



MONDAY, MARCH 21

No 6:30 am Mass today

12:05 pm Marvin Slovacek +
6:30 pm Winnie Whitfill + and
Joe & Frances Betik ++

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

6:30 am Ab John Sulak +
12:05 pm Louis/Lillie/Sylvia Novy +++ and
For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

6:30 pm Spanish Trinidad de Leon Flores +

WED., MARCH 23—St. Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop

6:30 am Edward Prachyl +
12:05 pm Tony Prachyl + and
Elsie Welch +

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

6:30 pm Richard Miller + and
Larry Haskovec +

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

6:30 am Jerry Slovacek +
12:05 pm Garrett Maliska +
6:30 pm (Spanish) Teresa Morales Special Intention

FRIDAY, MARCH 25—Annunciation of the Lord

6:30 am Dorothy Holy Harrison +
12:05 pm M/M Joe S. Vitovsky and Charlie +++ and
Lillian Stull +
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross in English
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross in Spanish

SAT., MARCH 26

5:00 pm Clara & Albin Vavra ++ and
Cynthia Zapletal +

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 27

7:30 am Maria Perla Cruz + and
Raymond Sladeczek & Deceased Family ++

10:30 am Irene & Joe Laza ++ and

Bulletin Sponsors

1:00 pm Pablo Gonzalez + and
and For Our Parish Community

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Chad Ryan + and
Frank and Jay Felcman ++

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY

Sun., March 20, 9:30 am Sabino & Eugenia
(Marquez) Castillo ++

Sun., March 27, 9:30 am Catherine Elfrink +

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: HONZA CPA



Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

In our reading from the Saint Matthew's Gospel we hear Jesus saying these words to each one of us personally, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

Many times during Lent when each of us, aided by the Holy Spirit, takes a good, honest look at our lives we are tempted to want to fall down under the weight of our sins and not get up. If we truly make a good examination of conscience before going to the Sacrament of Confession we often feel like we cannot change those sins in our lives. Or maybe we think that we cannot change the circumstances in our lives that often lead us to sin. Or perhaps, we think that the mistakes and bad choices we have already made in our lives make it impossible to change certain sinful conditions.

Several days before the Gospel Reading today, Jesus had told Peter, James and John in Caesarea Philippi, that He was to undergo suffering in Jerusalem, that He was going to die at the hands of the chief priests, the elders and the Scribes. How disappointed, confused, dismayed, angry and sad the disciples must have been. They were probably thinking they had given up their regular lives, left their families, made enemies, and perhaps lost their businesses in order to follow this man who now announces to them He is going to be killed. How crazy and terrible that must have been for Peter, James and John. They must have felt like giving up and running away from Jesus.

Our God always comes to the rescue! He took them off by themselves and revealed His glory and power to give them the confidence and faith they needed. The Gospel says that Jesus "came and touched them, saying, Rise, and do not be afraid."

We need to take this account as an example of how we are to handle the times we also feel lost, afraid, defeated, angry or confused with our sinful lives. We need to go away, into a quiet place and allow Jesus to touch us and speak to us. This is what these 40 days of Lent are all about. We need to place ourselves in a special situation with Jesus. We do this through our fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Our Lenten Spiritual Reading and Prayer Time, the Stations of the Cross and Benediction, but most especially, the prayer of the Sacrament of Confession and the Eucharist.

He will touch us and speak to us!

See you in Church!
Love and Prayers,
Father John

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

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

Women's CRHP Retreat concludes this afternoon

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

Monday, March 21

7:30 pm KC 4th Degree Meeting/KC

Tuesday, March 22

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

7:00 pm KC New Member Orientation/KC

Wednesday, March 23

10:00 am Little Saints Playgroup/Gym

7:00 pm Religious Education Classes and D-Nite

7:30 pm KC 3rd Degree Meeting/KC

Thursday, March 24

7:00 pm Home Bible Study Meeting/Room 103/104

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

Friday, March 25

5:00 pm KC Fish Fry/KC Hall

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Church

Saturday, March 26

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

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

Sunday, March 27

8:45 am RCIA Session

9:00 am Religious Education Classes

9:00-3:00 EDGE Retreat in Cafeteria (see insert page)

9:00-12:00 St. John Library Open/Rm 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 Friday, March 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 26, Saturday

5:00 pm Tyler Dennie/Grant Vrana

March 27, Sunday

7:30 am Nate Allen/Tyler Novy/Zachary Matous

10:30am David Janousek/Kenny Janousek/Dylan Honza

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Matt Zajic/Alex Fry/Dylan Fisher

CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN!

The next episode of the *Catholic View for Women* will be Friday, April 8, at 3:00 am and 6:30 pm Eastern time. The topic will be "Finding Your Own Catholic Identity/Vocation" An authentic Catholic alternative to secular, self-absorbed women's programming! Visit: www.TheCatholicViewForWomen.com

PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The St. John Pastoral Advisory Council is seeking new members. For information, please contact Jeremy Cole, 214-709-2758, or email at: jerdanco@yahoo.com

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 plans to stripe 75 parking lot spaces. If interested, contact Vicente Guerrero, 972-483-1607, for additional information.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY CLEANUP

The annual St. Joseph Cemetery Cleanup will take place Saturday, April 9, at 9:00 am. At that time **all** Christmas and old flowers and all forbidden items on graves and crypts will be removed. Any type of benches are against the rules. If you have any Christmas flowers, trinkets, keepsakes, balloons, etc. that you want to keep, please remove them before the cleanup, and **do not** replace them afterwards. The cemetery caretaker has the right to remove all forbidden items. This cleanup will include the mausoleum.

Volunteer help (community service hours) from students would be appreciated. Also adults from our parish and/or community are asked to help and are most welcome. Call Helen at the office at 972-878-2834 with any questions.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light on south side of sanctuary is in memory of Emil and Ronnie Toupal donated by George & Adina Toth for the week of March 19-25. Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary T. Dick.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Robert Strunc, Kenneth Langley, Don Tubbs, 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

Parenting Skills Class

a 7 week course

Begins Wednesday, **March 30**

Meets Wednesdays from 7 to 8:15 PM

Room 301 (Youth Room)

Cost: \$15

Learn practical skills:

- “How do I get them out of bed in time to catch the bus?”
- “How can I stop my children from bickering and fighting?”
- “How can I get my teenage daughter to come home at the agreed-upon time?”
- And many other day-to-day parenting challenges



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

Life Teen Calendar of Events

March 20 & 27 LIFE TEEN MASS & LIFE NIGHT

Food for the Soul-Wednesday, March 23

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

D-Nite- March 23

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

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

SECOND 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.

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.

KC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Knights of Columbus Council 1353 Scholarship applications are available in the parish business office. Eligibility requirements are: high school senior; member of St. John Church; must have an immediate family member active in KC Council 1353 (father, brother, grandfather, uncle, only). Applications must be mailed and received by April 15, 2011 to: Knights of Columbus Council 1353, Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 201, Ennis, TX 75120-0201

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER

Knights of Columbus Council 1353 will sell St. John Church window decals at \$5 each as a fundraiser for Pro-Life, after Masses this 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!

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. Daily Mass, frequent Confession and receiving the Eucharist are encouraged.

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.

KC ORIENTATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

Knights of Columbus Council 1353 will have an Orientation for new members on Tuesday, March 22, at 7:00 pm at the KC hall. Contact Ed Cinek for more information, 214-499-0078.