

alleluia
Liturgies For The Week

MONDAY, MAY 2—St. Athanasius

- 6:30 am** Ed & Joyce Plasek 50th Wedding Anniversary
12:05 pm Charlotte Slovacek + and
Virginia Jackson +
6:30 pm Winnie Whitfill + and
Easter Novena concludes

TUESDAY, MAY 3—St. Phillip & St. James, Apostles

- 6:30 am** Joey Richard and Joe Gilbert Garcia ++
12:05 pm Georgie A. Zabochnik + and
Agnes Taraba +
6:30 pm Spanish Joshua Saavedra 1 year birthday

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

- 6:30 am** Frank and Jay Felcman ++
12:05 pm Irene & Joe J. Laza ++ and
Larry Laznovsky +
Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass until 5:00 pm
2:30 pm Mass at Ennis Care Center for our Parishioners there
6:30 pm Mary Ann Kubin + and
Richard Miller +

THURSDAY, MAY 5

- 6:30 am** Frank N. Dick III Birthday
12:05 pm Charles J. Elleven Jr. + and
Lillian Stull +

- 6:30 pm Spanish** Sebastian Cerda +

FIRST FRIDAY, MAY 6

- 6:30 am** Helene C. Valek +
12:05 pm Bill & Mary and Jo Ellen Vitovsky +++ and
Deacon Don Griffith Birthday

First Friday Devotions after the 12:05 pm Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 7

- 8:00 am** Chad Ryan + & Deceased Nekuza & Prachyl Families
First Saturday Devotions after the 8:00 am Mass
5:00 pm Rudy and Gary Valek ++ and
Edwin C. Trojacek +

SUNDAY, MAY 8

- 7:30 am** Viola Zmolik + and
Mother's Day Novena
10:30 am Annie Martinek + and
Mother's Day Novena
1:00 pm Deborah Castillo + and
For Our Parish Community

No 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass today

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY

Sunday, May 1, 9:30 am Manuel Huerta +

Sunday, May 8, 9:30 am Catherine Elfrink +

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: DR. FREDRIC PUCKETT

from the
Pastor's desk 

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

We have celebrated together our Lenten Season, the Holy Triduum and the Glory of Easter Day, and it's Octave, now ending in this beautiful Feast of His Divine Mercy!

The sight and sound of water flowing as we approach to enter our beautiful Church, reminds us quickly of the merciful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. The Sacrament which is the beginning of the New Life in Christ that we celebrated with Easter.

On February 22nd, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to Sister Faustina Kowalska, a young Polish nun. He brought to her a wonderful message of Mercy for all mankind. From His heart came forth two large rays, one red, and the other white. Our Lord spoke to her and said, "The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls."



St. Faustina, pray for us!

Our Lord was speaking of the two Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. These two Sacraments become Easter living in us, bringing us into Eternal Life and Joy with the Risen Lord in Heaven!

Our Easter celebration has been awesome! Every Mass was packed! Let us together continue to grow into this New Life that Jesus has purchased for us with His Life and Resurrection. We need to be strong and persevere in living the life of Roman Catholics in our world. We need to join together and support each other as we battle the Devil to hold onto our Faith.

Let us rejoice together in Church and experience anew, His Divine Mercy!!!

Love and prayers,
Father John
Pastor

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light, on south side, is in honor of Dorothy Matous and Billie, April and Hannah Tay, and in memory of Mary Matous and Mary Marusak donated by Donna Tay for the week of April 30-May 6.

Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary Dick.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 1

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
3:00 pm Divine Chaplet prayed in Church
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

Monday, May 2

7:00 pm Catholic Daughters Meeting/KC Hall

Tuesday, May 3

5-7 pm St. John Parish Library is open/Rm 106
7:00 pm Baptism Class for May/Rm 101 Compound
7:00 pm Women of Grace Session/Cafeteria
7:00 pm Pastoral Advisory Meeting/Conference Rm

Wednesday, May 4

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

Thursday, May 5

7:00 pm *That Man is You* Session/Room 103/104

Friday, May 6

First Friday Devotions after the 12:05 pm Mass

Saturday, May 7

7:00 am *That Man is You* Session/Room 103-104
7:00 am *Women of Grace* Session/IHOP
 First Saturday Devotions after the 8:00 am Mass

3:30 pm Confessions

Sunday, May 8—Mother's Day

Blessing of Mothers during all Masses

No Religious Education or EDGE today

3:00 pm Baptisms/Church

No 5 pm Life Teen Mass or Life Night

HYMNS FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

532 Sing of the Lord's Goodness
 447 Easter Alleluia
 616 Eye Has Not Seen
 457 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS BY TABERNACLE THIS WEEKEND

The 2 lovely flower arrangements gracing the Tabernacle this weekend are in memory of Pat Roberts and Edward Zhanel donated by Marian Zhanel. May God bless you for this gift.

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 23 & 24

St. John Church Easter Collection	\$ 26,504.21
Holy Thursday Collection	1,690.01
Good Friday Collection	747.58
Epiphany Mission Collection	992.91

BAPTISM CLASS ON TUESDAY

Baptism Class will be on Tuesday, May 3, at 7:00 pm in Room 101 in the compound. This class is for parents and Godparents who haven't attended a class in the past year. The Baptism application and fee **must** be submitted to the business office before attending this class.

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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MAY MEETING

The Catholic Daughters will meet on Monday, May 2nd, 7:00 pm at the KC hall dining room. The month of May is dedicated to all mothers, and the May meeting will be dedicated to our Blessed Mother. The meeting will begin with praying the Rosary and the May crowning of the Blessed Mother. CDA local scholarship winners will be announced, and information from the State CDA convention will be discussed. CDA members are asked to attend this meeting honoring Mary, our Blessed Mother. Feel free to bring a guest. Any Catholic woman interested in becoming a Catholic Daughter is also invited to attend.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY ROADWORK

Work has begun on the new concrete road and other street repairs. Please drive carefully while visiting the cemetery and observe any road closures. Thank you for your help and cooperation. 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 office if you would like to make a donation. 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

The Altar Society would like to thank everyone who donated towards the Easter flowers that made our sanctuary so lovely.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, May 7

5:00 pm Tyler Dennie/Joseph Baird

Sunday, May 8

7:30am Matt Zajic/Dylan Fisher/Josh Zapletal

10:30 am Cooper Gillespie/Chris Trojacek/David Janousek

No 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass because of Mother's Day

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Adolph F. Novy, Brianna Escamilla, Wilma Holt, Domingo Galban, Paulette Prokop, James Anderson, Lupe Alvarez, David Perdue, Tony Harrison, Stella Tobola, Lisa Marklund, Kenneth Langlely, Tom Johnson, Elvia Sanchez, Silas Flack, Helen Dlabaj, Luran Moran, Adell Vrzalik, Alfred Martinez, Viola Dlabaj, Helen Zmolek, Donna Wright, Georgie Galetka, Robert Strunc, Ninfa Carrillo, Gary Kidder, F.E. Hoefler Jr., Randy Ruffin, Frances Pleiner, Cecelia Blazek, Maria Manriquez, Mary Moreno, Joy Dlabaj, Raul Partida, Mary Pat Clements, Bessie E. Laznovsky, Wanda Slovak, Billy Coplen, Nolen Dockery, Earlene Slovak, Bernard Betik, Johnny Mensik, James Pustejovsky, Frankie Joe Patak, Steve Betik, Betty Rogala, Evelyn Dlabaj and Ruphine Patak.

St. John Parishioners—

Help us welcome those who participated in RCIA this year more fully into our parish! This Easter season, come meet them and get to know them while sharing fellowship, coffee and donuts, and your faith with them. Brief talks will be given to help us all to know more about our Faith. It'll be great—come and see!

- Welcome others into the Parish
- Fellowship
- Coffee and Donuts
- Learn about the Faith

Sundays, 8:45-10:15 AM
Starting May 15
Room 103-104 (Compound)
Come and go as you please.

FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction will follow the 12:05 pm Mass on Friday, May 6. Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, the Rosary and Benediction will follow the 8:00 am Mass on Saturday, May 7.

ALTAR CARE FOR MAY 7 & 14
 Diane Liska Geraldine Spaniel



EPIPHANY CATHOLIC MISSION

SPRING FESTIVAL

The Epiphany Mission Spring Festival will be in two weeks, 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, Folkloric 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.

12 to 15 men are needed to help set up the tents, etc. on Saturday, May 14, at 8:30 am.

Parishioners, bring your cakes, cold drinks and **cooked** briskets to the festival on the morning of May 15. If you are donating **raw** (uncooked) briskets, bring them to the church hall on May 1 or May 8, in the morning.

Plan now to come and bring your whole family and all your friends for good wholesome fun.



THANK YOU TO WILLIAM A. FRIDEL TRUST

Thank you to the William A. Fridel Trust for its annual contribution of interest, this year being \$332.74. The Trust was established in 2004 to continue indefinitely, in which St. John Church was named a beneficiary.

We are grateful to be remembered in Mr. Fridel's Will, and to any of our parishioners who wish to do so, for the church or the cemetery.

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 of the Czech Republic 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. Or email: danny.zapletal@leggett.com

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



DIVINE CHAPLET TODAY

The Divine Chaplet will be prayed this afternoon at 3:00 pm in the church. Special prayers will be recited for the gift of mercy from our Lord. Bring your rosary if you wish.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS

The Miracle Prayer which, if said faithfully, no matter how you feel and when you reach the point where you sincerely mean every word with all your heart, will bring about spiritual depth, growth and an understanding of the Love and Mercy of Jesus. You will experience Jesus and HE will change your whole life in a very special way.

There is a special prayer which can be said at three o'clock especially for those who are dying. Beg Jesus at this hour to have mercy on all the poor souls who are about to die so that they may go to heaven. No greater act of mercy can you pray for.

Three O'Clock Prayer to the Divine Mercy

You expired, O Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. Amen

Prayer for Mercy for the Souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home and within my own family. Amen

Divine Mercy Direct Me Prayer

Eternal God, goodness itself, whose mercy is incomprehensible to every intellect, whether human or angelic, help me, your feeble child, to do Your holy will as You make it known to me. I desire nothing but to fulfill God's desires. Lord, here is my soul and my body, my mind and my will, my heart and all my love. Direct me according to Your eternal plan. Amen.

Jesus to St. Faustina:

I desire trust from My Creatures. Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy. Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all will be drowned in the immeasurable depths of My mercy.

St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938)

Timeline

August 25, 1905—Helen Kowalska is born in Poland

1912—Helen hears call to religious life for the first time

August 1, 1925—She is accepted to the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy

April 30, 1926— She receives her habit and new name: Sister Maria Faustina

February 22, 1932—Sister Faustina sees a vision of Jesus who tells her to paint a picture according to the pattern she sees

Sister Faustina has visions of Jesus until her death in **1938**

April 30, 2000—Sister Faustina is canonized in Rome by Pope John Paul II

Pope John Paul II declares the Second Sunday of Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday

Saint Faustina is the first saint canonized in the new millennium

Jesus, I trust in You!

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!

(limited spots available)



Calendar

5:00 pm Mass & Life Night May 1

May 8—no Life Teen Mass or Life Night

Food for the Soul & D-Nite –May 4

Questions: Contact Joey at 972-878-8336 or
joeys@stjohncc.net

Baccalaureate Mass

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

If you would like your name in
the program please contact
Joey asap!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

COLLINS CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Collins Catholic School Registration 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 the Ennis and Malakoff areas. If you are interested, please visit www.CollinsCatholicSchool.com or call 903-872-1751 to speak with the principal, Miss Starek.

PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

St. John Pastoral Advisory Council will meet on Tuesday, May 3, at 7:00 pm in the conference room. New members are needed.

BACCALAUREATE MASS

The Baccalaureate Mass for all 2011 high school graduates of our parish will be Sunday, May 22, at 5:00 pm. A group photo will be taken at 4:00 pm. If you want your name in the program, let Joey know as soon as possible. Call Joey for more information, or to help, 972-878-8336 joey@stjohncc.net

ST. JOHN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

St. John Alumni Association will award 2 college scholarships, one for a 2011 high school graduate who is the child/grandchild of a previous St. John School graduate, and the other to an adult who has been out of high school for at least one year, is a graduate or the child/grandchild of a St. John graduate and is entering or returning to college or vocational school for additional education. Previous Alumni scholarship recipients are ineligible to apply. Each scholarship is worth \$2,500. Applications may be picked up at Main Street Hardware, 201 SW Main St., 972-875-2721, from Gladys Zapletal, or an electronic copy can be obtained by emailing stjohnalumni@hotmail.com. Please include your full name in the email and for which scholarship you are applying. **Applications must be post-marked by Friday, May 6, 2011, and sent to P. O. Box 516, Ennis, Texas 75120**

FLOWER MEMORIALS FOR WEEKENDS

Sanctuary flower arrangements for weekends with no weddings are being taken in honor or memory of someone. Call Evelyn Zmolik at 972-875-2791.