

MASSES THIS WEEK

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For The Week

MONDAY, MARCH 5

6:30 am Etheline Sylvester +
12:05 pm Bill/Mary/Jo Ellen Vitovsky +++
Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm Mark Hejny +

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

6:30 am First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association
12:05 pm Mildred Bouska +
Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm (Spanish) Jose Belen Landeros +

WED., MARCH 7—Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

6:30 am Charles Elleven Jr. +

12:05 pm Leonard Vrana

2:30 pm Mass at Ennis Care Center for Residents

6:30 pm Nolen Dockery +

THURSDAY, MARCH 8—St. John of God, Religious

6:30 am Alfred Holy +

12:05 pm Charlie & Mary Bouska & Deceased Family ++

6:30 pm (Spanish) Pablo Gonzalez Diaz +

FRIDAY, MARCH 9—St. Frances of Rome, Religious

6:30 am Jerry Slovacek +

12:05 pm Annie Vrana +

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (English)

7:45 pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

5:00 pm Kenneth Langley +

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 11

7:00 am Paulita Alvarez +

11:00 am Tony Ingargiola +

1:00 pm Roberto Carlos Ortiz +

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Ernest & Ann Haskovec ++

MASS INTENTIONS FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sunday, March 4, 9:00 am Cyrill & Christine Svrcek ++

Sun., March 11, 9:00 am Martha Winston Raymundo Flores +

STAFF TO ATTEND ADORATION ON WEDNESDAYS

The St. John parish staff attends an hour of adoration from 3:00-4:00 pm every Wednesday; therefore, the office is closed during that time frame. Sometimes they pray a rosary or the Divine Chaplet or other prayers. You are very welcome to join them.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: LEGEND HEALTHCARE



Pastor's Notes

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Who is this person, Jesus Christ, who asks each of us to give our whole lives to Him? Looking at this obviously human person, how could those folks over 2000 years ago have made the decision to give Him everything?

Part of the reason that folks could make this decision, then and now, is because of the living witness of others who had already made that decision and were living it. This is why Jesus was transfigured before their eyes and His Divine Sonship was announced by the Father from Heaven above: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him."

For us as Catholic Christians living our lives out now in the year 2012, we must also be able to make the same decision. This is the decision of Lent. This is the decision of each and every day of our mortal lives.

In many ways, we are 2000+ years luckier than all those who have had to make this decision before us. Each year we have more and more folks who are willing to stand up and say they made this decision, were glad they made it and would make it again. Living testimonies to Jesus Christ and His promise.

We even have folks whose Catholic lives are guaranteed by the Church. The Church guarantees that these folks aren't just saying they made the decision for Christ and lived by His Gospel but actually did it in real life. They are people who had all kinds of real everyday lives. Married, single, religious, men, women, rich, poor, educated, uneducated, healthy, sick, lived long lives, died young, and any other type of life you could possibly think of!

This Lent, try picking-up a new, Life of a Saint, who you might be interested in and read it. You will find out that there is a good reason Mother Church recommends that we read the Lives of the Saints!!!

Have a Blessed Lent.....so you can experience a Glorious Easter!!!

Fr. John

"...a family is holy not because it is perfect, but because God's grace is at work in it."

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults, p. 376

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES FOR SACRAMENTS

Baptismal certificates for children who will receive sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist **are due now. Outstanding fees for Religious Education need to be paid up now also.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 4

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes
8:30-10:45 am St. John Library Open/Rm 106 Compound
 Rite of Sending and Rite of Election for RCIA Members today
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

Monday, March 5

6:30 pm Catholic Daughters Lenten Mass & Meeting & Social
7:15 pm Theology of the Body/Cafeteria

Tuesday, March 6

5:00-7:00 pm St. John Library open/Compound
6:00-7:00 pm Winter Walkers in St. John Gym
7:00-8:30 pm Apologetics Class/Rm 301 High School Bldg.

Wednesday, March 7

6:30 am Life Teen *Food for the Soul* after Mass
6:30-8:30 pm Religious Education Classes
6:00-7:00 pm Final Winter Walkers in St. John Gym
7:00 pm Seven Steps to Financial Freedom/Room 101
7:00 pm D-NITE/Cafeteria(Discuss Theology of the Body)
8:30 pm Steubenville South Parent/Teen Meeting

Thursday, March 8

No EDGE tonight
7:00 pm *That Man Is You*/Room 103 compound

Friday, March 9

7:30 pm RCIA/Room 104

Saturday, March 10

9:00 am **First Confessions** in Church
9:00 am St. Joseph Cemetery Cleanup (see notice)
10:00-3:00 Lenten Mini-Retreat in Rooms 103/104
3:30 pm Confessions/Church
7:00 am *That Man Is You*/Room 103 compound

Turn your clocks up one hour before going to bed tonight

Sunday, March 11

No Religious Education Classes today
8:30-10:45 am St. John Library Open/Rm106 Compound
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass (No Life Night)

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light in memory of Charles & Frances Nekuza Family, & Joe S. & Florence Vitovsky Family for the week of March 3-9.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MASS & MEETING

Catholic Daughters March Meeting will be a Lenten Retreat on Monday, March 5, beginning with the celebration of the Mass at 6:30 pm at St. John Church, followed by an uplifting talk by Fr. John. A short business meeting and refreshments will follow in the school. All CDA members and guests are urged to attend to receive the spiritual blessings of this Lenten Retreat.

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 25 & 26

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 20,093.04
Black & Indian Mission Collection	841.38
Epiphany Mission Collection	923.42
Black & Indian Mission Collection	203.56

FIRST CONFESSION

The sacrament of First Reconciliation, commonly known as First Confession, will be on Saturday, March 10, at 9:00 am. It is important that everyone arrive on time and meet in the church. Remember that First Confession **must** be received before your child can receive First Communion in April.

FIRST COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Sign up for a First Communion Mass now. Parents have a choice of five different Sundays (3 English & 2 Spanish) for their children's sacrament. The English Masses so far will be: April 15, 11 am; April 29, 11 am; and May 13, 11 am. More Masses may be added if needed. Dates and times are on the handout given at Religious Education and posted online at stjohncc.net You can sign up by calling the RE office, **972-875-9650**, or during RE class times, or by email to stacyg@stjohncc.net Space will be limited to 20 children

CEMETERY CLEANUP ON MARCH 10

The annual **Spring Cleanup at St. Joseph Cemetery** will be next Saturday, March 10, 2012, from 9:00-11:00 am. At this time **ALL** items on the ground will be picked up and thrown away. All Christmas flowers and wreaths will also be disposed of to make room for Easter and spring flowers. If you have Christmas flowers there you want to keep, please take them home. 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.

THANK YOU ON CDA BAKE SALE

Catholic Daughters thank their parish family for supporting their recent Chocolate Sunday Bake Sale. Thank you CDA members for the delicious desserts and those who purchased them. God bless you!

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 4

407 Again We Keep This Solemn Fast
 397 The Glory of These Forty Days
 603 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (No recessional hymn)



Don't forget to set your clocks **ahead** one hour on Saturday night when Daylight Savings Time begins!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Adele Krajca, Bernard Betik, Nancy Svehlak, Milie & Leslie Trojacek, Dawn Ashley, Logan Bastor, 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 Scancelli, Ninfa Carrillo, Maria Manriquez, Raul Monjarez Sr., Mildred Wickliffe, 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, Helen Zmolek, Gary Kidder, Jerry Dolezal, Tony Alvarez, Josie, Ray & Cynthia Castillo, Steve Betik, Raul Partida

RAFFAELLO Sanzio
The Transfiguration
1518-20



Let Christ
transfigure your
life this Lent!

Prayer
Fasting
Almsgiving

And join an Adult Education Class, go to the CRHP retreat, or go to the Lenten Mini-Retreat.

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.

Endow Study – Pope John Paul II’s Letter to Women

Ladies, This Lent do you want to deepen your spiritual life? You are invited to join other women in our parish to learn more about what it means to be a **woman** created in God’s image. To learn more about the Endow program and this opportunity you may visit www.EndowGroups.org.

This study is limited to 12 women and will begin Wednesday, March 21st (7:15 p.m. -8:45 p.m.) and last for eight weeks. The fee is \$80.00 and is payable when you register online.

For more information, contact Sharon Kudrna @ 972-875-8157 or skk72@aol.com.



Come learn about God’s
wonderful plan for you!
Mondays, 7:15 PM, Cafeteria

RCIA

This Sunday at the 11 AM Mass, we will celebrate the **Rite of Sending**. This rite is for those who have not been Baptized. They intend to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil. Then on Sunday afternoon they will go to the Cathedral in Dallas to be accepted as “the Elect” by the bishop in the **Rite of Election**. Please pray for them throughout this period of Lenten preparation.

St. John's Women's CRHP Retreat

We would like to invite all women at our Parish to come and join us for our next Retreat, the weekend of March 24-25. It will be a weekend retreat for all women ages 18 and up. We will be hosting the retreat at the St. John's compound area.

Registration Forms will be available after each Mass.

The cost is FREE!!!

Thank you & God Bless You!!

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Jesus said, “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly”
(John 10:10)

Saturday, March 10
10:00 AM—3:00 PM
Rooms 103 and 104 in the
Compound

Lenten Mini-Retreat

Theme:

Living a Fully Human Life



CARRACCI, Annibale
The Samaritan Woman at the

**Come enter more fully into
Lent and into life.**

Contact Seth Wright at the Parish Office for more details.

This retreat will focus on ways to bring God into all areas of our lives so that we are not only encountering Him at Mass but in every aspect of all we do. Men and women are both welcome and encouraged to attend. Lunch will be served. \$5 is suggested as a donation to help cover the cost of the food.

“The glory of God is
a human fully alive.”
St. Irenaeus

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

LIFE TEEN



Last Years Steubenville South Trip

**Do not miss our
Steubenville
South Parent &
Teen Meeting
on Wednesday
March 7th at
8:30pm in the
cafeteria**

LIFE TEEN EVENTS

March 4- LIFE TEEN Mass & Life Night

March 11 & 18- No Life nights(Spring Break)-There will still be LIFE TEEN Mass both weekends

March 7 & 14- Food for the soul 6:30am Mass & D-Nite 7pm



THE EDGE!

EDGE SCHEDULE

**March 8-No EDGE
March 15-No EDGE
March 22-EDGE**

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

Stay tuned for special spring
break events to be a part of

Contact Joey for Questions
972-878-8336 or
joeys@stjohncc.net

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

LEVELING HEADSTONES IN CEMETERY

There are headstones (monuments) in the St. Joseph Cemetery that need to be leveled. If you own one of these monuments or it belongs to a family member and you would like to pay to get it leveled, please contact Helen at the parish business office. She has access to work orders to gather information on the location, size, extent of work, etc. to determine the cost of the repairs. No work can be done until estimate is determined and cost is paid up front. Call the office for more information, 972-878-2834.

KC BLOOD DRIVE ON MARCH 14

Knights of Columbus will host a Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 14, from 4:00-8:00 pm at the KC Hall. If you need more information, please call Kevin Betik at 972-825-7016.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWLS

Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. 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. We will collect the Rice Bowls when Lent is over.

CONCLUSION OF WINTER WALKERS PROGRAM

Winter Walkers will conclude for the season this Wed, March 7.

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

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.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, March 3

5:00 pm Josh Zapletal/Austin Zapletal

Sunday, March 4

7:00 am Tyler Novy/Zachary Matous/Matt Zajic

11:00 am Dylan Fisher/Chris Trojacek/Tyler Gilmore

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Tyler Dennie/Joseph Baird