Mass Intentions

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—St. Peter Claver NO 6:30 a.m. Mass today

12:05 p.m. Larry Coronado + **6:30 p.m.** Bernard Betik +

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

6:30 a.m. Mark Hejny + 12:05 p.m. Emily Dlabaj + 6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Sr. Josefina SantaCruz +

7:00 p.m. Confessions

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

6:30 a.m. Viola & Charlie Dlabaj ++ 12:05 p.m. Milton, John, & Kevin Gallagher +++ **Adoration after 12:05 Mass** 2:30 p.m. Frank & Jay Felcman ++ (I.O.O.F.) 6:30 p.m. Herbert Ludwig + **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12** 6:30 a.m. Charles & Agnes Kubelka ++ 12:05 p.m. Sr. Josefina SantaCruz + 6:30 p.m. Sr. Josefina SantaCruz + FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13-St. John Chrysostom Sr. Josefina SantaCruz + 6:30 a.m. 12:05 p.m. Eileen Mitchell + SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14-Exaltation of the Holy Cross 3:30 p.m. Confessions 5:00 p.m. Lillie Honza + TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME, **SEPTEMBER 15** 7:00 a.m. Ethelina Knize + 11:00 a.m. Claudio Amador, Sr. + 1:00 pm Marco Antonio Cerda +

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Juanita Gerich +

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. September 8, 9 am Julia y Jesus Guerrero ++ Sun. September 15, 9 am Pbro. Estanislao Gonzalez +

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, September 14

5:00 pm Sean Coplen / Alex Fry Sunday, September 15

7:00 am Josef Woodward /Brandon Martinek/Josh Zapletal
11:00 am Alston Lawrence/Alex Fry/Joseph Galetka
5:00 pm LT Mass Andrew Alvarado / Mando Campos

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Germania Insurance

SEPTEMBER 8, 2013

Letter from the Pastor

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time + 2013

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

From our first reading, the Book of Wisdom: "Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given Wisdom and sent your Holy Spirit from on high?"

Our second reading, St. Paul to Philemon: "... so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary."

Our Gospel, Jesus to the crowds and us: "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

Jesus uses the example of a man building a tower and of a king marching into battle, as examples of our main project in life; following Him each and every day to be His disciple and enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus explains that in order to successfully complete any project, whether a tower or a battle, you must sit down and come up with a plan, examining your strengths and weaknesses. Only then can you realistically know where you need to make changes or add additional resources. Maybe even call in reinforcements!

Our Catholic tradition, in its ageless wisdom, provides for this in our Daily Examination of Conscience. Most folks find that this is best accomplished each night as we prepare for sleep. Our first quote above, from the Book of Wisdom, counsels us to call on the Holy Spirit to enlighten us with self-knowledge, as we begin our examination. To do this effectively we must have a real desire to seek God and do His will. This will fulfill the qualification of St. Paul that our desire and love for Jesus, "not be forced but voluntary."

As we complete our Examen we must not be afraid to see the truth about ourselves. If a plan is not based in reality it will not accomplish its goal. We should desire to please Jesus so much that even the exposure of our failings should excite us because we are now able to correct them and ensure our success. Our Examen is followed by a contrite and sincere Act of Contrition.

Let us all make a resolution to enter more deeply and honestly, with the help of the Holy Spirit, into our Daily Examination of Conscience. Then we will find ourselves more caught up in the love of Jesus, the One who is our goal!

Love & Prayers, Fr. John

> **PAID CHILD CARE PROVIDERS NEEDED** If you are interested in becoming a paid child care provider for parish events, please call the office.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Entrance: Lift High the Cross - 785 **Offertory:** Lord, When You Came – 678 **Communion:** All Who Hunger - 817 **Recessional:** Two Fishermen – 693

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Second Collection is for the Catholic University of America Sunday, September 8 8:30-10:45 am St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound No RCIA Today 6:30 pm Life Night Monday, September 9 6:00 am Morning Prayer & Rosary/Church **Tuesday, September 10** 6:00/7:00 am Morning Prayer & Rosary/Church 6:30 am Food for Soul Mass and Breakfast 8:00 am Golden Crusaders Meeting/ Cafeteria 5:00 pm Altar Society/Room 102 6:00/7:00 pm Confessions 7:00 pm Marriage Prep / Room 101 7:00 pm Apologetics/ Room 301 SJ Library open/Room 106 Compound 5-8:30 pm Wednesday, September 11 6:00/7:00 am Morning Prayer & Rosary/Church Rosarv/Church 7:00 am 10:00 am Little Saints Play Group/Assumption Hall Life Teen "Into the Deep" 6-8 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church 7:30 pm 7:30 pm KC 4th Degree/ KC Thursday, September 12 6:00 am Morning Prayer and Rosary/Church 7:00 pm RCIA Inquiry/ Room 103 7:00 pm Women of Grace/ Room 101 Saturday, September 14 3:30 pm Confessions/Church Sunday, September 15 8:30-10:45 am St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound RCIA/ Room 101 9:00 am 6:30 pm Life Night

COLLECTIONS FOR 8/31 & 9/1 Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Church Support Collection\$16,735.42Second Collection for Capital Improvements2,521.34Epiphany Church Support Collection989.99Second Collection for Building Fund460.39

SANCTUARY CARE

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated in memory of Mary Helen Blackerby & Franklin Blackerby by Tony Birchett for the week of September 7—September 13.

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light was donated in memory of Joe & Annie Vrana, George & Mary Vrana, Louis & Mary Zmolik, Hattie, Ed, & Gene Lednicky, Barbara & Garland Beavers, and Jon Kern donated by Joe & Dorothy Vrana for the week of September 7-September 13.

Safe Environment Training

For those whose training has expired or will expire by the end of the year: Next Re-Training Class—Sunday, September 15, after 7AM & 11AM Masses, room 202/204

Questions contact: Maggie Holy at **maggieh@stjohncc.net**, or leave a voicemail at 972-875-2834.

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: Sept. 2 & 9—no class

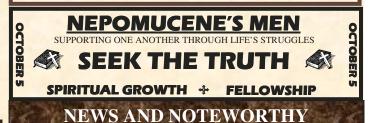
Sept. 16—first session on Gen. 3

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. Bring paper and a pen! "I do not understand souls who fear a friend, Jesus, who is so tender."

> Beginning Apologetics: Tuesdays, at 7pm, Room 301

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Sept. 8th is Our Lady's birthday!

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Tuesday, September 10th, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 102

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Individuals are needed to volunteer to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If interested, please call the office or email littlestout@hughes.net.

GOLDEN CRUSADERS MONTLY MEETING

Tuesday, September 10th in the Cafeteria with dominoes beginning at 8 A.M. Members A-N are encouraged to bring sides and O-Z to bring desserts. New members welcome.

THANK YOU FROM KJZT

Catholic Family Fraternal Society #16 wishes to extend a sincere thank you to all who participated in their annual celebration & all who contributed their time & talent in making it a successful and memorable event. Special thanks to Fr. Henry Drozd, the Mikula Band, Kenneth Janousek, the choir & kitchen staff. Thank you to all who donated food or finances to our community project benefitting Helping Hands of Ennis. May God bless each of you and our Patroness, the Blessed Mother keep you in her care.



Parishioners are asked to donate a bottle of wine with a minimum value of \$10.

Wine can be dropped off at the parish office.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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.

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.



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

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

TWENTY-THIRD 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 Gentry Holmes—9/22/13 Joe Spaniel—9/22/13 Patricia Banks—9/22/13 Margie Dvorak—9/22/13 Walter Marusak—9/22/13 Charlie Honza—9/22/13 Helen Zmolek—10/13/13 Meg Routh—9/22//13 Georgie Ann Nekuza—9/22/13 Mary Hejny—9/22//13 Helen Barak—9/22/13 Mildred Wickliffe—9/22/13 Nathan Gunn—9/22/13 Helen Matous—9/29/13 Joe Barak, Jr.—9/22/13 Bob Zmolek — 10/13/13 Mary N. Sladecek—10/6/13 Marilyn Dvorak—9/22/13 Jimmie Trahan—9/22/13 Paul Alvarez —9/15/13 Hannah Rejcek — 9/22/13 Michael Gallagher — 9/22/13 Gene Riecke — 9/22/13 Ronnie Garcia — 9-22-13 Janet Marusak—9-22-13 Pauline Juricek—9-22-13 Eleanora Pelzel—9-29-13 Gil Escobar—9-29-13 Garry Kidder– 9-29-13 Sr Genevieve Prochaska-9-29-13 Frank Prochaska—9-29-13 Michael Patak—9-29-13 Jimmy Aguilar– 9-29-13 Lori Strunc—9-29-13 Kyson Montelongo– 9-29-13 Emil A. Taraba -- 10/6/13 Otto Macalik — 10/6/13

Men's CRHP needs help!

The new formation team for the Men's Christ Renews His Parish retreat is a strong team, but they are lacking in the numbers that they need to put on the next retreat. **If you are a man who has been to the CRHP retreat weekend but has not been through formation and put on a retreat,** please join the formation this time and help this current group. To join, contact Seth Wright or Father John or just show up at the formation meeting that will be held this Monday at 7:00 PM in room 104 in the compound.