

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, APRIL 29—ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

6:30 a.m. Dominic Tartaglia

12:05 p.m. Mary Ann Toupal Special Intention

6:00 p.m. Confessions

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

7:00 p.m. Confessions

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

6:30 a.m. Rose Fernandez +

12:05 p.m. Patsy Blazek +

6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Tomas Banda Perez +

7:00 p.m. Confessions

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1— ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

6:30 a.m. Anton "Tony" Pavlicek III +

12:05 p.m. Joe & Frances Betik and Helene Barrett +++

Adoration after 12:05 Mass until 5:00 pm

2:30 p.m. Katie Allen (Ennis Care)

6:30 p.m. Maricela Gutierrez +

THURSDAY, MAY 2—ST. ATHANASIUS

6:30 a.m. Joanna Gallegos

12:05 p.m. Wesley Mikel +

6:30 p.m. Communion Service

FRIDAY, MAY 3—SAINTS PHILLIP & JAMES, APOSTLES

First Friday Devotions after 12:05 pm Mass

6:30 a.m. Leonardo Hernandez +

12:05 p.m. Amy Womak

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Frist Saturday Devotions after 8:00 am Mass

8:00 a.m. Frankie Joe Patak +

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Joe M./Agnes/Jodie Horak +++

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 5

7:00 a.m. Frank Dick III

11:00 a.m. Janet Rejcek Roach +

1:00 pm For the Parish Community

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Charles Elleven, Jr.

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun., April 28, 9am Jake Escamilla +

Sun., MAY 5, 9am Catherine Elfrink +

GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM

Grief Recovery 8-week program meets 7:00 P.M. on Mondays in Room 103. For more information, please call Dolores McKibbin at 972-351-2849.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: National Beauty College

From the Pastor's Desk

Fifth Sunday of Easter

+ 2013

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

As I have been praying and thinking about this Sunday's Scripture Readings, I have found it striking that Mother Church chose the first sentence of today's Gospel to begin: "When Judas had left them, Jesus said. . ."

Like last Sunday, our Gospel reading consists of fewer than ten sentences! Our life instructions from Our Lord and Savior in less than ten sentences! Pretty clever, but then again, He is God! So I think we should in a very intense and particular way, focus on these short readings. Why, just these few sentences?

In my prayerful focus, with this message and my homily in mind, I also hear in particular the words and phrases; glorify, new commandment, love one another, disciples, as I have.....actually, if I keep going I will have the complete reading! So again, it is all amazing and important for who, you and I are called to be in this new life in the Risen Lord, following the first Easter!

Judas of his own free will has decided to leave Jesus both physically and spiritually. He has chosen to remove himself from discipleship. He has chosen to not believe, to not be one of His flock. He did not accept the grace offered to humbly believe in faith rather than what he rationally thought, experienced and saw. He refused to believe without seeing or understanding. He gave in to his own fears and emotions rather than faith.

As Jesus prepared to leave this earth, "I will be with you only a little while longer," He gave a new commandment. Not a new suggestion, or emphasis on an old commandment, but a completely new one. He is saying, this is what you need to do.....this and all that flows from it.....nothing else is necessary! The new commandment to "love one another," is quickly qualified by, "As I have loved you. . ."

To each of us He offers the same unconditional, unqualified, without counting the cost, even unto death, love.....that He offered Judas, and **COMMANDS** us as His disciples, to offer to everyone.

See you in Church, where we get the strength needed to live out His command.

Love and Prayers,
Fr. John

CONGRATULATIONS SEMINARIAN CHRIS MUMMERT!

The Rector, the Faculty and the Graduating class of 2013 from Assumption Seminary, announce the graduation of our parish Seminarian, Christopher Floyd Mummert, on Saturday, the Eleventh of May with a Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Ministry with an emphasis in Philosophy. Chris will be spending the summer at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska at the Institute for Priestly Formation. Bishop Kevin Farrell has assigned Chris to begin his Masters in Divinity at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston starting in August.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 28

Second Collection is for Catholic Home Missions Appeal

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 29

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

7:00 pm Grief Recovery Program/ Room 103

Tuesday, April 30

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, May 1

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, May 2

7:00 pm That Man is You/Room 103

7:00 pm Women of Grace/ Room 101

Friday, May 3

First Friday Devotions after 12:05 pm Mass

Saturday, May 4

First Saturday Devotions after 8:00 am Mass

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, May 5

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, May 4

5:00 pm Austin Spaniel/Alex Fry

Sunday, May 5

7:00 am Josef Woodward/Chris Trojacek/Tyler Novy

11:00 am Joseph Galetka/Tyler Dennie/ Josh Zapletal

5:00 pm LT Mass Mando Campos/Andrew Alvarado

**Happy Birthday Fr. Antonio
On April 30th!!**

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Entrance: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You—520

Offertory: Let All Things Now Living—551

Communion: We Have Been Told—694

Recessional: Jesus Christ is Risen Today—457

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 20 & 21

St. John Church Support Collection	\$13,818.18
Epiphany Church Support Collection	\$800.60

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light is in memory of Hattie Moucka donated by Ronnie & Susan Zmolek for the week of April 27 – May 3.

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated in memory of Deceased Trojacek Families for the week of April 27— May 3.

Qahal:

- the Hebrew word for the Church
- 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
- 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,
Cafeteria**

**Beginning April 29 with sessions on *Genesis 1-11*
Bring your Bible, a notebook, and a pen**



CONGRATULATIONS!

Doris Honza is the winner of the Alter Society Garden Angel raffle. Thank you to everyone who participated in our fund raiser. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

DONATIONS FOR WEST

In the spirit of fraternalism, Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas, KJZT, will be accepting donations for the West disaster. Donations will be matched through our People Helping People Disaster Program, at 100% up to \$2,000 per society. This includes our junior society fund raiser of \$1,000. Please forward all donations to Elsie Marak, President Society Ennis #16, 3816 FM 1183, Ennis, Texas 75119. Checks may be made out to KJZT by May 13, 2013. Call 972-878-5537 with questions. Thank you in advance for your help.

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!

”Go therefore...

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

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

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
- ◇ **Corpus Christi Procession**—May 30, 8 PM

JUNE

- ◇ **40 Hours of Devotion/Exposition** — June 5-7
- ◇ **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** — June 10-14
- ◇ **Steubenville/Louisiana High School Conference** — June 21-23

AUGUST

- ◇ **Men’s CRHP Weekend** — August 17-18
- ◇ **Women’s CRHP Weekend** — August 24-25

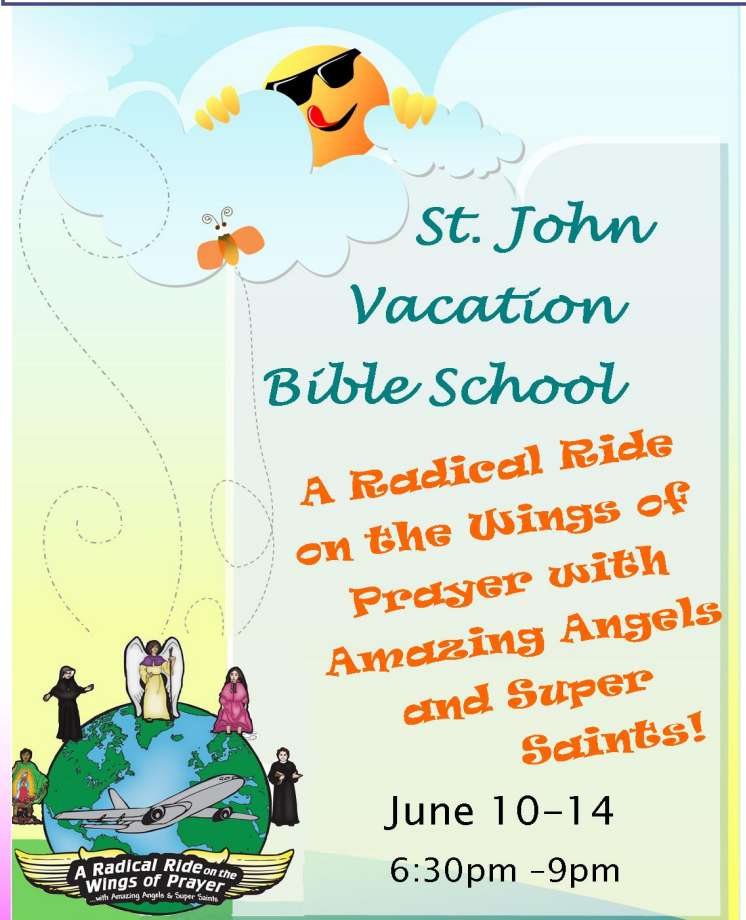
RE Registration
2013-2014

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



**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 Angels & Super Saints

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Parish Mission

Topic:

Finding God through:

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



May 11-15

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



Parish

MAY FESTIVAL

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

May 18 & 19

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

LIVE MUSIC

Matt Matous & the Moravians & Local Spanish Bands

MEXICAN FOOD

GAMES* *CONTESTS* *RAFFLE

QUEEN CONTEST

Nepomucene's Teens



Sunday 4/28 -
"Time to be Social"

Sunday 5/5-
"The Anti-Graduation"

Sunday 5/12 -
"It's a Mission Field Out There" -
Parish Mission with Fr. Leo Patalinghug

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

Tuesday 4/30 -
"It takes two"

Tuesday 5/7 -
End of the Year Party

The EDGE semester is over May 7th. The students and parents are encouraged to attend the Parish Mission on May 14th. Registration for EDGE 2013-2014 begins May 1st for students currently in the 6th and 7th grade. Current 8th grade students, there will be a Life Teen welcoming party Sunday June 2nd.

Interested in volunteering with our teenagers or have any questions about our Youth Ministry programs? Contact Stephen Thompson @ stephent@stjohnncc.net

Words of the Holy Father

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



(Vatican Radio) The Gospel of the Good Shepherd in which Jesus describes Himself as "the gate for the sheep" was the focus of Pope Francis' homily Monday morning. Emer McCarthy reports:

... Jesus tells his disciples that whoever does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, is not a shepherd, but a thief and a robber. In short, said Pope Francis, someone who seeks to profit for themselves, who only wants to climb the social ladder. The only gate to the Kingdom of God, to the Church - the Pope said - is Jesus Himself:

"These social climbers exist even in the Christian communities, no? those people who are looking for their own... and consciously or unconsciously pretend to enter but are thieves and robbers. Why? Why steal the glory from Jesus? They want glory for themselves and this is what [Jesus] said to the Pharisees: You seek for each other's approval...'. That's something of a 'commercial' religion, don't you think? I give glory to you and you give glory to me. But these people did not enter through the

mistaken. How do I know that Jesus is the true gate? How do I know that this gate is Jesus's gate? It's enough to take the Beatitudes and do what the Beatitudes say. Be humble, poor, gentle, just ...".

Pope Francis continued, noting that Jesus is not only the gate, he is also the way, the path to follow on our journey. He said there are many paths that we can follow, some perhaps more advantageous than others in getting ahead, but they are "misleading, they are not real: they are false. The only path is Jesus":

"Some of you may say: 'Father, you're a fundamentalist!'. No, simply put, this is what Jesus said: 'I am the gate', 'I am the path' [He] gives life to us. Simple. It is a beautiful gate, a gate of love, it is a gate that does not deceive, it is not false. It always tells the truth. But with tenderness and love. However, we still have [...] the source of original sin within us, is not it so? We still desire to possess the key to interpreting everything, the key and the power to find our own path, whatever it is, to find our own

gate, whatever it is. "

"Sometimes - the Pope said - we are tempted to be too much our own bosses and not humble children and servants of the Lord":

"And this is the temptation to look for other gates or other windows to enter the Kingdom of God. We can only enter by the gate whose name is Jesus. We can only enter by that gate which leads to a path and that path is called Jesus and brings to a life whose name is Jesus. All those who do something else - says the Lord - who try to enter through the window, are 'thieves and robbers'. He is simple, the Lord. His words are not complex: He is simple".

The Pope concluded by inviting all those present to ask for "the grace to always knock on that gate":

"Sometimes it's closed: we are sad, we feel desolation, we have problems with knocking, with knocking at that gate. Do not go looking for other gates that seem easier, more comfortable, more at hand. Always the same one: Jesus. Jesus never disappoints, Jesus does not deceive, Jesus is not a thief, not a robber. He gave his life for me: each of us must say this: 'And you who gave your life for me, please, open, that I may enter.' "

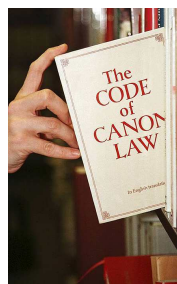
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Alyson Meachum, Katherine Michno, Patsy Odlozil, Pauline Novy, Jo Ann Dolezalik, William Becker, Patsy Zabochnik, Victor G. Zabochnik, 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 Rebuck, 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, 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, Millie Trojacek, Mildred Wickliffe, Joe and John Schlebach, Graciela and Rene Monreal, Steve and Bernard Betik, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Brandi Schlottman, James Pustejovsky, Gary Kidder, Jerry Dolezal, Raul Partida

What is Canon Law?

The Code of Canon Law is the book which contains the rules which make the Church function in an orderly manner so that the members of the Church know what to expect from the Church and what is expected of them. Without such rules, any society would not be able to function because there would be chaos. As Blessed John Paul II wrote in the document which put into effect our current Code of Canon Law, "it appears sufficiently clear that the Code is in no way intended as a substitute for faith, grace, charisms, and especially charity in the life of the Church and of the faithful. On the contrary, its purpose is rather to create such an order in the ecclesial society that, while assigning the primacy to love, grace and charisms, it at the same time renders their organic development easier in the life of both the ecclesial society



and the individual persons who belong to it." (Blessed John Paul II, *Sacrae Disciplinae Leges*) Therefore, Canon Law is intended to promote love, faith, and grace by allowing the Church to function in an orderly manner that the members of the Church can count on. When we live according to the same rules, we are free to allow the grace of the God to work in our lives. Thank the Lord for Canon Law.