



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 (Labor Day)

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

12:05 pm Emeleen Maliska + and
Winnie & James Whitfill ++

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6:30 am Brodwynne Patak +

12:05 pm Frank J. Podrouzek +

6:30 pm(Spanish) Maria Elena Gonzalez +

WED., SEPT. 8—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 am Charlie L. Dlabaj +

12:05 p.m. Leslie R. Zabochnik Sr. +

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

6:30 pm Lillian Trojacek +

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

6:30 am Julia Pochobradsky +

12:05 p.m. Gary and Rudy Valek ++

6:30 pm(Spanish) Enrique B. Gonzales +

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

6:30 a.m. Mark Hejny +

12:05 p.m. F. L. "Dick" Harrison +

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:00 pm Clint Santos + and

Joe A./Mary/Edwin/Lillie/Wesley/Brodwynne Patak +++++

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12 — 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Willie & Mary Kriska ++ and
Willie & Mary Prachyl/Anton Galetka +++

10:30 am Louise & Charles Houston ++ and
Lillian C. Valek +

1:00 pm Maria Espino Bermudes + and
For the St. John Parish Community

5:00 pm LIFE TEEN MASS

Jerry Slovacek + and
June Rose Zaidle +

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY

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

Sunday, Sept. 12, 9:30 am Eugenio Marco Huerta + and
Francisco & Bernabe Lopes Cabrera ++

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*from the
Pastor's desk*

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Happy Labor Day! What does that mean? We get a day off work, a holiday! No school! That is definitely what most of us think about when someone mentions that next Monday is Labor Day!

When I went to the United States Department of Labor and searched for Labor Day Holiday I found a statement which reads the following:

"Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country."

The first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. Gradually, other cities and eventually states began to celebrate the holiday. In 1884, the Central Labor Union chose the first Monday in September to be the holiday from that time on and urged other Unions to do the same.

On June 28, 1894 the Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. So it has been over one hundred years since the first Labor Day was celebrated!

One hundred and nineteen years ago on May 15th, 1891, Pope Leo XIII wrote an Encyclical entitled "*Rerum Novarum*" On the Condition of Workers. On the 90th anniversary of that encyclical, Pope John Paul II issued an Encyclical entitled "Laborem Exercens," – On Human Work.

As Catholic Christians we view "work" somewhat differently than the secular world. God made all things. God made man the steward of all that He created. By our work as stewards of God's creation, using the materials God has provided us, we are to maintain our existence, grow and mature. Pope John Paul II wrote in the Encyclical that "Work is a good thing for man – a good thing for his humanity – because through work man not only transforms nature, adapting it to his own needs, but he also achieves fulfillment as a human being and indeed, in a sense, becomes 'more a human being.'"

In other words, God gives us the stuff to work with, the raw material, in order to help us to become more human. Part of becoming more human, at least in God's eyes, is not only providing for ourselves and our existence but also providing for others. The other major part of being human is using our work and its' fruits to further the Gospel.

See you in Church!

Love and Prayers,

Father John

BUSINESS OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY

The Parish Business Office will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 6.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 5

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

Monday, September 6—Labor Day

Parish Business Office will be closed for the Holiday
12:05 pm Mass (no 6:30 am or 6:30 pm Masses)
7:00 p.m. Catholic Daughters Meeting/KC

Tuesday, September 7

Masses at 6:30 am, 12:05 pm(English) & 6:30 pm(Spanish)
7:00 pm Baptism Class/Room 101 Compound

Wednesday, September 8

Masses at 6:30 am, 12:05 pm & 6:30 pm (English)
 Eucharistic Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass
2:30 pm Mass at IOOF Nursing Home
7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice Resumes/Church
7:30 pm KC 3rd Degree Meeting/KC

Thursday, September 9

Masses at 6:30 am, 12:05 pm(English) & 6:30 pm (Spanish)

Friday, September 10

Masses 6:30 am & 12:05 pm

Saturday, September 11

3:30 pm Confessions

Sunday, September 12

9:00-1:00 St. John Library Open/Rm 106 Compound
3:00 pm Baptisms/Church

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, September 6, at 7:00 pm at the KC dining room. Plans for our District Installation Mass and Luncheon will be finalized. All members are urged to attend, and bring a friend!

REMINDER ABOUT CHECKS

When writing your checks for different categories, i.e. church support, Masses, raffle tickets, Life Teen, etc., we ask that you please make separate checks rather than all in one. Each category is under a different department in the accounting system, so it makes it very difficult to break up the check and credit the correct department. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

BAPTISM CLASS IN SEPTEMBER

The next Baptism Class will be on Tuesday, September 7, 7:00 pm, in Room 101 in the compound. The class is for parents, and for Godparents who have not attended a class in the last year. **The completed application and fee must be turned in to the business office before attending this class.** Applications will still be available at the business office on Tuesday before 4:00 pm.

COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 28 & 29

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| St. John Church Support Collection | \$ 11,678.51 |
| St. John Charity Collection | 2,162.88 |
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| Epiphany Mission Collection | \$ 724.01 |

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 11, Saturday

5:00 pm Matt Zajic/Tyler Dennie/Josh Zapletal

September 12, Sunday

7:30 am Matt Matous/Zachary Matous/Dylan Fisher

10:30 am Kenny Janousek/Dylan Honza/David Janousek

5:00 pm Life Teen Nate Allen/Tyler Novy/Hardy Walker

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Elida Alvarado, Josie, Debbie, Henry and Ray Castillo, James Pustejovsky, Betty Zajic, Wesley Mikel, Tommy Rickman, Michael Green, Mario & Inez Fira, Tori Maurico, Joe Neuhoff, Sandra Horrell, Frankie Joe Patak, Geri Melvin, Kenneth & Mona Langley, Nolen Dockery, John Vrla, Louise Valek, Theresa Toupal, Sr. Edna Gonzalez, Cecilia Blazek, Millie & Leslie Trojacek, Angie Garza, 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.**

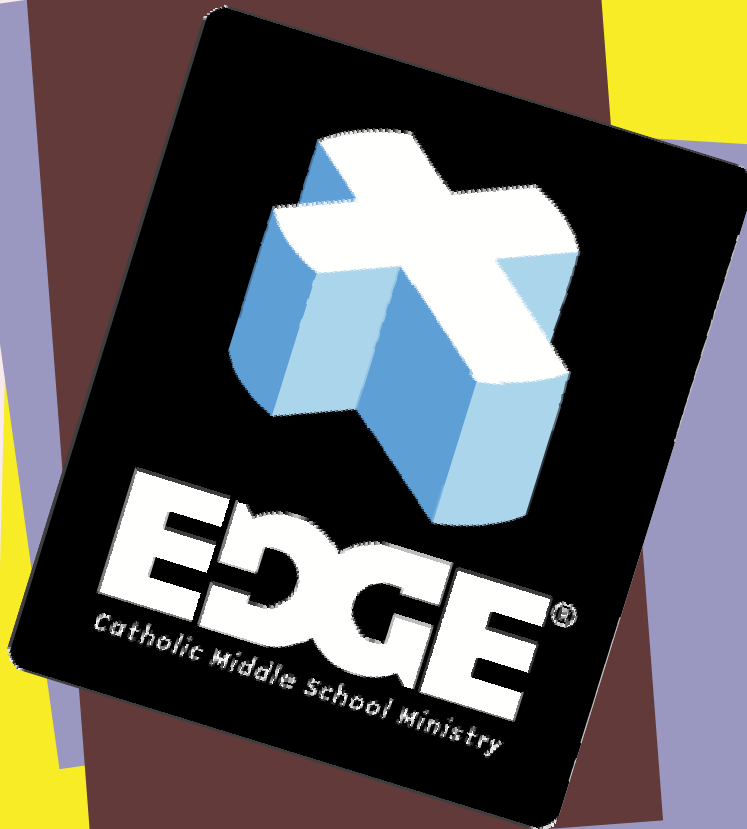
Name _____
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Want to make new friends?
Want to make new friends?

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, 7th & 8th graders welcome.
Starting September 26, 9:00 am in the Cafeteria

Questions or comments:
Joey Scancellia (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!

Thank you to Edwin and Lucy Mikula for painting the Cafeteria.

Our Cafeteria Looks Great!!

It has:

- New Paint
- New Ceiling Tiles

And we now have:

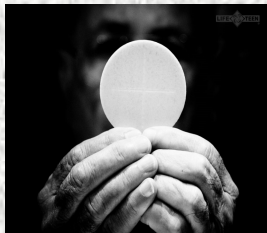
- New, durable chairs and round tables
 - Easels
 - Marker boards
 - Cork boards
 - and Drape hangers
- to help our ministries serve you better.



Let's Keep It That Way

In order to keep our Cafeteria in good condition for years to come, we ask that you not tack, tape, or in any way attach anything to the walls or any other part of the Cafeteria. Please use our new easels, marker boards, cork boards, and drape hangers for that sort of thing. **If you need help figuring things out, please contact Jeff Johnson.**

LIFE TEEN



Life Teen Kickoff

Our Kickoff Extravaganza is here! Don't miss the excitement today, Sunday, September 5 5pm Mass, Concert, prizes , games, and more
All High School Teens Welcomed!

Dress Code: Wear appropriate Mass Clothes to Mass, and there will be time to change after Mass. Girls: NO two piece bathing suits, shorts preferred with bathing suit.

FOOD FOR THE SOUL

WE WILL BE STARTING "FOOD FOR THE SOUL" ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15. ALL TEENS ARE WELCOMED TO COME TO 6:30 AM MASS FOLLOWED BY A FREE BREAKFAST

CONFIRMATION

The deadline to sign up for Confirmation is coming quickly! Please come sign up at the Parish business office. Questions? Contact Joey at: 972-878-8336 or joeys@stjohnncc.net

LIFE



TEEN

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light on south side of sanctuary in memory of Julia & Martin Rogala, Cathryn Hoefler, Joe Jamroz, Rose & Joe Rogala & Family donated by M/M Francis Rogala for the week of September 4-10. Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank N. & Mary T. Dick (Fr. John and Frank's parents).

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES THIS WEEK

No 6:30 am & 6:30 pm Masses on Monday, Labor Day, September 6. There **will** be a 12:05 pm Mass on Monday.

ALTAR CARE FOR SEPTEMBER

Irene Vitovsky
Diane Sulak

Betty Macalik
Melissa Zmolik



Religious Education Classes (Pre-K thru 8th)

Start Date: September 26 and 29

Sundays: 9:00 am-10:15 am or Wednesdays: 7:00 pm-8:15 pm
6th, 7th & 8th grades (EDGE) will meet on Sundays only

There will be no official registration day. Please stop by the parish office or mail in your child's registration form and fee as soon as possible for your preferred class day. Registration forms can be picked up at the parish office or in the office in the church annex, or downloaded from the parish website: www.stjohncc.net **Catechists are still needed for some classes.**

THANK YOU FROM LIFE TEEN TO K.J.Z.T. #16

The Life Teen Program and Ministry would like to thank the Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas, K.J.Z.T. Society #16, for their recent donation for the youth of our parish. Their donation is greatly appreciated!

2010 K.J.Z.T. FRATERNAL PROJECT

Each year societies of Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas, K.J.Z.T., focus on participating in parish and community work projects/fundraisers. During 2009 Members donated 146,490 volunteer hours, participated in 654 events and donated over \$170,000. Members believe in helping those in need and working together to make their hometowns and parishes stronger and safer places to enjoy life. This year our local KJZT Society #16 of the Assumption from our parish, has donated their \$100 from the State Office to the Life Teen Ministry to assist our parish youth in living out their Catholic faith.