



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, AUGUST 23—St. Rose of Lima
No 6:30 am or 6:30 pm Mass today
12:05 pm George A. Zabochnik + and
Richard and Dennis Zhanel ++
7:00 pm Parish Mission with Father John Mark

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24—St. Bartholomew, Apostle
No 6:30 am or 6:30 pm Mass today
12:05 pm Annie C. & Joe Martinek ++
7:00 pm Parish Mission with Father John Mark

WED., AUGUST 25—St. Louis & St. Joseph Calasanz
No 6:30 am or 6:30 pm Mass today
12:05 p.m. Lillian Stull + and
Agnes & Jerry Chudej ++
Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass until 5:00 pm
7:00 pm Parish Mission with Father John Mark

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26
No daily Masses today (6:30 am, 12:05 pm & 6:30 pm)
12:05 p.m. Communion Service (no Mass)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27—St. Monica
6:30 a.m. Emma M. Trojacek + and
Elaine Becker +
12:05 p.m. Charles & Louise Houston ++ and
For the Health of the Roberts Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28—St. Augustine
5:00 pm Danny Nekuza + and
Cynthia Zapletal +

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29— 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time
7:30 am John & Mary Kriska & Deceased Family+++ and
Edward Kriska +
10:30 am John Barto + and
Anita Bezdek +
1:00 pm Roberto Carlos Ortiz + and
For the St. John Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY
Sunday, August 22, 9:30 am

Sabino & Eugenia Marquez Castillo ++

Sunday, August 29, 9:30 am Manuel Huerta +

SPONSOR OF WEEK: CHARLIE'S EXXON GROCERY

*from the
Pastor's desk* 

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Our Scripture readings this weekend remind us of two very important facts of our Catholic Christian Faith. First fact is that our Lord continually works with us to help strengthen us in the virtues we need to fight evil and win the victory of Heaven. Second fact is that making it to Heaven against the work of the Devil is a very difficult task.

Saint Paul in his letter to the Hebrews tells us that we should not dislike or resist the Lord's work with us or let it get us down because it is difficult. This time of year the school marching bands and sports teams begin their training, workouts and practice. These are difficult, especially in the Texas heat. But we know that the difficulty will pay off when we get to the actual competition! Because of the practice and training we will be strong enough to win the victory.

This is the same with the difficulties in life that the Lord allows to make us stronger in the fight against evil. So that when the Devil tries to tempt us to sin in a great way, that could have disastrous effects in our lives, divorce or bankruptcy, for example, we will already be strong enough to tell the Devil, "NO."

In our Gospel Jesus assures us that the road to Heaven is difficult. The Devil is good at his job! He also makes it clear that we need to do more than "talk & know" our Faith, we must put it into real action. It is not enough to show up at Mass but we must allow the Mass to transform and strengthen us so that we can make holy choices. Just being Catholic and coming to Mass each Sunday will not automatically get us into Heaven.

Speaking to a Jewish audience Jesus explains to them that just being born into the Chosen People is not enough. There will be Jews who will not make it into the Kingdom while there will be non-Jews, Gentiles, who will make it into the Kingdom because they actually lived holy lives.

So, like St. Paul writes, "... strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees." Get strong in Faith and be Holy!

See you in Church!

Love and Prayers,
Father John
Pastor

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 22

Coffee & donuts this morning

9:00-1:00 St. John Library Open/Room 106

3:00 pm Baptisms/Church

Parish Mission begins tomorrow!!

Monday, August 23

No Masses at 6:30 am & 6:30 pm

12:05 pm Mass

7:00 pm Parish Mission Service in Church

Tuesday, August 24

No Masses at 6:30 am & 6:30 pm

12:05 pm Mass

7:00 pm Parish Mission Service in Church

Wednesday, August 25

No Masses at 6:30 am & 6:30 pm

12:05 pm Mass

Eucharistic Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass

7:00 pm Parish Mission Service in Church

Thursday, August 26

No daily Masses today

12:05 pm Communion Service in Church

7:30 p.m. Safe Environment Re-Training (School bldg)

Friday, August 27

Masses 6:30 am & 12:05 pm

Saturday, August 28

Women's CRHP Retreat this weekend

Life Teen Ranger Game and Concert (see insert)

3:30 pm Confessions

Sunday, August 29

No coffee & donuts this morning

Women's CRHP Retreat concludes this afternoon

EPIPHANY FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Program **registration** for Epiphany Mission will be today, August 22, and next Sunday, August 29, after Mass. Sacrament of Confirmation information will also be available on these Sundays. Your Faith Formation contact person is Paula Guerrero, 972-483-1607.

Parish website: www.stjohncc.net

COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 14 & 15

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 16,833.48
Assumption Collection	1,305.15
Epiphany Mission Collection	\$ 543.99
Assumption Collection	58.00

ST. JOHN BAZAAR IN SEPTEMBER

Our annual Parish Bazaar will be on September 18 & 19. The Bazaar Raffle tickets have been mailed. If you didn't receive them, or want more, please stop by the church office.

Please check your closets, etc. for new/unused/duplicate gifts to donate for booth prizes. We will need your Arts & Crafts and new/like new stuffed animals for various booths. Also, we need items for the White Elephant Booth, which is like a garage sale. **Call Sandra Valdez for pick up of items for the White Elephant Booth, 972-878-9210.** Please help with the Bazaar in any way you can. Your support & generosity will make our Bazaar successful.

BAZAAR AUCTIONS

We need items for the Silent and Live Auctions. If you have items to donate for either of these auctions, please call Evelyn Zmolik, 972-875-2791, or 972-875-4210, or Evette Vitovsky, 972-875-3350. Thank you for your support!

ALTAR SERVERS WEEKEND LITURGIES

August 28, Saturday

5:00 pm Joseph Baird/Hardy Walker/Grant Vrana

August 29, Sunday

7:30 am Josh Zapletal/Nate Allen/Zachary Matous

10:30 am Matt Zajic/Kenny Janousek/Cooper Gillespie

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Joe Neuhoff, Betty Zajic, Arthur Toth, Sandra Horrell, Gladys McNeil Clarke, Frankie Joe Patak, Geri Melvin, Sister Stephanie Slovak, Kenneth Langley, Nolen Dockery, Mark Trojacek, Kobe Trojacek, John Vrla, Viola Dlabaj, Louise Valek, Theresa Toupal, Louise Haba, Sr. Edna Gonzalez, Cecilia Blazek, Jennifer Gallagher, Ella Patak, Millie & Leslie Trojacek, Angie Garza, Alec Mecom, Johnny Mensik, Maria Manriquez, Raul Partida, Steve Betik, Gary Kidder, Donna Glaser, Sam Harrell, Betty Rogala, Frances Kozlovsky, Tony Alvarez, Evelyn Dlabaj, Elizabeth Holland, Claudio Amador Sr., Claudio Amador Jr., Joe & Mary Patak, Eddie Zhanel, Ruphine Patak, Danny Kubin and Jerry Dolezal.

TEXAS CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER

Recently, the cost of the Texas Catholic newspaper has increased. Therefore, we are asking our registered, contributing parishioners to let us know if you still want to receive it in your home. Please check and return in the collection basket or to the parish business office:

Yes, I want to continue my subscription.

No, I do not want to receive the Texas Catholic.

I have not received it but would like to get it now.

Name _____

Address _____

What's troubling you?

Is your life a mess?
Who can clean it up?
Too busy?
Always running around?

COME TO THE PARISH MISSION

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

Topic:

"My House Shall be a House of Prayer"

Monday, August 23:

"There is Only One Thing Necessary"

Tuesday, August 24:

"Anxious and Worried about Many Things"

Wednesday, August 25:

"Choosing the Better Part"

- + Starts at **7 PM each evening** in the Church for **everyone**
- + After Exposition, **High School Youth** will have a separate session led by the Brothers

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- ◆ Are you interested in learning more about God and the Catholic Church?
- ◆ Are you unbaptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?
- ◆ Are you Baptized but never received any formal religious education?
- ◆ Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass but just don't know what the next step is to become Catholic?
- ◆ Are you yearning for something more in your life?

◆ Sessions begin Sunday, September 12 at 8:45 in the little building beside the playground. Call Seth Wright at the Parish Office (972-875-2834) for more information.

Come for yourself, bring your non-Catholic friends, or let them know about it!

RCIA REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print Legibly

Today's Date _____

St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church
 401 E. Lampasas St.
 Ennis, TX 75119
 Ph. 972-875-2834 Fax 972-875-2452

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is open to all adults and the class may be attended without obligation of any kind. Attendees may choose to continue, achieve conversion, receive Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, and full membership in the Catholic Faith.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____ Cell phone _____ Email _____
 Birth Date _____ City, State, and Country _____
 Father's Name _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

BAPTISM INFORMATION:

Are you baptized? NO YES Church _____ Address _____
 Date _____

A CURRENT COPY OF YOUR CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED (Christian Baptism is valid and must be reported)

Have you made your First Communion? NO YES When and Where _____
 Are you a Confirmed Catholic? NO YES Church of Confirmation _____

MARRIAGE INFORMATION:

Single-Never Married _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Widow _____ Engaged _____
 Spouse's Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Religion _____

Current marriage is first marriage? YES NO If no, How many times married? _____
 Were you ever married in a Catholic Church? YES NO

If Married more than one time, previous marriage information will be requested by the Procurator-Advocate that will handle your Annulment application (required).

What prompted you to attend RCIA?

Other Comments:

Please return form to the Parish Office.

LIFE TEEN



Life Teen Kickoff

Our Kickoff Extravaganza is getting closer! Don't miss the excitement Sunday, September 5. There will be: Giant Water Slide, Mechanical Bull, food, prizes, and much more!

Special guest: **Coffey Anderson**

See him at <http://www.icoffey.com>

Tickets Still Available

Call & reserve a spot for the Saturday, August 28
Texas Rangers Game and *Mercy Me* Concert.

Bus leaves St. John's at 3 PM

Cost: \$20, includes concert, ticket, and transportation

To buy tickets, please call Joey at (972) 878-8336.



CORE MEMBERS STILL NEEDED!

A core member is an adult, but not the parent of a teen, who is interested in serving with Life Teen and leading teens closer to Christ! Please consider giving of your time for the youth of our parish. Interested?

Questions? Call and talk with Joey 972-878-8336

LIFE



TEEN

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAFE ENVIRONMENT & VOLUNTEERS

All **Volunteers** are required to attend a Safe Environment training or re-training session every year. Remaining sessions in English on:
Initial Training Session: Re-training Session:
Monday, August 30, 7:30 pm Thursday, August 26, 7:30 pm

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light on the south side of sanctuary is in memory of Frank & Gladys Becker donated by their family for the week of August 21-27. Sanctuary light, north side, in memory of Frank N. & Mary T. Dick.

K.J.Z.T. THANK YOU

K.J.Z.T. Society #16 would like to thank everyone who participated in any way to make their celebration a big success. Thank you for your donations to St. Joseph Cemetery and for taking the time to attend our celebration. We will print a final total raised for the Cemetery in a future bulletin. The Cemetery Committee will purchase wrought iron signs to mark the sections in the cemetery for easier access for visitors. Any remaining money will be used towards roadwork.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Applications are still being taken for Religious Education. There will be a Confirmation Orientation for youth and their parents on August 30 & 31. Catechists are still needed to teach on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Call Annette Wright at 972-875-8650, or drop by the office to volunteer.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES THIS WEEK

No 6:30 am & 6:30 pm Masses on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. The Parish Mission will be on those nights at 7:00 pm in the church. (see the insert on information on the Mission) There will be a 12:05 pm Mass on those days.
On Thursday, August 26, there will be no Masses; however, there will be a Communion Service at 12:05 pm.

WOMEN'S CRHP RETREAT

"I don't have time now; I'll do it later." Where would we be if Jesus had said this? Say "I have the time, and the time is now" for next Saturday & Sunday, August 28 & 29, to experience a weekend with your sisters in Christ. Come and see what the Holy Spirit is offering you.

Retreat includes group activities and interaction, prayer and reflection on Scripture, Eucharist, Christian Community, and Christian Awareness. The outcome of the weekend will be a deeper relationship with Christ and growth in your affiliation with the community of our parish.

Women of our parish, 19 years or older, who desire a deeper sense of purpose in Christ, and have questions or want to register can contact: Cheri Pollard at 972-345-0565 or Karen Cooke at 214-534-6845.