



Masses For The Week

MONDAY, JULY 2

No 6:30 am Mass today

12:05 pm John F. Kubin + and His Living Family

6:30 am Louis A. & Lillian Slovak ++

TUESDAY, JULY 3—St. Thomas, Apostle

6:30 am Brodwynne Patak +

12:05 pm Jos. & Barbora Vrla ++

6:30 pm No Mass—Spanish Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4—St. Elizabeth of Portugal

No Masses or Communion Services on this holiday

THURSDAY, JULY 5—St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria

No Masses today

12:05 pm Communion Service

6:30 pm Spanish Communion Service

FRIDAY, JULY 6—St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

No Masses today

12:05 pm Communion Service & First Friday Devotions

SATURDAY JULY 7

First Saturday Devotions after the 8:00 am Mass

8:00 am William Vavra +

5:00 pm Joe S./Mary/Joe L. Liska +++

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 8

7:00 am Julius Kocurek +

11:00 am Amber Almand + and Judy Almond +

1:00 pm Sebastian Cerda +

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Elnora Bowers +

GIVE-A-KID-A-CHANCE PROGRAM

To help with school supplies for the Give-a-Kid-a-Chance program, check their website: www.giveakidachance.com

LITURGIES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

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

Sunday, July 8, 9:00 am Special Intention for Romeo, Cari and Herlinda Jimenez

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: GARCIA PLUMBING



Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

I would encourage every one of us to slowly read and pray over the first reading for this Sunday's Liturgy. This reading from the Book of Wisdom very simply tells us who our God is and how much He loves us. Therefore, it is this God of Wisdom and Love that we need to have in our personal lives, our families, and our nation. To do this we must have the religious liberty to teach and practice our Catholic Faith.

“**The Vatican Synod declares** that the human person has a right to religious freedom. This freedom means that all men are to be immune from coercion on the part of individuals or of social groups and of any human power, in such wise that in matters religious no one is to be forced to act in a manner contrary to his own beliefs. Nor is anyone to be restrained from acting in accordance with his own beliefs, whether privately or publicly, whether alone or in association with others within due limits.

The Synod further declares that the right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person, as this dignity is known through the revealed Word of God and by reason itself. This right of the human person to religious freedom is to be recognized in the constitutional law whereby society is to be governed. Thus it is to become a civil right.”

*Declaration on Religious Liberty
(Dignitatis Humanae), No. 2
December 7, 1965*

Please continue to pray during this Fortnight For Freedom as we approach our national celebration of the Fourth of July, that we as Americans will continue to support the religious liberty of all people of faith.

See you in Church!

Love and Prayers,
Father John, Pastor

FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

There will be no Mass on the first Friday, July 6. However, the First Friday Devotions to Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction will follow the 12:05 pm Communion Service.

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, the Rosary and Benediction will follow the 8:00 am Mass on Saturday, July 7.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

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

Monday, July 2

No 6:30 am Mass today
7:15 pm Talk on Religious Freedom/Cafeteria

Tuesday, July 3

7:00 pm Baptism Class/Room 102 Compound

Wednesday, July 4

No Masses today—church will be locked for the holiday
 The Parish Business office will be closed for the holiday

Thursday, July 5

No Masses today and Friday
12:05 pm Communion Service (English)
6:30 pm Communion Service (Spanish)

Friday, July 6

12:05 pm Communion Service & 1st Friday Devotions
7:00 pm “The Way” Movie in Room 103 Compound

Saturday, July 7

8:00 am First Saturday Mass and Devotions
3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, July 8

8:30-10:45 am St. John Library open/Rm 106 compound
3:00 pm Baptisms/Church
3:30 pm Brown Scapular Info/Rm 101 compound
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 1

Entrance: Holy, Holy, Holy #483
 Offertory: O God, Almighty Father #485
 Communion: I Am the Bread of Life #822
 2nd Communion: Eat This Bread #806
 Recessional: Alleluia Sing to Jesus #826

STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES & FAMILIES

A Marriage and Family Conference co-sponsored by the Diocese of Fort Worth will be held on Saturday, July 28, at DFW Hyatt. Speakers include: Bishop Kevin Vann, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Steve Bollman, Greg & Julie Alexander, Dr. Edward Sri and many more. Also, a track for divorced, and tracks in Spanish. Cost: \$45 per person or \$75 per couple. Tickets can be purchased on diocesan website: www.fwdioc.org Or you can call the office of Marriage and Family Life for info: 817-560-3300 ext. 360

ALTAR CARE FOR JULY 7 & 14

Rose Marie Novy Irene Jurica

COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE 23 & 24

St. John Church Support Collection	\$16,195.89
Peter’s Pence Collection	1,007.80
Epiphany Church Support Collection	783.40
Peter’s Pence Collection	105.08

BAPTISM CLASS FOR JULY

The next Baptism class will be on Tuesday, July 3, at 7:00 pm in Room 102 in the compound. This class is for parents and Godparents who have not attended a mandatory class in the last year. Applications are available at the parish office and **must** be turned in to the office with the necessary paperwork and fee **before** attending the class. The teacher does not have the time to review applications and collect fees at class time.

CARTER BLOOD CARE BLOOD DRIVE

CarterBloodCare will hold a Blood Drive, Tuesday, July 10, from 12:00-5:00 pm in the Ennis Regional Hospital training room. When you give blood in July, you get a gift certificate for a free pint of Blue Bell ice cream. You’ll also be entered to win other sweet rewards, like a bed & breakfast getaway in Brenham and Sweet Seats at a Texas Rangers game. One lucky donor will receive a year’s supply of good ol’ Blue Bell! Give the gift of Life!! Contact: Jeanna Gilmore 972-875-0900 For details, go to greatamericangive.org

WHY SHOULD I VOTE?

So does the Church tell me whom I should vote for? No. The Church 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 voting.

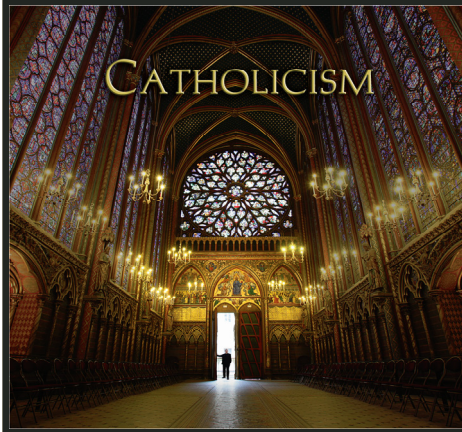
As Catholics who follow the “challenging call to discipleship,” we need to evaluate the issues and candidates in the light of our Catholic Faith. Then we are challenged to live out our faith by getting actively involved—by voting and engaging in other civic activities.

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light is in memory of Eugene, Mary Lou and Jeffrey Novy donated by Mark, Debbie, Tyler and Caitlyn Novy for the week of June 30-July 6.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Bill Sims, Marc Foor, Dora Cervantes, 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, Mildred Wickliffe, Willie Dlabaj, Martina Ortiz, 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, 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 Series

Come join us for the magnificently produced *Catholicism* series of videos. You do not need to have seen the first episodes to enjoy the others. 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 video on July 4 due to the holiday.

Inspirational Catholic CDs & Brochures are coming!

We are proud to present titles from **Lighthouse Catholic Media**. These CDs present a practical and effective program to help Catholics know their faith . . . to keep their faith! We all live busy, busy lives. Finding the time to learn about our faith can be difficult. But now, we are able to meet you where you are! Wherever you have a CD player available to you, in the car or at home, you can deepen your understanding and love for the Catholic faith.

Beginning next weekend, on the way into church, you will see a stand offering nine different CDs and three different brochures. These feature some of the most inspiring Catholic speakers -- bishops, priests, deacons and eminent Catholic lay men and women. The CDs and brochures will be available after every Mass. When these are gone -- they're gone. A new set with different titles and speakers will be ordered. We encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity... for yourselves *and* to share with others... friends and family members, Godchildren, college students...

CDs:

- 15 Things to Do in the Midst of Suffering** – by Jeff Cavins
- The Mass Explained** – by Fr. Larry Richards
- Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues** – by Fr. Robert Barron
- For Love and Marriage** – by Johnette Benkovic
- The Healing Power of Confession** – by Dr. Scott Hahn
- Anger and Forgiveness** – by Deacon Dr. Bob McDonald
- Becoming the Best Version of Yourself** – by Matthew Kelly
- Why a Protestant Pastor Became Catholic** – by Dr. Scott Hahn
- Finding the Fullness of Faith** – by Stephen Ray

Brochures:

- How to Make a Good Confession**
- How to Pray the Holy Rosary**
- Why Does the Church Teach That?**



We ask for a donation of \$3.00 per CD and \$.50 per brochure to help continue this program. Checks can be made payable to the parish. Donations will be used towards the purchase of additional materials.

Questions? Please call the parish office.

Get Enrolled in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel!

Come to an information session about the history of the Scapular, the Carmelite Order, and about the benefits of this wonderful devotion to Jesus through Our Lady of Mount Carmel. If you are interested in being enrolled, please come to the information session so we can order enough Scapulars for those who will be enrolled.

Information Session: Sunday, July 8,
3:30 PM, Room 101 in the Compound

Enrollment: Monday, July 16, Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
After 6:30 PM Mass, in the Church



**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
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**FORTNIGHT
FOR FREEDOM**
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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 this
weekend, 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

**St. John Nepomucene
Movie Event**

The Way

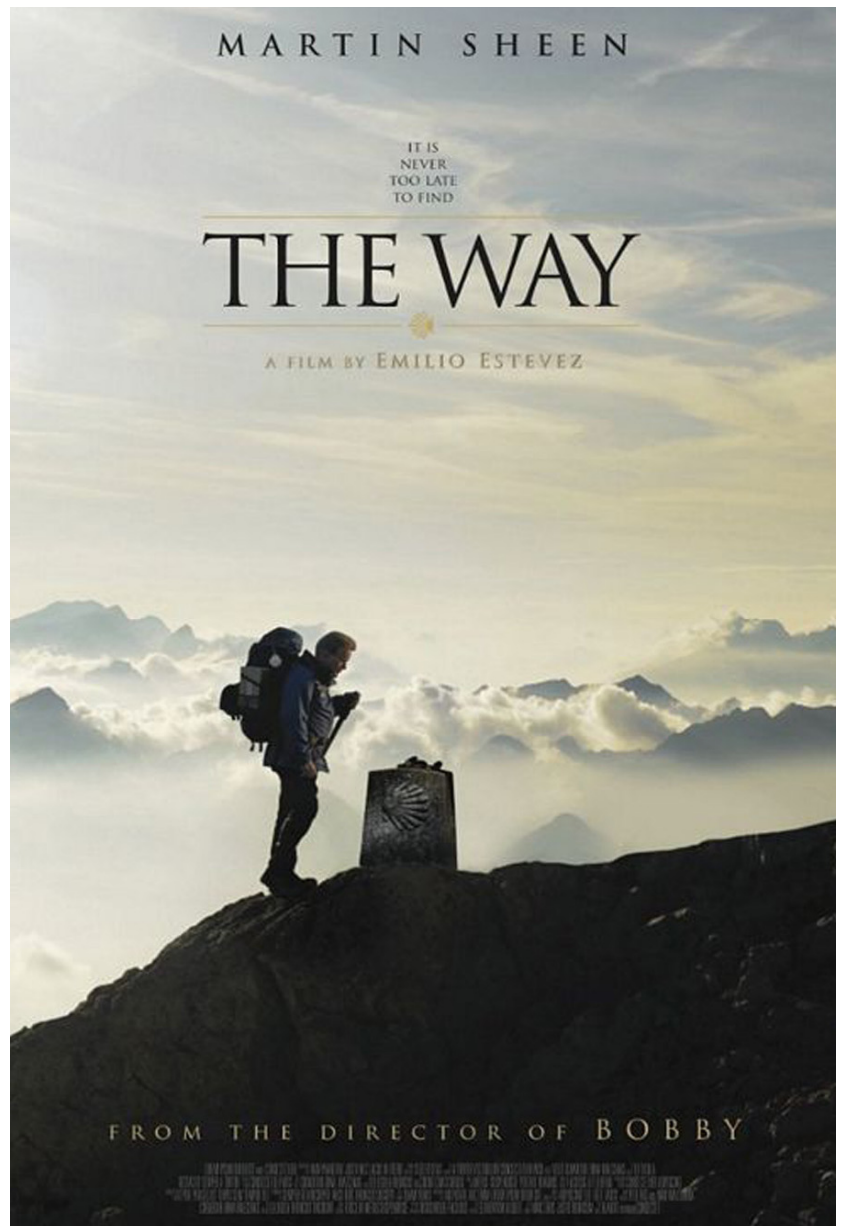
Starring Martin Sheen

Written and directed by Emilio Estevez

Come see a father's journey to know his lost son as he travels the ancient pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela.

This movie will be showing at
St. John Nepomucene
on Friday, July 6, at 7 PM
**in room 103-104 in the
Compound.**

Popcorn provided.
Childcare available.



CATHOLIC ANSWERS FORUM

Can a Catholic alcoholic receive the precious blood?

There is no Church legislation that would prevent an alcoholic from receiving the precious blood at Mass, but it is extremely unwise for someone suffering from alcoholism to do so. After transubstantiation occurs, the Eucharistic elements retain all the appearances of bread and wine; that is, they retain all the properties of bread and wine that are apparent to the human senses. If someone is allergic to wheat, consuming the host could cause him to become ill. If someone is addicted to alcohol, drinking the precious blood could trigger alcohol cravings.

It is also necessary to point out that Christ is fully present—body, blood, soul, and divinity—under the appearances of the bread *and* the wine. There is no need for you to receive from the chalice in order to make a complete Communion. You will receive Christ fully under the host alone.

LIFE TEEN NEWS

Sunday 7/1 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

No Food for the Soul on Wednesday, July 4 (no Masses on that holiday)

Sunday 7/8 5:00 Life Teen Mass

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FLOWERS FOR SANCTUARY

The lovely flower arrangements by the Tabernacle and both side altars last weekend, June 23/24, were donated anonymously.

On weekends with no weddings or special events, you can call Evelyn Zmolik to donate & schedule flower arrangements for the sanctuary. Her number is: 972-875-2791.

OFFICE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY

The parish business office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, for the holiday. We wish everyone a safe and blessed holiday.

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, July 7

5:00 pm Austin Spaniel/Tyler Dennie

Sunday, July 8

7:00 am Matt Zajic/Dylan Fisher/Nate Allen

11:00 am Joseph Baird/Tyler Gilmore/Chris Trojacek

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Alston Lawrence/Grant Vrana

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>