

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 23

MONDAY, APRIL 24

NO 6:30 a.m. Mass today

12:05 pm. Anton F. Galetka +

6:30 p.m. Duane & Stephen Dolezalik ++

TUESDAY, APRIL 25 - Saint Mark, Evangelist

6:30 a.m. Ann Marek +

12:05 pm. Russell & Mary Grimes ++

6:30 p.m. Angelita Solis +

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

6:30 a.m. Dennis Zhanel +

12:05 p.m. Leonard Vrana +

6:30 p.m. Raquel Garcia +

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

6:30 a.m. Daniel Lara Zavala (health)

12:05 p.m. Mary & Willie Kriska/ Alvin Kubin +++

6:30 p.m. Josefina Garcia Gonzalez +

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

6:30 a.m. John Michael Woodward +

6:30 p.m. Clem Rejcek +

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 - Saint Catherine of Siena

3:30 p.m. **Confessions**

5:00 p.m. Willie Zaidle +

APRIL 30, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:00 a.m. John Paull II Healing Center

11:00 a.m. Sylvia Hykel +

1:00 p.m. Fr. Antonio (50th Birthday)

5:00 p.m. For the Parish Community

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. Apr. 23, 9 am Julian & Bertha Diaz/Francisco & Ophelia Campos ++

Sun. Apr. 30, 9 am Albert & Catherine Elfrink ++

HYMNS FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Entrance: Crown Him with Many Crowns - 489

Offertory: We Walk by Faith - 583

Communion: In the Breaking of the Bread - 843

Recessional: Jesus Christ is Risen Today - 457

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: K.J.T. Catholic Union of Texas Society #35

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Divine Mercy Sunday
+ 2017

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Our first reading this Sunday, from the first Letter of Saint Peter, defines our new state of life after Baptism into the Easter Mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

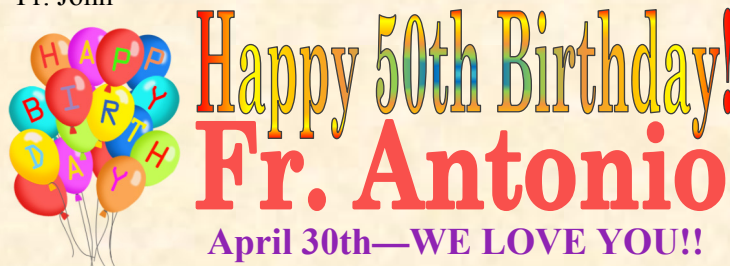
“(God our Father) gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. . .In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith. . .may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

In our baptism we chose to put to death our life in this world's ways and take up the new life in Jesus Christ. Living not according to the world but for the glory and praise of God. Living the Gospel.

During these fifty days of Easter Season, we ask the Lord to reveal to each of us how he wants us to live this new life for Him. In order to know His will for us, we must set aside the time and space to be with Him.

Once we know His will for us, we proceed each day along that path. Using the Sacraments of Confession and Eucharist to keep us steady and strong. Because of His Divine Mercy we can always return to Him and receive His forgiveness and guidance.

Love and Prayers,
Fr. John



COLLECTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER
Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Holy Thursday	\$1,638.58
Good Friday Holy Land	\$1,662.00
St. John Regular Collection	\$31,054.61
Second Collection: Easter Flowers	\$2,589.10
Epiphany Regular Collection -	\$1,364.35
Holy Thursday	\$305.00
Good Friday Holy Land	\$718.94

IN OUR PARISH WEEK OF APRIL 23

Sunday, April 23

Second Collection: The Catholic Homes Missions Appeal

8:30 –10:30 am Religious Ed/ Elementary

9:00 am RCIA/ Rm 101-102

9:30 am RCIA Inquiry/ Rm 104

1:30 pm KJZT Meeting/ KJT Dining Room

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet/ Church

6:30 pm Life Teen

Monday, April 24

5:30 pm Confessions

7:00 pm Divine Mercy Monthly Group/ Room 102

Tuesday, April 25

No Little Saints Playgroup/301

5:30 pm Confessions

7:00 pm Upper Room

Wednesday, April 26

6:30 - 8:30 pm Religious Ed

6:30 - 8:30 pm EDGE

Thursday, April 27

Friday, April 28

Saturday, April 29

First Communions at 5 pm Mass

Sunday, April 23

Second Collection: St. John Charity Account

First Communions at 7 am and 1 pm Masses

8:30 –10:30 am Religious Ed/ Elementary

9:00 am RCIA/ Rm 101-102

9:30 am RCIA Inquiry/ Rm 104

6:30 pm Life Teen

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

**DIVINE MERCY
CHAPLET**

Let us pray this devotion together as family on **Divine Mercy Sunday April 23rd @ 3pm** in the Church

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

We accept clean clothes and shoes in the gym every Sunday after 7:00 am Mass until 1 pm. During this time anyone is welcome to take what they need free of charge.

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

KJZT adults will meet Sunday, April 23, at 1:30 pm in KJT dining room. Several items will be discussed, including the scholarship awards presentation, the annual Mass & celebration, and discussions on the motions & recommendations submitted for vote by our delegates. Refreshments and a social will follow. All members are encouraged to attend. Guests are welcome.

2017 Knights of Columbus Council 1353 Scholarships

Applications are available through April 25th at the St. John Church Office. For an application by email, please send a request to bslovak@swbell.net. All completed applications must be received by no later than April 28th. Recipients must be a 2017 graduating high school senior, a practicing Catholic, & have an immediate family member or members who are active members of the Knights of Columbus Council 1353 in Ennis.

Alma Volunteer Fire Department Annual Fundraiser Benefit
Saturday, April 29 at Knights of Columbus Hall from 5pm-12am BBQ / V&V Sausage Dinner with all the trimmings including dessert of your choice. Live & Silent Auction - Live Music by 2nd String Band - Raffle - Kids booth - Please come out & join us for the fun. Thank you for your support!



Divine Mercy Monthly Group

Monday, April 24th at 7:00pm in Room 102
EVERYONE is welcome (males, females, couples)

COLLECTING OLD UNWANTED RELIGIOUS ITEMS
Prayer cards, rosaries, medals, statues, crosses, etc. You may leave them at the gym on Sunday mornings from 8 am—1 pm or call Frances for more information 972-875-6114.

BIG THANKS!!

Thank you to everyone who gave of their precious time and/or donated items for the very successful food sale last weekend!! **YOU ARE A BLESSING!!!**

THANK YOU FROM THE ALTAR SOCIETY

To everyone to helped in any way in decorating our Church so beautifully for Easter!!!

Food Sales

Fajita Sale

Sunday, April 23rd after 11 am & 1 pm Masses

Enchilada Sale

Friday, April 28th from 4:00 - 6:30 pm

Taco Sale

Sunday, April 30th after 11 am & 1 pm Masses

ST. JOHN CHURCH

Sanctuary Light : April 22 - April 28

In Memory: Deceased Altar Society Members

Altar Candles : April 22 - April 28

In Memory: Agnes Spaniel Harper

By: Leon & Anita Kubin, Patty Henry, Diane Kubin, & Janice Reed

DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL

Altar Candles: April 21 - April 27

For: Parish Community

By: St. John Altar Society

2017-2018
RE Registrations

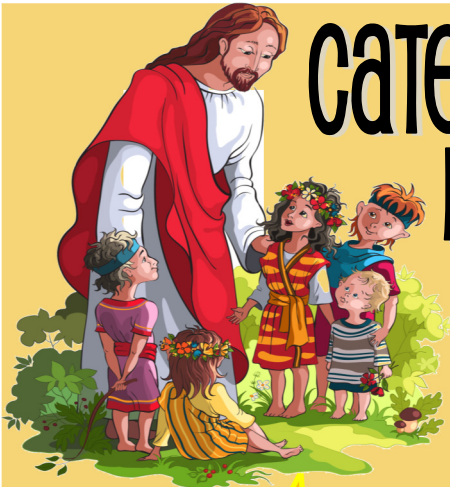
VBS, RE and EDGE
In the elementary school
PRE-K THRU 8TH Grade

CURRENTLY ENROLLED FAMILIES ONLY

May 7th 9:00-10:30 AM
May 10th 7:00-8:30 PM

ACCEPTING ALL REGISTRATIONS

May 27th & 28th—After Masses
June 24 & 25th —After Masses
June 26th - VBS Registrations only
August 26th & 27th - After Masses
September 9th & 10th - After Masses
September 24th & 27th - First Day of Classes



**CATECHISTS
NEEDED**

More
information
to come!!



*May
Crowning
May 13th
At 5 pm Mass*

A large advertisement for a VBS event. It features a red barn with a rooster weather vane on top. In the foreground, there are cartoon illustrations of a brown cow with a red collar and bell, a brown horse with a yellow mane, and a pink pig. The text is colorful and stylized. A yellow starburst contains the word 'VBS'. The dates 'JUNE 26-30' are in large green letters. The main title 'Barnyard Roundup' is in large blue cursive letters. At the bottom, a green banner with a white border contains the text 'Jesus Gathers Us Together' in yellow.

VBS

JUNE 26-30

Barnyard Roundup

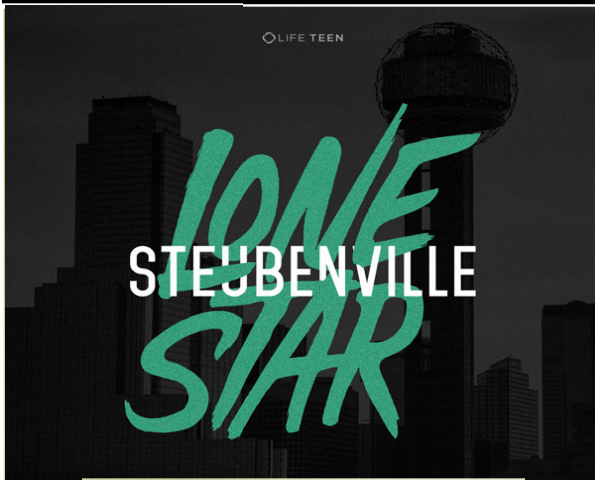
Jesus Gathers Us Together



EDGE

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 23, 2017



LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

Steubenville Lone Star
June 23rd - June 25th

**Allow your high school
teen the opportunity to
worship our Lord with
5,000 other teenagers
this summer!**

WWW.STJOHNCC.NET/LIFETEEN

EDGE Day Retreat
Saturday May 6th

**A wonderful chance
for your middle school
student to meet Jesus
and begin their
journey with him.**

Register today!





Three Simple Ways to Celebrate the 50-Day Easter Season

April 17, 2017 By Gretchen Filz

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/three-simple-ways-to-celebrate-easter/>

Holy Week is the time of year we experience in a deeper way many of the events we remember each time we pray the Holy Rosary. The Sorrowful Mysteries take us through Jesus' Passion, from the emotional torments in the Garden of Gethsemane to the physical torments culminating at Calvary.

Then, after we pass through the sorrows and sacrifices of Lent and Holy Week, Easter breaks forth as a great time of joy and celebration. It is the "Solemnity of solemnities" celebrated by the Church. This is the day our hope was made complete, the day Jesus conquered sin and death on our behalf in order to reconcile us back to God.

EASTER ISN'T A DAY – IT'S A SEASON!

For Catholics, Easter isn't just a single day of celebration—it's an entire season where we celebrate our new life in Christ. Just like Christmas, Easter is celebrated for an extended period of time—50 days to be exact!

The feast proper is celebrated for the full octave (Easter Sunday through Easter Saturday). Then we enter Eastertide, the longer Easter season which ends on Pentecost Sunday. During this fifty days of Easter we relive the joyous events of the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary—the Resurrection, Ascension, and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles at Pentecost.

There are many ways you can make Eastertide a very special time of year for you and your family. Here are three easy ways to make the most of the Easter season this year.

1. SPREAD THE EASTER CHEER

Get yourself in the Easter mood (and others too!) by sending out Easter cards this Eastertide. This is an easy way to remind friends that Easter is an entire season, not just a single day! You can also spread the Easter cheer by surprising your family with Catholic Easter gifts that go beyond bunnies and chocolate. Make Easter cards and gifts, no matter how small, an annual tradition to honor the holiest time of year.

You can also bring back the traditional Catholic greeting at Easter: when you greet family and friends, say, "He is Risen!" The reply greeting is, "He is risen, indeed!"

2. DECORATE THE HOUSE

Spring and the Resurrection go together! Fill your house with the lovely fragrance of freshly cut flowers. Keep a beautiful bouquet in the kitchen, on the dining room table, and in each bedroom in honor of the Resurrection of Jesus and a sign of hope in our own resurrection. Give flowers to your loved ones to grace their homes as well in honor of the Easter solemnity (they would go great with an Easter card!).

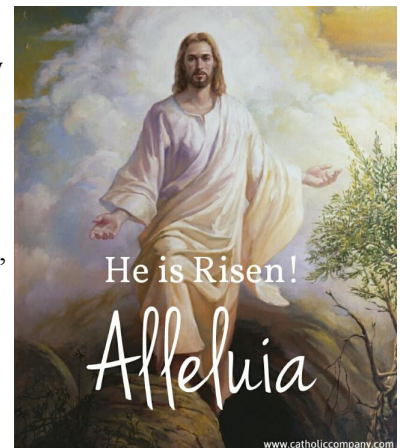
You can also decorate your home by draping white sashes on all your crosses and crucifixes, reminding your family that the joy of this season goes beyond Easter Sunday.

3. INCREASE YOUR DEVOTION

The fifty days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday is a great time to pray for the Holy Spirit to pour into your own life just as it did on Mary and the Apostles. The beautiful, simple prayers of the novena to the Holy Spirit are a great way to foster a devotion specifically to the Holy Spirit this Easter season.

This is also the time of year when catechumens are baptized and received as new Christians into the Church. Renew your own baptismal promises by bringing Holy Water into your home and using it regularly.

The second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore this devotion is tied in a special way to the Easter season. There are many ways to make the Divine Mercy devotion a part of your life. In addition to the Divine Mercy feast day, there is also the Divine Mercy image that you can have blessed and hang in your home, the Divine Mercy chaplet which you can pray daily (it only takes 5 minutes!), and the Diary of Faustina Kowalska (the visionary who brought this great devotion to the world), which you can read during Eastertide. Learn more about the Divine Mercy devotion at <https://www.catholiccompany.com/content/Divine-Mercy-FAQ.cfm>.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jo Ann Dolezalik—5/21/17	Pam Hammonds—2/5/17	Kenneth Svhelak—3/19/17	Erin Tomlinson—4/23/17
Georgie Ann Nekuza-4/30/17	Jeff Frazier—5/14/17	Bonnie Bacak—3/26/17	Beth Johnson—4/23/17
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska	Joan Trojacek—4/23/17	Melody Rejcek—4/23/17	Terrilyn Folchert—4/23/17
Sr. Redempta Bradley	Frank Tapia—4/16/17	Joe Barak Sr—3/26/17	Zac Cepak—4/23/17
Rachel Zmolik—4/23/17	Lynn Carter—5/14/17	Rose Sladeczek Buckner—3/26/17	Dorothy Sonka—4/30/17
Catherine Roberts—5/21/17	Patsy & Jerry Zmolik - 5/21/17	David Maliska—3/26/17	Freddy Martinez—4/30/17
Mildred Trojacek—3/26/17	Emily Peppers—5/14/17	Mary Praslicka—3/26/17	Kevin Woodley—5/14/17
David Trojacek—5/21/17	Mary Trojacek—4/23/17	Brenden Ruffin—4/23/17	Jean/ Steve Wolf - 5/14/17
Margie Dvorak—5/21/17	Marion Haba—5/21/17	Melody Rejcek—3/26/17	Doug Norton—5/21/17
Marguerite Patterson-5/21/17	Mauricio Bravo Pineda—3/5/17	Carolyn Claxton—3/26/17	Alphonse Svehlak—5/21/17
Arnold Twins—3/12/17	Karen Glaspy—5/28/17	Priscilla Elizonda—4/2/16	Patricia Riley—5/21/17
Sherri Longoria—5/21/17	Ed Tysdale—5/21/17	Gloria Garcia—4/2/16	Chelsey Jessup—5/21/17
Calvin Baw, Jr. —3/26/17	Ruby Romo—3/5/17	Carl Fira—5/28/16	Rose Cooke—5/21/17
Jennifer Wright—5/21/17	Terry Peyton—3/5/17	Harry Fira—5/28/16	Robert Parma—5/21/17
Rachel Dyson—2/12/17	Lonnie Grace—3/5/17	Alcario Sanchez—4/2/17	Anthony Williams—5/21/17
Mary Ludwig—3/26/17	Lillian Barto—4/30/17	Teresa Wiebold—4/2/17	Maille McDonald—5/21/17
Epi Garfias—4/30/17	Jerry & Janie Marusak—3/12/17	Nancy Prewitt—5/21/17	John Matous, Sr.—5/28/17
Paul Tolliver—4/30/17	Pauline Novy—3/12/17	Sebastian Cadena—4/9/17	Joann Baw—5/28/17
Joe Barak, Jr.—3/26/17	Kadie Hernandez—3/12/17	Greg Navarro—4/9/17	Deb Grambling—5/28/17
Geraldine Kubin—4/30/17	Gabino Guido—3/12/17	Tina Jones—4/9/17	Bill Watson—5/28/17
JoAnn Strunc—3/26/17	Matt Hartley—3/12/17	Ashley Harryman—4/9/17	Josefina Gutierrez—5/28/17
Nancy Escobar—4/30/17	Don Hartley—3/12/17	Norma Juricek - 5/7/17	Gloria Martinez—5/28/17
Melissa Patterson—4/30/17	Dorothy Sonka—3/12/17	Eugene Pena - 5/14/17	Beatriz Ortiz—5/28/17
Evelyn Zmolik—3/26/17	Robbin Roberson—5/14/17	Deanna Richardson—4/23/17	
Margaret Bohuslav—2/5/17	Larry Christopher—3/19/17	Jane Rychlik—4/23/17	