresa Slovak—2/16/14	Mary Sladeczek—3/2/14	Stephen R. Dolezalik-3/16/14
Joe Spaniel-3/16/14	Danny Kubin—2/16/14	Dorinda Clark—3/9/14	Dolores Seaman—3/16/14
Helen Barak-2/16/14	Gary Kidder—2/16/14	Raul Partida—3/9/14	Stanley J. Liska—3/16/14
Ronnie Garcia-2/23/14	Melinda Austin—2/16/14	Freddy Martinez—3/9/14	Mary F. Krajca—3/16/14



The Knights of Columbus Council 1353 is sponsoring a **Casino Night on March 8th @ KC Hall**. We are selling event sponsorships, entry tickets for the evening (**\$25 per person pre-sale**), and raffle tickets (top prize **\$2500 Visa Gift Card**) for the drawing to be held at the Casino Night. The funds raised from this event are used for charitable works such as college scholarships, seminarian support, pro-life activities, youth activities, and for local families in need. **For more information, please contact Casino Night Chairman David Shackelford at 214-336-6325** or any other member of the Knights. **Your support is greatly appreciated!**

