



MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, MARCH 29

6:30 a.m. George E. & Alice Jean Novy ++

12:05 p.m. Juricek Deceased Relatives +

6:30 p.m. Jerry/Rosie/Emil Trojacek +++

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, MARCH 30

6:30 a.m. Pamela Trojacek Fowler (Health)

12:05 p.m. Vitovsky Family in Czech Republic

6:30 pm(Spanish) Alberto Villasana +

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, MARCH 31

6:30 a.m. John Bohuslav +

12:05 p.m. Agnes Whitfill + (Adoration after Mass)

6:30 p.m. John C. Mach +

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

7:30 p.m. Frank N. Dick Jr. + and

Milton & Nadine Martinek ++

GOOD FRIDAY OF LORD'S PASSION, APRIL 2

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. The Lord's Passion Service

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3

9:00 p.m. For RCIA Catechumens & Candidates

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

7:30 a.m. Joe & Agnes Spaniel ++ and
Joe J. Laza +

10:30 a.m. Dennis and Richard Zhanel ++ and
Maria Perla Cruz +

1:00 p.m. Salvador Espino + and
For Our Parish Community

Check Holy Week page for Confession times, etc.

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 9:30 am

Sabina Castillo+ and Eugenia Marquez+

EASTER SUN. APRIL 4, 9:30 am Albert & Catherine Elfrink

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light, south side of sanctuary, in memory of Charlene Bartolic, Fabio O'Campo and intentions of the Bartolic Family, donated by Frank & Sonia Bartolic, week of March 27-April 2.

Sanctuary light on the north side of the sanctuary is in memory of Frank N. & Mary T. Dick (Fr. John's parents).

SPONSOR OF WEEK: ENNIS PEDIATRIC & ADOLESCENT



Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Here we are at the beginning of Holy Week. I can't believe that I have been here with you at Saint John's and Epiphany for six months!

Making this change of parishes before the Christmas and Easter seasons really has had an impact on my spiritual life. It makes even more apparent to me the amazing power and love of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It gives me even more motivation to build up His Church and spread His Gospel. The saving message of Jesus Christ must get to every person. The truth of the Gospel for our lives is so necessary for us to be able to have the best lives we can here on earth and for eternity in heaven.

This Lenten season has given us the opportunity to recall in a special way the saving mystery of our God. His incredible love for each one of us personally. The Father sent His Son to redeem us from the power of evil, sin. An amazing price was paid by the Son for our redemption from sin. Jesus bought our freedom with his own suffering and death. He paid with His life!

I am truly looking forward to celebrating the events of the Easter Triduum with all of you. I really pray that we might all enter into this great event with all our hearts and souls. I encourage everyone to participate in the Liturgies of Holy Week.

See you in Church!

Love and Prayers,
Father John
Pastor

THANKS THANKS!
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THANKS A HEAP!

To everyone who showed up Tuesday evening to clean our church pews for the Easter Season! We had a great turnout of hard workers! We got a lot of gum scraped off, pews washed and polished! Anyone caught chewing gum in church will be "shot on sight!" Please help keep our church beautiful for Jesus!

I have experienced so many wonderful volunteers here at St. John and Epiphany parishes. Thanks to all of you—you know who you are! I also encourage anyone who is not volunteering to step-up and get to know your fellow parishioners and the Lord in a special way. It is great! Love & Prayers for all of you, Fr. John

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 28

Coffee & donuts after the 7:30 am Mass/Cafeteria

8:45 a.m. RCIA Session in RCIA Building

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes resume today

9:10-10:00 a.m. Lenten Talk on "Prayer" in Cafeteria

1:00 p.m. KJT Easter Egg Hunt (see notice)

Monday, March 29

Masses at 6:30 am, 12:05 pm, & 6:30 pm (English)

Tuesday, March 30

Masses 6:30 am, 12:05 pm (English) & 6:30 pm (Spanish)

5:00-7:00 pm SJ Library Open/Room 106 Compound

Wednesday, March 31

Masses at 6:30 am, 12:05 pm & 6:30 pm (English)

Eucharistic Adoration in Church after the 12:05 pm Mass

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

7:00-8:30 am Life Teen Bible Study/Fellowship/Cafeteria

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice/Church

Holy Thursday, April 1—Triduum begins

No daily Masses today

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 2

No daily Masses today

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross/Church

7:00 p.m. Passion Service for Good Friday/Church

Holy Saturday, April 3

9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Liturgy

Easter Sunday, April 4

Masses at: 7:30 & 10:30 a.m.(English) & 1:00 pm(Spanish)

No RCIA Session today

No Faith Formation Classes today—resumes next Sunday

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Our goal for the Bishop's Annual Appeal (formerly CCA) is \$60,000. As of March 12, we have pledged \$41,982. If you have not pledged yet, you can still do so. Pledge envelopes are located in the pews. Return the envelope to the parish business office, or drop in the collection basket. Thank you for helping us reach our goal.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will be at 3:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS BEFORE EASTER

Please see the Confession schedule in this bulletin.

Correction to last bulletin: Church Support Collection for March 13/14 was actually **\$15,149.53**

COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 13 & 14

Church Support Collection	\$ 13,281.38
Epiphany Mission Collection	614.82

PARISH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. John Parish is accepting applications for two full time maintenance workers. The position will include facilities cleaning, lawn care and minor repairs. Applicants must be able to lift 50 pounds and communicate in English, spoken and written.

St. John Parish will also accept applications for a part-time Safe Environment Officer. Position will include screening and training of all volunteers who will be working with youth or elderly in our Parish or Parish Mission. Employee will be required to attend Diocesan Safety Meetings and maintain files and database. Applicants must be bilingual in English/Spanish and have sufficient computer skills. Applications are available in the Parish Business Office.

LENTEN TALKS

Seth Wright, our Adult Faith Formation Director, will talk about "Prayer" today, March 28, from 9:10-10:00 am, in the cafetorium. Why do we pray? What *is* prayer? What different forms of prayer are there? How can prayer help us to be better people, to get closer to God, and to avoid those sins that keep popping up in our lives?

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

The Catholic Daughters will meet on Monday, April 4, at 7:00 pm at the KC hall. The Nominating Committee will announce the candidates for CDA offices for the next two year term. Members and guests are urged to attend.

KJT EASTER EGG HUNT

The K.J.T. Society is hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt today, March 28, at 1:00 p.m. behind the KJT hall. Hot dogs and cold drinks will be provided as well as Easter candy for the hunt. We hope to see all of our members with their kids and grandkids there.

EPIPHANY MISSION SPRING FESTIVAL

The annual Epiphany Mission Spring Festival will be on Sunday, April 25th, from 11:00 to 4:00. It will benefit their building fund. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each. Volunteers are needed for the food and game booths. See a member of the Fund Raising Committee. Donations of any kind will be gladly accepted! Money, bottled water, canned drinks, game prizes, raffle tickets. More information in later bulletins.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

The following people need our prayers: Zackerie Zajic, Marcos Campos, Guadalupe Arias, Adell Miklis, Ann Hinckley Anderson, Celeste Johnson, Maria Manriquez, Apolonio Morales, Jerry Matous, Tony Schlottman, Oralia Hernandez, Betty Rogala, Loretta Cook, Donna Glaser, Gelacio Chavez, Dwayne Gist, Amadeo Calderon, Dave McPherson, Elizabeth Holland, Pamela Trojacek Fowler, Nacho Martinez, Sister Agnes Marie Marusak, Dorothy Harrison, Evelyn Dlabaj, James Wayne Dixon, Claudio Amador Sr., Edna Gonzalez, Rachel Garcia, Julie Newman, Raul Partida, Joleena Jurica, Dianne McCarty, Eddie Cervantes, Gary Kidder, Eddie Zhanel, Graciela Monreal, Chandler Mach, Ruphine Patak, Danny Kubin and Jerry Dolezal.

CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES

Church support envelopes have been sent to your homes. The packet is good for April and May. We encourage you to use your envelopes for faster, more efficient crediting to you.

If you don't receive envelopes now, and would like to begin using them, please call the office, 972-878-2834. We can also register you at that time (if you are not already registered) as a member of St. John Church. We love that you attend Mass, but this doesn't make you an automatic registered member.

ST. JOHN LIFE TEEN RELAY FOR LIFE

St. John Life Teen will participate in the Relay for Life on 4/30 to 5/1 at the Texas Motorplex. Team goal is to raise at least \$1,500.

The Relay for Life Garage Sale will be on Sunday, April 11, 12:00-4:00 pm, Knights of Columbus hall. **They need your donated items for this Garage Sale, or donations to the team.** In the future, they will host a Fried Chicken Dinner to help out the relay team. Contact: <http://main.acevents.org/goto/stjlifeteen> Call Evan Swindle, 214-773-1203 or: evan_swindle4@yahoo.com

2010 CENSUS

By now you have likely received your 2010 Census form. One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. It's easy, important and safe, and your participation is vital. By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share an individual's personal information with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. Please complete and mail back your form and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same. For more information, visit <http://2010census.gov>.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS FOR PRIESTS

In the event of a real emergency, you can call Fr. John at 903-624-6114, or Fr. Antonio, 469-831-0607.

For day to day business, questions, or concerns, please call the office phone number, 972-875-2834 or 972-878-2834.

KC BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus, Ennis Council 1353, will host a Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 31, at the KC hall from 4:00-8:00 pm. Must be at least 16. Must have a picture I.D. For appointment or more information, call Joe Schleich, 972-878-6861.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

Pictorial Directories will be available for pickup at the church business office, Monday through Wednesday of this week, 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m. Parishioners who had their photographs made will receive their free copy of the pictorial directory. Extra copies are being sold for \$20.

STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CELEBRATION DVD

TC Videos filmed the St. Cyril and St. Methodius Celebration. To order a DVD, call Teresa Culpepper at 972-875-6874, or email her at teresa1310@yahoo.com Copies cost \$20.00

APOLOGETICS GROUP FORMING

Has anyone ever asked you something about the Faith that you couldn't explain? Have you ever been confused about something we do or believe as Catholics? Would you like to be better prepared to defend the Faith when you hear someone attacking it? Come join us as a part of the **Apologetics Group** on Thursday, April 8, at 7:00 pm in the Cafetorium.

Order your book, meet your fellow parishioners, learn more about the course, and give your input.

PICTURES AVAILABLE FROM CELEBRATION

Images from the St. Cyril & St. Methodius Mass are available for viewing at: www.lmphotogallery.com Click on print room sight; click on galleries, tab, scroll to Czech Mass 2010 St. John Church Ennis. Click yes to the agreement and you will be able to view and order pictures. Or call Lisa Marak at 972-875-1020. Lisa took the photos at no charge to the parish.

SAINT JOSEPH'S MEN

The next meeting for the new St. Joseph Men's Group in our parish will be on Tuesday evening, April 6, at 7:00 pm in Room 101, Compound. The Mission of this group will be to help the men of our parish grow in the virtues necessary to have successful and good lives as men themselves, husbands and fathers. St. Joseph will be their model and intercessor. Men today are faced with temptations of greed, materialism, lust, anger, anxiety, depression and hopelessness. As Catholic men they have the power in Jesus Christ to defeat these temptations and grow in the virtues of temperance, prudence, chastity and charity. Just as men join together in an army to defeat an earthly enemy trying to destroy their lives or families, they also need to band together to fight the unseen evils that are also seeking to destroy their lives with debt, pornography, adultery, gambling, alcohol and drugs. All men of the parish are welcome, invited and encouraged to attend.

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HOLY WEEK LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday of Holy Week

6:30 am Mass
7:00-8:00 am Confessions FJ
12:05 pm Mass
12:30-1:30 pm Confessions FJ
5:00-6:15 pm Confessions FJ
6:30 pm Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week

6:30 am Mass
7:00-8:00 am Confessions FJ
11:00 am-12:30 pm Confessions FJ & FA
12:05 pm Mass
6:30 pm Mass
6:30-9:00 pm Confessions FJ & FA

Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30 am Mass
7:00-8:00 am Confessions FJ
12:05 pm Mass
12:30-2:00 pm Confessions FJ & FA
6:00-8:00 pm Confessions FJ & FA
6:30 pm Mass

Confessions during Holy Week will be heard at the listed times. They will end at the indicated time or before if there is no one in line.

EASTER TRIDUUM BEGINS

Holy Thursday

12:00-2:00 pm Confessions FJ & FA
5:00-6:00 pm Confessions FJ
6:00 pm Mass of Lord's Supper-Epiphany
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

12:00-2:00 pm Confessions FJ & FA
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross-Epiphany
4:00-6:00 pm Confessions FJ & FA
7:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion — English
8:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion — Spanish

Holy Saturday

10:00 am-12:00 pm Confessions FJ & FA
3:00-5:00 pm Confessions FJ & FA

Holy Saturday Night: the Easter Vigil

9:00 pm Mass of the Vigil

Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 am Mass
9:30 am Mass — Epiphany
10:30 am Mass
1:00 pm Mass — Spanish

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Beginning of HOLY WEEK

Holy Week has as its purpose the remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ's passion, beginning with this Sunday, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. This Sunday recalls His Messianic entrance into the City of Jerusalem.

With Holy Week we have arrived in the haven of life, where we have come from fasting to suffer. The fast is done; the suffering of God's only Son has arrived.


De Passione Domini is the name given in the ancient sacramentaries to the section which begins with the sixth Sunday of the fasting season, Lent. The great event of this Sunday is the Lord's Passion, and it is this which gives it its name; the Gospel narrative of His sufferings of which the solemn recital in today's liturgy makes the hearers aware that they have truly come from fasting to suffering.

Led then by the words of the Gospel, the Church slowly enters deep into the suffering of Christ, Holy Week. The preparation is at an end, the saving drama begins. The soul that has been cleansed in the long weeks of penance and fasting readies itself for sacrifice; the Father prepares to sacrifice His only son, and all who belong to the Son's body, the Church, must bend as obedient members with their head under the sacrificial hand of God the Father.

The Procession of Palms has a great significance as we act it out. In the rite of the Palms: the Son of God comes and builds His city, builds it in His blood, gathers His people together, dies for His bride, gives Himself to her in marriage forever. The entire cosmic order of salvation is made visible in a signal rite, in a symbolic play. Truly this is a *pascha floridum*, a feast of flowers, the marriage feast of the Lamb, in whose blood the bride's clothes have been made clean. As the Lord was entering the Holy City of Jerusalem, the Jewish children proclaimed the resurrection of life, waving palm branches, cried, "Hosanna in High Heaven."

The meaning of the Processional Ritual is clear; God comes and saves. He visits His city, the whole Church; He celebrates His advent in her, a different coming from that of the feast of His becoming man and birth; a second advent which completes the first.

Jesus Christ
is
Lord!



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RCIA CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES

St. John Church has 11 people in the RCIA program. 3 will be baptized during the Easter Vigil. The Great Vigil of Easter is the "night of nights," the liturgy for Holy Saturday declares. New members are welcomed into the Church on this "most blessed of all nights," as the *Exsultet* proclaims, celebrates in ancient rituals the central mysteries of the faith.

This beautiful celebration is long, but it is the heart of the Church's worship and speaks clearly to fill participants with the joy of the Resurrection.

In the weeks after their initiation, the newly baptized and professed look for their place in the Church community. Parishioners can make them feel welcome by encouraging them to be part of an activity, a group, or a ministry.

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS FOR SENIORS

Educational Grants for Graduating Seniors of relatives of active members of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly 2265, are now available. To apply for a grant, call Dan Tenney, 972-875-2910. All applications **MUST** be turned in by April 10, 2010.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS

Children's Worship Bulletins are passed out during Faith Formation classes on Sundays to students in PreK through 5th grade. The bulletins are also available in the annex or back of the church every Sunday for children in this age group.

KC 3RD DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP

Ennis Knights of Columbus Council 1353 3rd Degree Scholarship forms for graduating seniors can be picked up at the Ennis High School counselor's office or KC hall. Deadline is Thursday, April 1!

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

The next Lives of the Saints talk will be about St. Thomas Aquinas. This will take place Tuesday, April 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Library.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY REMINDER

Just a reminder that during the mowing season, no flowers or any type of objects are allowed on the ground around the graves in the Cemetery. The caretaker has the right to remove and discard anything that gets in the way to maintain the burial spaces. **Please, no benches, no glass, toys, solar lights, ironwork, plants, marbles, wind chimes or anything else that one can think of, are allowed on the graves.** Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

NEW TO PARISH OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____