

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
ENNIS, TEXAS**



**MONDAY, AUG. 29—Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist**

**6:30 am** Georgie A. Zabochnik +  
**12:05 pm** Joe Griffith + and  
Garner Dunkerley III  
**6:30 pm** Health of Thelma Brunner Collingworth

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 30**

**6:30 am** Willie, Mary and Billy Joe Kriska +++  
**12:05 pm** Health of Helene Valek and  
Alfred Holy +

**6:30 pm(Spanish)** Sebastian Cerda +

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31**

**6:30 am** Frank & Janie Patak ++  
**12:05 pm** Elsie & Tom Slama ++ and  
Mary M. Zhanel +  
**6:30 pm** Charlotte Slovacek + and  
John Barto +

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

**6:30 am** Julia Pochobradsky +  
**12:05 pm** John & Frances Maliska ++ and  
Emily & George Novy ++

**6:30 pm Spanish** Esther Aguilar +

**FIRST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2—Mass & Devotions**

**6:30 am** Leslie Zabochnik Sr. +  
**12:05 pm** Mattie & John Potter ++

**FIRST SATURDAY, SEPT. 3—8 am Mass & Devotions**

**8:00 am** Willie Mae Vavra + and  
Eugene & Mary Lou Novy ++  
**5:00 pm** Beatrice & W.R. Wright ++ and  
Jon Beebe +

**23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 4**

**7:00 am** George W. & Mary Toth ++ and  
Annie & Joe Martinek ++  
**11:00 am** Louis A. Slovak + and  
Bernadine Parma +  
**1:00 pm** Miguel Perez Birthday Intention and  
For Our Parish Community  
**5:00 pm Life Teen Mass** Marvin Slovacek + and  
Robin Cervantes +

**MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY CHURCH, ITALY**

**Sunday, August 28, 9:30 am** Aristeo Nieto +

**Sunday, September 4, 9:00 am (new time)**

Francisco & Bernabe Cabrera ++

**SPONSOR OF WEEK: J.E.KEEVER MORTUARY**



Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped!” These words fly out of the mouth of Jeremiah the Prophet in our first reading this weekend. As Catholics, if we endeavor to live our faith seriously, we will undoubtedly have times when we echo these words of the Prophet Jeremiah. We might even catch ourselves thinking, “I don’t want to be Catholic, it is too hard and crazy.” Yet, like our Psalmist, we realize, “My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.”

Love causes us to do crazy things. Jesus says in our Gospel this weekend that we should not think as human beings do, we should take up a cross and we should lose our life in this world. Since all of these things sound really crazy, this love for Jesus must be a crazy, powerful love, too. It must be a love that surpasses everything else in our lives. It must be a love that is our only goal and desire.

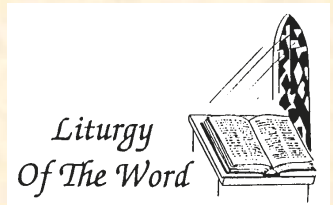
Even poor St. Peter, who thought he was expressing his love for Jesus when he said, “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you,” found out quickly that he was mistaken. This love of Jesus requires us to love within a completely unique world of values and priorities. This love seeks only the will of God.

To love Jesus means to learn what He loves and values. We must learn His desire for our lives. We must be willing to seek only His way. This is not easy since His way is a complete opposite way of the secular culture we live in.

As we worship Him in the Sacrifice of the Mass, we must ask Him to give us the strength and perseverance to love Him; to be true to Him, to live and die for Him.

See you in Church!  
Love and Prayers,

Fr. John  
Pastor



**SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK**

Sanctuary light, south side, is in memory of Mary Ann Kubin donated by Leslie Kubin & Family for the week of August 27-Sept. 2. Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary Dick.

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, August 28

**9-12 noon** St. John Library Open/Rm 106 Compound  
**3:00 pm** Baptisms/Church  
**5:00 pm** Life Teen Mass returns!

#### Monday, August 29

**7:00 pm** Study on "The Mass"/Cafeteria

#### Tuesday, August 30

**7:00 pm** Confirmation Signup-Orientation/Cafeteria  
**5-7 pm** SJ Library Open/Rm 106 Compound

#### Wednesday, August 31

LT Food for the Soul & breakfast after 6:30 am Mass

**7:30 pm** Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

#### Thursday, September 1

**7:00 pm** Confirmation Signup-Orientation/Cafeteria

#### Friday, September 2

First Friday Devotions after 12:05 pm Mass

#### Saturday, September 3

First Saturday Devotions after 8:00 am Mass

**3:30 pm** Confessions/Church

#### Sunday, September 4

**New Mass Times effective today:**

**7:00 & 11:00 am, 1:00 pm(Spanish) & 5:00 pm LifeTeen**

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

**5:00 pm** Life Teen Mass and  
Life Teen Kick-Off Party after Mass

### **NEW MASS TIMES BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY**

New Mass times effective next weekend, Sunday, Sept. 4:  
7:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm(Spanish) and 5:00 pm Life Teen  
The 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday will remain the same.  
Epiphany Mission Mass will be at 9:00 am effective next Sunday.

### **REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Registration for children's Religious Education is now taking place. **IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN YOUR CHILDREN UP!** Forms are available at the parish office or online on parish website. All classes will be held in English. **Also, Religious Education will now be two hours and will begin September 25.** Please check the NEW forms for the new times for classes. A book fee has been added for PreK-5th grade students. The fee will depend on what grade your child will enter this year. Any questions, call office, 972-875-9650. Please note that this year EDGE, 6-8th grades, will ONLY be available on Thursday nights, 7:00-8:15 pm.

### **CATECHISTS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We still need more volunteers for catechists, aides, substitutes, childcare, and office aides! Please pray about it! This is a great opportunity to give back to your parish. The NEW volunteer form is in this bulletin and online on parish website. You must fill out a new volunteer form for the 2011-2012 year. Call Stacy Gallegos at 972-875-9650, or 972-878-2834, ext. 214, if you have questions and/or if you would like to volunteer. Classes begin September 25.

### **CONFIRMATION SIGN-UP ORIENTATION**

You must attend **one** of these two Orientations:  
Tuesday, August 30, 7:00 pm in the cafeteria  
Thursday, September 1, 7:00 pm in the cafeteria  
Bring Baptismal certificate and \$50 cash or check for deposit.

### **THANK YOU FROM KENNETH LANGLEY FAMILY**

"The children and I and the extended family of Kenneth Langley wish to thank everyone who expressed their sympathy with phone calls, visits, food, cards, floral, Masses and memorial gifts in his name. I want to sincerely thank each and everyone of you. May God's blessing be upon you."  
Mona Langley

### **EPIPHANY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Volunteers are needed to help with the Religious Education program for the children of Epiphany Mission.  
Contact Paul Guerrero if you can help in some capacity to ensure that our children learn about our Catholic faith.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Please pray for: Stephanie Brittingham, Helen Matous, Daniel Perreyda, Janie Caudillo, Jenna Rejcek, Richard Mraz, David Pleiner, Catherine McClelland, Lori Langley, Olga Patak, Mary Patak, Debra Bair Jones, Thelma Collinsworth, Betty Rogala, Graciela & Ruben Monreal, Kim Chapman family, Patsy Blazek, Helen Zmolek, San Juana Arias, Robert Strunc, Mark Durbin, Inez Fira, Viola, Evelyn, and Helen Dlabaj, Ana Sosa, Geraldine Haskovec, Ninfa Carrillo, Rosa Sanchez, Domingo Galban, Emily Valek, David Perdue, Gary Kidder, Leonard Drozd, Rose Marie(Mrs. Ernest) Novy, Jerry Dolezal, Maria Manriquez, Tony Alvarez, Lauren Moran, Steve Betik, Lisa Marklund, James Pustejovsky, Earlene Slovak, Mary Moreno, Raul Partida, Billy Coplen, Castillo family, Bernard Betik.

### **CUB SCOUT RECRUITMENT**

St. John Cub Scout Pack 203 will start it's annual recruitment program soon!! Come have your 1st-5th grader join us for loads of Scouting fun! Call Rodney Kapavik, 972-979-2377, or email: st.johnpack203@yahoo.com or Yahoo Groups at Ennis Pack 203.

### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) new year begins Monday, September 5th, with a meeting at 7:00 pm at the KC hall. All members are urged to attend. Plans will be made for local, state and national level projects. Your ideas and thoughts are most welcome. If you have not paid your \$15 dues this year, mail to Dolores McKibbin, 610 E. Burnett, Ennis, TX 75119. Dues are paid calendar year January to December. Any Catholic woman interested in becoming a member or learning more about the Catholic Daughters, please feel free to come to the meeting.

### **HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 28**

726 In Christ There is No East or West  
671 Here I Am, Lord  
694 We Have Been Told  
693 Two Fishermen

### **COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 20 & 21**

St. John Church Support Collection \$ 18,740.07  
Epiphany Mission Collection 603.00

## The Mass

### What does it mean to worship God?



- To go hear a good sermon and learn something?
- To have a meeting that culminates in inviting you to convert?
- To work through your issues?
- To be entertained?
- To give thanks and praise to God?

### Why do we come together every week for Mass?

Learn more **Monday at 7 PM, Cafeteria.**

- Do you want to **learn more** about God and the Catholic Church?
- Do you want to join or know someone who wants to **join** the Catholic Church?
- Do you want to **receive sacraments** you haven't yet received?
- Did you grow up Catholic but have turned away from the Church and now want to learn more about it as you **come back**?

These are all good reasons to participate in **RCIA.**

Begins **Sunday, September 11.**

Meetings will be from

**8:45 until 10:45 in**

**Room 102 in the Compound.**

## ST. JOHN BAZAAR

Our annual Parish Bazaar will be the weekend of September 17th and 18th. We need the help and cooperation of all our parishioners of St. John Parish. This year the proceeds will be used for: the annual liability insurance 45% down-payment; and remaining balance on completion of Compound Renovations.

### GOD BLESSES VOLUNTEERS!!



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parish Volunteers are **very** needed to work in the Bazaar booths. Please contact Cheryl O'Brien, 469-337-3497 [cherobrien@gmail.com](mailto:cherobrien@gmail.com) or the parish office at (972) 875-2834 to volunteer.

### Donations Needed



You are asked to bring donated items to the Parish Office until Bazaar weekend. Items include:

- New or gently loved stuffed animals
- New or unused gift items for Bingo Prizes

(household items, i.e., dish soap, paper towels, body wash, non-perishable food items, etc.).

- Also, Bingo Prizes in the \$5-\$20 range.
- Floral arrangements—Live or Artificial (Bring live plants directly to Bazaar.)
- White Elephant Booth needs items (garage sale type in good condition) Call Sandra Valdez for pickup, 972-878-9210



### BAZAAR AUCTIONS

Items for both the Live and Silent Auctions are very needed. Call Evelyn or Evette at 972-875-2791, or 972-875-4210 for information or pickup.

General Raffle tickets have been mailed out. If you haven't received yours by mid-week, let us know and we will be glad to give you some to buy or sell. Thank you!

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Room #: \_\_\_\_\_

Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

With child? Y N N/A

**2011-2012  
Religious Education  
Volunteer**

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Security sent: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Placement of volunteers is not guaranteed until confirmed by R. E. staff\*\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone:( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone:( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone:( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered parishioner @ St. John Nepomucene Catholic Parish? Yes No

Date of registration: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer as (circle one) ... Office aide childcare PreK K 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> The Edge

**Sunday**  
\_\_\_\_\_ 8:30-10:30AM

**Wednesday**  
\_\_\_\_\_ 6:30 – 8:30PM

**Thursday (EDGE ONLY)**  
\_\_\_\_\_ 7:00-8:15PM

I would like my child in my class: Yes No Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Did you volunteer last year? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, in what department? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there someone you would like to teach with? Who? \_\_\_\_\_

If you will need childcare, please list the names/ages of each child.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_



**PHOTO RELEASE**

It is understood that while participating in the Religious Education program there will be photos taken throughout the R. E. year. Photos taken by the church will be used for St. John Nepomucene Catholic Parish purposes only and may be appear in print and on the St. John website. Please contact the R. E. Office directly if you do not give permission for your photo to be taken as described.

May God Bless your commitment to this special ministry!

***\*If you resign your position or fail to fulfill your obligation, you will be required to pay for your student's religious education in full and priority placement is no longer available.***

I hereby give permission to the Religious Education Office Staff of St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church to seek emergency treatment for me until my emergency contact can be reached.

Volunteer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# LIFE TEEN

## ST JOHN LIFE TEEN KICKOFF!

**SEPT 4TH  
AT 5PM**

Mass, Concert, Giant Water Slide,  
Bounce Boxing, Rock Climbing Wall,  
Food & Much More

**Dress Code:** Appropriate Mass Clothes to Mass, There will be time to change after Mass. Girls: **NO two piece bathing suits, shorts preferred with bathing suit!**

## LIFE TEEN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**AUGUST 31- FOOD FOR THE SOUL 6:30AM THEN A FREE BREAKFAST**

**AUGUST 28- LIFE TEEN MASS IS BACK 5PM!**

### **CONFIRMATION SIGNUPS**

**THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY CONFIRMATION SIGNUP/ORIENTATION MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 30TH & SEPT 1ST AT 7PM IN THE CAFETERIA. YOU ONLY NEED TO ATTEND ONE OF THE TWO MEETINGS. PLEASE BRING YOUR**

**BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE AND**

**\$50 DEPOSIT TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD.**

**QUESTIONS? CALL JOEY 972-878-8336 OR**

**JOEYS@STJOHNCC.NET**

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction will follow the 12:05 pm Mass on the first Friday, September 2.

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, the Rosary and Benediction will follow the 8:00 am Mass on the first Saturday, September 3.

### ALTAR CARE FOR SEPTEMBER 3 & 10

**Diane Sulak**

**Irene Vitovsky**

### 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. There will be a training session soon. Please call the parish business office if you can help in this very important ministry, 972-878-2834.

### ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

#### Saturday, September 3

**5:00 pm** Grant Vrana/Tyler Dennie

#### Sunday, September 4

**7:00 am** Tyler Novy/Zachary Matous/Nate Allen

**11:00 am** David Janousek/Joseph Baird/Tyler Gilmore

**5:00 pm Life Teen Mass** Matt Zajic/Dylan Fisher/Alex Fry

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

**St. John Goal: \$ 76,000.00**

**Epiphany Goal: \$ 3,000**

**Pledged: 70,067.50**

**Pledged: 4,038**

**Received: 44,855.85**

**Received: 2,668**

Please honor your pledges by making regular payments. Thanks!

### FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS THIS WEEKEND

The two beautiful flower arrangements by the Tabernacle this weekend, August 27/28, are in loving memory of Danny Ray Nekuza donated by Raymond & Georgia Ann Nekuza.

### YOUTH MINISTRY TO BRING DRINKS FOR BAZAAR

Youth and their parents in the Life Teen and Confirmation programs are asked to bring bottled water (not large bottles) and soda (12 oz. cans) for the Bazaar booth. Please drop off at office.

### PRAYER FOR RAIN

"Lord, you send rains in season. It is a season of need in Texas. Send rain for our parched land here and wherever it is needed. Let the drought unite millions to ask you to help. We trust in you. You made the world to need the waters of heaven. You made the world to need the waters of life. You are the source of life. We ask you to let it rain in Jesus name."