



MONDAY, MARCH 28

6:30 am Duane Dolezalik +
12:05 pm Georgia Kubin Byrd + and
 Charlene Bartolic +
6:30 pm Clyde and Carl Roark +

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

6:30 am Frank and Jay Felcman ++
12:05 pm Joe & Angeline Hornik & Deceased Family+ and
 Agnes Taraba +
6:30 pm Spanish Charlie Haba +

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

6:30 am Sister Stephanie Slovak +
12:05 pm Charles Houston + and
 Bob Gaines +
Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass until 5:00 pm

6:30 pm Chad Ryan + and
 Austin Zabochnik +

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

6:30 am Lillian & Bill Krippner ++
12:05 pm Edwin Trojacek + and
 Genaro Sr./Maria/Alfredo Rodriguez +++
6:30 pm (Spanish) Sebastian Cerda +

FIRST FRIDAY, APRIL 1

6:30 am Frances A. Kozlovsky +
12:05 pm Frank N. Dick Jr. +
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross in English
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross in Spanish

FIRST SAT., APRIL 2—St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

8:00 am Joe C. & Annie Martinek ++ and
 Bill/Mary/Jo Ellen Vitovsky +++
5:00 pm Charles & Frances Nekuza ++ and
 Frank J. Podrouzek +

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, APRIL 3

7:30 am Enrique B. Gonzales + and
 Rayford Novy +
10:30 am Babs Lawson + and
 Arturo/Mariana Casanova & Tony/Nacha Zapata ++++
1:00 pm Maria Elena Gonzalez + and
 and For Our Parish Community
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass
 Special Private Intention + and
 Emma M. Trojacek +

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY

Sun., March 27, 9:30 am Catherine Elfrink +
Sun., April 3, 9:30 am Eugenio Marco Huerta +

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: PAULINA'S CLEANING



Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Here we are grumbling again! Our God has freed His people from slavery under the Egyptians, told them He is leading them to a new Promised Land.....and still, they grumble when they are not instantly provided with all they want. What spoiled, ungrateful children we tend to be!!!

The Israelites had been enslaved to the Egyptians and forced into poor living conditions and hard labor!!! Yet, freeing them from the Pharaoh and hard labor was not enough! You would think that in order to live as free people they would have been willing to do a little suffering and trust the God who had already showed His love and power by conquering the Pharaoh for them!

Much too often we treat Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ the same way. We are continually demanding more from Him and refusing to trust Him. We daily want Him to give us whatever we think we need for our current happiness. We want Him to serve us! We want to enslave God and His power for our own satisfaction! He is to become our slave and do whatever we decide we want! Talk about childish, spoiled and ungrateful.....let alone ignorant and stupid!

We want Jesus to be like the "Genie in the bottle!" Whenever we are gracious enough to let Him out of the Tabernacle.....He is supposed to supply our every desire....no matter, that because He is God and knows everything..... He is the only one who actually KNOWS what is really good for us and necessary.

Lent is the time we are to rethink our relationship with Our Lord and God. This is the time to turn back to Him and His Wisdom. This is the time to allow God to truly forgive and love us. This is the time to give Him permission to be our God!

This way we actually get what is best for us!

See you in Church!
 Love and Prayers,
 Father John
 Pastor

HYMNS FOR MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Processional: 785 Lift High the Cross
 Offertory: 631 The King of Love My Shepherd Is
 Communion: 419 Deep Within
 No Recessional Hymn

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday, March 29

- 7:00 pm** *Women of Grace* session/Cafeteria
7:00 pm Baptism Class/Room 101 Compound

Wednesday, March 30

No Food for the Soul and no D-Nite today

- 10:00 am** Little Saints Playgroup/Gym
7:00 pm Religious Education Classes
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, March 31

- 6:00-8:00 pm** St. John Rosary Guild Meeting (see notice)
7:00 pm *That Man Is You* Session/Cafeteria

Friday, April 1

First Friday Devotions after the 12:05 pm Mass/Church

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

Saturday, April 2

- 7:00 am** *That Man Is You* Session/Room 301
7:00 am *Women of Grace Study*/IHOP Restaurant

First Saturday Devotions after the 8:00 am Mass/Church

Sunday, April 3

- 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

ST. JOHN ROSARY GUILD MEETING

St. John Rosary Guild will meet at William Becker's home, 908 S. Mulberry, on Thursday, March 31. Please join them any time between 6:00 & 8:00 pm. Confirmation students are encouraged to use this project for service hours. The Guild hopes to provide more rosaries for Faith Formation prior to May.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR LITURGIES

April 2, Saturday

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

April 3, Sunday

- 7:30 am** Zachary Matous/Matthew Matous/Nate Allen
10:30am Chris Trojacek/Cooper Gillespie/Tyler Gilmore
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Matt Zajic/Dylan Fisher/Tyler Dennie

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES FOOD DRIVE

Our First Communion classes have worked hard to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. The students invite the parish to participate in their service project by donating food items for Helping Hands. Non-perishable foods of all kinds, and especially peanut butter, are needed. Please bring your donated goods to the front office of the elementary building by **Sunday, April 3**. Thank you for supporting our First Communion children, while helping the needy in our community also.

THANK YOU TO MACHOVSKY ESTATE

St. Joseph Cemetery would like to thank the Elizabeth Machovsky Estate and Ernest Machovsky for the \$1,000 donation. The Estate also donated \$1,000 to the St. John Capital Improvements Fund.

We are grateful for the generosity of the Machovsky family. May God bless Ernest, and may Elizabeth rest in peace.

EPIPHANY MISSION NEWS

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

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY CLEANUP & GATE

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.

The **timer on the gate** is set to open at 7:30 am and close at 7:30 pm. If you are in the cemetery when the gate closes, just drive up to the line and stop. The gate will open to let you out.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light on south side of sanctuary is in memory of Ignace & Annie Parma donated by Family for the week of March 26 to April 1. Other sanctuary light in memory of Frank & Mary Dick.

COLLECTIONS FOR TWO WEEKS

March 12 & 13 Collections: St. John Church \$16,145.93
Black & Indian Collection \$743.84
Epiphany Mission \$561.95

March 19 & 20 Collections:

St. John Church \$17,732.48
Epiphany Mission \$647.50

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: David Perdue, Robert Strunc, Kenneth Langley, Adell Vrzalik, Aston Weaver, Dan Grabau, Stella Tobola, Auliya and Silas Flack, Gary Kidder, F.E. Hoefler Jr., Neesa Gutierrez, Randy Ruffin, Theresa Novy, Frances Pleiner, Helen Zmolek, Carl Pelzel, Cecelia Blazek, Viola Dlabaj, Maria Manriquez, Mary Moreno, Tammy Cardinal, Lisa Marklund, Tommy Rickman, Joy Dlabaj, Raul Partida, Mary Pat Clements, Rose Trojacek, Victor Trojacek, Bessie E. Laznovsky, Wanda Slovak, Billy Coplen, Nolen Dockery, Earlene Slovak, Bernard Betik, Johnny Mensik, Lillian Slovak, James Pustejovsky, Frankie Joe Patak, Steve Betik, Betty Rogala, Tony Alvarez, Evelyn Dlabaj and Ruphine Patak .

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:

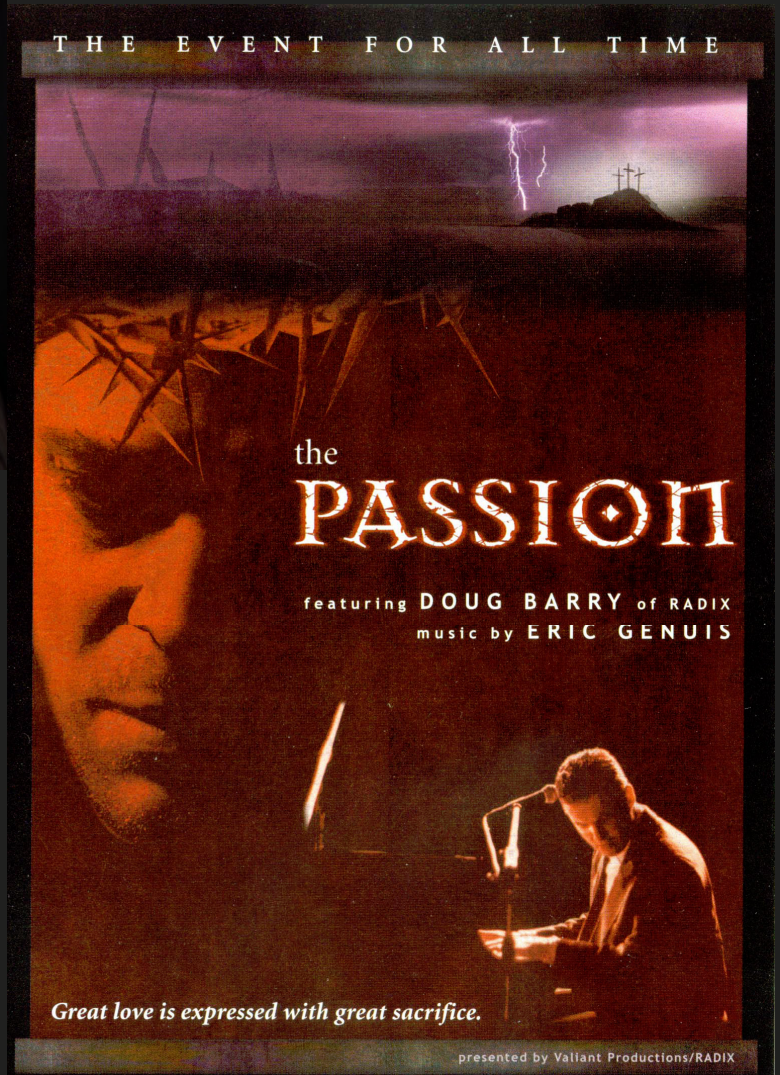
- “How do I get them out of bed in time to catch the bus?”
- “How can I stop my children from bickering and fighting?”
- “How can I get my teenage daughter to come home at the agreed-upon time?”
- And many other day-to-day parenting challenges

Contact Seth Wright at the Parish Office (972-875-2834) for more information.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Come experience a
LIVE PERFORMANCE
of the
Passion of Jesus.

Tuesday, April 5
7 PM
Cafeteria





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

**Life Teen
Calendar of Events**

March 27- LIFE NIGHT

NO Food for the Soul or D NITE -March 30

I will be away at a training conference so there will be no Food for the Soul or D NITE on March 30.

Steubenville South Meeting-April 6

Parent and teen mandatory Steubenville South meeting. If you or your parent cannot come you must contact Joey. Please bring insurance info and check for deposit.

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

ALTAR CARE FOR APRIL 2 & 9

Marcy Krieger

Betty Macalik

TAX STATEMENT LETTERS

If you require a statement of church donations for 2010, please call the office, 972-878-2834, or 972-875-2834.

KC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

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

PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The St. John Pastoral Advisory Council is seeking new members. Contact Jeremy Cole, 214-709-2758, email jerdanco@yahoo.com

FIRST FRIDAY & SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Devotions to Sacred Heart of Jesus & Benediction after 12:05 pm Mass Friday, 4/1. Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, the Rosary and Benediction after 8:00 am Mass on Saturday, 4/2.

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.

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.

COLLINS SCHOOL GOLF & BUNCO TOURNAMENT

Collins Catholic School in Corsicana is sponsoring "Bogeys for Bears," their 2nd Annual Golf & Bunco Tournament on Saturday, April 16, at 1:00 pm. Event will be at the Corsicana Country Club. Individual players and Teams welcome. Dinner & Prizes For more information & ticket prices, call 903-654-2838, or email: bogeysforbears@hotmail.com