

## MASSES THIS WEEK

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For The Week

### MONDAY, MARCH 12

6:30 am Cecelia Kucera +

12:05 pm John Barto +

Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm John Michael Woodward +

### TUESDAY, MARCH 13

6:30 am Milton & Ludie Nesuda ++

12:05 pm Agnes & Emil Pekar ++

Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm (Spanish) Rosa Diaz +

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

6:30 am Bobby Honza +

12:05 pm Anton F. Galetka +

2:30 pm Mass at I.O.O.F. Nursing Home for Residents

6:30 pm Duane Dolezalik +

### THURSDAY, MARCH 15

6:30 am Marcie Rankin +

12:05 pm Emeleen Maliska +

6:30 pm (Spanish) Salvador Espino +

### FRIDAY, MARCH 16

6:30 am Agnes & Jodie Horak ++

12:05 pm Jodie Slovak +

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (English)

7:45 pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 17—St. Patrick, Bishop

5:00 pm Beatrice Wright +

### LAETARE SUNDAY, MARCH 18

7:00 am Agnes Novosad +

11:00 am Joe S. Patak +

1:00 pm Antonio Josefina Maria Esquivel +

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Georgie Kubin Byrd +

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

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

Sunday, March 18, 9:00 am Gregoria Luna Roman R. Bueno +

### 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.

### 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.

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: SCENTSY

## ✠ Pastor's Notes

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

As we continue our Lenten journey, heading for holiness, we need to use all the directional helps, maps, guides and checklists on our route. Holy Mother Church through the last two thousand years has accumulated and recommends many aids for our Lenten journey.

Of course, for us as Roman Catholics, the most important and powerful aids to holiness are the Sacraments of our Church. These make present the Lord Jesus. After all, it is the living person of Jesus Christ that we are trying to get to know. Holiness is nothing more than coming to know Him, so we fall in love with Him and then choose to follow Him through His Church.

If we want to get to know someone, the best way is to spend time with them, especially in an important and powerful situation. This is what happens during the Sacrament of the Eucharist and Confession. In the Eucharist, we are there with Jesus, in Person, while He is offered in Sacrifice out of love for us. In the Confessional, we are with Him as he forgives and heals our sins, shame and guilt.

What better times could there be to get to know someone intimately? He is truly present in the Priest during Confession when we become very vulnerable as we confess our personal sins. Our openness and vulnerability allows Him to touch us in a very special way. This is why Mother Church advises us to make complete and good confessions. This opens us up to fall in love with Jesus.

As we continue our Lenten Season let each one of us make good and frequent use of these two beautiful and powerful Sacraments.

He is a faithful and loving God who wants to be close to each one of us. He is there, waiting for us in the Confessional and on the Altar.

See you in Church!

Fr. John

### RELIGIOUS COUNTER OPEN ON WEEKENDS

The Religious Counter in the annex is open after all Masses on weekends. They are stocked with many **First Communion** items, so shop early for the best selection. First Communion will be soon!

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, March 11

**Gordita Fundraiser in the Cafeteria after Masses**

No Religious Education Classes today

**8:30-10:45 am** St. John Library Open/Rm106 Compound

**11:00 am Mass** First Scrutiny for RCIA

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

#### Monday, March 12

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

#### Tuesday, March 13

**9:00 am** Golden Crusaders Social-Lunch-Meeting

**5:00-7:00 pm** St. John Library open/Compound

**7:30 pm** Safe Environment Renewal Training/Rm 201

**7:00-8:30 pm** Apotheotics Class/Rm 301 High School Bldg.

#### Wednesday, March 14

**12:05 pm** Life Teen *Food for the Soul* after Mass

**4:00-8:00 pm** KC Blood Drive/KC (see notice)

No Religious Education Classes tonight (Spring Break)

**7:00 pm** Seven Steps to Financial Freedom/Room 101

**7:00 pm** D-Nite/Cafeteria

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

#### Thursday, March 15

No EDGE tonight

**7:00 pm** Baptism Class/Room 102 Compound

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

#### Friday, March 16

**5-7 pm** Sokol Fish Fry/Sokol Hall (see notice)

**7:00 pm** Stations of the Cross(English) in Church

**7:45 pm** Stations of the Cross(Spanish) in Church

**7:30 pm** RCIA—Presentation of the Creed/Room 104

#### Saturday, March 17

**Men's CRHP Retreat today and Sunday**

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

**3:30 pm** Confessions/Church

#### Sunday, March 18

Second collection for Catholic Relief Services

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

St. John Library Closed today and next Sunday

**11:00 am Mass** Second Scrutiny for RCIA

**5:00 pm** Life Teen Mass (no Life Night)

#### SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light in memory of Etheline Sylvester donated by Jeff & Joan Johnson for the week of March 10-16.

#### SAFE ENVIRONMENT RENEWAL TRAINING

There will be a Safe Environment Renewal Training session on Tuesday, March 13, at 7:30 pm, Room 201 in the elementary school, for all volunteers needing to renew their training. ID pictures will be taken of those wishing to update their photos.

#### COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 3 & 4

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 21,175.92
Capital Improvements Fund Collection	3,308.73
Epiphany Mission Collection	754.16
Epiphany Building Fund Collection	542.20

#### BAPTISM CLASS ON MARCH 15

Due to several requests, there will be a specially scheduled Baptism Class on Thursday, March 15, at 7:00 pm in Room 102, compound. This class is for parents and Godparents who haven't attended a class in one year. The Baptism application and fee must be turned in to the business office before attending this class.

#### FIRST COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Sign up for a First Communion Mass now. Dates and times are on the handout given at Religious Education and posted online at stjohnc.net. Some of the Sundays are now full. You can sign up by calling the RE office, **972-875-9650**, or during RE class times, or by email to stacyg@stjohnc.net. Space is limited to 20 children per Mass, so please make plans now. All fees must be paid up first.

#### LIBRARY CLOSED ON MARCH 18 & 25

Due to the CRHP Retreats, the St. John Library will be closed on the Sundays of March 18 & 25.

#### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next weekend the second collection will be for Catholic Relief Services which protects families by working to provide for basic needs, teaching valuable life skills, helping refugees and vulnerable families affected by poverty and war. This collection spans the globe, helping people of every color and background through natural disasters and war zones. Please give generously to help *Jesus in disguise*.

#### GORDITA FUNDRAISER TODAY

Guadalupano Group will have a **Gordita** Fundraiser today, March 11, after the 7:00 and 11:00 am and 1:00 pm Masses in the cafeteria.

#### GOLDEN CRUSADERS MEETING

The Golden Crusaders will meet on Tuesday, March 13. This month will be the annual Lenten Fish Fry. Bingo will begin at 9:00 am. New members are always welcome, retired, and 55 years and older. A-N bring side dishes, and O-Z bring desserts.

#### HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 11

785 Lift High the Cross	419 Deep Within
696 Now We Remain	(no recessional hymn)

#### ALTAR CARE FOR MARCH 17 & 24

Irene Kriska	Nancy Valek
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#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Rene Monreal, Leon Kubin, Adele Krajca, Bernard Betik, Hilda Botello, Martina Ortiz, Nancy Svehlak, Millie & Leslie Trojacek, Dawn Ashley, Logan Bastor, David Trojacek, Patsy Odlozil, Nathan Gunn, Coye Ferguson, Rick Sparkman, Shelly Keilers, Don Tubbs, Janie Langley, Hannah Rejcek, Wanda Slovak, Stanley J. Liska, Helen Patak, Betty Rogala, Wilma Zhanel, Brandi Schlottman, Leo Rejcek, Frances Maliska, Diana Chapman, Deanna Massey, Matthew Tacker, Heather Hadash, Patsy Blazek, Frankie Joe Patak, Helen Blackerby, Betty Schlottman, Helen Barak, Lori Hearn, Bob Scancellia, Ninfa Carrillo, Maria Manriquez, Mildred Wickliffe, 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

# Did you know you could be speaking French now?

If it weren't for the Battle of Puebla, a French army might have marched through Mexico up into Texas and the rest of the United States.

A small, poorly-armed Mexican army turned back the French at the Battle of Puebla on **May 5, 1862.**



**President Lincoln had been worried.  
We should be grateful.**

# *Celebrate Cinco de Mayo!*

## **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](http://www.EndowGroups.org).

This study is limited to 12 women and will begin Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> (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](mailto:skk72@aol.com).



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

## **RCIA**

“Because they are asking for the three sacraments of initiation, the elect must have the intention of achieving an intimate knowledge of Christ and his Church, and they are expected particularly to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance” (RCIA, 142). For this reason, we will celebrate the **Scrutinies** at Masses over the next three weeks. Please pray for the elect and for our candidates.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

St. John Nepomucene 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 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> for the men and March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 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!!**

**Mail To**

Seth Wright  
St. John Nepomucene  
401 E. Lampasas  
Ennis, TX 75119

**Men’s Retreat Information:**

Thomas Sosa 972-825-1859  
Robert Partida 972-825-6764

**Women’s Retreat Information:**

Betty Lopez 972-822-8001  
Nikki Scancelli 817-823-3180

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Please sign me up for (mark one)

Men’s Retreat – March 17-18

Women’s Retreat – March 24-25

**Name:**

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Home Phone:**

**Work Phone:**

**Cell Phone:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Email Address:**

**Emergency Contact:**

**Emergency Contact #:**

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

# LIFE TEEN



**Check our  
website for LIFE  
TEEN Spring  
Break Events  
that are taking  
place! Hope you  
can join us!**

## LIFE TEEN EVENTS

March 11 & 18- LIFE TEEN Mass

March 11 & 18- No Life nights(Spring Break)

March 14- Food for the soul at Noon Mass

March 14-D-Nite 7pm



**THE EDGE!**

### EDGE SCHEDULE

**March 15-No EDGE**

**March 22-EDGE**

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

**Contact Joey to see if spots  
are available for spring break  
events!**

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

## THIRD 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

The Knights of Columbus will host a Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 14, from 4:00-8:00 pm at the KC Hall in Ennis, Texas. Give the gift of life!

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.

### CHRISTMAS PLAY DVD

Christmas Play DVD's for \$10! Pick one up at the parish office during the week 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. More information about the program can be found on our parish website or at: [www.thatmanisyou.org](http://www.thatmanisyou.org)

### SOKOL FISH FRY ON FRIDAY

The Sokol Fish Fry will be on Friday, March 16, 5:00-7:00 pm. Fried catfish, French fries, beans, coleslaw & tea Adults \$8.00 Takeouts will be available. Bring the whole family!

### 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.

### ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

#### Saturday, March 17

**5:00 pm** Josh Zapletal/Austin Spaniel

#### Sunday, March 18

**7:00 am** Zachary Matous/Aaron Rejcek/Dylan Fisher

**11:00 am** Chris Trojacek/Grant Vrana/Tyler Gilmore

**5:00 pm Life Teen Mass** Joseph Baird/Alex Fry