

MONDAY, APRIL 23—Sts. George & Adalbert

6:30 am Rudy & Emily Valek ++
12:05 pm Anton F. Galetka +
6:30 pm Mary Novak Pinkert & Joe L. Novak ++

TUESDAY, APRIL 24—St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

6:30 am John J. & Mil Dlabaj ++
12:05 pm Jenny Granado +
6:30 pm Special Intention for Maria Teresa Morales

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25—St. Mark, Evangelist

6:30 am Willie J. Salik +
12:05 pm Mary & Russell Grimes ++
6:30 pm Adele Janousek +

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

6:30 am Louis J. Valek +
12:05 pm Emil and Ronnie Toupal ++
6:30 pm Special Intention for Paulina Cerda

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

6:30 am John Michael Woodward +
12:05 pm Emeleen Maliska +

SATURDAY, APRIL 28—St. Peter Chanel

5:00 pm Gloria Haba +

4th SUNDAY of EASTER, APRIL 29

7:00 am Clem Rejcek +
11:00 am Jo Ellen/Bill/Mary Vitovsky +++
1:00 pm Roberto Carlos Ortiz +
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass
Robert Martinez Sr. +

LITURGIES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sunday, April 22, 9:00 am Felicitas Ontiveros +
Sunday, April 29, 9:00 am Cyrill & Christine Svreek ++

COMMUNION AT THE BACK OF CHURCH

At every weekend Mass, a Eucharistic Minister goes to the back of church to give Communion to the people who cannot walk to the front of the church, and also to the people in the choir loft. We ask that you please not tie up this minister if you are able-bodied and can go to the front to receive the Eucharist.

**SPONSOR OF WEEK:
IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELIZABETH SCHLEBACH**

In Fr. John's absence this week, the following is an explanation of today's Gospel reading.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

During today's Gospel reading, we heard of the two disciples who walked with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. We also heard that during their walk, their eyes were kept from recognizing the Lord. But later that day, when Jesus was at the table with them, He took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. At that moment, the eyes of the disciples were opened and they recognized Jesus just before He vanished from their sight. From this event it is understood that while participating in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, the disciples were suddenly able to perceive a deeper understanding of revelation.

This heavenly blessing parallels the gift of God that is given to those who partake in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist on a regular basis while striving for spiritual growth during their daily personal relationship with the Lord Jesus.

When we arrive to the full realization of the in-depth meaning of the glorious Resurrection of the Lord, Jesus, we can do nothing else but allow ourselves to be drawn to the heart of Jesus in our own personal daily relationship with Him. As the disciples of Jesus were touched by His presence, we too can be touched by His Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

To experience spiritual growth, we must desire a personal daily relationship with the Lord. Afterwards, we must respond to the grace of God that is drawing us towards Him. Once the commitment has been made to respond to the grace of God that has touched our hearts, we must implement a daily life of prayers, spiritual reflections and moments of praising the Lord. Consequently, we must persevere in our spiritual lives while awaiting for the love of God to touch us in awe. Some may be immediately touched. Others may have their faith tested for awhile to see if they persevere. That means that they may not be touched immediately, having to wait a long or possibly longer period of time as God sees fit. But in the end, the wait shall be worth it. For there is no greater joy than to be touched by the love of the risen Lord.

CHARITY COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Our second collection next weekend will be for our St. John Charity Fund to help the needy in our community and the transients. Please give generously to help out the less fortunate.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 22

- 8:30-10:30 am** Religious Education
8:30-10:45 am St. John Library open/Rm 106 Compound
9:30 am RCIA Session/Room 102 Compound
3:00 pm Baptisms/Church
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

Tuesday, April 24

- 5:00-7:00 pm** St. John Library open/Compound
7:00 pm Apologetics Class/Room 301 High School

Wednesday, April 25

- 6:30 am** *Food for the Soul*
6:30-8:30 pm Religious Education Classes
7:00 pm D-Nite/Cafeteria
7:30 pm KC #1353 Meeting/KC

Thursday, April 26

- 7-8:15 pm** EDGE in Cafeteria

Saturday, April 28

- 3:30 pm** Confessions/Church

Sunday, April 29

- 8:30-10:30 am** Religious Education Classes
8:30-10:45 am St. John Library open/Rm 106 compound
9:30 am RCIA Session/Room 102 Compound
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 22

- Entrance: #826 Sing to Jesus
Offertory: #447 Easter Alleluia
Communion: #824 Behold the Lamb
Recessional: #799 Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

MAY PARISH CARNIVAL



In honor of St. John Nepomucene and Cinco de Mayo, our parish will celebrate with a Carnival on May 5 & 6 on the ball field. Saturday 3-9 pm and Sunday 8:00 am-8:00 pm.

Live music, Mexican food, games, raffle, Folkloric dancing, etc.

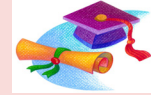
The raffle drawing will be at 7:30 pm on Sunday, and prizes include: \$500 Visa Gift Card, Play Station, blender, iron, and gift certificates to Don Jose's and Mi Tierra Meat Market. Raffle tickets available at church office. Plan now to bring your whole family and all your friends for a great time!

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 14 & 15

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| St. John Church Support Collection | \$ 19,259.45 |
| Epiphany Church Support Collection | 695.61 |

BACCALAUREATE MASS ON MAY 20

The Baccalaureate Mass for all 2012 graduating seniors from our parish (any high school) will be on Sunday, May 20, at the 5:00 pm Mass. Pictures will be taken at 4:00 pm that day. Email Joey Scancelli the name of your graduate by May 11. joey@stjohncc.net



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Vacation Bible School theme for this year is "A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments: Jesus in My Heart." It will be June 25-29 from 6:30-9:00 pm. Registration forms will be sent during RE. Extra forms can be picked up at the church office. **We need volunteers!** If you would like to help, pick up a volunteer form at the church office or the Religious Education front desk on class days.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Children's Religious Education is collecting **Labels for Education**. This program helps to receive school supplies such as glue, markers, crayons, etc... to be used in Sunday & Wednesday classes. To get a list of participating products, please stop by the office or the RE front desk. Labels can be dropped off here also. Any questions, call Stacy Gallegos at 972-875-9650.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are May 4-6 or June 22-24. For info, visit: www.dfwme.org or call Angelo & Shanna Nasche, 972-317-2400, or email register@dfwme.org

PENTECOST RAFFLE TICKETS

If you have extra Pentecost Raffle tickets that you can't buy or sell, please return them to the parish business office, Monday through Friday, for someone else to buy or sell.

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light is in honor of and in memory of living and deceased members of Marusak and Divin families donated by Bill & Frances Divin for the week of April 21-27.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Ronnie Garcia, Ruby Janicek, John Castillo, Lisette Villela, Joe Schleich, Frankie Pittman, Mary Hejny, Frankie Gonzalez, Janie Mraz, Claudio Amador Jr., Graciela Monreal, Clara Miller, Natividad Cedillo, Betty Coker, Patsy Zabochnik, Brooke Ray, Dorothy Toupal, John Schleich, Leon Kubin, Coye Ferguson, Georgie Hejny, Bessie Cody, Stewart Hill, Rene Monreal, Adele Krajca, Bernard Betik, Hilda Botello, Millie & Leslie Trojaeck, Don Tubbs, Patsy Odlozil, Nathan Gunn, Shelly Keilers, Hannah Rejcek, Stanley J. Liska, Helen Patak, Betty Rogala, Wilma Zhanel, Betty and Brandi Schlottman, Leo Rejcek, Diana Chapman, Inez Fira, Patsy Blazek, Frankie Joe Patak, Helen Blackerby, Bob Scancelli, Ninfa Carrillo, Maria Manriquez, Mildred Wickliffe, Ruphine Patak, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Lauren Moran, Senaida Arreola, Christian Marente, Helen Matous, Steve Betik, James Pustejovsky, Jerry Dolezal, Alfred Martinez, Rosa Sanchez, Helen Zmolek, Gary Kidder, Raul Partida

May Parish Carnival



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



Our Parish is organizing a **Carnival May 5 & 6** to raise funds

You are all invited

Saturday, May 5 3:00-9:00 pm

Sunday, May 6 8:00 am-8:00 pm

*Live music, authentic Mexican food, Games,
Raffle drawing, Folkloric dancing and plenty more family entertainment*

There will be a **St. John Queen Crowning Contest**
in the following categories:

Children, ages 6-8, **Teens** 13-19, **Mrs.** category & **Senior** category

We encourage all to participate in this event that is to benefit our parish. If you would like to help in setting up a booth and donating the proceeds to the church or in any preparation for this event, please contact the parish office:

(972) 875-2834

Thank you for all you do to keep God's vineyard blossoming.

Let the Fire Fall

Pentecost Raffle

Prizes:

1—\$2,500 VISA gift card

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2—\$250 VISA gift cards

5—\$100 VISA gift cards

20—\$25 VISA gift cards

\$5

**Benefitting Parish
Scripture
Enrichment
Programs**

Drawing:

June 3, 2012

after the

11:00 AM Mass

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



On the top of our new Tabernacle is St. Michael the Archangel who defended God against the rebellion of Satan and the angels who rejected God's love. He is also our powerful protector.

St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle...



Congratulations to all those who received their First Holy Communion on April 15!

Paula Cervantes
Misty Dvorak
Cyprian Fira
Kevin Hernandez
Chance Kozlovsky
Marissa Landeros
Diana Leija
Iris Luna
Oscar Luna
Valerie Martinez
Kylie Morton

Alexis Pastor
Alexis Payne
Eva Pita
Daniel Rangel
Jaime Rangel
Rosa Rangel
Edwin Romero
Juventino Sandoval
Elisa Solorio
Emma Zhanel



WEEKLY BULLETIN

LIFE TEEN



All teens in 9th-12th grade are welcome to join us for all LIFE TEEN events!

Weekly Events

Wednesday 4/25

Food for the Soul 6:30am
Mass & Breakfast
D-Nite 7pm in the Cafeteria

Thursday 4/26

EDGE
6th-8th Grade-7pm-8:15pm
in the Cafeteria

Sunday 4/29

LIFE TEEN Mass-5pm
LIFE NIGHT-6:30pm-8pm in
the Cafeteria

Wednesday 5/2

Food for the Soul 6:30am
Mass & Breakfast
D-Nite 7pm in the Cafeteria

Thursday 5/3

EDGE
6th-8th Grade-7pm-8:15pm
in the Cafeteria

Sunday 5/6

LIFE TEEN Mass,
NO LIFE NIGHT- Cinco de
Mayo Festival

DIVINE MERCY

We all recently celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday on April 15. In May 2000, the Congregation of Divine Worship declared that the Second Sunday of Easter shall be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. I know you may be thinking I am one week late with this column, but this past week I had a thought in prayer. What if we treated everyday like it was Divine Mercy Sunday? What if we chose mercy over selfishness and pride? What if we decided to forgive someone who has hurt us in the past or apologized for the wrong we have done to someone?

I went to the Shrine in Poland where the original image of Divine Mercy resides. That image, and the devotion of all the people who were at the shrine enabled me to go forth with a new attitude of mercy towards my fellow brothers and sisters. I pray that we all let the mercy of Christ enter our lives!

Mercy In
Christ,
Joey Scancelli



Jesus I Trust in You!

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST. MARY'S WINNER'S CHOICE RAFFLE

St. Mary's Catholic Center provides Catholic Campus Ministry for over 15,000 Catholic students at Texas A&M and Blinn College. After graduation, students bring their devotion to the faith and the skills they learned at St. Mary's to parishes all over Texas, including our own parish of St. John Nepomucene. The 2012 Winner's Choice Raffle is one way St. Mary's raises the funds needed for this vital work. This year's lucky winner gets to choose either a 2012 Chevy Sonic Sedan, 2012 Chevy Colorado Work Truck or a \$15,000 scholarship to any post high school educational endeavor.

To purchase tickets for the April 26 drawing, visit www.aggiecatholic.org or call 1-888-240-TAMU during business hours. Thank you for your support of the Aggie Catholics.

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.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Second collection this weekend is for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal to provide grants that support seminarian formation, catechesis, and evangelization efforts in poor dioceses across the United States. Please give generously to help support the Missions in our own United States.

THAT MAN IS YOU

That Man Is You men's program sessions have concluded for now and will pick up in September. More information on *That Man Is You* is on the parish website or go to: www.thatmanisyou.org

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, April 28

5:00 pm Josh Zapletal/Dylan Fisher

Sunday, April 29

7:00 am Matt Zajic/Aaron Rejcek/Tyler Novy

11:00 am Chris Trojacek/David Janousek/Tyler Dennie

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Joseph Baird/Austin Spaniel

LEVELING HEADSTONES IN CEMETERY

If you own a headstone in St. Joseph Cemetery or the headstone belongs to a family member, and it needs leveling, and you would like to pay to get it leveled, please contact Helen Yarbrough at the parish business office, 972-878-2834.

Helen will refer the location to the proper authority who will determine a leveling estimate.

No work will be done until estimate is given to you and cost is paid up front.