



**MONDAY, MARCH 14**

**No 6:30 am Mass today**

**12:05 pm** Charlie L. Dlabaj + and  
Stanley Vlk +

**6:30 pm** Louis J. Slovacek +

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15**

**6:30 am** Willie Mae Vavra +

**12:05 pm** Emeleen Maliska + and  
Health of Kenneth Langley

**6:30 pm Spanish** Salvador Espino +

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16**

**6:30 am** Charles Elleven Jr. +

**12:05 pm** John Barto + and  
Rudolph Ozymy Sr. +

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

**6:30 pm** Ernest & Ann Haskovec ++ and  
Irene Laza +

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17—St. Patrick, Bishop**

**6:30 am** Ann T. Skrivanek +

**12:05 pm** Carlos and Clint Santos ++

**6:30 pm (Spanish)** Raquel Garcia + and  
Special Birthday Intention

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop**

**6:30 am** Olin Bowers +

**12:05 pm** Elizabeth Schleich + and  
Donald Krysinski +

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

**7:30 pm** Stations of the Cross in Spanish

**SAT., MARCH 19—St. Joseph, Husband of Mary**

**5:00 pm** Linda Dlabaj + and

Mary & Frank Dlabaj Sr. Deceased Family++

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 20**

**7:30 am** Mary Ann Kubin + and  
Joe & Augusta Pechal ++

**10:30 am** Joe W. Vitovsky + and  
Babs Lawson +

**1:00 pm** Jose Belen Landeros + and  
and For Our Parish Community

**5:00 pm Life Teen Mass**

Randall Prestidge + and  
Frances Kozlovsky +



Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God.”

Today, on Ash Wednesday, we will hear these opening words of our God to us at each Mass. We will experience ourselves and witness others receiving the mark of ashes on their foreheads and hearing the words, “Remember man, thou art dust and unto dust you shall return.”

What may seem to some a sad, stern, even depressing day is in God’s mind a day for rejoicing. Our God, in person, is calling us individually to return to His good graces so that His blessings might be in our lives. He is offering us unconditional love and forgiveness for our sins against Him. For even when we sin against our neighbor we in truth also sin against God who has asked us to “love our neighbor as ourselves.”

Those first two words out of God’s mouth, “**EVEN NOW,**” should be exciting and relieving to hear! Even now, after you have been sinning for years. Even now, after I have forgiven you over and over again for years. Even now, after you have lied to me. Even now, after you have ignored me so many times. Even now, after I have tried to love you so many times and you have rejected me.

**EVEN NOW, I, GOD, WANT YOU BACK SO I CAN LOVE AND FORGIVE YOU!**

What an amazing deal our God offers each of us in a special way during this Holy Season of Lent!

See you in Church!

Love and Prayers,

*Father John*

Pastor

**MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY**

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

**Sun., March 20, 9:30 am** Epiphany Parish Community

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: GLORIA R. ORTIZ**

**ROSARY GUILD MEETING**

St. John Rosary Guild will meet and make rosaries at the Becker home, 908 S. Mulberry St. on Thursday, March 17. Join them any time from 6-8pm. Confirmation students are invited to use this project for service hours. Questions, call Cheryl at 469-337-3497.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, March 13

Men's CRHP Retreat concludes this afternoon  
KC members sell SJ Church decals for Pro-Life after Masses

**8:45 am** RCIA Session

No Religious Education Classes and EDGE (Spring Break)

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

**2:00 pm** Czech Heritage Society Meeting/Movie/KJT

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

#### Tuesday, March 15

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

#### Wednesday, March 16

**10:00 am** Little Saints Playgroup/Gym

No Religious Education Classes or D-Nite (Spring Break)

#### Thursday, March 17

**12-6 pm** Blood Drive @ Ennis Regional Hospital

**6:00-8:00 pm** SJ Rosary Guild @ 908 S. Mulberry St.

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

#### Friday, March 18

**5:00 pm** KC Fish Fry/KC Hall

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

#### Saturday, March 19

Women's CRHP Retreat in the Cafeteria

**9am-4pm** CPR & Defibrillator Training/Rm 203

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

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

#### Sunday, March 20

KC members sell SJ Church decals for Pro-Life after Masses

**8:45 am** RCIA Session

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

**9-12 noon** St. John Library Open/Room 106 Compound

**5:00 pm** Life Teen Mass and Life Night

#### **KC LENTEN FISH FRY**

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

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

##### **March 19, Saturday**

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

##### **March 20, Sunday**

**7:30 am** Matthew Matous/Zachary Matous/Tyler Novy

**10:30am** Dylan Honza/Tyler Gilmore/Kenny Janousek

**5:00 pm Life Teen Mass**

Chris Trojacek/Alex Fry/Dylan Fisher

#### **COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 5 & 6**

St. John Church Support Collection \$ 24,658.42

Capital Improvements Fund Collection 2,822.28

Epiphany Church Support Collection 1,011.93

Epiphany Building Fund Collection 440.46

#### **PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The St. John Pastoral Advisory Council is seeking new members. Please contact Jeremy Cole, 214-709-2758, or email at: jerdanco@yahoo.com (No PAC meeting on March 15)

#### **ST. CYRIL & ST. METHODIUS DVD**

TC Videos filmed the recent St. Cyril & St. Methodius celebration. To order a DVD, call Teresa Culpepper at 972-875-6874 or 972-365-2189, or email: teresa1310@yahoo.com Copies are \$20 each.

#### **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 lot spaces. If interested, contact Vicente Guerrero, 972-483-1607, for additional information.

#### **CPR & DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING**

Attention: Ushers, Life Teen Adult Volunteers, Religious Education instructors— There will be a training session on Saturday, March 19, at 9:00 am in the school building, Room 203. This session will be 6 hours long with lunch from noon to 1:00 pm. The session will end at 4:00 pm. This training is very important to cover emergencies in church and on campus. Any questions, call Lupe Alvarez, SE Director, 8am-12 noon, 972-878-2834

#### **SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK**

Sanctuary light on south side of sanctuary is in honor of living and in memory of deceased members of Marusak and Divin Families donated by William & Frances Divin for week of March 12-18. Sanctuary light, north side, in memory of Frank & Mary T. Dick.

#### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

These people need our prayers: Kenneth Langley, Don Tubbs, Paulita Alvarez, Georgie Galetka, Adell Vrzalik, Aston Weaver, Dan Grabau, Kathy Toth, Esmeralda Diaz, Stella Tobola, Auliya and Silas Flack, Gary Kidder, Adelina Salazar, F.E. Hoefler 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, Tommy Rickman, Mary Pat Clements, Patrick Skinner, Joy Dlabaj, Rose Trojacek, Victor Trojacek, Al Sanchez, Kenneth Vavra, Bessie E. Laznovsky, Wanda Slovak, Billy Coplen, Nolen Dockery, Earlene Slovak, Deanna Richardson, 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.

# EDGE Retreat



**Where: St. John Cafeteria**

**When: March 27th 9am-3pm (lunch provided)**

**How Much: Cost Free**

**For more information please contact Joey Scancella or Annette Wright at 972-878-8336**

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Life Teen Mardi Gras Night!





Discover that  
Jesus Saves this  
Lent. Come to  
Life Teen  
to find out how!

**Life Teen  
Calendar of Events**

March 13,-5:00 pm Mass – NO LIFE NIGHT

Food for the Soul-March 23 & 30

All teens are welcome to come to 6:30 Mass followed by a free breakfast!

D-Nite- March 23 & 30

Wednesday nights 7pm-8:15pm in the Cafeteria

Questions: Contact Joey at 972-878-8336 or [joeys@stjohncc.net](mailto:joeys@stjohncc.net)

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### HOME BIBLE COURSE MEETING

The next question and answer discussion on the Home Bible Course with Deacon Don Griffith will be on Thursday, March 24, at 7:00 pm in Room 103/104 in the compound.

### BLOOD DRIVE AT HOSPITAL

Carter BloodCare will host a **Blood Drive** on Thursday, March 17, noon-6pm, at Ennis Regional Hospital, by the flagpoles. Questions, call Jeanna Gilmore, 469-256-2441

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

No Religious Education classes, EDGE, and D-Nite on Sunday, March 13, and Wednesday, March 16, because of Spring Break. Classes will resume on Sunday, March 20.

### TAX STATEMENT LETTERS

No big 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.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER

Knights of Columbus Council 1353 will sell St. John Church window decals at \$10 each as a fundraiser for Pro-Life, after Masses this weekend and next weekend, March 19/20.

### 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. Please come by the business office and claim your free copy.

### OPERATION RICE BOWL IN LENT

Rice Bowls are available at the back of church and in the church annex. As Jesus' disciples we are called to assist our brothers and sisters in need wherever they may live. 75% of donations from Operation Rice Bowl supports Catholic Relief Services' work in 100 countries. CRS are usually first on the scene when disasters strike all over the globe. 25% remains in our diocese to support hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Why not make little sacrifices by giving up that Coke or Starbucks or a big lunch and put the money in your Rice Bowl? Thank you for making CRS' Operation Rice Bowl a part of your Lenten Journey!

### CZECH HERITAGE SOCIETY MEETING TODAY

The Czech Heritage Society will meet this afternoon, Sunday, March 13, at 2:00 pm in the KJT dining room. They urge all members to attend this Spring meeting. Agenda will cover the Czech Language Course taught by Joe Janecka; the Spring State Meeting in Schulerburg, and Czech historical documents available for genealogy. A Czech movie "The Country Teacher" with English subtitles will be shown. Bring snacks & join them for fun and fellowship!

### ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT ON FRIDAYS

Lent is the season of fasting, self-denial, Christian growth, penitence, conversion and simplicity. Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday. Frequent Confession is encouraged, and receiving the Eucharist.

### ALTAR CARE FOR MARCH 19 & 26

Irene Kriska

Nancy Valek