



**MONDAY of HOLY WEEK, APRIL 18**

**6:30 am** Duane Dolezalik +  
**12:05 pm** Emil and Ronnie Toupal ++ and  
Agnes Taraba +  
**6:30 pm** Raymond Honza Sr. + and  
Louis A. Slovak +

**TUESDAY of HOLY WEEK, APRIL 19**

**6:30 am** Health of William & Anne Baumert  
**12:05 pm** Linda Dlabaj + and  
Charlene Bartolic +

**6:30 pm Spanish** Gabriel C. Lopez +

**WEDNESDAY of HOLY WEEK, APRIL 20**

**6:30 am** Joe & Frances Betik ++  
**12:05 pm** Frank & Fannie Kubin Family ++ and  
Adolph & Rose Marie Novy 50th Wedding Anniversary

**Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass until 5:00 pm**

**6:30 pm** Wesley T. Mikel + and  
Frank R. Kriska +

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 21**

**7:30 pm** Maria Perla Cruz + and  
For all our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22**

**3:00 pm** Stations of the Cross  
**7:00 pm** The Lord's Passion Service

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

**9:30 pm** For all the RCIA Catechumens and Candidates

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

**7:30 am** John Barto + and  
Priscilla Pechal and Jerry Joe Svehlak ++  
**10:30 am** Easter Novena begins and  
Jo Ellen/Bill/Mary Vitovsky +++  
**1:00 pm** Gabriel Saucedo + and  
For Our Parish Community

**No 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass**

**MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY**

**Palm Sunday, April 17, 9:30 am** Linda Rohmer +  
**Easter Sunday, April 25, 9:30am** Maria & Feliciano Andrade+

**TRIDUUM SERVICES AT EPIPHANY MISSION**

**Holy Thursday 6:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Jake Escamilla +

**Good Friday—3:00 pm Stations of the Cross**

**Easter Sunday 9:30 am Mass**

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: HERRERA LANDSCAPING**



Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, ‘**What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?**’ They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.”

This is the beginning of the Reading of the Passion for this Sunday's Gospel. We read or listen to these words each year, many times without really thinking of what this means for each of us personally. Perhaps we should try putting ourselves in place of Judas Iscariot. What would this sound like and mean if it were coming from each one of our mouths personally?

Can we hear ourselves saying, “What are you willing to give me if I hand Him over to you?” Try it! I am not kidding. Stop reading, right now, and try saying out loud or to yourself the above sentence that Judas spoke to the chief priests over two thousand years ago.

At least, for me, it sounds too familiar. It rings a bell in the depths of my heart. Then it quickly becomes sad and I want to take the words back right away. Isn't this what you and I say every time we choose to sin? Each time we choose to take what is offered to us, as sin, rather than stay faithful to Jesus and His Church.

Sometimes it is money, just as Judas received. Could it be extra money for cheating on our time card at work or extra money for lying on our Income Tax return? Maybe it is Time that the Devil has offered us in return for handing Jesus over to him. Time spent in everything else other than prayer, going to Daily Mass, going to Confession, reading a spiritual book or Scripture, going to a Bible Study or CRHP, is what we get in return for betraying Jesus.

Maybe the Devil is offering us the comfort of laziness, the selfishness of greed, keeping all of our money to spend on ourselves. Maybe the Devil is offering us an easier and more comfortable life for using birth control and telling Jesus that He cannot create anymore souls with my help.

Think about it, pray about it, say it out loud again. How could Judas do such a thing? How terrible to sell out Jesus. See you in Church!

Love and prayers,  
Fr. John  
Pastor

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK**

Sanctuary light, south side, is in memory of Raymond J. Honza Sr. donated by Leona Honza & Family for the week of April 16-22. Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary Dick.

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

### IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

#### 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/Rm 106 Compound  
12:30 pm KJT Easter Egg Hunt (see notice)  
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night Social

#### Monday, April 18

- 7:30 pm KC 4th Degree Meeting/KC

#### Tuesday, April 19

- 7:00 pm Women of Grace Session/Cafeteria

#### Wednesday, April 20

- 10:00 am Little Saints Playgroup/Gym  
Adoration after noon Mass until 5:00 pm  
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

#### Holy Thursday, April 21

- 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Good Friday, April 22

- 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
7:00 pm The Lord's Passion Service

#### Holy Saturday, April 23

- 9:30 pm Vigil Mass for Easter

#### Easter Sunday, April 24

No Religious Education Classes and EDGE & no Life Night

#### HYMNS FOR MASSES THIS WEEKEND, PALM SUNDAY

##### 5:00 pm & 7:30 am

Processional: 421 All Glory Laud and Honor

Offertory: 566 O Lord Hear My Prayer

Communion: 438 Were You There

(No Recessional Hymn)

##### 10:30 am

438 Where You There (Quartet before Mass by Choir)

421 All Glory Laud and Honor (Procession to the Church)

The Palms (Choir) - Entrance

Via Dolorosa—(Offertory) - Annette

Behold the Lamb (Choir) - Communion

Lord, Let Me Walk That Lonely Road with You (Communion)

494 The King of Glory (refrain only)

#### ALTAR SERVERS FOR LITURGIES

Altar Servers will be notified for the Liturgies for the Triduum and Easter Sunday. No 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass on April 24.

#### COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 9 & 10

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| St. John Church Support Collection  | \$ 16,944.26 |
| Catholic Relief Services Collection | 2,144.03     |
| Epiphany Mission Collection         | \$ 673.98    |

#### NEW PARISHIONER OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

#### KC BLOOD DRIVE

Knights of Columbus will hold a Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 27, from 4:00-8:00 pm at the KC Hall. Please call Kevin Betik for information at 972-825-7016.

#### WWII THIRD ARMY VETERANS

Any man who served in the Third Army under General Patton in World War II will be recognized with a special certificate by the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic during the Ennis Polka Festival. The Prime Minister will be our Grand Marshall for the Polka Festival parade downtown. Please contact Helen at the parish business office, 972-878-2834, if you or someone you know is a veteran in the category mentioned above.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Vacation Bible School will take place the last week of June. Volunteers—please be advised that your Safe Environment training is good for only one year, which expires in June. Make plans to attend one of several re-training sessions to be scheduled in May and June. We need to have everybody in compliance prior to the start of VBS, and we are asking your cooperation. Once the sessions are scheduled, and if you foresee that you cannot attend one of them, please call Lupe, Mon.-Fri., 8am to 12noon, @972-875-2834 to schedule training at a mutually arranged time.

#### ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY ROADWORK

Within the next 3 weeks, work will begin on adding 14,547 sq. feet of new concrete road on the last section of land, north side. After this project the pothole repair begins of existing roads of 2,575 sq. feet. The work on the first project will take about two weeks, and we ask that you drive with care when visiting the cemetery. This is a huge project, so we need donations to help defray the cost. Please consider a contribution towards these 2 projects. Contact Helen at the parish business office. Remember, this is your family's cemetery, and we need to make and keep it durable and beautiful for generations to come.

*St. Joseph Cemetery Committee*

#### THANK YOU FROM PAULITA ALVAREZ FAMILY

“To our fellow parishioners: the sons, daughters and families of Paulita E. Alvarez thank each and every one of you for your very kind thoughts, prayers, Masses and other gifts that you gave during the recent loss of our mother. Thank you to McKibbin Funeral Home for all their help and kind attention to detail and the hospitality extended to our families.”

The family of Mrs. Paulita E. Alvarez

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Freddy Martinez, Donna Wright, David Perdue, Robert Strunc, Ninfa Carrillo, Georgie Galetka, Shirley Mayfield, Kenneth Langley, Adell Vrzalik, Aston Weaver, Stella Tobola, Silas Flack, Gary Kidder, F.E. Hoefler Jr., Neesa Gutierrez, Randy Ruffin, Frances Pleiner, Helen Zmolek, 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 Coplen, Nolen Dockery, Earlene Slovak, Bernard Betik, Johnny Mensik, Lillian Slovak, James Pustejovsky, Frankie Joe Patak, Steve Betik, Betty Rogala, Evelyn Dlabaj and Ruphine Patak.

**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 invited for a great time. Raffles tickets on sale now from any volunteer fireman.



**WHAT IS THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION?**

Sacraments are signs made sacred by Christ to show His presence in the world and to help us reach a closer union with God.

**The Sacrament of 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 lifts the burden of sin, renews the grace of Baptism, and gives an inner peace and a new strength of purpose.

**Confession will be offered several times during Holy Week. See Holy Week insert page for Confession times.**

**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, Monday through Friday.

**RACHEL’S CORNER**

Become a *new creation* and embark on a new life at a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat.      Abortion After-Care-Healing 214-544-CARE  
healing@racheldallas.org

**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.

**PALM SUNDAY—TRIUMPH BY DEFEAT**

Today’s Mass is called both “Passion Sunday” and “Palm Sunday,” because it begins with a procession in which we carry palms. We read two Gospels: the *Passion* (Matt.26:4 to 27:66) and one for the procession (Matt 21:1-11), when we ritually celebrate Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem as the crowd that accompanied him spread their cloaks on the road, and cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road, shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!”

This scene gives a key to understanding Christ’s passion and all of his work in the Church since then: *the strategy of God is that Jesus wins by losing*. He enters Jerusalem in triumph to die. His defeat and death on the cross were his victory over sin and death. And in the world today, when the church seems most weak and defeated,

that is when God is able to do the best work in us. A poor and humiliated Church is a healthy Church.

In our personal lives, when we feel the least faith, hope, and love, that is precisely when we may be acting most purely out of nothing but faith, hope, and love. When our feelings give us no support, but we are still trying to do what we committed ourselves to do, we know we are persevering by the pure grace of God. That is the most unambiguous experience of grace. It is the ultimate verification of conversion. And it is the touchstone of dedicated discipleship. When our feelings are crying out, “My God, why have you abandoned me?” but we have not abandoned him, that is when we know most surely God is near. Jesus said, “The disciple is not greater than the teacher” (Matt. 10:24). If we are showing up as disciples, Jesus is showing up as Teacher, whether we feel him there or not.



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

# Holy Week and the Easter Triduum

### Monday of Holy Week

6:30am – 7am Mass  
12:05pm – 12:35pm Mass  
12:30pm – 1:30pm Confessions FJ  
5pm – 6pm Confessions FJ  
6:30pm – 7pm Mass (English)

### Tuesday of Holy Week

6:30am – 7am Mass  
11am – 12:30pm Confessions FJ  
12:05pm – 12:35pm Mass  
6:30pm – 7pm Mass (Spanish)  
6:30pm – 9pm Confessions FJ & FA

### Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30am – 7am Mass  
12:05pm – 12:35pm Mass  
12:30pm – 2pm Confessions FJ & FA  
12:30pm – 5pm Eucharistic Adoration  
6:30pm – 7pm Mass (English)  
7pm – 8pm Confessions FJ & FA

## Triduum

### Holy Thursday

12pm – 2pm Confessions FJ & FA  
5pm – 6pm Confessions FJ  
7:30pm – 9pm Mass of the Lord's Supper



### Good Friday

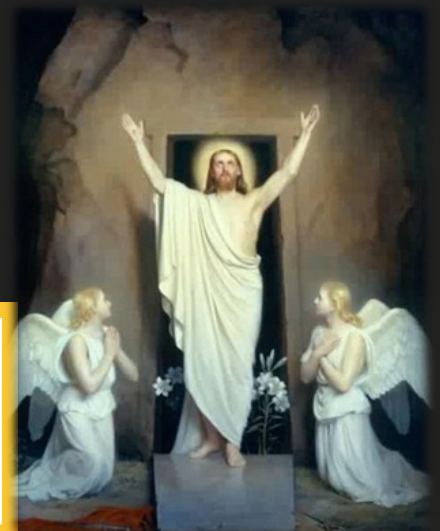
12pm – 2pm Confessions FJ & FA  
3pm – 4pm Stations of the Cross  
4pm – 6pm Confessions FJ  
6pm – 8pm Spanish Stations of the Cross (Live) – Baseball Field  
7pm – 8pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion - English  
8pm – 9pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion - Spanish  
9pm – 12am Camino Neocatecumenal Prayer Service

### Holy Saturday

8:30am – 9:00am First Confessions RCIA  
9:00am – 10:00am RCIA practice  
10am – 12pm Confessions FJ  
3pm – 5pm Confessions FJ & FA  
9:30pm – 12:30am Easter Vigil Mass

### Easter Sunday

7:30am Mass  
10:30am Mass  
1pm Mass (Spanish)



# Steubenville South *Sign Up Now...* *Only a few spots left!*

## Steubenville South Trip 2010



# Contact Joey to Register NOW!



Rangers Game-Sat. May 14  
Concert-Game-Bus Ride  
All for \$20!



## Calendar

No Life Night April 24, Easter

Food for the Soul & D-Nite -April 20

Questions: Contact Joey at 972-878-8336 or [joeys@stjohncc.net](mailto:joeys@stjohncc.net)

## Baccalaureate

### Mass

May 22nd 5pm Mass  
(group photo—meet outside Church at 4pm)

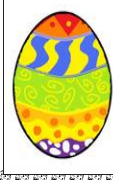
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### TAX STATEMENT LETTERS

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

### KJT EASTER EGG HUNT TODAY

The KJT Youth Easter Egg Hunt will be today, April 17, at 12:30 pm on the KJT grounds. All KJT members and their families are invited to come join in the fun.



### PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

### 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](mailto: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. They take pride in promoting Academic Excellence and Christian, Moral Values in a caring, individualized small town atmosphere. Parental involvement in their child's educational futures is encouraged. 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% are non-Catholic and our student population is diverse. Busing is offered for Malakoff and Ennis areas. If you are interested, please visit [www.CollinsCatholicSchool.com](http://www.CollinsCatholicSchool.com) or call 903-872-1751 to speak with the principal, Miss Starek.

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EASTER VIGIL

Mystagogy is the phase of the RCIA process placed in the Easter season as a time for those who will be fully initiated into the life of the Catholic Church to explore life in Christ as a Catholic with each other and with their sponsors.

### GOOD FRIDAY AND FASTING

Fasting on Good Friday is to be observed by those who have celebrated their 18th birthday and are yet not 60 years old. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday.