

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, APRIL 15

6:30 a.m. Ernest & Ann Haskovec ++

12:05 p.m. Willie & Mary Kriska ++

NO 6:00 p.m. Confessions today

NO 6:30 p.m. Mass today

NO 7:00 p.m. Confessions today

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

6:30 a.m. William Becker

12:05 p.m. Kenneth Langley +

6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Ysidro Castillo +

7:00 p.m. Confessions

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

6:30 a.m. Stanley Pavlacka & Jewel Pavlacka Asher ++

12:05 p.m. August & Janet T. Vrana ++

Adoration after 12:05 Mass until 5:00 pm

2:30 p.m. Parish First Communicants

6:30 p.m. Louise Haba +

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

6:30 a.m. Parish Engaged Couples

12:05 p.m. Mandy Villegas

6:30 p.m. Maria Angelina Venega +

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

6:30 a.m. George & Mary Grimes

12:05 p.m. Raymond J. Honza, Sr. +

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Leslie Trojacek +

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 21

7:00 a.m. Wesley Mikel +

11:00 a.m. Rudolph & Annastazia Patak ++

1:00 pm Sergio Maltos +

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass For the Parish Community

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun., April 14, 9am Aristeo Nieto +

Sun., April 21, 9am Angela Solis +

KJZT MEETING

Society #16, adult and junior groups, will meet Sunday, April 21 in the KJT dining room. After the business meeting, Annette Wright, Assistant Religious Ed Director, will do a presentation on the parish Safe Environment program. All KJZT members and parishioners are invited to attend. A social will follow.

Epiphany Pastoral Council

will meet Wednesday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Joe Matous Electrical Contractors

From the Pastor's Desk

Third Sunday of Easter
+ 2013

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

How quickly this Liturgical Year is going! It is only April the 14th, and we are already celebrating the Third Sunday of Easter!! Next year, Easter itself is not celebrated until April 20th!!! Since Christmas, it has been like a runaway locomotive on a downhill run!!! My soul and body are crying out, "someone slam on the brakes!"

In many ways this might have been the experience of the early Church and especially of those closest to Jesus during his public ministry. Of course, His mother, Mary, must have felt that everything was crazy and out of control. Only her amazing faith in God, the relinquishment of her will and His gifts of grace, could have kept her sane. But also, His Apostles had to have been in a constant exterior and interior turmoil, as Scripture relates to us. They went from the jubilation of Palm Sunday and His Triumphant entry into Jerusalem, through the humiliation of the Cross and into hiding "for fear of the Jews." They had no desire to end up like Jesus, scourged and crucified!

Our Gospel this Third Sunday of Easter presents to the Church, in the person of her first Pope, a plan of action for the future. This plan of action was told by Jesus, in person, to Peter. Peter, being somewhat impetuous, hard headed and confused was given this plan very simply and firmly by Jesus. Jesus even made it a reflection of the threefold denial of Peter, reminding Peter that he needed to listen to and believe Jesus, not his own emotion or will.

Repeating three times, in a simple, short sentence, "if you love me, feed/tend my sheep." Of course, this is the same for all of us who love Him. We show our love by loving those whom He suffered, died and rose from the dead to save, His sheep. Just as a rancher would want every lamb born on his property cared for and taken care of, so too, Jesus wants every human being born on this earth, His property, to be loved and cared for.

Let each of us follow the example of Jesus Christ's chief shepherd on earth, His Holiness Pope Francis, in taking care of especially the poorest, weakest and most lost of His sheep.

A continuing Blessed Easter Season!

Love and Prayers,
Fr. John

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 6 & 7

St. John Church Support Collection	\$16,830.51
Second Collection for Capital Improvement	2,610.45
Epiphany Church Support Collection	1,093.74
Second Collection for Building Fund	400.65

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 14

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

Monday, April 15

NO Confessions today

7:30 pm KC 4th degree Meeting/KC

Tuesday, April 16

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 Beginning Apologetics/ Room 301

7-8:15 pm EDGE / Cafeteria

Wednesday, April 17

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

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, April 18

7:00 pm That Man is You/Room 103

7:00 pm Women of Grace/ Room 101

Saturday, April 20

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

4:30 pm Spanish Baptism Classes/Room 101

Sunday, April 21

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

9:00 am RCIA/ Room 101

9:00 am Sacrament Study/Room 101

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes

6:30 pm Life Teen/Life Night

All groups who would normally meet on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, May 13,14, or15, should make plans to meet some other time.

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated for the intentions of the John Minear Family for the week of April 13— April 19.

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light is in memory of Raymond J. Honza, Sr. donated by Linda Tolston & Family for the week of April 13 – April 19.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus—826

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless— 818

Behold the Lamb-824

Jesus Christ is Risen Today-457

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, April 13

5:00 pm Dylan Fisher/ Matt Zajic

Sunday, April 14

7:00 am Zachary Matous/Brandon Martinek/Chris Trojacek

11:00 am Tyler Dennie/ Josef Woodward

5:00 pm LT Mass Alston Lawrence/Andrew Alvarado



Parish Mission with Fr. Leo Patalinghug

TOPIC:

Finding God through -

- the Saints
- the Blessed Mother
- the Lord's Table

With a special Grace
Before Meals talk and
cooking demonstration



May 11-15

May Parish Carnival

In honor of
Cinco de Mayo
St. John Nepomucene
May 18th & 19th

LET THE FIRE FALL PENTECOST RAFFLE

\$5

Drawing: June 2nd
after 11:00 AM Mass

PRIZES:

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| 1- \$2,500 VISA gift card | 5—\$100 VISA gift cards |
| 1- \$500 VISA gift card | 20—\$25 VISA gift cards |
| 2- \$250 VISA gift cards | |

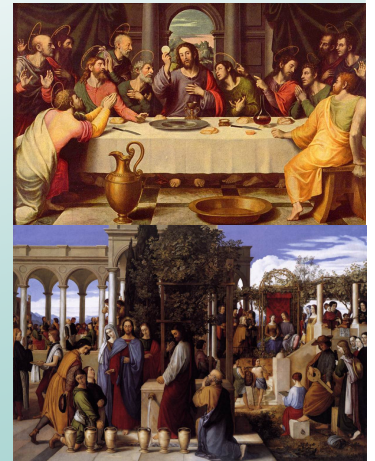
Benefitting Parish Scripture Enrichment Programs



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
Room 101 in the Compound



ALTAR SOCIETY RAFFLE

Altar Society will be raffling off an Angel Garden Statue on April 21st after the 11:00 A.M. Mass. Tickets will be on sale at the Religious Counter & in the back of church after the Saturday Mass, 7 AM, & 11 AM Masses on April 13-14. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.



Mass Offerings for the Living and for other Special Intentions

As part of the restructuring of the way in which Mass offerings and intentions are accepted at St. John Nepomucene, some Masses for each week will be reserved for more immediate intentions. Masses for the dead should be reserved farther in advance, but Masses for the living or for other special intentions may be reserved as needed, as long as Masses are available. Appropriate intentions for these Masses include but are not limited to:

- Someone who is suddenly sick
- Someone who is chronically sick
- Someone who needs special prayers
- Someone facing a big decision
- Someone struggling with something
- Fallen away relatives
- Groups
- Anniversaries and birthdays
- Other special intentions

The graces of Mass are powerful. It is important that we bring these graces into our everyday lives and ask for the Lord's help in our everyday situations and struggles. Someone you know needs a Mass said for them.

THANK YOU FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Cemetery Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who helped this year with the cemetery cleanup. A very special thank you to the Boy Scouts and their leaders. Thank you to Boze-Mitchell-McKibbin Funeral Home for donation of bottled water.

We are fortunate to have parishioners who care about the well-being of St. Joseph Cemetery and are always ready to assist physically and financially for its upkeep. May God bless all of you for the stewardship you share for our cemetery and our church.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Words of the Holy Father

For these and more go to: <http://www.news.va/en>



Pope Francis' Regina Coeli message from April 1

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Good Morning and a Happy Easter to you all! I thank you for coming here today too in such large numbers, to share in the joy of Easter, the central mystery of our faith. May the power of Christ's Resurrection reach every person — especially those who are suffering — and all the situations most in need of trust and hope.

Christ has fully triumphed over evil once and for all, but it is up to us, to the people of every epoch, to welcome this victory into our life and into the actual situations of history and society. For this reason it seems to me important to emphasize what we ask God today in the liturgy. "O God, who give constant increase/to your Church by new offspring,/grant that your servants may hold fast in their lives/to the Sacrament they have received in faith" (Collect, Monday within the Octave of Easter).

It is true, yes, Baptism that makes us children of God and the Eucharist that unites us to Christ must become life, that is, they must be expressed in attitudes, behaviour, gestures and decisions. The grace contained in the Sacraments of Easter is an enormous potential for the renewal of our personal existence, of family life, of social relations. However everything passes through the human heart: if I let myself be touched by the grace of the Risen Christ, if I let him change me in that aspect of mine which is not good, which can hurt me and others, I allow the victory of Christ to be affirmed in my life, to broaden its beneficial action. This is the power of grace! Without grace we can do nothing. Without grace we can do nothing! And with the grace of Baptism and of Eucharistic Communion I can become an instrument of God's mercy, of that beautiful mercy of God.

To express in life the sacrament we have received: dear brothers and sisters, this is our daily duty, but I would also say our daily joy! The joy of feeling we are instruments of Christ's grace, like branches of the vine that is Christ himself, brought to life by the sap of his Spirit!

Let us pray together, in the name of the dead and Risen Lord and through the intercession of Mary Most Holy, that the Paschal Mystery may work profoundly within us and in our time so that hatred may give way to love, falsehood to truth, revenge to forgiveness, and sadness to joy.

GENERAL
AUDIENCE



Wednesday Catechesis—April 10

In our continuing catechesis on the Creed during this Year of Faith, we now consider the meaning of Christ's resurrection for us and for our salvation. The Lord's death and resurrection are the foundation of our faith; by his triumph over sin and death, Christ has opened for us the way to new life. Reborn in Baptism, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and become God's adoptive sons and daughters. God is now our Father: he treats us as his beloved children; he understands us, forgives us, embraces us, and loves us even when we go astray. Christianity is not simply a matter of following commandments; it is about living a new life, being in Christ, thinking and acting like Christ, and being transformed by the love of Christ! But this new life needs to be nourished daily by hearing God's word, prayer, sharing in the sacraments, especially Penance and the Eucharist, and the exercise of charity. God must be the centre of our lives! By our daily witness to the freedom, joy and hope born of Christ's victory over sin and death, we also offer a precious service to our world, helping our brothers and sisters to lift their gaze heavenward, to the God of our salvation.

New Life, Meekness, and Gossip—Homily of April 9

(Vatican Radio) May the Holy Spirit bring peace to Christian communities and teach its members to be meek, refusing to speak ill of others. With this hope, Pope Francis concluded his homily at Mass Tuesday morning with staff from the Vatican medical services and office staff of the Vatican City Government. "The first Christian community is a timeless model for the Christian community of today, because they were of one heart and one soul, through the Holy Spirit who had brought them into a "new life".

Emer McCarthy reports:

In his homily Pope Francis reflected on the Gospel passage that recounts the dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus, who did not immediately grasp how a man can be "born again".

Through the Holy Spirit, the Pope said, we are born into the new life which we have received in Baptism." However, Pope Francis added, it is a life that has to be developed, it does not come automatically. We have to do all we can to ensure that our life develops into new life", which may be "a laborious journey" but one that "depends chiefly on the Holy Spirit" as well as our ability to be "open to his breath".

And this, the Pope pointed out, is exactly what happened to the early Christians. They had "new life", which was expressed in their living with one heart and one soul. They had, he said, "that unity, that unanimity, that harmony of feeling of love, mutual love ...". A dimension that needs to be rediscovered. He noted that today, for example, the aspect of "meekness in the community," is a somewhat 'forgotten virtue'. Meekness is stigmatized, it has "many enemies", the first of which is gossip.

Pope Francis further developed this reflection. "When we prefer to gossip, gossip about others, criticize others- these are everyday things that happen to everyone, including me – these are the temptations of the evil one who does not want the Spirit to come to us and bring about peace and meekness in the Christian community". "These struggles always exist" in the parish, in the family, in the neighborhood, among friends". Instead through the Spirit we are born into a new life, he makes us "meek, charitable."

The Holy Father then outlined the correct behavior for a Christian. First, "do not judge anyone" because "the only Judge is the Lord." Then "keep quiet" and if you have something to say, say it to the interested parties, to those "who can remedy the situation," but "not to the entire neighborhood." "If, by the grace of the Holy Spirit – concluded Pope Francis - we succeed in never gossiping, it will be a great step forward" and "will do us all good".



Nepomucene's Teens



Sunday 4/14 –
"Sing Praise"

Sunday 4/21 –
"Who is this King?"

Sunday 4/28 –
"Time to be Social"

Sunday 5/5 –
"The Anti-Graduation"

*"Life Teen" begins with the Life Teen
Mass at 5 PM and continues with Life
Night until 8:15 PM.



Tuesday 4/16 –
"To Pentecost and
Beyond"

Tuesday 4/23 –
"The End and the
Beginning"

Tuesday 4/30 –
"It takes two"

Tuesday 5/7 –
End of the Year Party

St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church invites the high school seniors to the Graduation Mass, Sunday the 19th of May at 5 PM

The seniors are encouraged to wear their caps & gowns to Mass

Following Mass there will be a dinner and entertainment reception for the seniors and their families at the SOKOL Hall.

*Please R.S.V.P. to Stephen as soon as you can (972)-878-8336,
or email stephent@stjohncc.net*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: William Becker, Patsy Zabochnik, Victor G. Zabochnik, Helen Autrey, Gentry Holmes, Mona Langley, 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, Joe W. Spaniel, Joe Barak, Megan Rebeck, Sarah Carroll, Joanne Walsh, Roy Brandon, Mike Fabela, DeDe Mauricio, Rosie Zhanel, Patricia Banks, Sue Thompson, Jessica Puente, Michael Gallagher, Bob Agar, 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 Schleich, Graciela and Rene Monreal, Steve and Bernard Betik, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Brandi Schlottman, James Pustejovsky, Gary Kidder, Jerry Dolezal, Raul Partida

ST. JOHN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications may be picked up at Ennis Main Street Hardware or by emailing stjohnalumni@hotmail.com. Applications must be post-marked 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. Applications must be received by **April 15, 2013**.

THANK YOU FROM THE ALTAR SOCIETY & CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Thank you to everyone who came to the Glitterbug Gold event at the cafeteria on Saturday, April 6th & to all who worked, made pastries, and those who bought the baked goods. Your support is

GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM

St. John & Boze-Mitchell-McKibbin Funeral Home are sponsoring an 8-week program conducted by Dolores McKibbin, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, beginning on Monday, April 22nd in Room 102. For more information, please call Dolores McKibbin at 972-351-2849.

SOKOL DANCE 6pm-12am

Fritz Hodde & the Fabulous Six and Ennis Czech Boys
Saturday, April 27, 2013—\$8/person—12 & under FREE
Chicken Fried Steak Dinner \$8 a plate. Doors open at 5:00 pm.