

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

NO 6:30 a.m. Mass today

12:05 p.m. Joe & Annie Vrana ++

6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Jerry & Agnes Chudej ++

7:00 p.m. Confessions

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27— St. Monica

6:30 a.m. Emma M. Trojacek +

12:05 p.m. Willie & Cecilia Kucera +

6:00 p.m. Confessions

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

7:00 p.m. Confessions

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28—St. Augustine

6:30 a.m. John Zabochnik +

12:05 p.m. Cynthia Zapletal +

Adoration after 12:05 Mass

6:30 p.m. Louis J. Slovacek +

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29—Passion of St. John the Baptist

6:30 a.m. Albert T. Zabochnik +

12:05 p.m. George, Rose Ann & Mary Ella Vrana +++

6:30 p.m. Sr. Josefina Santa Cruz

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

6:30 a.m. Arnold Dobecka +

12:05 p.m. Edward & Rosie Kriska ++

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. George & Margaret Spaniel (65th Wedding Anniversary)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME,

SEPTEMBER 1

7:00 a.m. Raymundo Castillo, Jr.

11:00 a.m. For the Parish Community

1:00 pm Felipe Cortez +

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Anton F. Galetka

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

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

Estela y Domingo Sias ++

Sun. September 1, 9 am Aristeo Nieto +

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: ILM Elizabeth Schlebach

Letter from the Pastor

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
+ 2013

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.”

This is great advice from our merciful, kind and generous God. The Father who with the Holy Spirit sent His Only Begotten Son to save you and me from eternal death and suffering. Purchasing for each of us a ticket to Paradise forever! Best deal ever on earth....or Mars for that matter!

In the statement above and the words of our Gospel reading this weekend, Jesus wants us to realize that it is not an easy road to joy on this earth and happiness in Heaven. But it IS doable. Jesus sees to that for each of us. In our natural world we see this lived out in the amazing Special Olympics. Folks with whatever handicap can, with loving assistance and planning, win the prize.

Everyone on this earth, born of woman, is handicapped. We come into this world with a birth defect. This defect is inherited from our parents, Adam and Eve; our inclination to sin. This defect leads you and me to choose the wrong, if left on our own. That is why we cannot, “follow our hearts.” This is a favorite lie of the Devil. Our hearts are broken by Original Sin and will most assuredly lead us down the wrong road.

This is why the Church, teaches. We must be taught the good choices and then resist our brokenness, and with our will and God’s grace choose the good. We “strengthen our drooping hands and weak knees,” by receiving His strength in the Sacraments of Confession and Eucharist. We “make straight paths,” by following the teaching of the Church.

See you at Mass!

Love & Prayers,
Fr. John

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, September 1

5:00 pm Alston Lawrence / Sean Copen

Sunday, September 2

7:00 am Josef Woodward/Brandon Martinek/Josh Zapletal

11:00 am Joseph Galetka/Austin Spaniel/Andrew Alvarado

5:00 pm LT Mass Juan Lara/Aaron Martinez

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 25

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

9:00 am RCIA/ Room 202/204

6:30 pm Life Teen Mass/Life Night

Monday, August 26

6:00 am Morning Prayer and Rosary/Church

6:00/7:00 pm Confessions

7:00 pm Qahal/Room 101

Tuesday, August 27

6:00 am Morning Prayer/Church

12:05 pm Food for Soul Mass and Breakfast

7:00 am Rosary/Church

6:00/7:00 pm Confessions

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

Wednesday, August 28

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

7:30 pm KC #1353 Meeting/ KC

Thursday, August 29

6:00 am Morning Prayer and Rosary/Church

7:00 pm RCIA Inquiry/ Room 103

Saturday, August 31

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, September 1

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

6:30 pm Life Teen Mass/Life Night

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Entrance: All People That on Earth Do Dwell - 746

Offertory: Let All Things Now Living - 551

Communion: Now We Remain - 696

Recessional: Sing of the Lord's Goodness - 532

COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 17 & 18

Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Church Support Collection	\$17,208.03
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Holy Day of Obligation Assumption	1,796.22
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Epiphany Church Support Collection	945.32
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SANCTUARY CARE

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated in Maria & Hermenejildo Rosales by Anna Rosales for the week of August 24—August 30.

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light was donated in memory of John & Marie Honza, Richard, Stanley, Alfred & Edward donated by Marian Zhanel for the week of August 24-August 30.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

What is wrong with the world?

Find out at: *Qahal*

Monday nights, 7:00-8:30 pm,
101-102 in the Compound

Bring your Bible, a notebook, and a pen.

We will be starting a study on **chapter 3** of **Genesis**, one of the **most important chapters** of the Bible.

Schedule: August 26—last session on Gen. 2
Sept. 2 & 9—no class
Sept. 16—first session on Gen. 3

A FEW EVENINGS WITH THE LITTLE FLOWER

Spend September 26th, October 3rd, and October 10th with St.

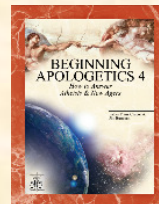
Therese the Little Flower from 7 pm—9 pm in Room 103/104.

When St. Therese was asked what it takes to become a Saint, she replied: "Fidelity of little sacrifices to show our love for God, and to please Jesus through our love of neighbor."

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 Tuesdays, 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.

Catechist Training Session

Introduction to the Learner:

Gradually and In Stages

Saturday, Sept. 14

8:45 AM until 12:00 noon

Cafeteria

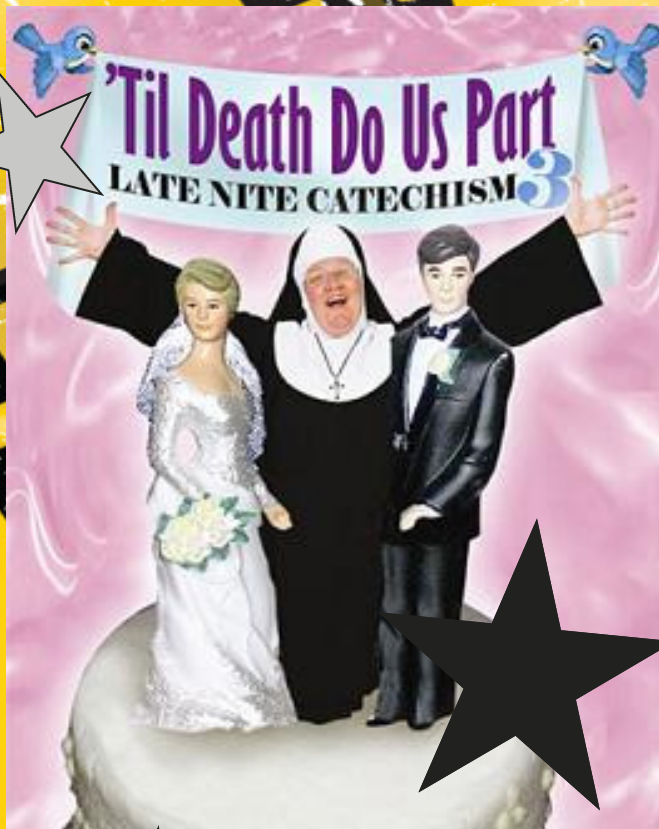
It will work out okay if you go to First Saturday Mass and devotions and then come to the session.

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT DONATION

The two flower arrangements on either side of the Tabernacle were donated in memory of the 25th anniversary of Kristine Erin Liska by her father, David Liska.

ST. JOHN BAZAAR 2013



**Saturday and Sunday
September 21st & 22nd**

- ♦ **COMEDY NUN SHOW**
- ♦ **LIVE AUCTION**
- ♦ **SILENT AUCTION**
- ♦ **RAFFLE DRAWING**
- ♦ **GORDITAS**
- ♦ **BARBECUE**

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. John Nepomucene

Every Sunday in September
7:00 – 8:00 PM

All Parishioners are invited:

Teens
Young Adults
Families
Grandparents
Everyone!



**Praise & Worship Music • Inspirational Talk
• Eucharistic Adoration • and Fellowship**

X.L.T.
(Exalted)

Teach the Faith the way God teaches!

Come to the first of our
Catechist Training sessions
on Sept. 14.

8:45AM—12:00 noon, Cafeteria

This session will help you to begin to recognize some of the needs of those you are teaching and to meet those needs the way God meets our needs.

This session is for those who teach in or help with:

- Children's Religious Education
- The Edge
- Life Teen
- RCIA
- Adult Education Classes

Parents and **anyone** who **already teaches** the Faith or **would like to teach** the Faith at any level, formally or informally, are encouraged to attend.

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@stjohnncc.net
(903) 821-9814

Nepomucene's Teens

Youth Ministry Schedule:

Sundays - Life Teen Mass at 5 PM followed by :
Aug 25th - Social Night & field day!
Sundays in September Life Teen will participate
in the Parish XLTs



Every Tuesday -
Food For The Soul 6:30 AM
and breakfast



Every Wednesday - "Into the Deep" 6 - 8 PM
Meet at the Cafeteria every Wednesday.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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	Georgie Ann Nekuza—9/22/13	Steve Puckett—9/8/13	Marilyn Dvorak—9/22/13
Gentry Holmes—9/22/13	Mary Hejny—9/22//13	Fabian Hinojosa— 9/8/13	Jimmie Trahan—9/22/13
Joe Spaniel—9/22/13	Helen Barak—9/22/13	Jessica Ramirez— 9/8/13	Paul Alvarez —9/15/13
Patricia Banks—9/22/13	Mildred Wickliffe—9/22/13	Edwin & Dorothy Langer-9/8/13	Hannah Rejcek — 9/22/13
Margie Dvorak—9/22/13	Nathan Gunn—9/22/13	Michael Liska—9/8/13	Michael Gallagher — 9/22/13
Walter Marusak—9/22/13	Helen Matous—9/29/13	Chelcie Jessup—9/8/13	Gene Fricke — 9/22/13
Charlie Honza—9/22/13	Joe Barak, Jr.—9/22/13	Cecilia Salik—9/8/13	Ronnie Garcia — 9-22-13
Helen Zmolek—9/22/13	Paula Campo — 9/8/13	Stanley J. Liska—9/8/13	Janet Marusak—9-22-13
Cameron Wolf—8/18/13	Bob Zmolek — 9/8/13	Mary N. Sladeczek—9/8/13	Pauline Juricek—9-22-13
Meg Routh—9/22//13			



Pope Francis @Pontifex 11 Aug

One cannot separate Christ and the Church. The grace of Baptism gives us the joy of following Christ in and with the Church.



Pope Francis @Pontifex 19 Aug

We cannot be Christians part-time. If Christ is at the center of our lives, he is present in all that we do.