

MONDAY, JULY 18—St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

6:30 am Intentions of Confraternity of St. Peter

12:05 pm Louis Vavra + & Family and

Gladis Knotts Reschke +

6:30 pm Health of Thelma Collinsworth and

For the Souls in Purgatory

**TUESDAY, JULY 19** 

6:30 am Ella Marusak +

12:05 pm Joe W. Vitovsky + and

Edwin C. Trojacek +

Emilia & Joe Cervantes ++ and 6:30 pm(Spanish)

Maria Guadalupe/Victoriano/Martin Gonzalez +++

WED., JULY 20, St. Apollinaris, Bishop/Martyr

Health of Domingo Galban 6:30 am 12:05 pm F. L. Dick Harrison + and

Anna and Bertha Nekuza ++ 6:30 pm Stanley L. Vlk + and

Bill & Mary and Jo Ellen Vitovsky +++

THURSDAY, JULY 21—St. Lawrence of Brindisi

No 6:30 am Mass today

Emil Slovacek & Family + 12:05 pm

6:30 pm Spanish Sebastian Cerda +

FRIDAY, JULY 22—St. Mary Magdalene

Shirley Vrla Markus + 6:30 am

12:05 pm June Rose Zaidle + and

George Prachyl +

SATURDAY, JULY 23—St. Bridget of Sweden

Charlie & Ida Dolezal ++ and 5:00 pm

Ikev & Kathryn Parma ++

17th SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME, JULY 24

7:30 am Keenan and Jeff Prachvl ++ and

George F. Heiny +

10:30 am John Paul Hajek + and

Raymond Honza Sr. +

1:00 pm Antonio Serna Sanchez + and

For Our Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY CHURCH, ITALY

Sunday, July 17, 9:30 am Eugenio Marco Huerta + and

Lillie Arriaga +

Sunday, July 24, 9:30 am Emil Jurik +

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Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

In our Gospel this weekend, Jesus continues telling parables. These parables are a very practical way for us, living in the year 2011 AD, to understand how to live our Catholic Faith, just as they were for the first folks to hear them over 2000 years ago. "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off." Many of the Fathers of the Church, including St. John Chrysostom and St. Augustine of Hippo, wrote homilies on these words of Jesus.

Fr. Francis Hernandez comments that this parable says that the weed that Jesus is speaking of is the cockle-seed. The cockle plant was almost impossible to distinguish from wheat until the plant had grown large. By then, it was too late to destroy it. It was a common act of war for your enemy to sow cockle-seeds in your wheat crop, thereby destroying your source of food.

St. John Chrysostom, St. Augustine and others have seen the cockle-seed as the false teaching that the enemies of Christ try to get us as followers of Christ to believe instead of the truth. The devil sows the false seeds of lies in the world for people to believe and base their lives on. By the time many folks discover the lies that they have been trying to live by, it is often too late, and the lies have caused a lot of damage for them personally and for others around them.

If we look at people/families today we can see the damage the lies do in their marriages, to their children's lives, their finances, and most importantly to their eternal lives for which they were created.

To expose these lies and teach the truth is the work of the Church. Therefore, it is the work of every one of us, baptized into our Catholic Faith. We each must work diligently to see the lies in our own lives as well as warn others of the lies and then help to spread the truth. The smart man is the one who constantly checks his field to discover early on if the enemy has sown weeds in his field. Then he can take action and protect his crop. Also, he would quickly warn his neighbors of the possibility of weeds in their fields!

This, then, is the work of our Parish! It is why we are making every effort possible to teach the Truth and expose the Lies! It is the goal of every program in our parish to help every person to understand the Truth and how to apply it in their lives. We want our lives, marriages, children and work to bear good fruit here on earth. Then, at the end of our earthly lives we want to be able to reap the bounty of our harvest in Heaven!

See you in Church! Love and prayers, Fr. John

# IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

# Sunday, July 17

No coffee & donuts until further notice

9:00-12:00 St. John Library Open/Rm 106 Compound

Tuesday, July 19

**5-7 pm** SJ Library Open/Rm 106 Compound **7:00 pm** Pastoral Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 20

No Parenting Skills Session tonight

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, July 21

No Apologetics Class tonight

7:00 pm Home Bible Study Meeting/Room 2057:30 pm Re-training for Safe Environment/Rm 201

Saturday, July 23

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, July 24

No coffee & donuts until further notice

**9-12 noon** St. John Library Open/Rm 106 Compound

3:00 pm Baptisms/Church

Monday, July 25

7:30 pm Initial Safe Environment Training/Rm 201

Please note that Seth Wright will be out of town attending a conference. Therefore, there will be no Parenting Skills class on Wednesday or Apologetics Session on Thursday this week.

# COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION PICTURES

First Communion and Confirmation pictures can still be picked up at the parish office, Monday thru Friday. Certificates for these sacraments can also be picked up at the parish office; this includes RCIT youth.

# HOME BIBLE STUDY MEETING

For those participating in the Home Bible Study, the next question and answer session will be on Thursday, July 21, at 7:00 pm in Room 205 in the school building. Bring your note pad and questions and concerns to the meeting.

# THE NEED FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We have a need for more Eucharistic Ministers, but we especially have a great need for more Ministers to visit our homebound parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. Please contact the business office if you can help.

# **COLLECTIONS FOR JULY 9 & 10**

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 18,056.82
Peter's Pence Collection	1,030.06

Epiphany Mission Collection \$ 720.91 Peter's Pence Collection \$ 134.24

### SAFETY ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Please be aware that a **re-training session** for all volunteers who have been notified that their training is about to expire this month will be held on Thursday, July 21, at 7:30 pm in Room 201 in the school building.

There will also be an **initial** "Family of Faith" session for all **NEW** volunteers who have never participated in any Safe Environment training, scheduled for Monday, July 25, at 7:30 pm, in **English**, in Room 201 in the school building.

Also, a re-training in **Spanish** will be offered on Saturday, July 30, at 9:00 am in Room 201.

All Ushers and other ministers are required to attend a Safe Environment Training. Women are very welcome and encouraged to become Ushers for all the Masses, English and Spanish. Thank you for your interest and participation in these very important training sessions.

All of these training sessions are for Adults only.

### SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light, south side, is in memory of John F. & Rosie Kubin donated by the family for the week of July 16-22. Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary Dick.

# **HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 17**

586 Amazing Grace 661 The Servant Song

837 Look Beyond

532 Sing of the Lord's Goodness

# KC 4TH DEGREE MEETING ON SPECIAL DATE

The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree will not meet on the 3rd Monday in July. Rather they will meet on a special date, Tuesday, July 26. Social will begin at 6:30 pm, followed by dinner and a meeting. Installation of officers will take place during the meeting. All Fourth Degree members are encouraged to attend and participate for this special event.

# ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, July 23

5:00 pm Grant Vrana/Tyler Dennie

Sunday, July 24

7:30 am Matthew Matous/Zachary Matous/Tyler Novy
10:30 am Matt Zajic/Dylan Fisher/Tyler Gilmore

# PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Johnny Mensik, Geraldine Haskovec, Ninfa Carrillo, Kathy Melkovitz, Rose Marie(Mrs. Ernest) Novy, Derek Matous, Theresa Darst, Jerry Dlabaj, Leonard Drozd, Dakota Jessie, Christian Marente, Rosa Sanchez, Inez Fira, Chris Kuykendall, Jerry Dolezal, Jonathan Rodriguez, Ella Spaniel, Maria Manriquez, Gloria Garcia, Joe Rios, Kenneth Langley, Josie, Anita, Cynthia and Ray Castillo, Brianna Escamilla, Tony Alvarez, Lauren Moran, Domingo Galban, David Perdue, Tony Harrison, Lisa Marklund, James Pustejovsky, Gary Kidder, Alfred Martinez, Helen Zmolek, Viola Dlabaj, Mary Moreno, Raul Partida, Wanda Slovak, Billy Coplen, Nolen Dockery, Earlene Slovak, Bernard Betik, Steve Betik, Evelyn Dlabaj and Ruphine Patak.

Father John has brought to our parish some fine liturgical items fitting for our praise of God in the liturgy. These items are available for donation or memorials.

Speak with Father John if you are interested in donating one of these items or some other item.



The Pastoral Advisory Council Cordially Invites You to a Wedding Reception for



Joey Scancella

# Nikki Scancella (Traylor)

vows in the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, July 16, 2011. The Pastoral Advisory Council will be hosting a wedding reception for the happy couple on Sunday, July 31, 2011, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the Cafeteria. The PAC would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners to attend and celebrate this special occasion with Joey and Nikki. Please contact PAC President, Jeremy Cole, 214-709-2758, or by email at jerdanco@yahoo.com if you would be interested in helping in any way with this celebration. Joey and Nikki are registered with Target,

and Bed, Bath & Beyond. In gratitude for all the hard work and long hours of service that Joey provides for our teens, please make an effort to come celebrate this occasion.



# The Mass

# If you were asked to talk about the Mass, would you say either of the following?

# "The source and summit of the Christian life."

"In the earthly liturgy we take part in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy which is celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem toward which we journey as pilgrims, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God, a minister of the holies and true tabernacle; we sing a hymn to the Lord's glory with all the warriors of the heavenly army; venerating the memory of the saints,

we hope for some part and fellowship with them; we eagerly await the Saviour, Our Lord Jesus Christ, until He, our life, shall appear and we too will appear with Him in glory."

Take some time to meditate on these statements and on the Mass. You'll find that the Mass will mean more to you.

As we move toward the new translation that we will begin using in November, let us renew our understanding of the Mass.



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# LIFE TEEN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Join us for any and all events that may come up this month or through out the summer

NO EVENTS JULY 13-24 BECAUSE OF JOEYS WEDDING EVENTS WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY JULY 27TH

> JULY 27-29: SERVICE PROJECTS-LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR JOEY TO SIGN UP

# **NOTABLE DATES**

AUGUST 27 RANGERS GAME
RETURN OF 5PM LIFE TEEN MASS- AUG 28
LIFE TEEN KICKOFF- SEPT 4



QUESTIONS? CALL JOEY 972-878-8336 OR JOEYS@STJOHNCC.NET

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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# AGGIE CATHOLIC GATHERING IN COPPELL

Future and former students, parents and friends of Aggie Catholics are invited to a 5:00 pm Mass Saturday, July 30, at St. Ann Church in Coppell. A dinner reception will follow in the Cenacle. Father David Konderla will give an informal presentation on why St. Mary's is gaining a national reputation as one of the most dynamic and effective Catholic campus ministries in the country. Please RSVP by Monday, July 25, to Johanna Bazin, 979-846-5717, or email jbazin@aggiecatholic.org

# RESTROOM BREAKS DURING HOMILY

If you or your child find it necessary to go to the restroom during the homily (sermon), we ask that you wait in the back until the homily is over before returning to your seat. We realize the necessity, but constant movements in the aisles are distracting to the priest or deacon delivering the homily, and to the people listening. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

# FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS THIS WEEKEND

The two beautiful flower arrangements gracing the Tabernacle this weekend, July 16 & 17, are in loving memory of Stanley F. Zhanel, Ronnie Stanley Zhanel, and David Joseph Zhanel, donated by Diane Zhanel.

### FLOWERS IN 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.

# APOLOGETICS CLASS

The next Apologetics Class will be Thursday, July 28, at 7:00 pm in Room 202 in the school building. Drop in any Thursday for lots of great answers. (no class this Thursday, July 21, however)

### MUSIC & VOICE LESSONS

Ms. Sue Powell is the former music teacher at St. John School and is currently the musician for our funerals. She is offering private music and voice lessons this summer for adults, teens and children in our parish. Contact Ms. Powell at 972-875-7231 if you are interested.



### OFFERTORY GIFTS DURING MASS

If a family or (3 or 4) individuals would like to take up the gifts at the Offertory during weekend Masses, please see one of the ushers at your Mass, or call the office to volunteer. This is a tiny ministry but important, as the bearers represent the congregation.

# **COFFEE & DONUTS**

No Coffee & Donuts on Sunday mornings during the summer time.