

 **Masses For The Week**

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

6:30 am Frank & Janie Patak ++

12:05 pm Babs Lawson +

6:30 pm Mary M. Zhanel +

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

6:30 am Lillian C. Valek +

12:05 pm Winnie Whitfill + and

Agnes Whitfill +

6:30 pm Spanish Edith Oliver +

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

6:30 am Special Intention and

Mark Hejny +

12:05 pm Dick Harrison + and

Bill/Mary/Jo Ellen Vitovsky +++

Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass until 5:00 pm

6:30 pm Larry Dunkerley + and

Eugene & Mary Lou Novy ++

8:00 pm Spanish For Our Parish Community

THURS., MARCH 10

6:30 am Leslie R. Zabochnik +

12:05 pm Tom & Elsie Slama ++

6:30 pm (Spanish) Kevin Landeros +

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

6:30 am Georgie A. Zabochnik +

12:05 pm Agnes & Jerry Chudej ++ and

Annie & Joe Martinek ++

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross in English

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross in Spanish

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

5:00 pm Emil and Ronnie Toupal ++ and

Wesley & Bessie Lanicek ++

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 13

7:30 am Agnes Novosad + and

Alfred Holy +

10:30 am Rudy and Gary Valek ++ and

Richard Miller +

1:00 pm Gabriel Saucedo + and

Special Intention for Israel Zambrano
and For Our Parish Community

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Duane Dolezalik + and

Austin Jay Zabochnik +

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY

Sunday, March 6, 9:30 am Maria Olga Enriquez +

Ash Wednesday, March 9, 6:30 pm For the Parish

Sun., March 13, 9:30 am Epiphany Parish Community

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: CENTURY 21 SANDRA RODRIGUEZ



Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

The Lord God spoke through Moses and said to His people, “Take these words of mine into your heart and soul. Bind them at your wrist as a sign. . . I set before you here, this day, a blessing and a curse: a blessing for obeying the commandments of the Lord, your God. . . a curse if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord, your God.”

Jesus says to us in this Sunday’s Gospel, “Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.”

How many times have we heard others or ourselves say, “My life seems to be cursed lately?” Many times it is a series of small things gone wrong, but other times it can be some large concern in our lives.

The Lord in all His love and mercy has given us the way to a good life. We are the ones who chose to follow a different/sinful path. We stubbornly make decisions based on what we think, figure out or believe rather than what God has given us as directions.

Our Parish Mission this week has given us an opportunity to grow in our personal relationship with our God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is only when our relationship with God is strong, personal and faithful that we are able to follow His commandments. With a strong personal relationship we are able to love and trust Him completely. This is so necessary especially when His way seems to be too hard, crazy or scary. If we are close to Him and feel His love and His arms around us we can make the good decisions.

I pray that through our Parish Mission we have all been able to get to know and love our God better and stronger. If we have, we will also find that our lives are built on solid rock and do not get shaken when the storms of life rage around us.

I am so pleased that we as a Parish have entered into this Parish Mission with Fr. Les and his companions. I want to thank all of you for your participation and prayers.

Love and Prayers,

Father John

Pastor

BISHOP APPEAL PLEDGES AS OF 3-2-11

St. John Parish Goal: \$76,000	Epiphany Goal: \$3,000
Pledged: 55,854	Pledged: 3,207
Number of pledges: 582	Number of pledges: 81

NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 6

KC Membership Drive at all Masses

- 8:45 am** RCIA Session
9:00 am Religious Education Classes and EDGE
9-12 noon St. John Library Open/Room 106 Compound
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Mardi Gras

Monday, March 7

7:00 pm Catholic Daughters Meeting/KC

Tuesday, March 8

Golden Crusaders Social-Lunch-Meeting/Cafeteria

7:00 pm *Women of Grace* session/Cafeteria

Ash Wednesday, March 9

Ashes during Masses **only @6:30 am, 12:05 pm & 6:30 pm**

10:00 am Little Saints Playgroup/Gym

5:00 pm Altar Society Meeting/Room 101 Compound

No Religious Education Classes or D-Nite

Thursday, March 10

7:00 pm *That Man Is You* Session/Cafeteria

Friday, March 11

5:00 pm KC Fish Fry/KC Hall

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Church

Saturday, March 12

Men's CRHP Retreat in the Cafeteria

7:00 am *That Man Is You* Session/Room 301

7:00 am *Women of Grace Study*/IHOP Restaurant

Turn your clocks **up** one hour before retiring for the night

Sunday, March 13

Men's CRHP Retreat concludes this afternoon

8:45 am RCIA Session

9:00-10:15 am Religious Education Classes and EDGE

9:00-12:00 St. John Library Open/Rm 106 Compound

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass (No Life Night)

KC LENTEN FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus will serve fried catfish with all the trimmings including tea/coffee on the three Fridays of March 11, 18, & 25, starting at 5:00 pm, at the KC Hall in Ennis. All plates \$8.00, eat there or take out. Come enjoy!

ALTAR SERVERS FOR LITURGIES

March 9, Ash Wednesday

6:30 pm Chris Trojacek/Grant Vrana/Josh Zapletal

March 12, Saturday

5:00 pm Grant Vrana/Joseph Baird

March 13, Sunday

7:30 am Nate Allen/Dylan Fisher

10:30am Cooper Gillespie/Tyler Gilmore/David Janousek

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Hardy Walker/Tyler Dennie

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 26 & 27

St. John Church Support Collection \$ 20,780.26

Epiphany Church Support Collection 1,301.44

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

The Catholic Daughters will meet on Monday, March 7, at 7:00 pm at the KC dining room. Scholarship applications for the local CDA Scholarship will be available. The CDA State Convention, Bake Sale, Lenten activities and much more will be discussed. All CDA members are urged to attend, and please bring a friend who's interested in joining Catholic Daughters.

EPIPHANY MISSION NEWS

The Spring Festival at Epiphany Mission in Italy, Texas, will be on May 15th. The Fund Raising Committee is looking for volunteers for the Food and Game Booths. Check with a Committee member!

Epiphany Mission needs to hire a mowing service to include, but not limited to: mowing, trimming, and weeding the flower beds. For information please contact Rosa Palacios. Please send your bid by March 15 to: Epiphany Catholic Church, Attn: Rosa Palacios, P. O. Box 436, Italy, TX 76651.

Persons interested in serving on the Epiphany Pastoral Council need to contact Elvira Sias.

Epiphany plans to stripe 75 parking spaces in their lot. If interested, contact Vicente Guerrero for additional information.

GOLDEN CRUSADERS MARCH MEETING

St. John Golden Crusaders will meet Tuesday, March 8, for their Lenten Fish Fry lunch. Fish, French fries & hushpuppies will be furnished. A-M members bring side dishes to go with the fish, and O-Z desserts. Everyone 55 & older is welcome!

TIME CHANGE NEXT WEEKEND!

Time Change next weekend!! Don't forget to turn your clocks **up** one hour on Saturday night, March 12, before retiring.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light on south side of sanctuary is in memory of Charles & Frances Nekuza Family and Mr. & Mrs. Joe S. Vitovsky Family donated by Florence Vitovsky for week of March 5-11. Sanctuary light, north side, in memory of Frank & Mary T. Dick.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Stella Tobola, Auliya and Silas Flack, Gary Kidder, Adelina Salazar, F.E. Hoefer Jr., Neesa Gutierrez, Randy Ruffin, Theresa Novy, Mamie Holloway, Frances Pleiner, Helen Zmolek, Daniel Pereyda, Cecelia Blazek, Viola Dlabaj, Carl Pelzel, Jason Moreno, Mireya Ross, Keith Lewis, Maria Manriquez, Mary Moreno, Tammy Cardinal, Deborah Kelly, Gloria Garcia, Lisa Marklund, David Perdue, Mark Trojacek, Beatrice Dlabaj, Tommy Rickman, Mary Pat Clements, Tammy Koch, Patrick Skinner, Joy Dlabaj, Rose Trojacek, Victor Trojacek, Al Sanchez, Kenneth Vavra, Bessie E. Laznovsky, Billy Copen, Nolen Dockery, Earlene Slovak, Ella Patak, Deanna Richardson, Wanda Slovak, Bernard Betik, Leslie & Millie Trojacek, Johnny Mensik, Lillian Slovak, Ysidro, Josie, Elva, Henry and Ray Castillo, James Pustejovsky, Frankie Joe Patak, Sr. Edna Gonzalez, Raul Partida, Steve Betik, Betty Rogala, Tony Alvarez, Evelyn Dlabaj, Ruphine Patak, Joe & Mary Patak, Jerry Dolezal.

Let God into your life this Lent!

We may often wonder why God is not in our lives more or why things are so hard for us. **Think about this:**

- God created us, loves us, sent His only Son to die for us.
- God is always there waiting for us.
- If we don't see that or are not having that impact our lives, it is because *we* are getting in the way.

Ways to get out of God's way and let Him work in your life:

1) Build your relationship with God through prayer:

- Go to confession—ask for forgiveness and let Him into your life
- Go to daily Mass—receive God Himself and let Him strengthen you
- Pray the Rosary—meditate on the life of Jesus and ask for Mary's intercession
- Pray the Stations of the Cross—Meditate on Jesus' Passion and what love really means
- Set aside time to be with God in prayer every day—spend time with Him



2) Build your relationship with others through almsgiving:

- Give to charity
- Give to those you come across in your daily life who need your help
- Spend time with those who are lonely
- Make an effort to do something for someone to let them know you care
- This list could go on endlessly—just do something for someone else

3) Build your relationship with yourself through fasting:

You know those things in your life that make you work against yourself and God—get them out of your life!

Other suggestions:

- Eat something you hate to show yourself you aren't controlled by what you like
- Sit somewhere different each day at Mass to show yourself you can adapt to the unfamiliar
- Make the temperature in your house uncomfortable to show yourself you don't always have to be comfortable.
- Think of what your particular little selfishnesses are and plan some way to get rid of them



What do you spend too much time doing?
What takes you away from God and your family?

- Your phone?
- Your TV?
- The internet?
- Facebook?
- What?

If you don't ever do it, you might consider committing to eating meals with your family as a form of fasting!

St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church Presents...

Christ Renews His Parish

St. John Church will present a fantastic spiritual renewal program entitled “**Christ Renews His Parish**”. Separate retreats will be held on March 12-13 for the men and March 19-20 for the women. This overnight retreat is designed to bring members of our Parish together in Christ.

Each weekend will include group activities and interaction, prayer and reflection on such subjects as *Scripture, Eucharist, Christian Community, and Christian Awareness*. The outcome of the weekend will be a deeper relationship with Christ and growth in your affiliation with the community of our Parish. All participants will spend the night right here at St. John.

The program is open to all parishioners, but space is limited. Reservations are on a ‘first come-first served’ basis, so you should respond quickly. Once you have registered, you will be contacted with the details before the retreat.

There is no charge for the retreat!!

Men’s Retreat Information:

Brad Evans (972) 816-9611

Women’s Retreat Information:

Annette Wright (972) 875-9650

Please sign me up for (mark one)

Men’s Retreat – March 12-13

Women’s Retreat – March 19-20

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Date of Birth:

Email Address:

Emergency Contact:

Emergency Contact #:

Relationship:

Emergency Contact:

Emergency Contact#:

Relationship:



Sun., March 6th

Mardi Gras! Night
Cost: Free

High School Teens
A night filled with:
casino games, prizes,
and great food

It all starts with 5pm
Mass. Following the
5pm Mass we will
stay in the Church and
start our night in the
Church at 6:30pm
Don't miss the fun and
excitement!

Discover what you are looking for at Life Teen

LIFE TEEN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6:30 am Mass and Food for the Soul-March 9th, Ash Wed.

D-Nite- March 9th

March 13- Sunday - Mass 5pm

No Life Night March 13

Questions? Contact Joey at 972-878-8336 or joey@stjohncc.net

NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

KC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Council 1353, 3rd Degree, will have a Membership Drive today, March 6 after all Masses. Members of the Council will be on hand to provide information on membership.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ON WED.

There will be no Religious Education classes on Wednesday, March 9, because of Ash Wednesday.

TAX STATEMENT LETTERS

No mail out of donation letters this year. If you require a statement of church donations for 2010, please call the office to request it, 972-878-2834, or 972-875-2834.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL PRO-LIFE DINNER

Tickets for the Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner on March 26 are \$75 each, \$60 for clergy/students. Silent Auction, raffle & exhibits at 5:00 pm, seated dinner 6:30 pm. To purchase raffle and/or dinner tickets, www.prolifedallas.org or call 972-267-5433.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES NOT CLAIMED

A list of people who have not picked up their Pictorial Directories is posted in the church annex on the bulletin board. If you are one of these people, please come by the business office and claim your copy.(no cost). If you already have gotten your copy, please disregard this.

REMINDER TO PARISH GROUPS

If your parish group meets **anywhere** on St. John property, you must fill out the Facilities Use Request form available at the parish business office.

CDA THANK YOU

Thank you to our wonderful Parish Family for graciously purchasing homemade items at the CDA Chocolate Sunday bake sale. Your monetary donations support our Court's charitable activities. To our CDA members, thank you for baking and donating your delicious pastry, and thank you to those who volunteered and helped to sell before and after Masses.

FLOWER MEMORIALS FOR WEEKENDS

Sanctuary flower arrangements for weekends with no weddings are being taken in honor or memory of someone. Call Evelyn Zmolik, 972-875-2791.

LAWS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

The purpose of Lent is to be a season of fasting, self-denial, Christian growth, penitence, conversion and simplicity.

The laws of Fast and Abstinence in our diocese are:

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.

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

Frequent Confession is encouraged, and receiving the Eucharist.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, March 9, 5:00 pm, Room 101.