



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, SEPT. 20 – Sts. Andrew Kim & Paul Chong

- 6:30 am Raymond Sladeczek +
- 12:05 pm Mary Ann Kubin +
- 6:30 pm Anita Bezdek +

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21–St. Matthew, Apostle

- 6:30 am Sister Stephanie Slovak +
- 12:05 pm Charlene Bartolic & Chance Crawford ++
- 6:30 pm(Spanish) Esther Aguilar +

WED., SEPTEMBER 22

- 6:30 am Elizabeth Machovsky +
- 12:05 p.m. Charles Hafertepe +

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

- 6:30 pm John Barto +

THURSDAY, SEPT. 23—St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest

- 6:30 am Rudolph Ozymy Sr. +
- 12:05 p.m. Frank Kriska + and for
Stella Tobola's 94th Birthday

- 6:30 pm(Spanish) Sulema Fira Rascon +

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 6:30 a.m. Ernest & Ann Haskovec ++
- 12:05 p.m. Elizabeth Schlebach +

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 5:00 pm John/Annie/John/Stanley Macalik + and
Wesley & Bessie Lanicek ++

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26—Priesthood Sunday

- 7:30 am Edward Kriska + and
Charles J. Elleven Jr. +
- 10:30 am Agnes Chudej + and
Nacha/Tony Zapata & Arturo/Mariana Casanova++++
- 1:00 pm Fernando Cuevas + and
For the St. John Parish Community
- 5:00 pm LIFE TEEN MASS
Emilia/Papa Joe/Demetrio/Oscar/Robert
Cervantes + and
Ruben L. Jones +

Life Night follows the 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

*from the
Pastor's desk*

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

The great Saint Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei, said "...if only we children of the light were to put at least as much effort and obstinacy into doing good as the children of darkness put into their activities! Don't complain. Work instead to drown evil in an abundance of good."

That is exactly what Jesus is trying to tell us in the parable of today's Gospel reading. The unjust steward when he realizes he has been caught and is about to end up without a job or income, quickly thinks hard and comes up with a solution. He does not give up or despair but rather puts all his energy into finding a way to make this situation work out! This is what the Lord is praising about him....not the dishonest solution itself but rather how quickly and determined he works to obtain his goal.

If a pagan's goal is comfort, power and wealth in this world we as Catholics should be willing to work as hard and sacrifice as much to obtain our goal, which is Heaven and doing the Lord's work here!

This makes a great "Catholic Check" in our lives. Examine our own expenditures of energy, time, money and thought. Where do they go – toward what goal? Toward the goal of holiness for ourselves, spouse, children and neighbor. Or toward the goals of this world.....money, comfort, leisure, control or pleasure?

Be honest....do we tell our children to finish their prayers and spiritual reading, then if they have time, to do their homework? What priorities are we teaching our children? After we have our family dinner together and pray the Rosary, then if it is possible you can join band or a sports team and go to practice or the events?

Are we and our families serving God or mammon? I think Jesus says we cannot serve both!!!!

See you in Church! (If you have time, feel like it, aren't travelling or it doesn't interfere with anything else!)

Love and Prayers,
Father John

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY	
Sunday, Sept. 19, 9:30 am	Feloteo Anaya +
Sunday, Sept. 26, 9:30 am	Linda Rohmer +

SPONSOR OF WEEK: VALEK AUTO BODY REPAIR

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Be a part of something great, the KC Blood Drive, on Wednesday, September 29, 4-8 pm, at the KC hall.

Take the time to do your part to help save a life. Give blood. Call Kevin Betik at 972-825-7016, or Joseph Schlebach, 972-878-6861, for an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 19

11:00 am Bazaar Lunch/Activities begin/KJT Grounds

Monday, September 20

Parish Business Office Closed for Bazaar Cleanup

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

6:00-8:00 pm SJ Rosary Guild Meets @ 908 S. Mulberry

7:30 pm KC 4th Degree Meeting/KC

Tuesday, September 21

Parish Business Office closed today

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

7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting/Conference Room

7:00 pm "Batman Begins" Movie/Cafeteria(see notice)

Wednesday, September 22

6:30 am Mass-Teens "Food for the Soul" & Breakfast

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

Eucharistic Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass

7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice/Church

7:30 pm KC 3rd Degree Meeting/KC

Thursday, September 23

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

Friday, September 24

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

Saturday, September 25

Safe Environment Training Sessions (see notice below)

3:30 pm Confessions

Sunday, September 26—Priesthood Sunday

9:00 am RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN

9:00-1:00 St. John Library Open/Rm 106 Compound

3:00 pm Baptisms/Church

3:00-5:00 pm Confirmation Class in Cafeteria

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Safe Environment Training for volunteers who have not had any training will be: Saturday, Sept. 25, 9:00 am, Room 103 compound and on Monday, Sept. 27, 7:30 pm, elementary school building, Room 201

Renewal training: Sat., Sept. 25, 11 am, Rm 103 compound; and on Thurs., Sept. 30, 7:30 pm, elem. School, Room 201

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

September 25, Saturday

5:00 pm Tyler Dennie/Hardy Walker/Grant Vrana

September 26, Sunday

7:30 am Josh Zapletal/Matt Matous/Volunteer

10:30 am David Janousek/Kenny Janousek/Tyler Gilmore

5:00 pm Life Teen Matt Zajic/Dylan Fisher/Cooper Gillespie

COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 11 & 12

St. John Church Support Collection \$ 17,841.15
Catholic University of America Collection 676.70

Epiphany Mission Collection 607.75
Epiphany University of America Collection 120.50



ST. JOHN BAZAAR IS HERE!

Please help with the Bazaar in any way you can. Your support & generosity will make our Bazaar successful.

Don't forget the famous lunch with big plates of barbecue, chicken and klobase, along with delicious Mexican food outside, and all kinds of snack foods.

The Silent Auction is from 11 am to 2 pm, and the Live Auction will be from 2:00-5:00 pm. The General Raffle will be at 5:00 pm with several wonderful prizes, including a \$1500 American Express gift card. You can still buy raffle tickets at the door of the KJT hall today.

Free live music is being offered again. Folkloric dance groups will perform at noon. There will be a new Paintball gun booth, and a new Mexican Birria tacos Jalisco style booth.

So bring the whole family and all your friends for good, wholesome fun and food! Everyone is invited!



BUSINESS OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY & TUESDAY

The Parish Business Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 20/21 for Bazaar cleanup and restoration.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Helen Lacik Smith, Helen Barak, Domingo Perez, Wesley Mach, Cecilia Blazek, Johnny Mensik, 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, Angie Garza, Raul Partida, Steve Betik, Frances Kozlovsky, 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 _____

The EDGE begins next week, Sunday, Sept. 26!
Don't be left out!
Remember, the 8th grade EDGE program is part
of the Confirmation preparation for 9th grade.



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, 9:00-10:15 am in the Cafeteria

Questions or comments:

Joey Scancellia (972) 878-8336

EDGE is the religious education program for middle school youth. It is also part of Confirmation preparation for 8th graders.

Don't wait for your spot to be taken—register now at the parish office!

UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

WOMEN OF GRACE

This Biblically based study for women will help you to accept all of the grace that is available to you as a woman.

Coming soon to St. John Church!

THAT MAN IS YOU!

All men of the parish should contact Michael Kudrna to register for **That Man is You!**

Visit website: <http://www.stjohncc.net/that-man-is-you> to learn more about it and to click the link to register online.

YOUNG ADULT MOVIE NIGHT!

Everyone between the ages of 22 and 35 is invited to join us for a showing of **"BATMAN BEGINS"**

Tuesday, Sept. 21, 7:00 pm, High School Building
Snacks will be served.

If you need childcare in order to attend, please contact Annette at 972-875-9650 or: annettew@stjohncc.net

A Quick Journey Through the Bible

Ever wonder what the Bible is saying as a whole? Ever wonder how each of the books of the Bible fit together? Want to see God's plan for saving the world? Join us for an 8 week Bible study that takes you through the whole Bible, showing you the big picture of Salvation History and your part in it. Monday nights from 7 until 8:30 pm in the Cafeteria—starts September 27, 2010

A Parenting course is coming in October!



ST. ANN CARNIVAL

St. Ann Catholic Church in Kaufman will hold their annual Carnival on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm, at 804 N. Washington St., Kaufman. Enjoy a day of fun with family and friends. Variety of foods including BBQ, hamburgers, turkey legs, etc. The raffle grand prize is \$10,000 in Visa gift cards, along with other great prizes. Our parish is cordially invited to join in their fun!

TELICO VFD BARN DANCE

The 25th Annual Telico VFD Barn Dance will be next Saturday, September 25, at the SPJST hall, 1901 E. Ennis Ave., Ennis.

Silent Auction begins at 4:00 pm, Live Music at 6:00 pm, and Live Auction at 7:00 pm. BBQ & all the fixin's, including homemade desserts! Raffle too! Lots of fun for the entire family! You are all invited.

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“...if only we children of the light were to put at least as much effort and obstinacy into doing good as the children of darkness put into their activities! Don't complain. Work instead to drown evil in an abundance of good!”

Saint Josemaria Escriva

St. John Nepomucene Parish should be where an abundance of good drowns out the evil in our lives, the lives of our children, our marriages, our workplace and our nation!



This painting of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple by Palma Giovane shows Mary and Joseph dedicating Jesus to the Lord as all first-born children were presented under Old Testament Law. They were giving this marvelous gift of their child, of their God, back to God. And look at what God did— He gave Jesus back to all of us and brought us salvation. If Mary and Joseph could give their son back to God, can't you give Him back some of what He has given you?

God's Minimum Plan:

Assuming an average household income of \$38,000, if every family gave 10% of their earnings to the church, the church would have \$ 126,675.00 per week! Can you imagine how much we could do then?!?!

This Year Needed for Budget: \$19,589.00 weekly average

We need each family who is contributing NOW to give an additional \$5.26 more each week!

That amounts to: \$22.80 a month.

But the REAL ISSUE is: out of 1,689 registered families:

46.54% of our families give \$ 0.00

That's almost half of our families!

18.95% of our families give 1 penny – \$3.85 per week!

13.80% of our families give \$3.84 - \$9.62 per week

80% of our Parish doesn't even give \$10.00 per week per family!

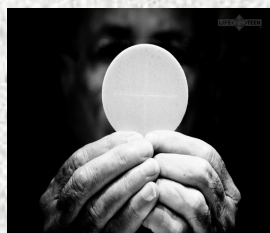
A Very Sad Fact:

104 Families or only 6.17% of our Parish gives 50% of our Total Collections.

- ◆ **We wouldn't have to charge for Religious Education or collect fees for other programs at the church**
- ◆ **We could expand and improve existing programs**
- ◆ **We could add new programs**
- ◆ **We could improve the campus**
- ◆ **We could help those in need in greater numbers**
- ◆ **And so much more**

This parish could be an oasis of Faith, Hope, and Love in a crowded, busy, uncaring world.

LIFE TEEN



Life Teen Calendar

SEPT. 19TH—NO MASS/LIFE NIGHT

SEPT. 26TH— MASS & LIFE NIGHT

FOOD FOR THE SOUL

WE HAVE STARTED “FOOD FOR THE SOUL” ON WEDNESDAYS. ALL TEENS ARE WELCOMED TO COME TO 6:30AM MASS FOLLOWED BY A FREE BREAKFAST

CONFIRMATION

September 26th Super Sunday 3pm-5pm & Life Night 6:30-8pm — Both in Cafeteria

**Questions? Contact Joey at:
972-878-8336 or joeys@stjohnncc.net**

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SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light on the south side of the sanctuary is in memory of Alphonse and Marvin Patak donated by Ella, Denise & Marcie for the week of September 18-24.

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

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT PLAN COLLECTION

Next weekend the second collection will be for the Priests' Retirement Plan. Retired priests have also been adversely effected by the economic downturn and the rising costs of healthcare. The collection will help make up for those shortfalls. Please give generously to the second collection next weekend for the Diocese of Dallas Priests' Retirement Plan to help ensure care for the men who dedicated their lives to service as priests in the Diocese of Dallas. Thank you.

Religious Education Classes (Pre-K thru 8th)

Start Date: September 26(Sunday) and September 29(Wednesday)
Sundays: 9:00 am-10:15 am or
Wednesdays: 7:00 pm-8:15 pm

6th, 7th & 8th grades (EDGE) will meet on Sundays @9:00 am only
There will be no official registration day. If your child(ren) is not pre-registered, they will not be admitted to class on the first 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

ST. JOHN ROSARY GUILD

St. John Rosary Guild will meet Monday, Sept. 20th, at the home of William Becker at 908 S. Mulberry St. Come anytime between 6:00 & 8:00 pm. Confirmation students welcomed. Join us and have fun in our ministry of providing rosaries to Faith Formation, CRHP teams and to others needing Mission rosaries. If you have any questions, call Cheryl at 469-337-3497.

ST. JOHN ADULT CHOIR

The St. John Adult Choir needs you as a new choir member! We would love to have you join us each Wednesday evening for rehearsal at 7:30 pm in the church choir loft. Remember—"He who sings, prays twice!" We have a lot of fun, so if you love to sing please consider your calling to this vital ministry which supports the Liturgy and Mass in song.

Contact Jerry D. Moran, Director of Music Ministry, with any questions, any time: 214-718-8099.