

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



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5—U.S. Labor Day

No 6:30 am or 6:30 pm Masses on this holiday

12:05 pm Maria Perla Cruz + and
Louise Hrbacek +

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

6:30 am Charles J. Elleven Jr. +
12:05 pm Winnie & James Whitfill ++ and
Stanley & Helen Laznovsky ++

6:30 pm(Spanish) Maria Gamez Espino +

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6:30 am Ernest & Ann Haskovec ++
12:05 pm Helene Barrett + and
Joe & Frances Betik ++

6:30 pm Mary Pat Clements + and
Agnes Whitfill +

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8—Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 am Jerry Slovacek +
12:05 pm Stanley L. Vlk + and
Dick Harrison +

6:30 pm Spanish For Rain in our Area and in Texas

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9—St. Peter Claver, Priest

6:30 am Nolen Dockery +
12:05 pm Cynthia Zapletal + and
Rudy and Gary Valek ++

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

5:00 pm Louise & Charles Houston ++ and
Mark Hejny +

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00 am Joe S. & Mary Patak ++ and
Donnie Slovak +
11:00 am Richard Miller + and
Benjamin & Josephine Towb Family ++
1:00 pm For the Poor Souls in Purgatory and
For Our Parish Community

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Lillian Trojacek + and
For Teens in the Life Teen Program

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY CHURCH, ITALY

Sunday, Sept. 4, 9:00 am (new time)

Francisco & Bernabe Cabrera ++

Sunday, Sept. 11, 9:00 am For All Victims of the
September 11, 2001 Attack

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Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Labor Day Weekend! Celebrated each year the first Monday of September to pay tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well being of our country. Traditionally this weekend closes the Summer/Vacation Season and begins our work and academic year. Labor Day has been celebrated nationally in the United States since Tuesday, September 5th, 1882. Now, this weekend, we are continuing this tradition going on 130 years!

As with everything that affects man and his world, our Catholic Church has continually taught on the true meaning and value of work/labor. Blessed John Paul II, in his Encyclical Letter, *Laborem Exercens*, wrote that “Work has a place of honor because it is a source of riches, or at least of the conditions for a decent life, and is, in principle, an effective instrument against poverty. But one must not succumb to the temptation of making an idol of work, for the ultimate and definitive meaning of life is not to be found in work. Work is essential, but it is God – and not work – who is the origin of life and the final goal of man.”

Our Church teaches that riches fulfill their function of service to man when they are destined to produce benefits for others and for society. “How could we ever do good to our neighbor,” asks St. Clement of Alexandria, “if none of us possessed anything?” In the perspective of St. John Chrysostom, riches belong to some people so that they can gain merit by sharing them with others. Wealth is a good that comes from God and is to be used by its owner and made to circulate so that even the needy may enjoy it. Evil is seen in the immoderate attachment to riches and the desire to hoard.

By means of her social doctrine, the Church takes on the task of proclaiming what the Lord has entrusted to her. She makes the message of the freedom and redemption wrought by Christ, the Gospel of the Kingdom, present in human history. As each of us begins transforming our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit into the life we will live in God’s Kingdom, we also effect change in the immediate world around us. This however, cannot be accomplished by Social Work, but only by the power of Jesus Christ present in His Church.

Have a Blessed Labor Day Weekend!

See you in Church!

Love and Prayers,

Fr. John

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light, south side, is in memory of Willie L. & Viola Trojacek donated by Ernest Trojacek for the week of September 3-9. Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary Dick.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

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!

Monday, September 5

Parish Business Office closed for Labor Day Holiday

7:00 pm Catholic Daughters Meeting/KC

Tuesday, September 6

5:00 pm SJ Altar Society Meeting/Conference Rm

7:00 pm Baptism Class/Room 102 School Bldg.

5-7 pm SJ Library Open/Rm 106 Compound

Wednesday, September 7

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

7:00 pm D-NITE in Cafeteria

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, September 8

7:30 pm Safe Environment Re-Training/Rm 201

Saturday, September 10

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, September 11

8:45-10:45 am RCIA Classes begin/Rm 102 Compound

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

3:00 pm Baptisms/Church

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

BAPTISM CLASS FOR SEPTEMBER

Baptism Class will be Tuesday, September 6, 7:00 pm, Room 102 in the school building. This class is for all parents, and for those Godparents who haven't attended in the last year. Applications, available at the office, **must** be filled out and returned with the fee to the office **before** attending this class.

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, SEPTEMBER 4

689 I Danced in the Morning
504 I Have Loved You
636 Blest Are They
874 My Country, 'Tis of Thee

COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 27 & 28

St. John Church Support Collection \$ 16,171.24
Epiphany Mission Collection 834.41

ST. JOHN ROSARY GUILD MEETING

St. John Rosary Guild will meet at William Becker's home at 908 S. Mulberry St. on Thursday, September 8. Please come anytime between 6:00 and 8:00 pm, and bring a friend. The Guild is working hard making rosaries for Faith Formation and can use all the help they can get. Please come join them in this great ministry. Questions? Call Cheryl at 469-337-3497.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION! It is a parent's duty to do so. Forms are available at the parish office or online on parish website. All classes will be held in English and will now be two hours and will begin September 25. Form has the times. A book fee, depending on the grade, has been added for PreK-5th grade students. Any questions, call office, 972-875-9650. Please note that this year EDGE, for 6-8th grades, will **ONLY** be available on Thursday nights, 7:00-8:15 pm, beginning September 29.

CATECHISTS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still need more volunteers for catechists, aides, substitutes, childcare, and office aides! Please volunteer and give back to your parish and our children! Volunteer forms are at the office and online. Call Stacy Gallegos at 972-875-9650, or 972-878-2834, ext. 214, if you have questions and/or if you want to volunteer. Classes begin September 25.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

All volunteers in the Usher Ministry need to be Safe Environment trained as required by the diocese before October 1. If an Usher does not want to continue, please let the Head Usher know. New ushers may have to be recruited. For current ushers, the only requirement is to fill out the Screening Form and attend the Safe Environment training class, which takes about an hour. Women are also needed as ushers, as there are times when only women can assist. "Family of Faith" initial training sessions will be Sept. 13 & 27. Retraining sessions will be Sept. 8 & 22. All sessions at 7:30 pm in Room 201 in the school building.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

St. John Altar Society will meet Tuesday, Sept. 6, 5:00 pm in the Conference Room of the business office. New members welcome!

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: Linda Robledo, Raymond Bobalik, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Stephanie Brittingham, Helen Matous, Daniel Pereyda, Janie Caudillo, Jenna Rejcek, Richard Mraz, David Pleiner, Catherine McClelland, Lori Langley, Olga Patak, Debra Bair Jones, Thelma Collinsworth, Betty Rogala, Graciela & Ruben Monreal, Patsy Blazek, Helen Zmolek, San Juana Arias, Robert Strunc, Mark Durbin, Inez Fira, Viola, Evelyn, and Helen Dlabaj, Rosa Sanchez, Domingo Galban, Emily Valek, David Perdue, Gary Kidder, Rose Marie(Mrs. Ernest) Novy, Jerry Dolezal, Maria Manriquez, Tony Alvarez, Lauren Moran, Steve Betik, Lisa Marklund, Earlene Slovak, Mary Moreno, Raul Partida, Castillo family, Bernard Betik.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA

- **Learn more** about God and the Catholic Church.
- **Join** the Catholic Church.
- **Receive sacraments.**
- **Come back** to the Church.

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.

The Mass

Come take a Biblical Walk through the Mass!

So far, we've been looking at what the Mass is and how it should never be boring. Beginning Monday, September 12, we will be talking more about **why** we do all the things we do at the Mass, **why** the words of the Mass are changing, and **how** the words of the Mass are changing.

No class Labor Day, Monday, September 5.

Next class Monday, September 12, at 7 PM in the Cafeteria.

ST. JOHN BAZAAR

Our annual Parish Bazaar will be in two weeks, on September 17th and 18th!

We need the help and cooperation of all our parishioners of St. John Parish. Proceeds will be used for the annual liability insurance 45% down-payment; and for the remaining balance on the renovations in the Compound.

**GOD BLESSES
VOLUNTEERS!!**

Time  **Talent
Treasure**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parish Volunteers are **very** needed to work in the Bazaar booths. Please contact Cheryl O'Brien, 469-337-3497 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. that can also be used for Bingo prizes)

- 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 Zmolik or Evette Vitovsky 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, let us know and we will be glad to give you some to buy or sell. Thank you for caring!

We need Catechists & Volunteers!

*Classes will be on
Sundays &
Wednesdays*



**Ever thought
about
volunteering
for Religious
Education?**

**Come sow the
seeds of the
gospel to the
future
generations!**

**It's a
wonderful way
to respond to
the mission we
receive at
baptism.**

**Please contact Stacy
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**This program can
not do the work
that it does
without YOU!**

That Man is You! A Light to the Nations

That Man is You! is an interactive men's leadership program focused on the development of men in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society.

mission

DISCOVER...

- The means by which God wishes to use your family in the transformation of greater society.
- The vision of authentic leadership in the home based upon the life of St. Joseph.
- The vision of the Christian family based upon an understanding of the life of the Holy Family.
- The seven simple steps by which you can transform your home and encounter Christ's presence in your midst.
- The means and tools for discovering the pathway to transformation for yourself and your family.

The Fall Semester of the **That Man is You** program will once again be offered on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings beginning September 8 and 10. This session will focus on the home and family and you will experience the power of transformation as you discover: (1) The vision of authentic leadership in the home based upon the life of St. Joseph and (2) The seven simple steps by which you can transform your home and encounter Christ's presence in your midst.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Thursday Evenings
Or
Saturday Mornings
Beginning September 8 or 10
Rooms 103 -104

SCHEDULE

Thursday Evenings/Saturday Mornings		
Meal	7:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m.
Video Presentation	7:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m.
Group Discussions	8:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.
Conclusion	8:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.

Please come join the men of St. John Nepomucene by registering for the **That Man is You** program. You can register outside the church, on stjohncc.net or at thatmanisyou.org.



*A program of
PARADISUS DEI*

LIFE TEEN

ST JOHN LIFE TEEN KICKOFF!

**SEPT 4TH
AT 5PM**

Mass, Concert by Jesse Manibusan, 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!**

For every new friend you bring you receive an extra raffle
ticket! The only requirement is that you must be in
9th-12th grade! See you there

LIFE TEEN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 7TH- FOOD FOR THE SOUL AFTER THE 6:30AM MASS & D-NITE 7PM CAFETERIA

SEPTEMBER 11- LIFE NIGHT 6:30PM-8PM

SEPTEMBER 18- NO LIFE TEEN BAZAAR WEEKEND!

QUESTIONS? CALL JOEY 972-878-8336 OR JOEYS@STJOHNCC.NET

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ONE MASS ON HOLIDAY

Only 1 Mass at 12:05 pm on Monday, Sept. 5, the Labor Day holiday.



HOME BIBLE STUDY MEETING

The next question and answer session for those participating in the Home Bible Study will be Thursday, September 8, at 7:00 pm in Room 205 in the school building. Bring paper and pen and get your questions answered by Deacon Don Griffith.

BAZAAR HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

The annual Horseshoe Tournament for the St. John Bazaar will be on Saturday, Sept. 17. Registration at 10:00 am; games begin at noon. Call Darren Liska for entry fees and more information, 972-268-0213.

NEW MASS TIMES BEGIN TODAY

New Mass times effective this weekend, Sunday, September 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 today.

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 home-bound 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.

PARISH BUSINESS OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

The business office will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, for Labor Day.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, September 10

5:00 pm Josh Zapletal/Joseph Baird

Sunday, September 11

7:00 am Zachary Matous/Dylan Fisher/Aaron Rejcek

11:00 am Chris Trojacek/Grant Vrana/David Janousek

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Tyler Dennie/Tyler Novy/Alex Fry

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

CarterBloodCare will sponsor a Blood Drive on Thursday, September 15, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm, at Ennis Regional Hospital. Call Jeanna Gilmore for information, 972-875-0900.