

# Mass Intentions

## MONDAY, March 4 — St. Casimir

6:30 a.m. Poor Souls Novena

12:05 p.m. Alvin Kubin +

6:00 p.m. **Confessions**

6:30 p.m. Eileen Mitchell +

## TUESDAY, March 5

6:30 a.m. Poor Souls Novena

12:05 p.m. Jodie Slovak +

6:00 p.m. **Confessions**

6:30 p.m. (SPANISH) Ignacia Reyes

7:00 p.m. **Confessions**

## WEDNESDAY, March 6

6:30 a.m. Aaron Hanna +

12:05 p.m. Mary Jo Sedlacek +

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

2:30 p.m. John & Frances Maliska ++ **Ennis Care**  
George & Emily Novy ++

6:30 p.m. Cecilia Blazek +

## THURSDAY, March 7-Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs

6:30 a.m. Ralph Martin

12:05 p.m. Renewal Ministries

6:30 p.m. (SPANISH) Dominicio & Julia Jiron ++

## FRIDAY, MARCH 8-St. John of God, Religious

6:30 a.m. Cardinal Electors

12:05 p.m. Rose Ann Vrana +

## SATURDAY, MARCH 9

3:30 p.m. **Confessions**

5:00 p.m. Viola & Charlie Dlabaj ++

## SUNDAY, MARCH 10—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00 a.m. Agnes Novosad +

11:00 a.m. Adele/Joe/Joe David Janousek +++

1:00 pm For the Parish Community

5:00 Life Teen Mass Willie & Mary Kriska ++

### MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun., March 3 9am Pascacio Escobar +

Sun., March 10 9am Felicitas Castillo +

### COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 23 & 24

St. John Church Support Collection \$ 14,804.59

Epiphany Church Support Collection 1,158.64

### CDA MARCH MEETING

The Catholic Daughters' March Meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, at 7:00 at the Knights of Columbus Hall Dining Room. We will begin the meeting with our Lenten Observance. Scholarship applications will be available for pick up. Please plan to attend this meeting and bring a guest.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: El Mexicano Grill**

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

In our Gospel Reading this Sunday, the Lord makes two very important points for each of us in our lives. The first is that we are all sinners and we are in need of repentance and conversion. The second is that God wants us to be saved and is patient and merciful while we are in the process of repenting and converting. But this period of "mercy" ends upon our mortal death. Then we stand before God for judgment on how we have used this gift of His mercy during our earthly lives.

Jesus makes the point that "all" are sinners, not just the Galileans who were killed by Pilate, or the eighteen people who were killed in Siloam by the falling tower. The true/ultimate punishment for our sins does not take place in this world but rather in eternal life. Though we do suffer and cause others to suffer by the consequences of our choice to sin in this life. We are given this life on earth as a time to become holy and rid ourselves of sin with the power of His grace. By cooperating with His grace we are able to grow in holiness and attain eternal salvation.

If we are believing Christians, our faith and reason tells us that we should not sin. But because of original sin, our desire, what we naturally want to do is sin. For example: we want to eat too much, sleep too much, seek too much comfort, etc...so our reason/will must be used to override our sinful wants.

St. John Mary Vianney said in an Ash Wednesday homily:

"...if we want the flesh to be controlled by the spirit and by reason, it must be mortified; if we do not want the body to be at war with the soul, it and all our senses need to be chastened; if we desire to go to God, the soul with all its faculties needs to be mortified."

In other words, we do not want our sinful desires to get used to having their way. So these desires need to be mortified, and this is something we must voluntarily choose to do. We have to constantly practice mortification. For example: not eating all that we want; not sleeping all that we want; not constantly seeking to be more comfortable; not using all our money for ourselves. By practicing mortifications we will "train" ourselves to deny our desire for sin. However, these acts of mortification must be accompanied by sources of grace. Thus, we practice frequent confession, attending Mass and reception of the Eucharist as often as possible, prayer, etc. These bring His strength, grace, into our souls, which combined with our voluntary mortifications, equals a change of life, holiness.

Love and Prayers,  
Fr. John

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

### IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, March 3

**Second collection this week is for Capital Improvements**

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

**8:30-10:30 am** Religious Education Classes

**11:00 am** KJZT District Meeting/Dining Room

**6:30 pm** Life Teen/ Life Night

#### Monday, March 4

**6:00 pm** Confessions

No confessions after 6:30 Mass

**7:00 pm** Catholic Daughters of America/KC

**7:15 pm** Theology of the Body/Cafeteria

#### Tuesday, March 5

**6:30 am** Food for the Soul Mass & Breakfast

**8:00 am** Golden Crusaders/Cafeteria

**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 / Cafeteria

#### Wednesday, March 6

**10:00 am** Little Saints Play Group/Assumption Hall

**6-8 pm** Life Teen "Into the Deep"

**6:30-8:30 pm** Religious Education Classes

**7:00 pm** RCIA Inquiry/Room 102

**7:30 pm** Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

**7:30 pm** KC #1353 Meeting/KC

#### Thursday, March 7

**7:00 pm** That Man Is You/ Room 103

**7:00 pm** Women of Grace/ Room 104

**7:00 pm** Little Flower Talks/ Room101/102

#### Friday, March 8

**7:00 pm** Stations of the Cross

**7:00 pm** RCIA Meet @ Stations then compound

**7:45 pm** Stations of the Cross (SPANISH)

#### Saturday, March 9

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

**3:30 pm** Confessions/Church

#### Sunday, March 10

**Library closed for Spring Break**

**NO** Religious Education Classes

**NO** Life Night after Life Teen Mass

#### **ALTAR CARE FOR March 2 & 9**

Cecilia Canada/ Joan Johnson

#### **SOKOL FISH FRY!**

March 8, 2013; SOKOL Clubroom; 5:00 to 7:00 pm. \$8 plate includes fried catfish, French fries, beans, coleslaw, tea and coffee. Carry outs available. Public Welcome.

#### **ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES**

##### **Saturday, March 9**

**5:00 pm** Josh Zapletal/Joseph Galetka

##### **Sunday, March 10**

**7:00 am** Zachary Matous/Josef Woodward/Jake Kasowski

**11:00 am** Tyler Dennie/Austin Spaniel/Chris Trojacek

**5:00pm LT Mass Andrew** Alvarado/Alston Lawrence

## RCIA Changes

"The period of the catechumenate, beginning at ac-

ceptance into the order of catechumens ... 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...."

(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**. **Any-one beginning after Easter will not receive sacraments until 2015.**

#### **THANK YOU FROM THE CDA**

The Catholic Daughters would like to thank our St. John's parish family for helping to make our Chocolate Sunday Bake Sale a success. Thank you to all who bought, baked, and/or donated! Proceeds of the sale will help CDA continue our religious and community charitable projects.

#### **CEMETERY CLEAN UP ON MARCH 16**

The annual Spring Cleanup at St. Joseph Cemetery will be Saturday, March 16, 2013, from 9:00 - 10:30 am. At this time ALL items on the ground will be picked up and thrown away. The cleanup will include the Mausoleum also. Volunteers to help with the cleanup are appreciated. Bring gloves, and rakes or hoes to get to the leaves around the fences. A pizza lunch will be served in the cafeteria for volunteers.

#### **SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK**

The sanctuary light is in memory of memory of Elvin Vick, Milton Dixon, Frankie Helms, and A.R. Patak Family. Donated by Elizabeth Dixon for the week of March 2- March 8.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The religious education department is looking for front desk volunteers on Sunday mornings, 2 men to volunteer for hall monitors, and one more male hall monitor on Wednesday nights. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions please contact Stacy Gallegos at the parish office.

#### **SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK**

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated in memory of Rudy, Emily, & Gary Valek by Patsy, Loraine, Jackie, & family for the week of March 2 — March 8.

#### **HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th**

Entrance: Again We Keep This Solemn Fast—# 407

Offertory: Hosea—#405

Communion: Deep Within—#419



Pope Benedict XVI with Dallas Bishop Kevin Farrell and Dallas Auxiliary Bishops Mark Seitz and Douglas Deshotel

On Monday, February 11, 2013, Pope Benedict XVI announced that he will be stepping down as Pope at the end of February. Here are ...

## Some Thoughts on the Holy Father

by Bishop Kevin Farrell, Bishop of Dallas (from Bishop Farrell's blog)

For those who know Pope Benedict XVI he will be remembered as a fatherly and kind leader, different from the perception of many who knew him only through reports in the media or impressions gained from decisions he made or theological statements.

His first encyclical *God is Love (Deus Caritas Est)* belied the persona projected by critics of his work as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, a position that by its very nature required making tough and frequently unpopular decisions. However, during those years as the Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, I had several occasions to meet with him regarding doctrinal mat-

ters and always found him kind and understanding.

He showed his great love for the Church by the courageous decision he has made. The Holy Father's willingness to voluntarily step down from what is arguably one of the world's most respected and powerful positions shows his great humility and self-awareness.

Many have described him as a "teaching" pope, and that he was. He loved the faith and that is why he loved the Church. That is also why he was a superb teacher and theologian, because those gifts enabled him to transmit his great faith to others.

In his decision to resign the Pope

called attention to the complexity of the Pontifical Office that requires the strength and stamina of a younger man to deal with the demands of a Church that embraces more than a billion faithful throughout the world and is growing constantly.

Pope Benedict not only taught us with his intellectual works, but also by the witness of his life. As his predecessor's final lesson to us was how to suffer, the Holy Father Pope Benedict's final lesson is how to let go. In making his monumental announcement, he has also taught us how to keep a secret...a rare talent these days.

Let us continue to pray for him as he steps into retirement and for the power of the Holy Spirit in choosing a new captain for the Barque of Peter.

Visit Bishop Farrell's blog at:  
<http://bishopkevinfarrell.org/blog/>

## CHOOSING A NEW POPE THE CONCLAVE OF CARDINALS



For the election of a new pope, the College of Cardinals meets to vote in secret. The College of Cardinals is made up of all of those who were created cardinal (advisor to the pope) by a previous pope. While most cardinals are bishops, a pope can name priests and even laymen as cardinals. All Cardinals under 80 years of age are eligible to vote in the conclave, and a pope is elected when 2/3 of the Cardinals present vote for him. He becomes pope when he accepts the election.

During the election process, if no one receives 2/3 of the votes, the ballots are burned with an additive, and black smoke issues from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel. When a pope is elected, the ballots are burned by themselves and white smoke shows this to the world.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

THE EVENT FOR ALL TIME

THE  
PASSION

ENNIS, TEXAS

MARCH 13TH  
7:00 P.M.

FEATURING  
DOUG BARRY

MUSIC BY  
ERIC GENUIS



# Nepomucene's Teens



## EDGE:

**Tuesday 2/26: Can I get an Amen?**  
**Tuesday 3/5: Jesus Coming to Town**  
**Tuesday 3/12: NO EDGE NIGHT –  
Spring Break**

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

## Life Teen:

**Sunday, 2/24 – “Calling to Mind”**  
**Sunday 3/3 – “Word Up”**  
**Sunday 3/10 – Life Teen Mass,  
NO LIFE NIGHT**  
**Sunday 3/17 – “Given up for you”**  
\*“Life Teen” begins with the Life Teen Mass at 5 PM and continues with Life Night until 8:15 PM.

Tuesday Mornings at 6:30—Food For the Soul & Breakfast (show up at Mass at 6:30)

Wednesday Evenings— 6-8 PM “*Into The Deep*” meets in the Cafeteria, attends Mass, and explores deeper levels of the Catholic faith in our lives.

Interested in volunteering with our teenagers or have any questions about our Youth Ministry programs? Contact Stephen Thompson @ [stephent@stjohncc.net](mailto:stephent@stjohncc.net)



## Walk with Him. *Stations of the Cross*

Each Friday of Lent  
7:00 PM (English)  
7:45 PM (Spanish)

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server training will be held on Tuesday, March 12, at 4:00 PM in the Church followed by dinner. This is for current servers and any High School young man who is interested in serving.

The last Evening with St. Therese

“A Hurricane of Glory”  
Thursday, March 7, 7-9 PM, Cafeteria

### BEGINNING APOLOGETICS

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

### Theology of the Body

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

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Joe W. Spaniel, Joe Barak, Megan Rebuck, Sarah Carroll, Joanne Walsh, Roy Brandon, Mike Fabela, DeDe Mauricio, Rosie Zhanell, Nicole Rios, Patricia Banks, Sue Thompson, Jessica Puente, 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, 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 Schleich, Graciela and Rene Monreal, Steve and Bernard Betik, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Brandi Schlottman, James Pustejovsky, Gary Kidder, Jerry Dolezal, Raul Partida

### RCIA Scrutinies

“The scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on Sundays and are reinforced by an exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them



strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.”

RCIA, 141

### 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