



MONDAY, MAY 7

No 6:30 am Mass this morning

- 12:05 pm Mary Pat Clements +
- 6:30 pm Austin Jay and John Zabochnik ++

TUESDAY, MAY 8

- 6:30 am Mark Hejny +
- 12:05 pm John White +
- 7:00 pm Confirmation Mass for Candidates

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

- 6:30 am Julia Pochobradsky +
- 12:05 pm Alfred Holy +
- 6:30 pm Cecilia Blazek +

THURSDAY, MAY 10—St. Damien Joseph

- 6:30 am Duane Dolezalik +
- 12:05 pm Victor Trojacek +
- 6:30 pm Ysidro Castillo +

FRIDAY, MAY 11

- 6:30 am Annie & Joe Martinek ++
- 12:05 pm George W. Zhanel +

SAT., MAY 12—Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, Pancras (Martyrs)

- 5:00 pm Ascension Partida +

6th SUNDAY of EASTER, MAY 13

- 7:00 am Mother's Day Novena
- 11:00 am Mary Novak Pinkert +
- 1:00 pm Socorro Fernandez +
- 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Deceased Members Catholic Workman KD & FCSLA

LITURGIES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

- Sunday, May 6, 9:00 am Catherine Elfrink +
- Sunday, May 13, 9:00 am Ma. Guadalupe Ramirez +

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, May 7, at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. All members are urged to attend.

SPONSOR OF WEEK: RICK CEPAK



Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

What a gift Mother Church gives us in this celebration for fifty days, of the great Season of Easter! Even after we spend fifty days each year of our lives, contemplating the meaning of Easter, we still can't fully comprehend the gift He has given us, until we arrive in Heaven!

Even if we stop over in Purgatory, we then know the real meaning of life and what the important priorities are. This is why the prayers of the folks in Purgatory, for us, are so important. They now "know" what we should really be spending our time and effort on while we are here on earth. So they pray fervently that we come to know the Truth and give our lives to living our Catholic Faith. They don't want us to make the same mistakes they made and delay our entry into Heaven!

Once again, this Sunday, Jesus speaks to us in plain and simple terms. He says plainly and bluntly to each of us, ". . . without me you can do nothing." You can't get much plainer or simpler than that! And He even explains by simple analogy how we are to include Him in our lives. He explains that He is the vine and each of us is a branch on the vine. If the branch is broken off of the vine we all know that it will not receive the nourishment or life it needs and will dry up and die.

Each branch, in order to live and grow, must receive everything from the vine. So too, in order to have good and fruitful lives, we must receive all knowledge and direction from Jesus and His Church. So, we listen closely to the Scripture that the Church has selected for us to hear during the Easter Season. We grow excited about the promised gift of the Holy Spirit and examine our own relationship with Him.

Let us in a special way, this weekend, as we honor our patron, Saint John Nepomucene, with our May Festival, ask him to pray that we too have the same intensity of Faith that took him to foreign lands to proclaim Jesus and His Catholic Church!

A Blessed Easter Season to each of you!
Love and Prayers,

Father John
Pastor

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in our area will be June 29-July 1. More info, visit: www.dfwme.org or call Angelo & Shanna Nasche, 972-317-2400

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 6

8:00am-8:00pm Cinco de Mayo Festival on the Ball Field
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
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass (No Life Night)

Monday, May 7

7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting/Conference Rm
7:00 pm Catholic Daughters Meeting/KC Dining Room

Tuesday, May 8

9:00 am Golden Crusaders Social & Meeting/Cafeteria
 The St. John Library will be closed on Tuesdays from now on
7:00 pm Apologetics Class/Room 301 High School
7:00 pm Confirmation Mass with Bishop Kevin Farrell

Wednesday, May 9

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

Thursday, May 10

7-8:15 pm EDGE for 6th-8th Grades in Cafeteria
7:30 pm Safe Environment Re-Training/Room 201

Saturday, May 12

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, May 13—Mother's Day

No Religious Education Classes because of Mother's Day
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 (No Life Night)

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. Orders for pictures will be taken at that time also. Please wear your cap and gown. Email Joey Scancelli by May 11 the name of your graduate and how many are attending the reception. joeys@stjohncc.net



EPIPHANY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Epiphany Pastoral Council meets Wed., May 16, 7:30 pm in church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School theme 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 have been sent home with the RE students. Extra forms can be picked up at the church office. **We need volunteers!** If you can help, pick up a volunteer form at the church office or 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 all classes. For a list of participating products, stop by the office or the RE front desk. Drop off labels here too. Any questions, call Stacy Gallegos at 972-875-9650.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS THIS WEEKEND

The two beautiful flower arrangements by the Tabernacle this weekend, May 5/6, are in loving memory of Agnes, Joe M., and Jodie Horak donated by Alene Eggers.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 6

Entrance: #613 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
 Offertory: #456 Now the Green Blade Rises
 Communion: #809 I Received the Living God
 Recessional: #544 Sing a New Song

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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT RETRAINING SESSION

There will be a Safe Environment retraining session on Thursday, May 10, at 7:30 pm in Room 201 for all volunteers in our ministries whose training expires in May or June. Pictures will be taken of those volunteers who want a new picture for their ID badges.

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light is in memory of Hattie Moucka donated by Ronnie & Susan Zmolek for the week of May 5-11.

GOLDEN CRUSADERS MEETING

The St. John Golden Crusaders will hold their monthly games and meeting day on Tuesday, May 8, in the cafeteria. Everyone 55 years and older are always welcomed. A-N, bring sides & O-Z, desserts.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Loretta Dlabaj, Willie Dlabaj, Martina Ortiz, Rosie Mach, Ronnie Garcia, Ruby Janicek, John Castillo, Millie Trojacek, Lisette Villela, Genevive Torres, 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, Don Tubbs, Patsy Odlozil, Nathan Gunn, Shelly Keilers, Hannah Rejeck, Stanley J. Liska, Helen Patak, Betty Rogala, Wilma Zhanel, Betty and Brandi Schlottman, Leo Rejeck, Diana Chapman, Inez Fira, Frankie Joe Patak, 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

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 28/29

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 17,844.99
St. John Charity Fund Collection	2,432.85
Epiphany Church Support Collection	\$ 881.60
Epiphany Catholic Home Missions Collections	148.71

May Parish Carnival



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



Parish **Carnival, May 5 & 6** to raise funds

You are all invited!

Saturday, May 5 3:00-9:00 pm and
Sunday, May 6 8:00 am-8:00 pm

*Live music, authentic Mexican food, Games
Raffle drawing about 6:45 pm Sunday
Folkloric dancing and plenty more family entertainment*

There will be a **St. John Queen Crowning Contest** on Sunday at 6:30 pm
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.

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
- 1—\$500 VISA gift card
- 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus, whom our new Tabernacle holds, is both the Lamb of God and the Word of God as depicted on the door of the Tabernacle.

The seven seals represent the Seven Sacraments through which Jesus comes to us and brings us His grace.



Congratulations to all those who received their First Holy Communion on April 29!

Giovani Aguinaga	Aline Garcia	Lucio Leija	Matthew Prachyl
Sabrina Alvarado	Diego Gomez	Yair Leija	Gustavo Ramos
Lisly Armendariz	Elena Gonzalez	Samantha Liska	Nathan Rankin
Karen Arriaga	Eric Gonzalez	Jonathan Lopez	Juan Saldana
Emily Barrientos	Kennedy Haden	Jose Lopez	Katelyn Turner
Keily Barrientos	Janessa Hernandez	Juan Nava	Jordan Vargas
Cassandra Chavez	Maricela Hernandez	Ethan Niedert	Krista Vasquez
Edwardo Chavez	Daniel Janousek	Dylan Ozymy	Dylan Villaseñor
Noe Chavez	Jordan Jenkins	Samantha Pechacek	Julian Villaseñor
Steven Espino	Lorenzo Leija	Cade Pool	

Anyone who has been through CRHP formation and is interested in becoming a member of the men's & women's CRHP Teams that are taking **Christ Renews His Parish** to Immaculate Conception in Corsicana should contact the following for more information:

CRHP Away Teams

Men's Team Contact:

Brad Evans
972-816-9611
bradleymevans@yahoo.com
Retreat: August 5-6

Women's Team Contact:

Joni Keach
214-536-5543
eyerish33@yahoo.com
Retreat: August 11-12

LIFE TEEN



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

SUMMER FUN

Summer fun is just around the corner and we are all anxiously awaiting its arrival. One of my fondest memories as a kid was spending all day in the streets with my siblings and friends playing stickball until my mom would literally drag us inside. My summers now look very different as a working man, and a father preparing for a child to be born in October. Although the days of playing stickball in the streets are gone, I believe that Christ still calls us especially during the summer to conversion and fun.



Summer is a time of relaxation, but not from our faith, it is actually a time to dig deeper in our faith and grow spiritually. We need to take advantage of the unique opportunities summer provides us with to evangelize our faith. Whether it is a family reunion, pool party, or wedding, we are called to share our faith at all times. Look at where Jesus first public miracle took place.....at a wedding! I pray that you and I have the courage to evangelize to others this summer in all different settings! Happy almost summer!

Peace In Christ, Joey Scancella

Weekly Events

Sunday 5/6

LIFE TEEN Mass, NO LIFE NIGHT- May Festival

Wednesday 5/9

Food for the Soul-6:30am Mass & free breakfast, D-Nite 7pm-8:30pm in the cafeteria

Thursday 5/10

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

Sunday 5/13

LIFE TEEN Mass-5pm NO LIFE NIGHT-Happy Mother's Day

Wednesday 5/16

Food for the Soul-6:30am Mass & free breakfast, D-Nite 7pm-8:30pm in the cafeteria

Thursday 5/17

EDGE -6th-8th Grade 7pm-8:15pm End of year Party

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MAY MEETING

Catholic Daughters will meet Monday, May 7, at 7:00 pm in the KC dining room. To honor our Blessed Mother, a rosary will be prayed with a traditional May crowning. Local CDA scholarship winners will be announced. CDA members are selling raffle tickets for a quilt lovingly stitched by Eleanora Pelzel to benefit the local scholarship fund. Drawing will be at June meeting. Contact a CDA member for raffle tickets. Members are asked to bring a baby item for the "baby shower" for the Women Resource Center of Ellis County. A WRC representative will be present to give updated information of their services. Members present will vote for officers for a two year term. All members are urged to attend this important meeting and guests are most welcome.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY REMINDER

Just a reminder that during this mowing season, no flowers or **any** type of objects are allowed on the ground around the graves and easements in the cemetery. The caretaker has the right to remove and discard anything that gets in the way of maintenance. **Not allowed on graves: no glass of any kind, toys, solar lights, ironwork, plants, marbles, vases, wind chimes, iron/wood crosses, no outlining the graves with items, or anything else that one can think of.** Thank you for your cooperation and consideration of neighboring plots.

ST. JOHN ROSARY GUILD MEETINGS

St. John Rosary Guild will meet at William Becker's home, 908 S. Mulberry, on the Thursdays of May 10 & 17. Join them any time between 6:00 and 8:00 pm. They really need new members to provide rosaries for special groups in our parish. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl at 469-337-3497.

ALTAR SOCIETY GIFT SHOP

The Religious Items Shop has gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, First Communion and Graduation. Check them out!

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, May 12

5:00 pm Nate Allen/Tyler Dennie

Sunday, May 13

7:00 am Zachary Matous/Aaron Rejcek/Tyler Novy

11:00 am Tyler Gilmore/Austin Spaniel/Chris Trojacek

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Josh Zapletal/Grant Vrana

LEVELING HEADSTONES IN CEMETERY

If you know of a headstone in St. Joseph Cemetery that needs leveling and you are willing to pay to fix it, please contact Helen Yarbrough at the parish business office, 972-878-2834. The location will be referred to the proper authority to determine a cost estimate. No work will be done until estimate is given to you and cost is paid up front.