

Mass Intentions

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 1

NO 6:30 a.m. Mass today

12:05 p.m. Easter Novena

6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Alvin Kubin +

7:00 p.m. Confessions

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 2

6:30 a.m. Albert T. Zabochnik +

12:05 p.m. Easter Novena

6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Miguel Doblado +

7:00 p.m. Confessions

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 3

6:30 a.m. Easter Novena

NO 12:05 p.m. Mass today

NO 2:30 p.m. Mass today

NO Adoration today

6:30 p.m. Candidates & Catechumens

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 4

6:30 a.m. Easter Novena

12:05 p.m. Easter Novena

6:30 p.m. Tony Alvarez +

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 5

First Friday Devotions after 12:05 pm Mass

6:30 a.m. Larry Haskovec +

12:05 p.m. Easter Novena

SATURDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 6

First Saturday Devotions after 8:00 am Mass

8:00 a.m. Easter Novena

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Frank J. & Janie Prachyl ++

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY, APRIL 7

7:00 a.m. Deacon Dean Darnall +

11:00 a.m. Cecilia Blazek +

1:00 pm Easter Novena/ For the Parish Community

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Adele Janousek +

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun., March 31, 9am Aristeo Nieto +

Sun., April 7, 9am Casiano Santoyo +

COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 23 & 24

St. John Church Support Collection \$ 18,334.26

Epiphany Church Support Collection 1,017.42

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Ferguson's Electric & Air Cond.

From the Pastor's Desk

DOMINICA PASCHAE IN RESURRECTIONE DOMINI
+ 2013

Dear St. John and Epiphany Parishioners,

A Blessed and Joyful Easter to everyone!

Having sacrificed during the forty days of Lent, relived Christ's Passion and Resurrection in the Triduum, we are now reaping what we have sown; the Easter Graces flowing from Him who loves each one of us beyond our wildest imaginings.

Jesus Christ has brought the potential of holiness to each and every person conceived in their Mother's womb. This holiness means a life on earth, while affected by sin, is not conquered by sin. We can triumph over evil with His grace, beginning in Baptism and arrive after our mortal life on earth into the Halls of Heaven. Those beautiful words from the Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I:

“. . .when we stand before you, Saints among the Saints in the halls of heaven, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, the blessed Apostles and all the Saints. . .”

Brothers and Sisters, we have won through Jesus Christ! His victory is our victory! The winning touchdown has been made; perfect joy, peace and happiness are ours for all eternity. True, we must persevere in the “game” while here on earth. There will be injuries and setbacks, disappointments and losses, but we have seen the end of the game. This is similar to recording a Bowl Game, watching it later, but already having heard the final score! When we are watching the recorded game, we can get so caught up in the plays and action, that we even forget we know the winner. In this life, the winner can be each and every one of us if we choose to follow Christ through the “game of life!”

If possible, we should celebrate these eight days, the Octave of Easter, by frequent prayer and daily Mass. Each day of the Octave is celebrated as a Solemnity. It is if Easter Day is 8 x 24 hours long!!! We celebrate Easter for eight days.....it is way too big to get it all in one day!

See you in the Octave!

Love and Prayers,
Fr. John

A BLESSED EASTER

From

Fr. John - Fr. Antonio
And all the Parish Staff!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 31

2nd Collection this week is for Catholic Charities

NO Religious Education Classes—Easter Break

NO Life Teen/Life Night — Easter Break

Monday, April 1

6:00/7:00 pm Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm CDA meeting/KC Dining Room

Tuesday, April 2

6:30 am Food for the Soul Mass & Breakfast

5-8:30 pm SJ Library open/Room 106 Compound

6:00/7:00 pm Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm Baptism Class/ Room 101

7:00 pm Beginning Apologetics/ Room 301

7-8:15 pm EDGE / Cafeteria

Wednesday, April 3

Parish Office closed

10:00 am Little Saints Play Group/Assumption Hall

6-8 pm Life Teen “Into the Deep”

6:30-8:30 pm Religious Education Classes

6:30 pm Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming/Church

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, April 4

7:00 pm That Man is You/Room 103

7:00 pm Women of Grace/ Room 101

Friday, April 5

First Friday Devotions after 12:05 pm Mass

Saturday, April 6

First Saturday Devotions after 8:00 am Mass

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, April 7

8:30-10:45 am St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes

6:30 pm Life Teen/Life Night

ST. JOHN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Fourteen scholarships will be awarded this year. Graduates of 2013 or adults who have been out of high school for at least one year and have not previously received a St. John Alumni scholarship are eligible. Candidates must have attended St. John or are the child or grandchild of a previous St. John graduate. Each scholarship is worth \$1,000. Applications may be picked up at Ennis Main Street Hardware or by emailing stjohnalumni@hotmail.com. Email should contain full name, including maiden if applicable, along with statement of other eligibility criteria. Applications must be postmarked and sent to P.O. Box 516, Ennis, 75120 by **Friday, April 19, 2013.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS

Knights of Columbus Council 1353 Scholarship applications are available at the St. John Church office. Eligibility requirements are: High school senior, member of St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church, must have an immediate family member active in the K.C. Council #1353 (Grandfather, Father, Brother, Uncle ONLY). Applications must be received by **April 15, 2013.**

Parish Mission

St. John Nepomucene will be having a Parish Mission from May 11 through May 15. All groups who would normally meet on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, May 13, 14, or 15, should make plans to meet some other time.

FLOWERS FOR SANCTUARY

Sanctuary flower arrangements for weekends with no weddings are being taken in honor or memory of someone. Call Evelyn Zmolik to schedule at 972-875-2791.

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.

EASTER SEASON

- “The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one “great Sunday” (St. Athanasius, Epistula Festalis: PG 26, 1366).
- The first eight days of the Easter Season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord.

ALTAR CARE FOR APRIL 6 & 13

Kim Brazier/ Melissa Zmolik

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated for the intentions of the Wayne Sylvester Family for the week of

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light is in memory of John, Mary, & James Mach donated by Frank Pruski & Johnny Mach family for the week of March 30 – April 5.

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Parish Office will be closed Easter Monday and Wednesday.
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CDA APRIL MEETING

The Catholic Daughters’ meeting will be held Monday, April 1st at 7:00 pm at the KC Dining Room. Completed scholarship applications are due on April 1st. You may bring them to the meeting or mail them to Mary Ann Trojacek, 8911 FM 1181, Ennis, TX 75119. The May Festival, Glitter Party/Bake Sale, Women Resource Center and CDA State convention will be the topics of discussion at this meeting. Members are urged to attend and to bring a guest.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, April 6

5:00 pm Austin Spaniel/Alex Fry

Sunday, April 7

7:00 am Zachary Matous/Matt Zajic/ Josef Woodward

11:00 am Chris Trojacek/Dylan Fisher/Joseph Galetka

5:00 pm LT Mass Mando Campos/Alston Lawrence



The Sacraments

- Are the sacraments making you holy?
- Do you appreciate their true meaning?
- Do you want to understand them more?

Come to a 5 week series
on the Sacraments.

Sunday mornings from 9:00—10:30 AM
Beginning April 7, 2013
Room 101 in the Compound

Glitterbug Gold Sale!

**Glitterbug is
coming to Ennis!!**

**Where: St. John Cafeteria
Burnett St.**

When: April 6, 2013

From 10 AM to 3 PM

- Pastries, strudels, cheese rolls, etc., will be available to purchase by the slice or whole.
- Walk-ins welcome.
- If you want to make an appointment, call Suzie Betik at (469) 286-8305.

What is it?:

Did you know the price of gold is at an all time high? Gold prices are about \$1,700 per ounce! Some of the pieces you have purchased in the past are probably worth more NOW than what you paid for them years ago.

All you have to do is...

- Rummage around in your jewelry box to find broken, mismatched, or unworn gold jewelry pieces (yellow gold, white gold, dental gold, etc. If it's gold they'll buy it!)
- Bring them to the Cafeteria in a zip lock bag with your name on it.
- A Gold Buyer will evaluate your pieces on the spot and offer you the opportunity to trade them for \$\$\$\$\$. If you choose to sell your gold, 10% of the proceeds will be donated to St. John Church. It's that easy!!!!!!

Keep in mind...

- There is NEVER any obligation! You may choose to keep your gold if you wish.
- Bring what you have. If you're not sure it's gold, that's okay. They will evaluate it for you.

Looking for Christ?

Find Him here
in the Mass,
in the
confessional,
in devotions,
in our
Adult
Education
programs, and
in countless
other ways.
Get involved
and let Him in.
He wants to
love you. Let
Him.



Congratulations to all of those who received Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion at the Easter Vigil this year! May God always bless you and keep you in His ways. Let us all pray that we will allow Him to pour His love into us in the sacraments, in our work, in our families, and in all we do.



Nepomucene's Teens



St. John Youth Ministry wants to wish everyone a very Happy Easter!

Live your life like Christ's resurrection makes difference!



Life Teen:
TONIGHT - NO LIFE TEEN MASS or LIFE NIGHT
Saturday 4/6 - Confirmation meeting in the compound from 12 – 3 pm for the Confirmation students and their parents.



Interested in volunteering with our teenagers or have any questions about our Youth Ministry programs? Contact Stephen Thompson @ stephent@stjohncc.net

Excerpts from Pope Francis' First General Audience

... What does it mean to follow Jesus on His way to the Cross on Calvary and the Resurrection? ...

God did not wait for us to go to Him, but He moved towards us, *without calculation, without measures*. This is how God is: He is always the first, He moves towards us. ...

... Jesus voluntarily consigned Himself to death to respond to the love of God the Father, in perfect union with His will, to demonstrate His love for us. On the Cross, Jesus "loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal 2:20). Each of us can say, "He loved me and gave Himself for me. Every-one can say that *for me!*"

What does this mean for us? It means that *this is my, your, our path*. ... following Jesus not only with the emotions of the heart; ... following Jesus means learning how to go beyond ourselves ... to reach out to others, to go to the outskirts of existence, *to be the first to move towards our brothers and sisters*, especially those who are most distant, those who are forgotten, those who are most in need of understanding, consolation and

help. There is so much need to bring the living presence of Jesus, merciful and full of love!

... Following, accompanying Christ, remaining with Him requires a *stepping outside*, 'a stepping beyond. Stepping outside of ourselves, of a tired and routine way of living the faith, of the temptation to withdraw into pre-established patterns that end up closing our horizon to the creative action of God. ... Remember well: stepping outside of ourselves, like Jesus, like God *has stepped outside of Himself in Jesus and Jesus stepped outside of Himself* for all of us.

Some might say to me, "But, Father, I have no time", "I have so many things to do", "it is difficult", "what can I do with my little strength?", with my sin, with so many things? Often we settle for a few prayers, a distracted and inconsistent presence at Sunday Mass, a random act of charity, but we lack this courage to *step outside* to bring

Christ. ...

God always thinks with mercy: do not forget this. God always thinks with mercy: our merciful Father. God thinks like a father who awaits the return of his child and goes to meet him, sees him coming when he is still far away ... God thinks like the Samaritan that does not approach the victim to commiserate with him, or look the other way, but to rescue him *without asking for anything in return*, without asking if he was



Jew, if he was pagan, a Samaritan, rich or poor: he does not ask anything – he does not ask these things, he asks for nothing. He goes to his aid: This is how God thinks. God thinks like the shepherd who gives his life to defend and save his sheep.

... *Always step outside yourself! And with the love and tenderness of God, with respect and patience*, knowing that we put our hands, our feet, our hearts, but *then it is God* who guides them and makes all our actions fruitful.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Michael Slovacek, Jerod Timms, Ron Spellman, Agnes Prda, Bev Richardson, Edwin Storz, Jerry "Sonny" Autrey, Noreene Autrey Pierce, Connie Alvarez, Jim Sager, Delfa Arrambide, Kevin & Robin Woodley, Bobby Bohanon, Joe W. Spaniel, Joe Barak, Megan Rebuck, Sarah Carroll, Joanne Walsh, Roy Brandon, Mike Fabela, DeDe Mauricio, Rosie Zhanel, Patricia Banks, Sue Thompson, Jessica Puente, Michael Gallagher, Bob Agar, Bill Divin, Fatima de Carmen Gomez, Maximiliano Gomez, Crystal Monjaraz, Lasita Salazar, Margie Dvorak, Nacho Martinez, G.W. and Agnes Garrard, Helen Fowler, Alyvia Zmolik, Mickey Walker, Mildred Trojacek, Florinda Smith, Helen Patak, Betty Coker, Tommy Slama, Juanita Lowe, Walter Marusak, Nathan Gunn, Matthew Dixon, Darrell Patak, Betty Rogala, Jimmie Trahan, Jimmy Garcia Sr., Sandy Wheeler, Roger Gagnon, Joy Moore, Charlie Honza, Frances Maliska, Jeff Sladeczek, Christine Hanson, Hannah Rejcek, Helen Zmolek, Cameron Wolf, Meg Routh, Ruperto Gomez, Mark Strunc, Monsignor Frank Miller, Lori Strunc, Edna Gonzalez, Georgie Ann Nekuza, Mary Hejny, Juanita LeVay, Anna Lee Weaver, Leo Rejcek, Helen Barak, Rose Sanchez, Alfred Martinez, George Spaniel Sr., Sister Genevieve and Frankie Prochaska, Mary Ann & Johnnie Hajek, Margie Patak, Millie Trojacek, Mildred Wickliffe, Joe and John Schlebach, Graciela and Rene Monreal, Steve and Bernard Betik, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Brandi Schlottman, James Pustejovsky, Gary Kidder, Jerry Dolezal, Raul Partida

It's time to register again for the Bishop's Annual Pro-Life Dinner!

This dinner benefits the wonderful work that the Catholic Pro-Life Committee does throughout the year. Join us for a wonderful night, and help a good cause.



Saturday,
April 6, 2013

Contact Father John for more
information and to register.