

## MASSES THIS WEEK



### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

No 6:30 am Mass today

12:05 pm Johnny Mensik +

Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm Alvin Hubacak +

### TUESDAY, FEB. 21—St. Peter Damian, Bishop

6:30 am First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association

12:05 pm Helen & Frank J. Dlabaj ++

Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm (Spanish) Maria Elena Gonzalez +

### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

6:30 am Joe S./Mary/Brodwynne Patak +++

12:05 pm Dennis Zhanel +

6:30 pm Domingo Galban +

8:00 pm Spanish For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23—St. Polycarp, Bishop

6:30 am Nolen Dockery +

12:05 pm Agnes/Joe/Jody Horak +++

6:30 pm (Spanish) Felipe Cortez +

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

6:30 am Jenny Granado +

12:05 pm Chance Crawford +

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (English)

7:45 pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:00 pm Adolph Tobola +

### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, FEBRUARY 26

7:00 am For the Intentions of Our Bulletin Sponsors

11:00 am Chad Ryan +

1:00 pm Manuel Mata Perez +

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

John A./Joe/Albert/Annie/John R. Vrla ++++

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

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

Sunday, Feb. 26, 9:00 am Albert & Catherine Elfrink ++

### STAFF TO ATTEND ADORATION ON WEDNESDAYS

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 Divine Chaplet.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: TONJA BARNEBEE CPA, PC

## ✠ Pastor's Notes

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Our first reading of this Sunday's Liturgy proclaims a truth everyone should be jumping up and down about, celebrating with all their might! Our God, the Almighty Father, Creator of all things, says through the Prophet Isaiah: "... your sins I remember no more."

What incredible news! The Good News! The Gospel of Jesus Christ! But the real question is, do we truly understand and appreciate to the fullest, what those words mean to each of us personally? We can each test ourselves on the answer to the question through the happenings in today's Gospel reading.

A paralyzed man's friends bring him with great difficulty to Jesus. They bring him because they believe that Jesus can cure him. Maybe they were around and had seen Jesus cure others. Or maybe they saw Jesus bring someone back to life from death. In fact, a lot of people were bringing themselves and others to Jesus to be cured of physical problems and diseases. The Gospel writer tells us that most folks were unable to get near Jesus because of the great crowd of people.

"When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." After being accused of blasphemy, He also cured the man's paralysis, saying, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home."

As Jesus explains to the doubting crowd, the second miracle of curing the man's paralysis is performed to prove that the first miracle, the forgiveness of sins, actually happened. Eyes of faith are required to "see" the first miracle, while only normal sight is needed to see the second!

To me, the real question would be: if you or I had a paralyzed body, but were also guilty of committing serious sins, such as adultery or stealing, would we choose to have the sin forgiven or to be able to walk and move again?

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 now. Any outstanding fees for Religious Education need to be paid now also. Thank you.

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND



Be sure to stop by the Catholic Daughters *Chocolate Sunday Bake Sale* tables this weekend. Purchase a delicious dessert and support our Catholic Daughters.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

#### 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)

#### Monday, February 20

7:15 pm Theology of the Body/Cafeteria

#### Tuesday, February 21

5:00-7:00 pm St. John Library open/Compound  
 6:00-7:00 pm Winter Walkers in St. John Gym  
 7:00 pm Apologetics Class/Rm 301 High School Bldg.

#### Ash Wednesday, February 22

Masses at: 6:30 am, 12:05 pm & 6:30 pm (8:00 pm in Spanish)  
 No Life Teen *Food for the Soul* today  
 No Religious Education Classes tonight  
 No Seven Steps to Financial Freedom tonight  
 D-NITE in the Cafeteria (Discuss Theology of the Body)

#### Thursday, February 23

7:00-8:15 pm EDGE Night/Cafeteria  
 7:00 pm *That Man Is You*/Room 103 compound  
 7:00 pm Final Review for Home Bible Study Test

#### Friday, February 24

5:00-7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Fish Fry/KC (see notice)

#### Saturday, February 25

7:00 am *That Man Is You*/Room 103 compound  
 3:30 pm Confessions/Church

#### Sunday, February 26

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes  
 8:45 am RCIA Session  
 8:30-10:45 am St. John Library Open/Rm106 Compound  
 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

#### HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

603 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy  
 616 Eye Has Not Seen                      822 I Am the Bread of Life  
 662 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

#### SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light is in memory of Anton & Effie Jurica and Duane Dolezalik donated by Louis A. & JoAnn Dolezalik for the week of February 18-24.

#### 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, Ennis.

#### COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 11 & 12

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 14,428.24
Epiphany Mission Collection	562.00

#### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2012

The Bishop's Annual Appeal campaign is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months. The Appeal provides an important portion of the funding for the ministries and services of the diocese, covering Catholic schools and religious education, vocations, the two seminaries, seminarians, and clergy continual education; it helps the Young Adult Ministry and Marriage Ministry; helps to fund Evangelization through Catechetical Services, Catholic Charities and Pastoral Services to support outreach and ministry to senior citizens, the poor, struggling individuals or families, plus Chaplain services. If you haven't already done so, please make a pledge to help make a difference. Our parish goal is \$76,000 and Epiphany's is \$3,000. With your support we can meet and exceeds our goals.

#### KJZT and KJZT JUNIORS MEETINGS

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

The KJZT Juniors will have their first meeting today at 1:30 pm in the KJT dining room. They have a lot to discuss, so members are asked to please attend. Be sure and wear your uniform shirt to the meeting.

#### RCIA IN OUR PARISH

During Lent candidates for the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) experience final preparation to become members of the Catholic Church. The "Elect" as they are called, rely on us, the Church to welcome them. RCIA process includes a number of public rituals in Lent during the 11:00 am Masses:

#### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT

St. John Goal	\$76,000	Epiphany Goal:	\$3,000
Pre-pledges	18,686	Pre-pledges	320
Pew pledged	30,611	Pew pledges	2,447
Total pledged	49,297	Total pledged	2,767
# of families:	299	# of families	32

Thank you to those who have already pledged, and for those who haven't, there is still time to do so to meet our goal.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: David Trojacek, Coye Logan Ferguson, Hilario Robledo, Rick Sparkman, Shelly Keilers, Norma Juricek, Don Tubbs, Janie Langley, Hannah Rejcek, Wanda Slovak, Stanley J. Liska, Helen Patak, Betty Rogala, 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, Emily Holland, Joshua Meachum, Betty Schlottman, Helen Barak, Lori Hearn, Bob Scancella, 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, 7:15 PM, Cafeteria

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

972-878-2834

Childcare is available.

This is an 8 week study 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**

Attention those 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 301 in the high school building from 7:00-8:30 pm.

#### **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWLS**

Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Community in the United States. Rice Bowls will be available in the back of church and annex for you to use to make your Lenten sacrifices. Your support helps families around the world through CRS' development projects, through agricultural, water, health, education and medical projects. Please use the Rice Bowls.

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

Sessions, now in progress, will be held on Wednesday evenings 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.**

## Lenten Schedule

### Ash Wednesday

**English Masses:** 6:30 AM,  
12:05 PM, 6:30 PM

**Spanish Mass:** 8:00 PM

**Mass at Epiphany:** 6:30 PM

### Stations of the Cross

**English:** every Friday at 7:00 PM

**Spanish:** every Friday at 7:45 PM

**Epiphany:** every Friday at 6:00 PM

The schedule for Holy Week will be printed later. Make sure to check the calendar on the parish website to see all of the events going on in the parish.

### RCIA Rites

**Feb. 26, 11 AM Mass** – Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion  
(for Baptized non-Catholics)

**March 4, 11 AM Mass** – Rite of Sending  
(for non-Baptized persons)

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

**March 11, 11 AM Mass** – First Scrutiny

**March 16, RCIA meeting** – Presentation of the Creed

**March 18, 11 AM Mass** – Second Scrutiny

**March 25, 11 AM Mass** – Third Scrutiny

**March 30, RCIA meeting** – Presentation  
of the Lord's Prayer

**April 7, Easter Vigil Mass** – Sacraments of Initiation

**Note:** Two of the Scrutinies may be moved to the Saturday, 5 PM, Mass and the Sunday, 7 AM, Mass to allow more of our parishioners to be present at these rites.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

On Ash Wednesday, the blessed ashes are distributed. The ashes are made from burnt blessed palms. After the priest blesses the ashes and sprinkles them with holy water, the faithful come forward to receive them. The priest or deacon dips his right thumb in the ashes and, making the Sign of the Cross on each person's forehead, says, "Remember, man, that thou art dust, and to dust thou shalt return" (or a variation on those words). The distribution of ashes reminds us of our own mortality and calls us to repentance.

## LAWS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has determined that the following practice shall prevail in the United States:

**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 60th birthday. (you must also consider the health of the individual and any special dietary needs) Fasting means to eat only one complete meal and two much smaller ones during the day, with no food in between.

**Abstinence from meat** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday.

### 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.

### 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.

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 19- Mardi Gras Night- 6:30-9:15pm- Casino Games, food, and prizes! Meet in the Church after 5pm Mass!

Feb 22- No food for the soul in the morning. We will be attending the 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Mass



THE EDGE!

### EDGE SCHEDULE

Feb 23,  
March- 1st  
March 8-No EDGE

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

### Confirmation Schedule:

Our Next Super Sunday is  
April 1st at 3pm

Contact Joey for Questions

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### HOME BIBLE STUDY TEST

There will be one more review for the Home Bible Study on Thursday, February 23, 7:00 pm, Rm. 205. Those participants who have already signed up for the test on March 3 should attend this review. You will not be eligible to take the test if you are not signed up.

### TAX STATEMENT LETTERS

You are very welcome to call the office if you want a Tax Statement of your donations for income tax purposes, 972-875-2834 or 972-878-2834.

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today the second collection is for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, which provides for support for pastoral programs, medical care, food and housing. Mother Teresa of Calcutta's Sisters of Charity homeless shelter helps the sick, elderly and those who live in poverty. Your donations support the Sisters and Catholic organizations who help use the light of Christ to aid these destitute people.

The collection next weekend is for the Black & Indian Missions to help American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. It supports evangelization programs to African Americans also. Please be generous in supporting these collections.

### CHRISTMAS PLAY DVD

Are you afraid you missed out on the memories of the Christmas play? 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

That Man Is You men's program sessions are at 7:00 pm on Thursdays and at 7:00 am on Saturdays. Both 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. More information about the program can be found on our parish website or at: [www.thatmanisyou.org](http://www.thatmanisyou.org)

### RACHEL'S CORNER

Pray for the intercession of St. Peter Damian, the Saint of the Poor, and come to know the joys of eternal light at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. 214-544-CARE [healing@racheldallas.org](mailto:healing@racheldallas.org)

### ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

#### Saturday, February 25

**5:00 pm** Tyler Dennie/Alex Fry

#### Sunday, February 26

**7:00 am** Aaron Rejcek/Zachary Matous/Tyler Novy

**11:00** Tyler Gilmore/Dylan Fisher/Joseph Baird

**5:00 pm Life Teen Mass** Grant Vrana/Josh Zapletal