



Masses For The Week

MONDAY, APRIL 11, St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

6:30 am Larry Laznovsky +
12:05 pm Raquel Garcia + and
Edwin C. Trojacek +
6:30 pm Chad Ryan +

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

6:30 am For the Poor Souls in Purgatory +
12:05 pm Agnes & Louis Prachyl ++ and
Lillie Honza Novy +

6:30 pm Spanish John A. Vrla +

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

6:30 am Ronnie and Emil Toupal ++
12:05 pm Mary Ann Kubin + and
John J. & Julia Krajca ++

No Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass until after Easter

6:30 pm Tony Prachyl + and
Milton Vrla Sr. +

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

6:30 am Milton & Nadine Martinek ++
12:05 pm Joe W. Vitovsky + and
Ed & Joyce Plasek 50th Wedding Anniversary

6:30 pm (Spanish) Clint Santos +

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

6:30 am Sydney Edward Mach +
12:05 pm Ernest Haskovec + and
Rudy and Gary Valek ++
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross in English
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross in Spanish

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

5:00 pm Janet Rejcek Roach + and
Wesley & Annette Honza 50th Wedding Anniversary

PALM SUNDAY OF LENT, APRIL 17

7:30 am Louis Slovacek + and
Garrett Maliska +
10:30 am Charlie L. Dlabaj + and
Edward Prachyl +
1:00 pm Jose Belen Landeros + and Maria Esquivel+
For Our Parish Community

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Anselmo & Baudelia Alvarez ++ and Jessie Alvarez +

*From Pope Benedict XVI's Lenten message
for this year:*

...On the fifth Sunday, when the resurrection of Lazarus is proclaimed, we are faced with the ultimate mystery of our existence: "I am the resurrection and the life... Do you believe this?" (Jn 11: 25-26). For the Christian community, it is the moment to place with sincerity - together with Martha - all of our hopes in Jesus of Nazareth: "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world" (Jn 11: 27). Communion with Christ in this life prepares us to overcome the barrier of death, so that we may live eternally with him. Faith in the resurrection of the dead and hope in eternal life open our eyes to the ultimate meaning of our existence: God created men and women for resurrection and life, and this truth gives an authentic and definitive meaning to human history, to the personal and social lives of men and women, to culture, politics and the economy. Without the light of faith, the entire universe finishes shut within a tomb devoid of any future, any hope.

The Lenten journey finds its fulfillment in the Paschal Triduum, especially in the Great Vigil of the Holy Night: renewing our baptismal promises, we reaffirm that Christ is the Lord of our life, that life which God bestowed upon us when we were reborn of "water and Holy Spirit", and we profess again our firm commitment to respond to the action of the Grace in order to be his disciples....

...Dear Brothers and Sisters, through the personal encounter with our Redeemer and through fasting, almsgiving and prayer, the journey of conversion towards Easter leads us to rediscover our Baptism. This Lent, let us renew our acceptance of the Grace that God bestowed upon us at that moment, so that it may illuminate and guide all of our actions. What the Sacrament signifies and realizes, we are called to experience every day by following Christ in an ever more generous and authentic manner. In this our itinerary, let us entrust ourselves to the Virgin Mary, who generated the Word of God in faith and in the flesh, so that we may immerse ourselves - just as she did - in the death and resurrection of her Son Jesus, and possess eternal life.

Pope Benedict XVI

Read the entire message at the Vatican website: <http://www.vatican.va/>. Search for "Holy Father Lenten Message 2011."

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY

Sun., April 10, 9:30 am For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
Palm Sunday, April 17, 9:30 am Linda Rohmer +

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: NUEVA IMAGEN BEAUTY

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This weekend the second collection will be for Catholic Relief Services. This collection supports six Catholic agencies benefiting millions of vulnerable, displaced and impoverished families/individuals around the world. This collection makes a real difference in lives across the globe. Envelopes are available at the back of the church and in the annex. Please give generously to CRS, "Jesus in disguise".

HYMNS FOR MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Processional: 401 Tree of Life

Offertory: 850 Softly and Tenderly

Communion: 399 Jerusalem, My Destiny (No Recessional Hymn)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 10

8:45 am RCIA Session
 9:00 am Religious Education Classes and EDGE
 9:00-12:00 St. John Library Open/Rm 106 Compound
 1:30 pm KJZT Adult Meeting/KJT Dining Room
 1:30 pm KJZT Juniors Meeting/KJT Dining Room
 3:00-5:00 pm Super Sunday for Confirmation Youth
 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

Tuesday, April 12

8:30 am Golden Crusaders Meet/Cafeteria (see notice)
 7:00 pm Women of Grace Session/Cafeteria

Wednesday, April 13

10:00 am Little Saints Playgroup/Gym
 No Adoration after noon Mass until after Easter
 5:00 pm Altar Society Meeting/Room 101
 7:00 pm Religious Education Classes and D-Nite
 7:00 pm Parenting Skills Class/Room 301 School
 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church
 7:30 pm KC 3rd Degree Meeting/KC

Thursday, April 14

6-8 pm SJ Rosary Guild Meets @908 S. Mulberry
 7:00 pm *That Man Is You* Session/Cafeteria

Friday, April 15

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Church
 KC Scholarship Deadline today(see notice)

Saturday, April 16

7:00 am *That Man Is You* Session/Room 301
 7:00 am *Women of Grace Study*/IHOP Restaurant
 3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, April 17

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 Social

PARISH JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Parish Business Office is accepting applications for a full time Maintenance worker. Commercial/industrial cleaning experience preferred but will train. Information & application at the office.

GOLDEN CRUSADERS MEETING

St. John Golden Crusaders will meet Tuesday, April 12, in the St. John Cafeteria. Fun and games begin at 8:30 am; the meal around 11:30 am. Last name initials beginning with A-M bring desserts. O-Z bring side dishes. Come and join the fun. Yearly dues are only \$15 a person. These dues help to buy the meat for the meals. Anyone 55 & older is welcome to join the Golden Crusaders. Hope to see you there!

ST. JOHN ROSARY GUILD MEETING

St. John Rosary Guild will meet on Thursday, April 14, at the Becker residence, 908 S. Mulberry. Please come anytime between 6 pm & 8 pm, and bring a friend. Confirmation students still needing service hours are also invited to join in and help. Our numbers are dwindling and we would very much appreciate new members. Any questions, call Cheryl at 469-337-3497.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Altar Society will meet Wednesday, April 13, 5:00 pm, Room 101

ALTAR CARE FOR APRIL 16 & 30

Margaret Bouska Tish Bouska

ALTAR CARE FOR APRIL 23

St. John Altar Society will clean for the Easter weekend.

K.J.Z.T. JUNIORS NEWS

KJZT Juniors will meet at today, **April 10th at 1:30 pm**, in the KJT dining room to make Easter cards and deliver them to a nursing home with Easter candy after the meeting. Please wear your uniform shirt. Juniors, plan to be there and bring a friend! New faces welcome! Lots of fun things are planned for the warmer weather!

K.J.Z.T. SOCIETY #16 MEETING

KJZT adult group will meet today, Sunday, April 10, at 1:30 pm in the KJT dining room. Several items will be discussed, including the state office Fraternal Project donation, the scholarship awards, and the annual Mass and celebration in August. Refreshments and a social will follow the meeting. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: David Perdue, Robert Strunc, Ninfa Carrillo, Georgie Galetka, Shirley Mayfield, Kenneth Langley, Adell Vrzalik, Aston Weaver, Dan Grabau, Stella Tobola, 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, Joy Dlabaj, Raul Partida, Mary Pat Clements, Bessie E. Laznovsky, Wanda Slovak, Billy Copen, Nolen Dockery, Earlene Slovak, Bernard Betik, Johnny Mensik, Lillian Slovak, James Pustejovsky, Frankie Joe Patak, Steve Betik, Betty Rogala, Evelyn Dlabaj and Ruphine Patak.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light, south side of sanctuary, is in memory of Joe A., Mary C., Edwin G., Lillie Ann, Wesley W. and Brodwynne Patak donated by Evelyn Patak for week of April 9-15.
 Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary Dick.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR LITURGIES

April 16, Saturday
 5:00 pm Josh Zapletal/Grant Vrana
April 17, Sunday
 7:30 am Matthew Matous/Zachary Matous/Tyler Novy
 10:30am Dylan Honza/Tyler Gilmore/Cooper Gillespie
 5:00 pm **Life Teen Mass** Tyler Dennie/Alex Fry/Hardy Walker

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 2 & 3

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 23,182.04
St. John Capital Improvements Fund	3,805.91
Epiphany Mission Collection	\$ 955.50
Epiphany Building Fund Collection	606.00

ALMA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

The annual Alma Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser will be on Saturday, April 30, at 5:00 pm at the Alma Firehouse.

BBQ Dinner served at 5:00 pm. Dance begins around 7:00 pm with the Leonard Dlabaj Band.

Kids rides & Activities

Silent Auction

Dancing

Raffle & Door Prizes

Fun, Fun, Fun for ALL!! Everyone is invited for a great time.

Raffles tickets on sale now from any volunteer fireman.

NO ADORATION ON WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Because of the work being done in the church to improve the overall lighting, there will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday afternoons until after Easter.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS FOR PRIESTS

In the event of a real emergency, call Fr. John, 903-624-6114, or Fr. Antonio, 469-831-0607. For day to day questions or concerns, and to make appointments, please call the business office phone number, 972-878-2834.

OUR LENTEN SPIRITUAL FOCUS

During Lent, we as Catholics are all called to the threefold works of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May God continue the good work in all of us and bring it to completion.

WHAT IS THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION?

“Reconciliation” is one of the seven Holy Sacraments. It is the Sacrament that has the divine power to forgive our sins and renew our love for God and people. Sacraments are signs made sacred by Christ to show His presence in the world and to help us reach a closer union with God.

Reconciliation has 4 parts. They are:

Contrition—we feel great sorrow for our sins

Confession—we unburden our sins

Absolution—we are assured of God’s forgiveness

Satisfaction—we perform an act of penance.

The Sacrament is also called “confession” or “penance.” The aim of Penance is genuine healing of sins’ effects through a personal meeting in faith with the forgiving Christ. The Sacrament lifts the burden of sin, renews the grace of Baptism, and gives an inner peace and a new strength of purpose.

ROSARY ON GOOD FRIDAY FOR PEACE

Imagine what might happen if every Catholic in the world would pray a Rosary on the same day! So, on Good Friday, let us all pray a Rosary for peace in the world and the return of moral values into our communities. If possible, pray your Rosary between noon and 3:00 pm. Let us unite in praying one of the most powerful prayers in existence, for these intentions, on one of the holiest days in our Church year.

EPIPHANY CATHOLIC MISSION SPRING FESTIVAL

The Epiphany Mission Spring Festival will be on Sunday, May 15th, at 434 S. Ward St., Italy, TX. You are invited to join them in great fellowship: fun, games, raffle, live music, Folclorico Dancers, and lots of food(brisket, gorditas, hamburgers, elotes, carnitas, nachos, frito pies, corn in a cup, fruit in a cup, tostadas, popcorn, pickles, cold drinks and more). Raffles prizes include a \$250 Visa gift cards, \$100 HEB gift card, \$75 HEB gift card, \$50 Walmart gift card, 20” girl’s bicycle, a 20” boy’s bicycle, patio swing with canopy, comforter bed set, Fiesta Grill dinner for 2, and more. Plan now to come and bring your whole family and all your friends for good wholesome fun.

What was that at the 10:30 Mass? Answers to a couple of questions about RCIA

What are the Scrutinies?

These Rites are celebrated to help deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (RCIA 141). The Rites of Scrutiny are meant to uncover, and then heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the elects’ hearts and to bring out through repentance all that is upright, strong, and good. Three Scrutinies are celebrated in the parish community on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, after the homily. The Scripture readings for the Scrutinies ordinarily come from Cycle A of the Lectionary: the Gospel story of the Samaritan woman at the well for the 1st Scrutiny, the Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind for the 2nd Scrutiny, and the Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus for the 3rd Scrutiny. The celebrations of the Scrutinies also remind the whole parish community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God’s help.

How might the Scrutinies of the RCIA process help the parish as a whole?

On the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent we participate in the Scrutinies. The universal Church hears the stories of the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. These readings were chosen to be the driving force of prayerful introspection, surrender, and conversion. They offer powerful images of surrender, sin, conversion, faith, and healing. In our faith journey with those seeking Baptism, we must stir our souls, as if they were dying campfires, to expose any parts of ourselves that have not been purified by the burning love of the Holy Spirit. We are challenged with the Samaritan woman at the well when we thirst for the Lord, who knows what we need and provides it; we beg, with the man born blind, to see Jesus, who is the light and gives us sight; and finally we lie with Lazarus within the tomb of oblivion and death, built with the stones of our own sins, until Jesus reaches out his hand and pulls us from the pit. Take this gift of the Church and use this group of readings as Lenten reflections. The Scripture readings for each Scrutiny are listed below. Read them slowly, asking the Lord to give you the grace to hear what is being said to you. Share these readings with your children or your spouse.

1st Scrutiny (3rd Sunday of Lent): Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2,6-9; Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

2nd Scrutiny (4th Sunday of Lent): 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Psalm 23:1-6; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

3rd Scrutiny (5th Sunday of Lent): Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-7; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

From Bishop Farrell's Blog:

What is Lent all about?

In short it is about repentance, forgiveness and baptism. It is one of the most ancient Christian observances recognizing the need to prepare for Easter, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection, the greatest of Christian feasts.

In 325 the Council of Nicea first proposed a 40 day preparation period for Easter. The number 40 has special religious significance for Christians: Moses spent 40 days fasting on Mt. Sinai waiting on God, Elijah walked 40 days to the Mountain of the Lord and most importantly Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days in the desert before he began his ministry.

As is the case with all Christian observances, Lent has changed over time until it took its present form in the Western Church of the 40 days prior to Easter. Originally Lent began on quadragesima (fortieth day) Sunday, but Sundays being feasts were not counted, so in the sixth century Pope St. Gregory the Great moved the first day of Lent to the previous Wednesday to make it a full 40 days.

Visit the bishop's blog at: <http://bishopfarrell.blogspot.com/>.

The first liturgy for Ash Wednesday appeared in the tenth century and in the 11th century Pope Urban II called for the distribution of ashes on that day. Although Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, many Catholics treat it as one and would not think of missing being marked with ashes on the forehead. Originally, ashes were sprinkled on men's heads and only women received them on the forehead, but the sprinkling for men soon gave way to the forehead. Ashes symbolize the first theme of Lent, repentance. They are the traditional symbol of repentance in the Old and New Testaments.

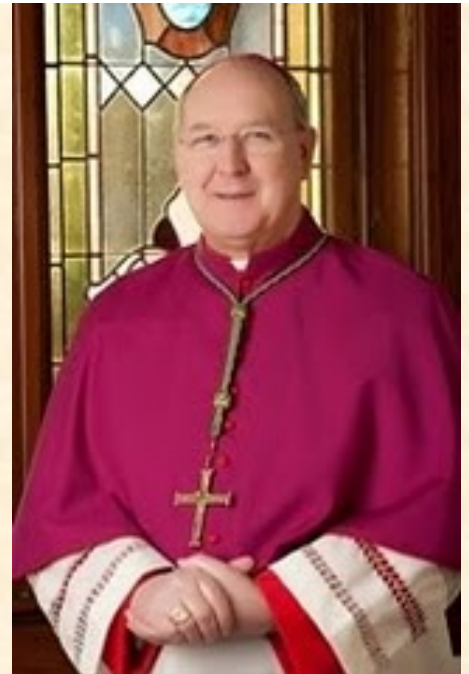
Forgiveness is the second theme. It is a time to forgive and be forgiven, to accept God's mercy and forgiveness and be reconciled to him, and unburden ourselves from anger, hurt and resentment by offering the same forgiveness to others. One of the names for the last day before Lent begins is Shrove Tuesday. Shrove is a form of the English word Shrive, which means seeking absolution for your sins in confession in preparation for Lent.

Baptism is the last theme. In Baptism water becomes the symbol of death and the symbol of life. Paul tells us in Romans six that in the waters of Baptism we die with Christ so that we may rise with him to new life. Lent is the traditional final preparation for catechumens preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil when they will rise with him to new life.

It is also the time for all to prepare themselves for the renewal of their Baptismal vows at the Easter Vigil.

In his Lenten Message, Pope Benedict XVI writes: "In order to undertake more seriously our journey towards Easter and prepare ourselves to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord – the most joyous and solemn feast of the entire liturgical year – what could be more appropriate than allowing ourselves to be guided by the Word of God? For this reason, the Church, in the Gospel texts of the Sundays of Lent, leads us to a particularly intense encounter with the Lord, calling us to retrace the steps of Christian initiation: for catechumens, in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of rebirth; for the baptized, in light of the new and decisive steps to be taken in the sequela Christi and a fuller giving of oneself to him."

The culmination of Lent is the Triduum, the final three days from Holy Thursday to the Easter Vigil. As we prepare for our journey to Easter, led by God's Holy Word, let us do so in a spirit of repentance and forgiveness as we prepare to renew our Baptismal commitment and rejoice in the triumph of Jesus' Resurrection.



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Steubenville South Trip 2010

Contact Joey to Register NOW!

Life Teen Calendar of Events

April 10 & 17- LIFE NIGHT

Food for the Soul -Wed., April 13

Come to 6:30 am Mass and grab some food afterwards

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

ST. CYRIL & ST. METHIDIUS 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.

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.

COLLINS CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Collins Catholic School Registration for the 2011-12 school year is open to the public for Pre-K through 8th grade. This Corsicana Catholic School prides itself in promoting Academic Excellence and Christian, Moral Values in a caring, individualized small town atmosphere. Parental involvement in their child's educational futures is always welcome. Tuition is very affordable and Tuition Assistance is available and utilized by nearly 25% of our families. Students are involved in clubs, sports, leadership and service organizations. About 40% of our students are non-Catholic and our student population is diverse. We offer busing from the Malakoff and Ennis areas. If you or someone is interested, please visit www.CollinsCatholicSchool.com or call 903-872-1751 to speak with the principal, Miss Starek.

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