

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

No 6:30 am, 12:05 pm, or 6:30 pm Mass today

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

NO 6:30 am Mass today

12:05 p.m. Deceased Members of Class of '57 +

6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. (SPANISH) Isidro Castillo +

7:00 p.m. Confessions

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:30 a.m. Tony Ingargiola +

12:05 p.m. Charlie & Mary Bouska ++

Adoration after 12:05 Mass until 5 p.m.

2:30 pm Maria Perla Cruz + (Legends Nursing Home)

6:30 p.m. Rosie Mach +

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21- St. Peter Damian

6:30 a.m. Jerry Slovacek +

12:05 p.m. Rose M. Trojacek +

6:30 p.m. (SPANISH) Genobebo Alvarado +

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22-The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

6:30 a.m. Raymundo Castillo +

12:05 p.m. Julian Tobar +

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23- St. Polycarp

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Louise Haba +

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24—Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m. Alphonse & Agnes Novosad ++

11:00 a.m. For the Parish Community

1:00 pm Edith Mariscal Serrano +

5:00 Life Teen Mass Donny Ray Nekuza +

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun., Feb. 17 9am Victor Salazar +

Sun., Feb. 24 9am Aristeo Nieto +

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 9 & 10

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 18,251.94
2nd collection for Church in Central & Eastern Europe	730.69
Epiphany Church Support Collection	679.51
2nd collection for Church in Central & Eastern Europe	156.74

EPIPHANY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

ALTAR CARE FOR February 16 & 23

Sharon Kudrna/ Ann Gibson

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Honza CPA

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

I just finished celebrating the 6:30am, Ash Wednesday Mass. What a joy! Our church was full of you good folks, seeking the Lord Jesus Christ. The Spirit was present and it was a powerful beginning to this Holy Season of Lent.

“Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

If we truly ask the Lord for the grace to desire conversion during Lent, we will experience the true joy and peace that comes with Easter. We need to rise from bed every day during Lent and quickly remind ourselves of our Lenten journey. Each day of Lent we should make a special effort to keep Our Lord on our mind and lips.

Saint Jose Escriva wrote: “Ours should be mortifications which do not mortify others, and which give us more ‘finesse’, more understanding and more openness in our dealings with everybody. You are not mortified if you are touchy; if your every thought is for yourself; if you humiliate others; if you do not know how to give up what is unnecessary and, at times, what is necessary; if you become gloomy because things don’t turn out the way you had hoped. On the other hand, you can be sure you are mortified if you know how to make yourself ‘all things to all men, in order to save all’ (1 Cor 9:22).”

As challenging as St. Escriva sounds, the Lord does give us the grace to accomplish holiness. This Lent we only need to use those means of grace. Increased prayer time each day; Scripture; Confession; Mass; voluntary mortifications and penance; almsgiving; - these will all accomplish within us that new life in Christ, the life of peace and joy that we all seek.

Pray, fast, give alms!

Love and Prayers,
Fr. John

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 17

2nd Collection is for Black & Indian Missions

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

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes

1:30 pm KJZT meeting/ KJT Dining Room

6:30 pm No Life Night after Life Teen Mass

Monday, February 18

Confessions before and after 6:30 Mass

7:30 pm KC 4th Degree Meeting/KC

NO Theology of the Body tonight

Tuesday, February 19

NO Food for the Soul Mass or Breakfast

5-8:30 pm SJ Library open/Room 106 Compound

Confessions before and after 6:30 Mass

7:00 pm Beginning Apologetics/ Room 301

7-8:15 pm EDGE

Wednesday, February 20

6-8 pm Life Teen "Into the Deep"

6:30-8:30 pm Religious Education Classes

7:00 pm RCIA Inquiry/Room 102

7:00 pm Coming Home/ Room 101/102

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, February 21

7:00 pm That Man Is You/ Room 103

7:00 pm Women of Grace/ Room 202/204

7:00 pm Little Flower Talks/ Room 101/102

Friday, February 15

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm RCIA Meet @ Stations then Room 302

7:45 pm Stations of the Cross (SPANISH)

Saturday, February 22

Women's CHRHP Retreat today and Sunday

NO That Man Is You/ Room 103

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, February 23

Women's CRHP Retreat concludes today

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

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes

6:30 pm Life Teen/Life Night

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

Entrance: Again We Keep This Solemn Fast—# 407

Offertory: Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley—# 406

Communion: Tree of Life- # 401

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, February 23

5:00 pm Chris Trojacek/ Joseph Galetka

Sunday, February 24

7:00 am Tyler Novy/Josh Zapletal/ Jake Kasowski

11:00 am Josef Woodward/ Austin Spaniel/ Tyler Dennie

5:00pm LT Mass Alex Fry/ Alston Lawrence

KJZT SOCIETY #16 MEETING

KJZT adult and junior groups will hold their meetings next Sunday, February 17, at 1:30 p.m. in the KJT dining room. Plans will be made for our parish and community projects for this year and for our annual Mass and celebration in August. Refreshments and a social will follow the meeting. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

WOMEN OF GRACE

Will meet in Room 202/204 on Thursday.

BEGINNING APOLOGETICS

"How to Answer the Tough Moral Questions"
Tuesdays at 7:00 in room 301 in the old high school

K.J.T. SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduating high school seniors of the class of 2013 are reminded to contact the KJT home office at 1-800-245-8182 for a scholarship application. You must have been a KJT member for at least 1 year. The deadline is March 1st.

Parish office will be closed Monday, February 18th and Tuesday, February 19th while staff is on retreat. Emergency situations should be directed to Fr. John at 903-624-6114 or contact can be made through email at frjohn@stjohncc.net.

POOR SOULS NOVENA

Poor Souls Novena begins Feb. 25—March 5. You can pick up Mass Intention envelopes at the Parish office if you wish someone to be included in the novena.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA CHOCOLATE SUNDAY BAKE SALE

Feb. 16th —After Saturday evening Mass
Feb. 17th — After the Sunday morning Masses
Please plan on buying a delicious chocolate treat for next Sunday's dinner!

TWO EVENINGS WITH ST. THERESE by Deacon Don "To be Christian does not mean to be someone good."

An in-depth review and study of The Little Flower and her "little way". A wonderful Lenten experience. Thursday, Feb. 21st 7pm-9:00 pm and Thursday, Feb. 28th 7pm-8:30 pm, room 101-102. Please bring paper & pen for note taking. **"I love Him so much that I would want to be to please him even if he didn't know it"**

ALTAR SOCIETY DUES

It is time to pay Altar Society dues. They are \$15. Dues may be paid using the envelope in your packets or at the Religious Goods counter.

Theology of the Body

Monday evenings, 7:15 PM, Cafeteria—no meeting Feb. 18

Lenten Schedule

Stations of the Cross

Make praying the Stations of the Cross with the parish a part of your Lenten devotions.

English: every Friday at 7:00 PM

Spanish: every Friday at 7:45 PM

Epiphany: every Friday at 6:00 PM

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Epiphany: 7:00 PM

St. John Nepomucene: 7:00 PM

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

Epiphany: 4:00 PM

St. John Nepomucene: 3:00 PM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

English: 6:30 PM

Spanish: 8:00 PM

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil

St. John Nepomucene: 8:30 PM

Epiphany: 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday Masses

7:00 AM

9:00 AM (Epiphany)

11:00 AM

1:00 PM (Spanish)

NO 5:00 PM Mass

Easter Duty

Catholics are obligated to receive the Eucharist at least once a year between Easter Sunday and Trinity Sunday (cf. Canon 920). However, you are encouraged to receive at every mass you attend.

RCIA Rites

Feb. 17, 11 AM Mass—Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion (for Baptized non-Catholics and Catholics seeking sacraments)

Feb. 24, 11 AM Mass—Rite of Sending (for non-Baptized persons)

Cathedral, 5:30 PM—Rite of Election (for non-Baptized persons)

March 2, 5 PM Mass—First Scrutiny

March 8, RCIA meeting—Presentation of the Creed

March 10, 7 AM Mass—Second Scrutiny

March 17, 11 AM Mass—Third Scrutiny

March 22, RCIA meeting—Presentation of the Lord's Prayer

March 30, Easter Vigil Mass—Sacraments of Initiation (for previously non-Baptized persons)

May 18, 5 PM Pentecost Vigil Mass—Reception into Full Communion (for Baptized non-Catholics) and First Holy Communion and Confirmation (for Baptized Catholics)

Laws of Fast and Abstinence

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all those who have celebrated their 18th birthday and have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products, or condiments made of animal fat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are not forbidden. (Clearly, soups with meat particles may not be served.) Also, it is permissible to use margarine or lard.

Reconciliation Duty

Catholics guilty of a grave sin are obliged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) at least once a year (cf. Canon 989). Of course, you are encouraged to receive Reconciliation much more often even if you don't have a grave sin, simply to receive the graces of Confession.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



St. Cyril and St. Methodius Celebration

Thank you to the KJT Society for the use of the hall, the Catholic Daughters of America, the Jodie Mikula Orchestra, St. John Czech Choir and various musicians, all parish organizations who processed with their banners and helped in any way, all who participated as ministers and prepared, furnished, cooked, served, or cleaned up the food, and all others who made this year's St. Cyril and St. Methodius Celebration such a special tribute to these two great Slavic saints.

Sv. Cyril & Metoděj, modlete se za nás.



Nepomucene's Teens



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who made our annual Life Teen Mardi Gras Party a great success! Especially Mary Ann Trojacek and the Catholic Daughters, Pappa John Marek and all the kitchen staff, and Wes Poole for conducting our auction!

TONIGHT!

Sunday, 2/17 – Life Teen Mass, BUT NO LIFE NIGHT!

Sunday 2/24 – Life Teen Mass, followed by Life Night “Calling to Mind”

All EDGE students and parents! Our semester on Sacred Scripture is in full swing! We are asking our students to bring their Bibles to EDGE weekly. We are making the Bibles available to the students for \$10.

Interested in volunteering with our teenagers or have any questions about our Youth Ministry programs? Contact Stephen Thompson @ stephent@stjohncc.net

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Encounter the loving mercy of Christ!
Men's Weekend: February 16-17
Women's Weekend: February 23-24

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Purification and Enlightenment

Friday Evenings—Meet for Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7 PM followed by prayer in another room

RCIA Changes

“The period of the catechumenate, beginning at acceptance into the order of catechumens and including both the catechumenate proper and the period of purification and enlightenment after election or enrollment of names, should extend for **at least one year of formation, instruction, and probation**. Ordinarily this period should go from at least the Easter season of one year until the next; preferably it should begin before Lent in one year and extend until Easter of the following year.” (National Statutes for the Catechumenate, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

You may have noticed that we have changed the schedule for when RCIA begins. In order to bring the RCIA process in our parish into line with the way that the Church envisions RCIA being conducted and to give those going through the process the time it takes to adjust to the Catholic way of life, we have moved to a year-round RCIA schedule. Any adults wishing to receive sacraments in 2014 should begin the process **now**. Anyone beginning after Easter will not receive sacraments until 2015.

RCIA Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion

This Sunday at the 11:00 AM Mass, some of those who have been in the RCIA process this year will take part in the Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion. This rite is for those who have already been Baptized, whether Catholic or not. Those who have been Baptized Catholic are seeking to receive either their First Holy Communion or Confirmation or both. Those who were Baptized but are not Catholic are seeking to enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. As we pray with and for these Candidates, let us all seek further conversion to Christ, for it is only in and through Christ that we may enjoy all of the peace and joy that the Lord offers to us.



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Joe Barak, Megan Rebuck, Sarah Carroll, Joanne Walsh, Roy Brandon, Mike Fabela, DeDe Mauricio, Rosie Zhanel, Nicole Rios, Patricia Banks, Sue Thompson, Jessica Puente, Raymundo "Mune" Castillo Jr., Michael Gallagher, Bob Agar, Bill Divin, Fatima de Carmen Gomez, Maximiliano Gomez, Crystal Monjaraz, Lasita Salazar, Margie Dvorak, Nacho Martinez, G.W. and Agnes Garrard, Helen Fowler, Alyvia Zmolik, Mickey Walker, Mildred Trojacek, Florinda Smith, Helen Patak, Betty Coker, Tommy Slama, Juanita Lowe, Walter Marusak, Janie & Richard Mraz, Nathan Gunn, Matthew Dixon, Judy Zapletal, Darrell Patak, Betty Rogala, Maria Manriquez, Jimmie Trahan, Jimmy Garcia Sr., Sandy Wheeler, Roger Gagnon, Joy Moore, Charlie Honza, Frances Maliska, Jeff Sladeczek, Christine Hanson, Hannah Rejcek, Helen Zmolek, Cameron Wolf, Meg Routh, Ruperto Gomez, Mark Strunc, Monsignor Frank Miller, Lori Strunc, Edna Gonzalez, Georgie Ann Nekuza, Ophelia Esparza, Mary Hejny, Juanita LeVay, Anna Lee Weaver, Leo Rejcek, Helen Barak, Rose Sanchez, Alfred Martinez, George Spaniel Sr., Sister Genevieve and Frankie Prochaska, Mary Ann & Johnnie Hajek, Margie Patak, Millie Trojacek, Mildred Wickliffe, Joe and John Schlebach, Graciela and Rene Monreal, Steve and Bernard Betik, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Brandi Schlottman, James Pustejovsky, Gary Kidder, Jerry Dolezal, Raul Partida

CASINO NIGHT

The Knights of Columbus Council 1353 is sponsoring Casino Night on Feb. 16 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Entry tickets for the evening are \$25 per person. There will also be a raffle with a top prize of a \$2500 Visa card to be held at the Casino Night. Tickets are \$10 and you do not need to be present to win. Funds raised from the event will be used for charitable works in the community. For more information or for event sponsorship, please contact Casino Night chairman, David Shackelford, at 214.336.6325 or any other member of the Knights of Columbus.

Your support is greatly appreciated!!

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light is in memory of memory of Jerry Vanzuuk, Jerry & Frances Matous, Charlie & Carrie Reznicek. Donated by John & Jenny Matous for the week of Feb 16– Feb. 22.

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated for the success of the Men & Women's CRHP Retreats for the week of Feb. 16 — Feb. 22.