



Masses For The Week

MONDAY, JUNE 25

No 6:30 am Mass today

12:05 pm Father's Day Novena

6:30 am Jenny Granado +

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

6:30 am Dorothy & Miles Strunc ++

12:05 pm Jimmy Bursleson +

6:30 pm Aurora Yopez +

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27—St. Cyril of Alexandria

6:30 am Lolly Brady Perales +

12:05 pm Ab John, Helen and A.A. Sulak +++

6:30 pm Robert Martinez Sr. +

THURSDAY, JUNE 28—St. Irenaeus, Bishop

No Masses today

12:05 pm Communion Service

6:30 pm Spanish Communion Service

FRIDAY, JUNE 29—Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

6:30 am Johnny Mensik +

12:05 pm Tony & Nacha Zapata ++

SAT., JUNE 30—First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church

5:00 pm Ella Marusak +

SUN., JULY 1—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Patsy A. Blazek +

11:00 am Will A. & Mary E. Prachyl ++

1:00 pm Jose Antonio Victorino +

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Louis & Georgie Kozlovsky ++

ALTAR CARE FOR JUNE 30

Betty Macalik

LITURGIES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sunday, June 24, 9:00 am Cyrill & Christine Svreck ++

Sun., July 1, 9:00 am San Juana Suarez/Ana Maria Flores ++

MOWING AT ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

The caretaker for St. Joseph Cemetery has the right and **will pick up all items on the ground** in order to mow and maintain graves.

Please, pick up whatever you want to keep (from your space) and take it home. Please help to keep our cemetery neat and clean. Thank you for your cooperation.

SPONSOR OF WEEK: K.J.T. CATHOLIC UNION



Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

I am writing this message on Wednesday morning, June 20th. Tomorrow, here in the United States, we begin as Roman Catholics to observe the "Fortnight for Freedom" declared by our U. S. Bishops. For all Americans, especially as we approach a National Election, this is a very important event. A "fortnight" is a unit of time, equal to fourteen days, or two weeks. This term is uncommon here in the United States, where we would use the term, "biweekly," for the same unit of time. However, in Britain or other English speaking countries, it is a common term. For example, in Britain many wages, salaries and Social Security benefits are paid on a fortnightly basis.

This is to be a "Fortnight for Freedom," a time of prayer for fourteen days leading up to the Fourth of July. This is a special time for us, as Americans, each year as we prepare to celebrate our Freedom on the Fourth of July with parades, family gatherings, fireworks, speeches, fairs and music.

If we want this celebration to continue in the future generations, we must remain a nation of religious liberty, one of the most basic freedoms established in this country. Many generations have suffered, fought and died to make Religious Liberty an ongoing freedom in the United States of America.

Blessed Pope John Paul II, when he visited Baltimore in 1995 spoke these words: "The challenge facing you, dear friends, is to increase people's awareness of the importance for society of religious freedom; to defend that freedom against those who would take religion out of the public domain and establish secularism as American's official faith."

The warning contained in these words is becoming more and more urgent. We need to act to prevent the further erosion of religious liberty in our nation. In our country, our cities, our families it seems that "secularism" is the fastest growing "religion."

Please join with all Americans in helping to preserve our religious liberty by prayer. I encourage everyone to pray individually, as families and parish. We should each set aside a special time each day to gather and pray to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We need increased daily awareness of the importance of this issue, for us, and future generations of Americans. See you in Church!

Love and Prayers,
Father John, Pastor

GUADALUPE RADIO PRESENTATION

The Guadalupe Radio Network, KATH 910 & KJON 850 AM, invites you to come hear "No Price too High", the incredible testimony of one of America's best known converts to the Catholic faith. Former Pentecostal pastor turned Catholic evangelist Deacon Alex Jones will be the keynote speaker at the 4th Annual Summer Speaker Series event on Thursday, July 19th at the Frontiers of Flight Museum in Dallas. Tickets are \$45 and include food and beverages. Proceeds support Catholic Radio in North Texas. Visit www.grnonline.com for information or call KATH 910 AM General Manager Dave Palmer at 214-951-0132, ext. 1.

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 24

Second collection for Peter's Pence

8:30-10:45 am St. John Library open/Rm 106 compound

3:00 pm Baptisms/Church

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Monday, June 25

6:30-9:00 pm Vacation Bible School every night this week

Tuesday, June 26

7:00 pm Apologetics Class/Room 301 High School

Wednesday, June 27

12:05 pm *Food for the Soul* and lunch after Mass

4:00-8:00 pm KC Blood Drive/KC (see notice)

7:30 pm KC #1353 Meeting/KC

Saturday, June 30

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, July 1

Second collection for Capital Improvements Fund

8:30-10:45 am St. John Library open/Rm 106 Compound

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 24

Entrance: Baptized in Water #797

Offertory: My Soul in Stillness Waits #336

Communion: At That First Eucharist #840

Recessional: To the Lord the Almighty #536

HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE

For those who homeschool their children: The Immaculate Heart of Mary North Texas Homeschool and Parent Conference will be held at the Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way in Arlington, Friday, July 27(2-8pm) and Saturday, July 28 (9am-4pm). Speakers include: Fr. Joseph Mary Brown, Fr. Paul Weinberger, Dale Ahlquist, Laura Berquist and Virginia Seuffert. Pre-register discount before July 20. Pre-register online, by phone or mail. Call 540-636-1946 or www.ihmconference.org

WHY SHOULD I VOTE?

Does the Church tell me whom I should vote for? No. The Church does not tell us whom to vote for. It does not endorse an official list of candidates or tell us which party Catholics should join. Instead, Catholics are to use their judgment and follow their consciences as they apply the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and the core values of their faith to the choices they make in the voting booth.

As Catholics who follow the "challenging call to discipleship," we need to evaluate the issues and candidates in the light of our Catholic faith. Then we are challenged to live out our faith by getting actively involved—by voting and engaging in other civic activities. (More on Catholic voting in future bulletins.)

COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE 16 & 17

St. John Church Support Collection \$16,900.08

2nd Collection for CRHP 1,638.96

Epiphany Church Support Collection 787.40

TIME for
VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School theme this year is "*A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments: Jesus in My Heart*," to be held June 25-29 from 6:30-9:00 **pm**. Cost: \$30 for first child and \$10 each for additional children, same household. A VBS t-shirt is included in the cost. Donations are being taken also, to help the kids who would love to attend but can't afford the fee. If you're cleared with Safety Environment and can volunteer to help, check with Stacy Gallegos on Monday morning.

KC BLOOD DRIVE ON WEDNESDAY

The Knights of Columbus will host a Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 27, at the KC Hall, from 4:00-8:00 pm.

No appointment needed.

Call Kevin Betik, 972-825-7016, if you have any questions.



**Give Blood.
Give Life.**

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

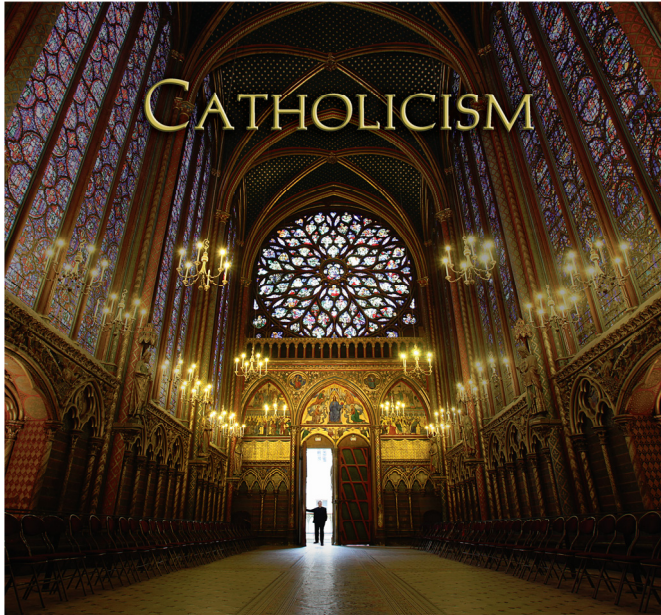
Second collection this weekend is for the Peter's Pence collection to support the charitable works of the Holy Father and provide emergency assistance to those most in need, including victims of oppression, natural disaster, and war. Thank you for your support.

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light is in memory of Joe A., Mary C., Joe S., Mary A., Edwin G., Lillie Ann, Wesley W., and Brodwynne Patak donated by Evelyn Patak for the week of June 23-29.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Jimmy Garcia Sr., Don Meyer, Paul Langley, Sister Genevieve Prochaska, James Cerny, Joe W. Spaniel, Mary Ann & Johnnie Hajek, Janie Langley, James Anderson, Rick Sparkman, Jose Luis Salazar, Florinda Smith, Josie and Raymond Castillo, Gabriel Acevedo, David Trojacek, Loretta Dlabaj, Celeste Johnson, Margie Patak, Marc Forr, Mildred Wickliffe, Willie Dlabaj, Martina Ortiz, Rosie Mach, Ronnie Garcia, Ruby Janicek, John Castillo, Millie Trojacek, Lisette Villela, Genevieve Torres, Joe and John Schleich, Mary Hejny, Frankie Gonzalez, Clara Miller, Claudio Amador Jr., Betty Coker, Graciela Monreal, Natividad Cedillo, Coye Ferguson, Georgie Hejny, Stewart Hill, Rene Monreal, Adele Krajca, Bernard Betik, Hannah Rejcek, Stanley J. Liska, Helen Patak, Betty Rogala, Wilma Zhanel, Brandi Schlottman, Leo Rejcek, Inez Fira, Frankie Joe Patak, Ninfa Carrillo, Maria Manriquez, Ruphine Patak, Lauren Moran, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Helen Matous, Steve Betik, James Pustejovsky, Jerry Dolezal, Alfred Martinez, Rosa Sanchez, Helen Zmolek, Gary Kidder, Raul Partida



CATHOLICISM

Catholicism Series

Come join us for the magnificently produced *Catholicism* series of videos.

You do not need to have seen the first episode to enjoy this one. Come to the ones you can, and be awed by your faith.

Episode 3 will be shown:

Wednesday, July 11

7:15 PM

Room 103-104 in the Compound

There will be no videos on June 27 and July 4 due to Vacation Bible School and the 4th of July Holiday.



We are excited to announce an addition to our exciting CD ministry here at St. John Nepomucene called the Lighthouse Catholic Media *CD of the Month Club*:

In the back of the church, we will have a beautiful wooden kiosk that holds 9 CDs, audio recordings of inspiring talks on various topics of Catholic life. But we are also offering you an opportunity to get more inspirational Catholic CDs mailed to your home each month that will build up your faith in God and give you inspiration in your life.

These CDs cover topics like: *How to Get More Out of the Mass*, *How to Live with Purpose and Passion*, *How to Answer the Most Common Questions Catholics are Asked*, *How to Get Through the Hurts of Life*. We have the best speakers in the world, people such as Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Dr. Scott Hahn, and Matthew Kelly.

The most important thing is to know Jesus Christ. These wonderful CDs will inspire you to fall in love more and more with Jesus Christ and His Church. The cost for your inspirational CD each month is only \$5. A portion of that money will go back to our parish. There is no risk because you can cancel your subscription at any time.

Please seriously consider joining the Catholic CD Club and start having these wonderful CDs mailed to you each month that will give you the inspiration you need to live life with passion and peace. You can also register online at www.lighthousecatholicmedia/p/cdclub. Please use promo code 101606 to ensure that our parish receives credit. You will also have the opportunity to register after Mass in a few weeks. Questions - call Seth Wright at the Parish Office.

**Join with Catholics
around the USA praying
for Religious Freedom.**

More information on the
Fortnight for Freedom is
available on the Parish website.

JUNE 21 to JULY 4, 2012



**FORTNIGHT
FOR FREEDOM**



FORTNIGHT4FREEDOM.ORG

Events at St. John Nepomucene:

- **Prayer for Religious Freedom:**
**30 minutes of prayer for Religious Freedom
will take place after each of the Masses the
weekend of June 30-July 1.**
- **Talk on Religious Freedom:**



**“God and Government:
Our Current Situation and the
Examples of the Saints”**

Monday, July 2

7:15 PM

Cafeteria

CATHOLIC ANSWERS FORUM

Why do we pray to saints for intercession?

A fellow gets a job moving product around by hand. Some items are easy, others are heavier, more bulky and difficult. He sees the other guys working and determines to do as well. Of course it takes time for him to build up his strength. The foreman and an experienced worker sees how diligently he works and each tries to help in whatever way is appropriate. It takes a few months but soon enough the new guy is moving product as well as everyone else.

The above example speaks to physical strength and development as well as mental determination and commitment. Our **Spiritual** strength is really no different. When we begin our journey we are small and weak. God and the saints, by example as well as by intercession, try to help us along—but we must strive to build up our own strength. This is a gradual process and we never really know if we ever reach our full potential...we just keep striving. So think of the Saints as like “co-workers”(in the vineyard) always willing to lend a hand—but also always beckoning us on to greater sanctity. Everyone has a patron saint—don’t be afraid to ask for their help.

LIFE TEEN NEWS

Sunday 6/24 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

6/27 Wed. 12:05 pm *Food for the Soul* and lunch after Mass

Life Teen returns today from the Steubenville South Conference/Retreat. Please pray for all of our teens that God will guide them and grant them every virtue that they need in their lives.

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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.

NATURAL FAMILY SPACING

To find out more about Natural Family Spacing (Planning), visit: www.ccli.org

CARTER BLOOD CARE BLOOD DRIVE

CarterBloodCare will hold a Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 10, from 12:00-5:00 pm at the Ennis Regional Hospital. Get a gift certificate for a free pint of Blue Bell ice cream and be entered to win some very nice prizes. More details in upcoming bulletins.

Contact: Jeanna Gilmore, 972-875-0900 for more information.

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 find it difficult to 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.

ALTAR SOCIETY GIFT SHOP

The Religious Items Shop has gifts for First Communion, Graduation and any other event. The shop is located in the church annex. For nice gifts, stop by and check them out!

ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not paid your Altar Society dues yet and would like to do so, or, if you would like to become an Altar Society member, you can pay your dues at the Religious Items counter after the weekend Masses. Membership dues are \$15 per year. Thank you for supporting our Altar Society.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, June 30

5:00 pm Austin Spaniel/Tyler Dennie

Sunday, July 1

7:00 am Tyler Novy/Nate Allen/Dylan Fisher

11:00 am Aaron Rejcek/Joseph Baird/Tyler Gilmore

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Alex Fry/Joseph Galetka/Alston Lawrence

ST. JOHN PICNIC IN SCHULENBURG

The annual 4th of July Picnic at St. John Parish, located 7026 FM 957, 6 miles S.W. of Schulenburg, TX, will be held Wednesday, July 4. Mass at 9:00 am, flag raising ceremony 10:00am; dinner at 10:30 am with stew, fried chicken and all the trimmings. Adults \$8 & children \$4.50. Auction at 12:30 pm Free dance with music begins 10:30 am with the Shiner Hobo Band, the Dujka Brothers and the Red Ravens. Raffle 8:00pm. Everybody welcome! Visit the website at:

<http://www.StJohnFourthofJulyPicnic.com>