

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, APRIL 22

6:30 a.m. Special Intention

12:05 p.m. William Vavra +

6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Joe & Carolyn Schlebach

7:00 p.m. Confessions

TUESDAY, APRIL 23—ST. GEORGE

6:30 a.m. Frank & Mildred Podrazek ++

12:05 p.m. Deceased members of St. John class of '57

6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Agustin Gonzalez Rayas +

7:00 p.m. Confessions

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

6:30 a.m. Charlene Jones

12:05 p.m. Helen Dlabaj +

Adoration after 12:05 Mass until 5:00 pm

6:30 p.m. Leslie R. Zabochnik +

THURSDAY, APRIL 25—ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

6:30 a.m. George Kubin Byrd +

12:05 p.m. Clem Rejcek +

6:30 p.m. Policarpio Hernandez +

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

6:30 a.m. Raymond J. Slovak +

12:05 p.m. Eileen Mitchell +

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Emeleen Maliska +

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 28

7:00 a.m. Rosie Mach +

11:00 a.m. For the Parish Community

1:00 pm Josefina Baldivia +

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Special Intention

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun., April 21, 9am Angela Solis +

Sun., April 28, 9am Jake Escamilla +

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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Bailey's Taqueria

From the Pastor's Desk

Fourth Sunday of Easter
+ 2013

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Our Gospel for this Sunday: "Jesus said: My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

This is the "Good News!" It is "Gospel!" The Truth!!! If we put ourselves in Jesus' hand and remain in His hand by living the teaching of our Catholic Faith, we will not perish but live! No one can remove us from His hand. No one is stronger than Jesus, therefore we cannot be forced out of His hand. The Devil cannot "yank" us out of Jesus' hand. This is great news. If we stay safely in His hand no one can force us out.

Jesus often uses the analogy of a shepherd and his flock, as in our Responsorial Psalm today. But we all know that a thief or wolf can sneak into the flock and take away or kill, one of the sheep. But now that Jesus has risen from the dead, by our Baptism, we are stronger than the devil. He cannot steal us away from Jesus by force. We can always say the name of Jesus, and overpower the strength of the Devil. He cannot force us to do anything once we are Baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who then dwells in us and is there to beat the Devil.

This is why, we as Catholics, use all the tools of our Church to remain in a "state of grace." This means that the Holy Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, live strongly inside of us. To do this we must avoid all sin, and quickly go to Confession if we commit a mortal (serious) sin, that takes away the presence of Jesus in us. We should go frequently to the Sacrament of Confession even when we have not committed a serious sin, because the Sacrament makes Jesus' presence in us stronger. Therefore, we are able to avoid all sin, which weakens us, more successfully.

Being free of mortal sin, we feed as often as possible at the table of the Lord Jesus. He invites us to His table every day. He knows that the more we eat His flesh and drink His blood, the stronger we will be. The Devil will not be able to mess up our lives.

See you at His table!
Love and Prayers,
Fr. John

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 21

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 22

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

7:00 pm Grief Recovery Program/ Room 102

Tuesday, April 23

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 24

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

7:30 pm KC #1353 Council Meeting/KC

Thursday, April 25

7:00 pm That Man is You/Room 103

7:00 pm Women of Grace/ Room 101

Saturday, April 27

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, April 28

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.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, April 27

5:00 pm Joseph Galetka/Alston Lawrence

Sunday, April 28

7:00 am Josef Woodward/Jake Kasowski

11:00 am Austin Spaniel/Alex Fry/Josh Zapletal

5:00 pm LT Mass Tyler Dennie/Mando Campos/Brandon Martinek

Epiphany Pastoral Council

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

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 21

All People that on Earth Do Dwell—#746

Easter Alleluia—#447

Gift of Finest Wheat—#816

Jesus Christ is Risen Today—#457

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 13 & 14

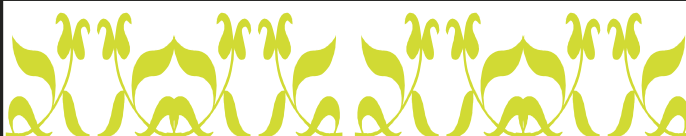
St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 16,178.51
Epiphany Church Support Collection	1,341.00

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light is in memory of Anton Galetka donated by Tom & Donna Cooper for the week of April 19 – April 26.

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated in memory of Frank & Annie Pavlacka, Joe Blazek, Patsy Blazek, Michael Blazek & Elaine Parker by Janie Blazek for the week of April 19— April 26.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**O God, Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,
send Your Graces upon those
You have called to gather the fruits of Your
labor;
preserve and strengthen them in their life-
long service of you.**

**Open the hearts of Your children
that they may discern Your Holy Will;
inspire in them a love and desire to surren-
der themselves
to serving others in the name of Your son,
Jesus Christ.**

**Teach all Your faithful to follow their re-
spective paths in life
guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.
Through the intercession of the Most
Blessed Virgin Mary,
all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our
prayers
and grant Your Church's needs, through
Christ, our Lord. Amen.**



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May Parish FESTIVAL

In Honor of our Patron Saint
ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE
And *CINCO de MAYO*

May 18 & 19

Saturday, 18th, 2-9 pm
Sunday, 19th, 11 am-8 pm

LIVE MUSIC

Matt Matous & the Moravians
Local Spanish Bands

MEXICAN FOOD

GAMES* *CONTESTS

RAFFLE* *QUEEN CONTEST

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Pentecost Raffle

Benefitting Parish Spiritual Education Programs

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

- Make HIM known to all peoples
- Introduce everyone we can to Jesus and His Gospel
- Ensure that the great price He paid for our New Life in Him is not wasted...

HOW DO WE DO THIS?

- Through the Church
- Through the Sacraments
- **Through St. John Nepomucene programs!!**

SELL TICKETS

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Matt 28:18-20)

**Help our Parish continue
the work of our Risen Lord!**

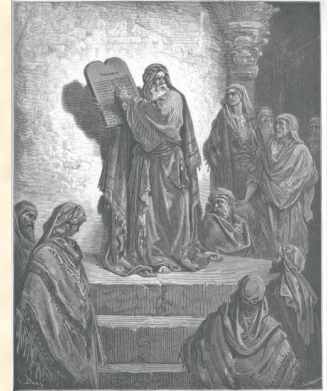
**Drawing: June 2
After 11:00 AM Mass**

“Go therefore...”

Qahal:

- a) the Hebrew word for the Church
- b) the assembly of those God has made into His people who gather together to listen to the proclamation of His word and to assent to it
- c) a new group at St. John Nepomucene dedicated to going deeper into what God has revealed to His people and to praising Him together

**If you are ready to go deeper,
join us for prayer, study, reflection, and sharing.
Monday nights, 7:00-8:30 PM, Parish Library in the Compound
Beginning April 29 with sessions on *Genesis 1-11*
Bring your Bible, a notebook, and a pen**



EZRA READING THE LAW IN THE HEARING OF THE PEOPLE
And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people. And Ezra stood on the right of the altar, and all the people gathered there. (Nehemiah 8: 1-3)

2477 Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. He becomes guilty:

- of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor;
- of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them;
- of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church on: Calumny and Other Offenses against Truth

2479 Detraction and calumny destroy the reputation and honor of one's neighbor. Honor is the social witness given to human dignity, and everyone enjoys a natural right to the honor of his name and reputation and to respect. Thus, detraction and calumny offend against the virtues of justice and charity.

Words of the Holy Father

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



(Vatican Radio) The destructive force of calumny was the focus of Pope Francis' homily for Mass on Monday morning celebrated with staff from the Vatican's telecommunications office and internet services. Emer McCarthy reports:

The Pope drew inspiration from the daily readings, in particular the first reading that recounts the episode of Stephen, the first martyr of the Church, being dragged before the Sanhedrin because of his witness to the Gospel. Pope Francis noted that Stephen was a victim of calumny. He is accused of "false witness" but it is not a "fair fight, a fight between good men", noted Pope Francis, because Stephen's enemies chose the path of a dirty fight, "the path of calumny". Calumny he continued is worse than sin - it is the direct expression of Satan.

"We are all sinners; all of us. We all commit sins. But calumny is something else. It is of course a sin, too, but it is something more. Calumny aims to destroy the work of God, and calumny comes from a very evil thing: it is born of hatred.

And hate is the work of Satan. Calumny destroys the work of God in people, in their souls. Calumny uses lies to get ahead. And let us be in no doubt, eh?: Where there is calumny, there is Satan himself. "

From the behaviour of the accusers, Pope Francis then turned his attention to the accused. Stephan, he noted, does not return falsehood with falsehood: "He does not want to go that way to save himself. He looks to the Lord and obeys the law", being in the peace and truth of Christ. And that Pope Francis said "is what happens in the history of the Church", because from the first martyr until today there have been numerous examples of those who have witnessed to the Gospel with great courage:

"But the age of martyrs is not yet over,

even today we can say, in truth, that the Church has more martyrs now than during the first centuries. The Church has many men and women who are maligned through calumny, who are persecuted, who are killed in hatred of Jesus, in hatred of the faith: some are killed because they teach the catechism, others are killed because they wear the cross ... Today, in many countries, they are maligned, they are persecuted ... they are our brothers and sisters who are suffering today, in this age of the martyrs".

And again Pope Francis repeated "The age of martyrs is not yet over, the Church has more martyrs now than during the first centuries". This age of "such great spiritual turmoil" reminded the Pope of an ancient Russian icon that depicts Our Lady covering the people of God with her mantle:

"We pray to Our Lady to protect us, and in times of spiritual turbulence the safest place is under the mantle of Our Lady. She is the mother who takes care of the Church. And in this time of martyrs, she is the protagonist, the protagonist of protection: She is the Mother. (...) Let us state with faith: Mother, the Church is under your protection: Care for the Church. "



Parish Mission

Topic:

Finding God through:

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

With a special
"Grace Before Meals" cooking
presentation and Parish picnic
to conclude the Mission on
Wednesday evening.



May 11-15



Author/Speaker Bio - Father Leo Patalinghug

Fr. Leo Patalinghug is a priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and the host and founder of Grace Before Meals, an apostolate to strengthen families and communities around the dinner table. He is also an internationally renowned conference speaker, author, TV host of "Savoring Our Faith" on EWTN, radio co-host of "Entertaining Truth" on Sirius XM and contributes restaurant reviews to Baltimore's *The Catholic Review*. His unique background as martial artist and break dancer helps him to connect with people of all ages and backgrounds, appearing on PBS, ABC, CBS and The Food Network, where he defeated a world famous chef in the, "Throw Down! with Bobby Flay." With food, faith and fun, Fr. Leo hopes to bring people closer together- one meal at a time!



**RE Registration
2013-2014**

**Starting
May 1, 2013**

Spring

Registration will be open for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year. You can pick up a form at the parish office or school. Check out the parish website for more details. If you have any questions please call RE staff at the parish office. 972-875-9650 ext. 214

St. John Religious
Education

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY

- ◇ SPANISH MISSION— MAY 6-10 “Año de Fe”
- ◇ EASTER PARISH MISSION— MAY 11-15 “Grace Before Meals”
- ◇ PARISH MAY FESTIVAL— MAY 18-19
- ◇ HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION MASS/SUPPER/PROGRAM - MAY 19
- ◇ SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION/HIGH SCHOOL—MAY 21

JUNE

- ◇ 40 HOURS OF DEVOTION/EXPOSITION — JUNE 5-7
- ◇ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) — JUNE 10-14
- ◇ STEUBENVILLE/LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE —

AUGUST

- ◇ MEN’S CRHP WEEKEND — AUGUST 17-18
- ◇ WOMEN’S CRHP WEEKEND — AUGUST 24-25

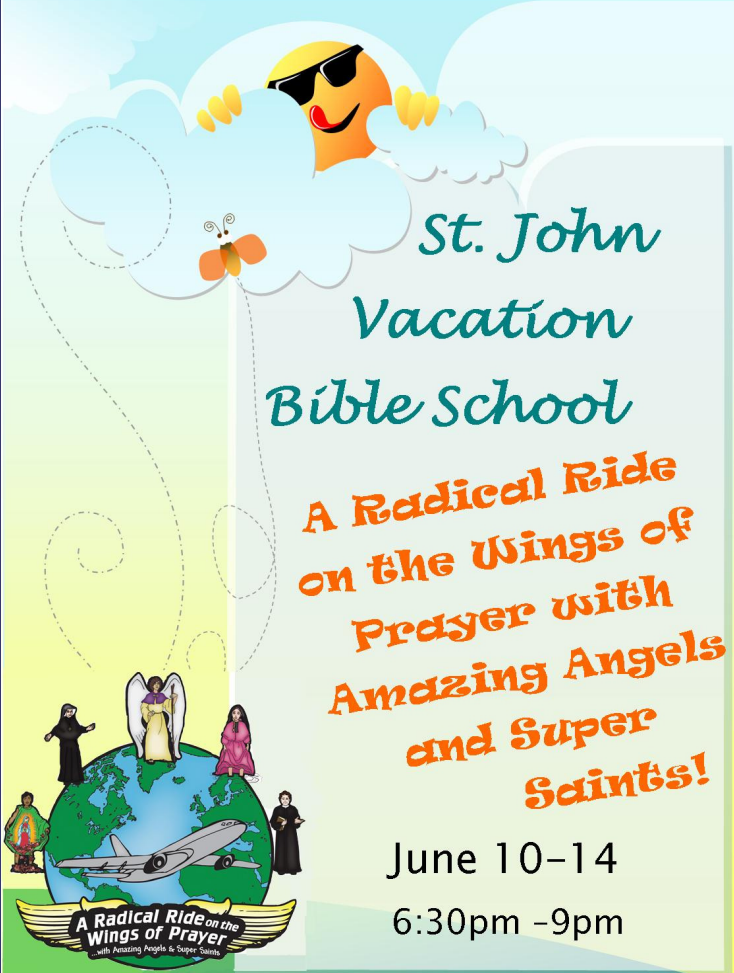
JUNE 21-23

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.



*St. John
Vacation
Bible School*

*A Radical Ride
on the Wings of
Prayer with
Amazing Angels
and Super
Saints!*

June 10-14
6:30pm -9pm

*A Radical Ride on the
Wings of Prayer
with Amazing People & Super Saints*

Nepomucene's Teens



**Sunday 4/21 –
"Who is this King?"**

**Sunday 4/28 -
"Time to be Social"**

**Sunday 5/5-
"The Anti-Graduation"**

**Sunday 5/12 –
"It's a Mission Field Out There"**

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

**Tuesday 4/23 -
"The End and the
Beginning"**



**Tuesday 4/30 -
"It takes two"**

**Tuesday 5/7 –
End of the Year Party**

Queen of Heaven (English)

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

There will be a Confirmation meeting for the current Confirmation Class Sunday April 28th in the Cafeteria.

**2 PM : Make up meeting from 4/6.
3 PM: Meeting for all Confirmation students.**

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

FOURTH 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 Sladecek, Christine Hanson, Hannah Rejcek, Helen Zmolek, Cameron Wolf, Meg Routh, Rupert 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, 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

MAY FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still need of volunteers to help to make our festival a success. Many game booths need help to run them on Saturday from 2-9 and Sunday from 11-8. There are also food booths where you could volunteer your time, including serving at the Gordita booth! We are also in need of the following **donations: 24 packs of water and canned sodas, bingo prizes or \$5-\$10 gift certificates** for contest prizes. We invite all teens to volunteer and community services hours will be given!

GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM

Grief is the normal and natural reaction to loss. Those feelings and fears represent a normal healthy range of emotions. St. John Catholic Church & Boze-Mitchell-McKibbin Funeral Home are sponsoring an 8-week program conducted by Dolores McKibbin, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, beginning at 7:00 P.M. 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.