

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

NO 6:30 a.m. Mass today

12:05 p.m. Carl Pelzel +

6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Claudio Amador, Sr. +

7:00 p.m. Confessions

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20—St. Bernard

6:30 a.m. George Spaniel

12:05 p.m. Adolf Tobola +

6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Raymundo Castillo, Jr. +

7:00 p.m. Confessions

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21—St. Pius X

6:30 a.m. Willie & Mary Kriska

12:05 p.m. Ethelina & Wesley Knize

Adoration after 12:05 Mass

2:30 p.m. Kevin Gallagher + (Legends NH)

6:30 p.m. Fr. Antonio (18th Anniversary of Ordination)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22—The Queenship of Mary

6:30 a.m. Sr. Josefina Santa Cruz +

12:05 p.m. Joy Dlabaj +

6:30 p.m. Teresita & Filiberto Mercado ++

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23—St. Rose of Lima

6:30 a.m. Geraldine Jezek +

12:05 p.m. Clara & Richard Miller +

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24—St. Bartholomew

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Willie & Anna Dlabaj ++

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 25

7:00 a.m. Barak Family Reunion

11:00 a.m. John A. Vrla +

1:00 pm Carrco Painting of Dallas

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass For the Parish Community

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. August 18, 9 am Jake Escamilla +

Sun. August 25, 9 am Luis y Maria Guerrero ++
Estela y Domingo Sias ++

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Ennis Pediatrics

Letter from the Pastor

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
+ 2013

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” Jesus is speaking of the blazing love of God! In Scripture, fire often represents the burning love of God, for us, His people. Deuteronomy 4:24 and Exodus 13:22 are great examples. Where is your Bible—look them up! Exodus: God loves us so much, He even gets jealous when we love another as we should love Him.

Today, the Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, and the Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, makes this burning fire is so evident. Today, through this sinful, flesh and blood Saint and the fully human, though Immaculate Mother of God, we can experience and understand our daily lives and what we should be doing with this burning love. The Holy Spirit will give us, too, the opportunity and grace needed to live our lives as amazing as Mary and Maximilian. What a gift! To be able to live a life filled with burning love. A love that even means a life in a Nazi Concentration Camp can't make our day a “downer.” A love that surpasses even that first “puppy love” we experienced in our youth!

This love gives purpose. Remember that “puppy love?” Suddenly, your life had purpose. To be close to that person....to do everything to please and serve that person and everyone they loved. We would help them to do anything, for anyone, even for people we had previously disliked or did not know at all. If our “puppy love” wanted us to go with them to help someone; we went along, happily and joyfully!

While “puppy love” is an infatuation and may or may not mature into a true love, it gives us a very human glimpse of the “first love” for God that is spoken of in the Book of Revelation to the Church in Ephesus. (Rev 2:4) This “first love” of Jesus is capable of maturing into a love that will last for eternity and knows no limits, for Jesus or neighbor – even to suffering and giving up our life.

Let Him Burn You!

Love & Prayers,
Fr. John

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, August 24

5:00 pm Alex Fry / Josef Woodward

Sunday, August 25

7:00 am Jake Kasowski / Chris Trojacek / Brandon Martinek

11:00 am Austin Spaniel / Mando Campos / Josh Zapletal

5:00 pm LT Mass Alston Lawrence / Juan Lara

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 18

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

9:00 am RCIA/ Room 101

6:30 pm Life Teen Mass/Life Night

Monday, August 19

6:00 am Morning Prayer and Rosary/Church

6:00/7:00 pm Confessions

7:00 pm Qahal/Cafeteria

7:30 pm KC 4th Degree/ KC

Tuesday, August 20

6:00 am Morning Prayer/Church

7:00 am Rosary/Church

12:05 pm Food for Soul Mass and Lunch

6:00/7:00 pm Confessions

5-8:30 pm SJ Library open/Room 106 Compound

Wednesday, August 21

6:00 am Morning Prayer/Church

7:00 am Rosary/Church

10:00 am Little Saints Play Group/Assumption Hall

6-8 pm Life Teen "Into the Deep"

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, August 22

6:00 am Morning Prayer/Church

7:00 am Rosary/Church

Saturday, August 24

Women's CRHP Retreat— all day

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, August 25

Women's CRHP Retreat—all day

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

9:00 am RCIA/ Room 101

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

Entrance: Tell It! Tell It Out With Gladness – 518

Offertory: On Eagle's Wings - 593

Communion: All Who Hunger - 817

Recessional: All Creatures of our God and King – 523

COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST

Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Church Support Collection \$17,869.90

Epiphany Church Support Collection 940.77

SANCTUARY CARE

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated in honor of Angelica, Aaron, & Andrew Martinez donated by Anna Rosales for the week of August 17—August 23.

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light was donated in memory of Joe S. & Mary Liska, Joe L. Liska and Judy Almond donated by Stanley J. & Barbara Liska for the week of August 17-August 23.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Qahal Monday nights, 7:00-8:30 pm, Cafeteria
Bring your Bible, a notebook, and a pen.

A FEW EVENINGS WITH THE LITTLE FLOWER

Spend September 26th, October 3rd, and October 10th with St. Therese the Little Flower from 7 pm—9 pm in Room 103/104.

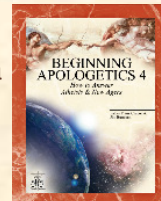
"I spend no time worrying about tomorrow, instead living only today in which to live in God's Love with all my attention fixed on Him."

Beginning Apologetics:

How to Answer Atheists and New Agers

Do you know what a New Ager is? Can you answer Atheists' questions about Catholicism? Do you know Atheism is on the rise? Do you know where modern Atheism got its roots from?

Come on Tuesday, August 20, at 7pm, Room 301, as we start a new topic in Apologetics. Jesus has called all who are baptized to take the gospel to the world. Here is your chance to learn how people have been filled with inaccurate ideas from a secular world. If you have not attended any Apologetics classes in the past, don't worry, this is a new topic with all new material.



NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

Epiphany Council Meeting

Thursday, August 22nd, 7:30 pm in the church.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT DONATION

The two flower arrangements on either side of the Tabernacle were donated by the KJZT Adult & Junior Society #16.

THANK YOU FROM WEST

Dear St. John Parishioners,

Thank you or your sacrificial gift to those in need as a result of the West Explosion. Your concern is a genuine expression of the Christian virtue of charity at the deepest personal level.

The amount contributed was \$7,003.25

Thank you so much for your generosity and support to our local church and community members during this difficult time. May the grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you and those you hold dear in your heart. I will be remembering you and other benefactors in my prayers and at monthly masses for a this next year.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Ed Karasek".

Very Rev. Edward Karasek
Pastor
St. Mary, Church of the Assumption

ST. JOHN BAZAAR 2013

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, September 21st
Sunday, September
22nd

- ◆ COMEDY NUN SHOW
- ◆ LIVE AUCTION
- ◆ SILENT AUCTION
- ◆ RAFFLE DRAWING
- ◆ GORDITAS
- ◆ BARBECUE

Start gathering your
Auction items and
make plans to
participate!!

Important NEW Confirmation Information

Why the change?

The Diocese has made a policy that the Sacrament of Confirmation should be administered during the 8th grade. The Diocese has allowed a grace period for Parishes to conform their programs to meet this standard. The following will be our Fall Confirmation Program.

Who this is eligible?

This administration of the Sacrament this Fall is for:

- **8th Grade Students (2013-2014)**
- **9th Grade Students (2013-2014)**
- **Any high school student (10-12th grade) who has received their other Sacraments, but for any reason missed Confirmation.**

Confirmation Retreat:

- There will be a 1 day Confirmation retreat of preparation from 8 AM - 10 PM on August 31, 2013.
- This retreat is mandatory for those who want to be Confirmed this September.
- The retreat will be at Camp Hoblitzelle in Midlothian.
- The Confirmation fee of \$125 includes the retreat.

Confirmation Date:

This Fall St. John Nepomucene will have two Confirmation Masses.

Saturday September 21, 2013; 10 AM and 1 PM.

St. John Nepomucene Youth Ministry 2013-2014

Confirmation Registration

Deadline is August 21st

Student's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ M ____ F ____
Address, City, Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Birthday (Mo/Day/Yr.) _____ GRADE in Sept. 2013: _____
Mother's Name: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Father's Name: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Parent's Email address: _____
Learning challenges, social concerns, medications, allergies or other information such as custody issues: _____

Sacraments

Sacraments my child has received:

_____ Baptism _____ 1st Reconciliation _____ 1st Communion

Emergency Information: In an emergency, and if a parent cannot be contacted, you have my permission to contact the following person to help make decisions regarding the care for my child:

Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____
Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

I hereby give permission to the Youth Ministry Staff of St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church to seek emergency treatment for my child until either parent of the emergency contact person can be reached.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Payment

If this is a financial burden, please contact the Youth Ministry Office for possible scholarship options or payment plan.

Fee

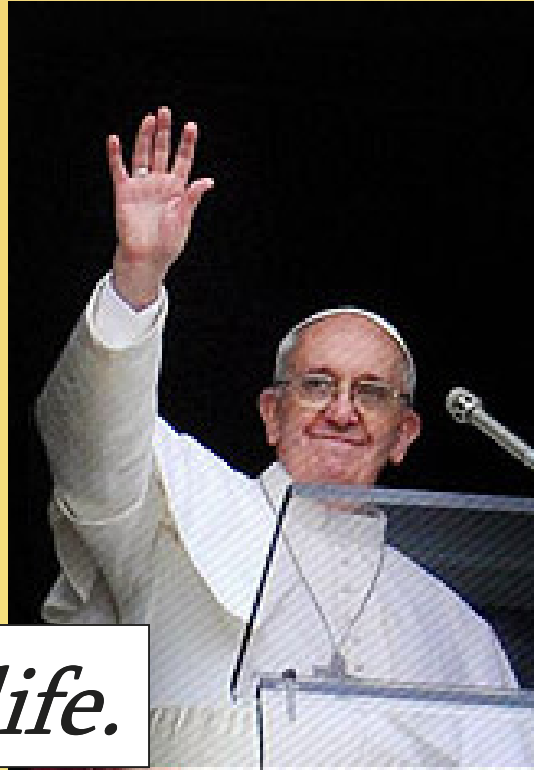
_____ \$125 (Fee includes Confirmation Retreat and EDGE Fee)

Office Use Only

Date received: _____
PDS Date: _____
Payment received in full date: _____
Amount: _____
Received by: _____
Family ID: _____

Holiness is...

“the encounter with the living Jesus, in the great family that is the Church, fills the heart with joy, because it fills it with true life, a profound goodness that does not pass away or decay.” Pope Francis, Aug. 4



...living a fully human life.

A holy person:

- has a well-developed mind.
- is truly free to choose what is good for him.
- is in control of his appetites instead of controlled by them.
- relates well to other people.
- sees and appreciates the beauty of the world.
- loves God and those around him.

...happiness.

“the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.”

Galatians 5:22-23



...the perfection of charity.

Charity is not just giving money to some organization. Charity is love. It is giving to others what they need to be their best. It is the gift of oneself to someone else. Those who allow God to make them perfect in loving others are holy. See CCC 826



...being like Jesus.



Jesus Christ, Son of God the Father, Second Person of the Holy Trinity, is holy. He dwells in us through Baptism and sends His Holy Spirit to us to make us more like Him, to make us holy.

Let Him.

...what God is calling you to.

“All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity.”

Second Vatican Council, *Lumen gentium*, 40 § 2

“Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

- Jesus (Matthew 5:48)

New Religious Education Director



ASHLIE HALLENBECK

WELCOME

Children's Religious Education

Registration has begun—sign your child up now! Online or at the parish office. Classes begin September 29th and October 2nd.

Volunteers—

We need more!

Please pray about this and contact us today!

Annette Wright
annetew@stjohncc.net
(903) 821-9814

Nepomucene's Teens

Youth Ministry Schedule:

Sundays - Life Teen Mass at 5 PM followed by:

Aug. 18th - Movie Night in the Cafeteria

Aug 24th - Social Night in Cafeteria



Every Tuesday until school starts

- Food For The Soul 12:05 Mass

Starting Aug 27th Mass @ 6:30



Every Wednesday -

"Into the Deep" 6 - 8 PM

Life Teen Fall Kick-Off

Sunday October 6th!!!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

If you have a loved one who is sick or in need of special prayers (not deceased) please contact the parish office by phone or email joannag@stjohncc.net. Your loved one's name will appear on this prayer list for 4 consecutive Sundays. If a longer period of time is needed, please call the parish office to renew your request 2 weeks before the printed date to the right of your loved one's name.

Jo Ann Dolezalik—9/22/13	Domingo De Los Santos— 8/25/13
Gentry Holmes—9/22/13	Clarence Whitfull—8/25/13
Joe Spaniel—9/22/13	Manuel Moreno—8/25/13
Patricia Banks—9/22/13	Paula Campo — 9/8/13
Margie Dvorak—9/22/13	Bob Zmolek — 9/8/13
Walter Marusak—9/22/13	Steve Puckett—9/8/13
Charlie Honza—9/22/13	Fabian Hinojosa— 9/8/13
Helen Zmolek—9/22/13	Jessica Ramirez— 9/8/13
Cameron Wolf—8/18/13	Edwin & Dorothy Langer- 9/8/13
Meg Routh—9/22/13	Michael Liska—9/8/13
Georgie Ann Nekuza—9/22/13	Chelcie Jessup—9/8/13
Mary Hejny—9/22/13	Cecilia Salik—9/8/13
Helen Barak—9/22/13	Stanley J. Liska—9/8/13
Mildred Wickliffe—9/22/13	Mary N. Sladeczek—9/8/13
Nathan Gunn—9/22/13	Marilyn Dvorak—9/22/13
Helen Matous—8/25/13	Jimmie Trahan—9/22/13
Joe Barak, Jr.—9/22/13	Paul Alvarez —9/15/13
Sylvia De Los Santos—8/25/13	Hannah Rejcek — 9/22/13
Luisa De Los Santos—8/25/13	Michael Gallagher — 9/22/13
Micah De Los Santos—8/25/13	
Cynthia Quintero—8/25/13	

Available For Restoration

**56" large
statue of
St. Catherine
of Siena -
\$1,500**

**If you would like to donate for
the restoration of this statue,
please contact the Parish Office.**

