



MONDAY, AUGUST 30

No 6:30 am or 6:30 pm Mass today

12:05 pm Frank & Carrie Gelnar ++ and
Rudolph Ozymy Sr. +

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

6:30 am Ernest Haskovec +

12:05 pm Louise Krajca +

6:30 pm(Spanish) Emilia Cervantes +

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

6:30 am Eric Shields Special Intention

12:05 p.m. Joe & Julie Zmolik ++

Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass until 5:00 pm

6:30 pm Ann T. Skrivanek + and
Charlotte and Louis Slovacek ++

This will be a Memorial Mass for Sister Stephanie Slovak +

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

No daily Masses today (6:30 am, 12:05 pm & 6:30 pm)

12:05 p.m. Communion Service (no Mass)

FIRST FRIDAY, SEPT. 3—St. Gregory the Great

6:30 a.m. Willie Mae Vavra +

12:05 p.m. Milton & Nadine Martinek ++

First Friday Devotions after the 12:05 pm Mass

FIRST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00 am Georgie Kubin Byrd + and
Linda Dlabaj +

First Saturday Devotions after the 8:00 am Mass

5:00 pm Raymond Honza Sr. + and
Johnny Wickliffe +

SUNDAY, SEPT. 5 — 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Louise M. Hrbacek + and
Stanley Vlk +

10:30 am Maria Perla Cruz + and
Don Krysinski +

1:00 pm Raquel Garcia + and
For the St. John Parish Community

5:00 pm LIFE TEEN MASS

Robin Cervantes + and
Duane Dolezalik +

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY

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

Sunday, Sept. 5, 9:30 am Albert & Catherine Elfrink ++

SPONSOR OF WEEK: ENNIS CARE CENTER

*from the
Pastor's desk*

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Wow! What a Mission! God is Good! All the time!

He is good and especially when we invite Him into our lives. As a Parish we open the doors of our hearts, minds and souls to Him when we schedule, set aside the time and money and participate in a Parish Mission. That is one of the many reasons why Parish Missions are very powerful. They give God the loving permission He seeks in order to come into our lives and bless us with whatever He knows we need.

Many times in our lives we think we need certain things or changes in our life to make it better. But it is only Our Lord who truly knows what is needed and how to bring it about in our life. That is why when we leave our life up to Him we often experience a real change and His blessing.

He works through the words and actions of the Mission Team. Here we have been blessed with the Intercessors of the Lamb. Holy men - Fr. John Mark, Br. Joshua, Br. Paul Marie, Br. David Maria and Br. Simon Mary, who have answered His call to minister to His people. Providentially, this means us, the Parish of Saint John Nepomucene in Ennis, Texas!

I truly expect this Blessing to continue to grow and bear fruit in our individual lives and as a result, the life of our parish. This life I am speaking of is the Life of the Holy Spirit alive in us. It is this true "life" that bears good fruit. It is this true "life" that brings the peace, joy and unity that we seek in ourselves, marriages, families, workplaces and Church.

I pray that we all resist the temptations of the Devil to lessen or squash this new Life in the Spirit in us. The Devil is always ready to enter our minds and hearts with negative emotions. He prompts us to seek the negative and pessimistic view of life. This is not the message of the Resurrection! There is always Hope and Jesus always provides the power through the Holy Spirit to bring the Hope into reality. It is the Devil who wants us to give up or be negative.

Tell the Devil to go back to Hell, that your Hope and Trust are in Jesus!

See you in Church!

Love and Prayers,
Father John
Pastor

FIRST FRIDAY & SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction will follow the 12:05 pm Mass on Friday, September 3.

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, the Rosary and Benediction will follow the 8:00 am Mass on Saturday, September 4.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 29

No coffee & donuts this morning
Women's CRHP Retreat concludes this afternoon
Epiphany Mission, Italy, Religious Education Registration

Monday, August 30

No 6:30 am & 6:30 pm Masses today
12:05 pm Mass
7:30 pm Confirmation Orientation (see notice)
7:30 pm Safe Environment Training/School Building

Tuesday, August 31

Masses at 6:30 am & 12:05 pm(English) & 6:30 pm(Sp)
7:30 pm Confirmation Orientation (see notice)

Wednesday, September 1

Masses at 6:30 am, 12:05 pm & 6:30 pm (English)
Eucharistic Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass
No Mass at Ennis Care Center today
6:30 pm Mass includes Memorial for Sr. Stephanie Slovak

Thursday, September 2

No daily Masses today
12:05 pm Communion Service in Church

First Friday, September 3

Masses 6:30 am & 12:05 pm
Devotions after the 12:05 pm Mass

First Saturday, September 4

Devotions after the 8:00 am Mass
3:30 pm Confessions

Sunday, September 5

9:00-1:00 St. John Library Open/Room 106
5:00 pm **LIFE TEEN Mass & Kickoff!!!**

Monday, September 6—Labor Day

Parish Business Office will be closed for the Holiday
One Mass that day at 12:05 pm

EPIPHANY FAITH FORMATION
Faith Formation Program **registration** for Epiphany Mission continues today, August 29, after the 9:30 am Mass. Sacrament of Confirmation information will also be available at this time. Your Faith Formation contact person is Paula Guerrero, 972-483-1607.

Parish website: www.stjohnncc.net

COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 21 & 22

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 14,829.22
Epiphany Mission Collection	\$ 574.85

ST. JOHN BAZAAR IN SEPTEMBER

Our annual Parish Bazaar will be on September 18 & 19. The harvest is plentiful (Bazaar) but the laborers are few (you). Please fill out a form or call the office to volunteer. Bazaar Raffle tickets have been mailed. If you didn't receive them, or want more, please stop by the church office. Please check your homes for new/unused/duplicate gifts to donate for booth prizes. We need your Arts & Crafts and new/like new stuffed animals for various booths, and your plants for the Plant Booth. 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

September 4, Saturday

5:00 pm Joseph Baird/Grant Vrana/Michael Jurik

September 5, Sunday

7:30 am Tyler Novy/Cooper Gillespie/Nate Allen

10:30 am Dylan Honza/Tyler Dennie/Tyler Gilmore

5:00 pm Life Teen Matt Zajic/Dylan Fisher/Chris Trojacek

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: James Pustejovsky, Wesley Mikel, Tommy Rickman, Michael Green, Mario & Inez Fira, Tori Maurico, Joe Neuhoff, Betty Zajic, Arthur Toth, Sandra Horrell, Frankie Joe Patak, Geri Melvin, Kenneth Langley, Nolen Dockery, John Vrla, Viola Dlabaj, Louise Valek, Theresa Toupal, Sr. Edna Gonzalez, Cecilia Blazek, Jennifer Gallagher, Ella Patak, Millie & Leslie Trojacek, Angie Garza, Johnny Mensik, Maria Manriquez, Raul Partida, Frances Kozlovsky, Steve Betik, Gary Kidder, Donna Glaser, Betty Rogala, Tony Alvarez, Evelyn Dlabaj, Elizabeth Holland, Claudio Amador Sr., Claudio Amador Jr., Joe & Mary Patak, 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.

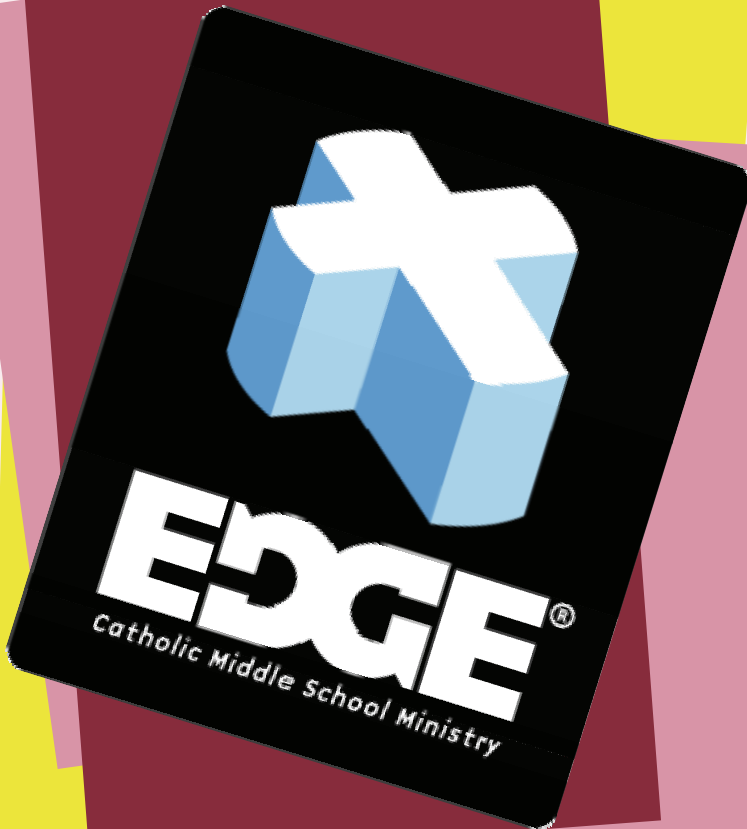
Name _____
Address _____

Want to make new friends?
Want to make new friends?

Looking for fun and games?
Looking for fun and games?

Begins September 26

Want to learn who Christ really is?
And why He came?
**Want to learn who Christ really is?
And why He came?**



Want to live life
on the EDGE?
**Want to live life
on the EDGE?**

The EDGE is an exciting program that meets the needs of you and your friends through games, skits, music, and much *more!*

All 6th - 8th graders welcome.
Starting September 26, 9:00 am in the Cafeteria

Questions or comments:
Joey Scancella (972) 878-8336
joey@stjohncc.net

9:00 am - 10:15 am

**Catholic Middle
School Ministry**

This is the religious education for middle school.
It is also part of Confirmation preparation.
Don't wait for your spot to be taken—register
now at the parish office!

TWENTY-SECOND 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, Sept. 5 @ 5:00 pm
It starts with Mass, followed by Coffey Anderson. Giant Water Slide, Mechanical Bull, food, prizes, and much more!

Special guest: **Coffey Anderson**
See him at <http://www.icoffey.com>



CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Confirmation Orientation is mandatory for all youths who will receive Confirmation next year, and for their parents. Choose either Monday, August 30, or Tuesday, August 31, at 7:30 pm in the cafeteria to attend. Please bring proof of Baptism and the registration fee. Any questions, 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



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAFE ENVIRONMENT & VOLUNTEERS

All Volunteers are required to attend a Safe Environment training or re-training session every year. The remaining Initial Training Session will be in the school building on Monday, August 30, 7:30 pm

Teens helping in programs like Religious Education will have a separate session geared for them before classes begin in September.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES THIS WEEK

No 6:30 am & 6:30 pm Masses on Monday, August 30. There will be a 12:05 pm Mass on Monday.

On Thursday, September 2, there will be no Masses; however, there will be a Communion Service at 12:05 pm.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light on the south side of sanctuary is in memory of Elaine Becker donated by William Becker for the week of August 28-Sept. 3.

Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank N. & Mary T. Dick (Fr. John and Frank's parents).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Applications are still being taken for Religious Education. Catechists are still needed to teach on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. The harvest is plentiful (our children's religious education) but the laborers (you) are few. Call Annette Wright at 972-875-8650, or drop by the office to volunteer. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 26, and Wednesday, September 29.

VANDALISM AT ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

The iron gate and control box at St. Joseph Cemetery were vandalized and damaged last Sunday night. The police were called and a report filed. The gate will be chained and padlocked manually until the gate and box are fixed. The gate opens at 7:30 a.m. and closes at 7:30 p.m. (until the Fall time change).

Please question and/or report any unusual or suspicious activity at the cemetery. Your help and support is needed to help us protect the resting place of our beloved dead.

WHAT IS PRAYER?

Prayer is a form of communication, a way of talking to God or to the saints. While we often still think of prayer primarily as asking God for something, prayer, properly understood, is a conversation with God or with the saints. Just as we cannot hold a conversation with another person unless he can hear us, the very act of praying is an implicit recognition of the presence of God or the saints here with us. And in praying, we strengthen that recognition of the presence of God, which draws us closer to Him.

That is why the Church recommends that we pray frequently and make prayer an important part of our everyday lives.