



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, SEPT. 27 —St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

6:30 am Stanley Vlk +
12:05 pm Louis W. Kozlovsky + and **Novena**
6:30 pm Louis Slovacek + & Deacon Dean Darnall +

TUES., SEPT. 28—Sts. Wenceslaus, Lawrence Ruiz, Martyrs

6:30 am Elsie & Tom Slama ++
12:05 pm Joe & Julie Zmolik ++ and **Novena**
6:30 pm(Spanish) Santa Anita Morin +

WED., SEPT. 29—Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels

6:30 am Emil and Ronnie Toupal ++
12:05 p.m. Frank & Carrie Gelnar + and **Novena**

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

6:30 pm Georgie Kubin Byrd +

THURS., SEPT. 30, St. Jerome, Priest/Doctor of Church

6:30 am Lillian C. Valek +
12:05 p.m. Larry Dunkerley + and **Novena**
6:30 pm(Spanish) Cervantes Deceased Family Members +

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, St. Therese of the Child Jesus

6:30 a.m. Robin Cervantes +
12:05 p.m. Willie Kriska + and **Novena**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, The Guardian Angels

10:00 am Raymond Kubin + and for
Catholic Daughters, Living & Deceased
5:00 pm Fr. John Dick — 1 year Anniversary @ St. John's
and for Charles Hafertepe + and **Novena**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3—Respect Life Sunday

7:30 am Joe & Frances Betik & Deceased Family ++
and Winnie Whitfill +
10:30 am Lillian & Bob Trojacek ++ and
Antonia Escamilla + and **Novena**
1:00 pm Maria Elena Gonzalez + and
For the St. John Parish Community

5:00 pm LIFE TEEN MASS

Julia Pochobradsky + and
Linda Dlabaj +

Life Night follows the 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

*from the
Pastor's desk*

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“Woe to the complacent in Zion!” We hear these words from Our Lord through the Prophet Amos in our first reading this Sunday. Complacency, becoming self-satisfied and selfishly content is a great danger to our Catholic spiritual life. It is one of the Devil’s most deadly and seemingly harmless tactics. He, the Devil, is very good at his job! He has been practicing for thousands of years! Complacency keeps us from “getting out there” and “doing it!” It keeps us sitting on our behinds at home rather than going out and being the Missionaries we are Baptized to be. Jesus’ words to us are most often verbs, words of action!

Our second reading from St. Paul urges us to “pursue” or “go after” righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. We always need to be “in pursuit” or “running after” the life of holiness. It is a constant effort which is why St. Paul often uses the comparison of an athlete or soldier. We can’t just sit and “stay in shape.” We must continually work out and push ourselves further.

St. Paul says that we must “lay hold of eternal life.” Again a work of action, to reach out and grab it! Heaven and blessings here on earth are the prizes we must run after and race for. St. Paul encourages us to stay in the race and persevere to the end! But the Devil tempts us to sit and enjoy! He knows that if we just sit we will actually be falling backwards into Hell! This is the message of the Gospel this weekend.

The rich man dressed up each day and sat and ate. He was sinfully complacent in his life. He was not working each day for the holiness that requires us to love and serve our God and neighbor as ourselves. His neighbor laid at his door suffering, sick and hungry! His God looked down from Heaven on his complacency.

Jesus knows that it is hard for us to shake ourselves out of complacency and get up and do holiness! This is why he tells the rich man that folks won’t be persuaded even “if someone should rise from the dead!”

Love and Prayers,
Father John

FIRST FRIDAY & SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

First Friday devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction will follow the 12:05 pm Mass on Friday, October 2. First Saturday devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, the Rosary and Benediction will follow the (special) Catholic Daughters Mass at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 2. (no 8:00 am Mass)

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY

Sunday, Sept. 26, 9:30 am Linda Rohmer +
Sunday, Oct. 3, 9:30 am Albert & Catherine Elfrink ++
and Francisco & Bernabe Lopes Lopes Cabrera ++

SPONSOR OF WEEK: GARCIA PLUMBING

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 26—Priesthood Sunday

9:00 am RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN

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

10:30 am Mass—Novena to 3 Saints (see insert on this)

3:00 pm Baptisms/Church

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

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

Monday, September 27

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

7:00 pm Bible Study begins in the Cafeteria

7:30 pm Safe Environment Training/School Rm 201

Tuesday, September 28

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

Wednesday, September 29

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

Masses: 6:30 am, 12:05 pm(&Adoration till 5 pm)&6:30 pm

4:00-8:00 pm KC Blood Drive @ KC Hall (see notice)

7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice/Church

Thursday, September 30

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

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

Friday, October 1

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

First Friday Devotions after the 12:05 pm Mass

Saturday, October 2

10:00 am Catholic Daughters Mass and Luncheon

First Saturday Devotions after this 10:00 am Mass

3:30 pm Confessions

Sunday, October 3 — Respect Life Sunday

9:00 am Religious Education Classes

11:00 am KC Chicken Fried Steak Dinner at KC Hall

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

4:00 pm Blessing of Animals in front of the Church

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: Monday, Sept. 27, 7:30 pm, elementary school building, Room 201

Renewal training: Thurs., Sept. 30, 7:30 pm, elem. School, Rm 201

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

October 2, Saturday

5:00 pm Joseph Baird/Grant Vrana

October 3, Sunday

7:30 am Tyler Novy/Dylan Fisher/Nate Allen

10:30 am Dylan Honza/Chris Trojacek/Tyler Gilmore

5:00 pm Life Teen Hardy Walker/Josh Zapletal

COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 18 & 19

St. John Church Support Collection \$ 18,980.70

Epiphany Mission Collection 625.69

THANK YOU FROM JOE NEUHOFF

“There is no doubt we have all witnessed a miracle. Due to the prayers you said and had said and three guardian angels, I’m here today. Two were the ladies who saw me hit the ground and performed CPR and alerted 911. The third is my Sue who has handled everything. She lived “in sickness and in health” like the vows call for.

The power of prayer is awesome and answered prayer is special. If you were to know the details of this journey, you could see the Holy Spirit making all the moves. He must have a plan for me going forward and I await.

The healthcare professionals in Idaho and at St. Paul (Hospital) are extraordinary and deserve commendation.

As I now reflect back, I’m drawn to the story of Christ and his friend, Lazarus, and how many parts of the story parallel mine.

I’m truly grateful to all of you and look forward to seeing you soon. I am blessed by having you as a friend. Love to all”

Joe Oscar (Neuhoff)

ST. JOHN ADULT CHOIR

The St. John Adult Choir needs more members! Re-member—”He who sings, prays twice!” We have a lot of fun singing on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the church choir loft, so if you love to sing, please consider your calling to this vital ministry. Questions? Call Jerry Moran, Music Director, any time, at: 214-718-8099.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Chandler Mach, Delane Fletcher, Knox Nunnally, Richard Miller, Joe Oscar Neuhoff, 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, Sandra Horrell, Frankie Joe Patak, Geri Melvin, Kenneth & Mona Langley, Nolen Dockery, John Vrla, 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.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light on the south side of the sanctuary is in memory of Joe & Frances Kudrna donated by Michael & Sharon Kudrna for the week of September 25-October 1.

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



BLESSING OF ANIMALS NEXT SUNDAY

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have a special Blessing of the Animals next Sunday, October 3, at 4:00 pm in front of the church.

Please have your animals in a cage or on a leash.



St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897)

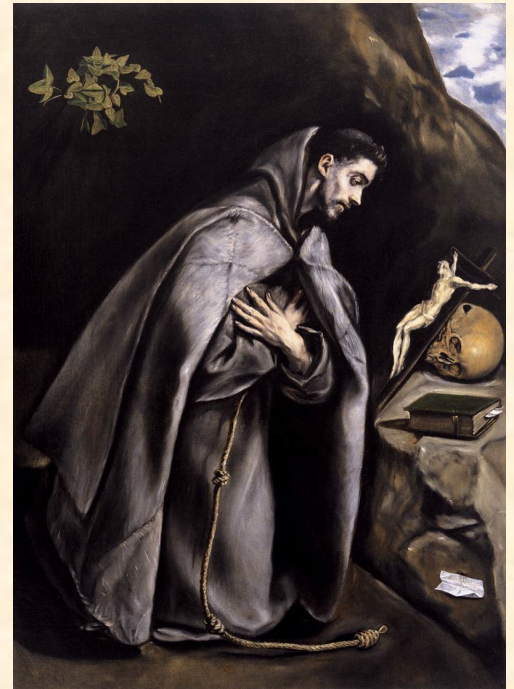
"I prefer the monotony of obscure sacrifice to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul."

Memorial: October 1

St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

"Where there is Love and Wisdom,
There is neither Fear nor Ignorance.
Where there is Patience and Humility,
There is neither Anger nor Annoyance."

Memorial: October 4



**St. Maria Faustina Kowalska
(1905-1938)**

Jesus to St. Faustina:

I desire trust from My Creatures. Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy. Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all will be drowned in the immeasurable depths of My mercy.

Our Novena to these three wonderful Saints will run from Sunday, Sept. 26 through Monday, October 4.

Religious Education Classes (Pre-K thru 8th)

**Starts today!! 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**

**If your child(ren) is not pre-registered,
they will not be admitted to class on the first day.**

A *Quick* Journey Through the Bible

AN 8-PART INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE TIMELINE

Starts Monday, September 27



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Mondays at 7 PM
in the Cafeteria

Each meeting will consist of a 30 minute video followed by time to discuss what we learned and time to ask questions about the Bible, about reading the Bible, or about anything else about God or the Catholic Faith.

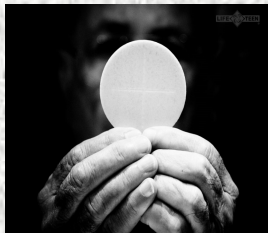
If you enjoyed the Apologetics class, come to this.

This eight part Bible Study will take you through the entire Bible giving you an overview of God's plan to save the world.

- ◆ You will learn how all of the Bible is telling one story.
- ◆ You will learn how all of the books of the Bible fit together.
- ◆ You will learn of God's love for you and how we can accept his offer of a better life.

Learn more about the Bible!

LIFE TEEN



Life Teen Calendar

SEPT. 26TH—MASS & LIFE NIGHT

OCT. 3—MASS & LIFE NIGHT

OCT. 10—MASS & LIFE NIGHT

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

**ALL TEENS ARE WELCOMED TO
COME TO 6:30 AM MASS ON
WEDNESDAY FOLLOWED BY A
FREE BREAKFAST!**

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

**CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IS
NOW CLOSED FOR 2010**

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

Questions? Contact Joey at:

972-878-8336 or joeys@stjohncc.net

LIFE



TEEN

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The **EDGE** begins today, Sunday, September 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 today, Sept. 26, 9:00-10:15 am in the Cafeteria

Questions or comments:

Joey Scancella (972) 878-8336

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

If you haven't registered, please see Joey Scancella at the parish office, and/or call him at 972-878-8336.

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. Do your part and give blood to help save a life. Call Kevin Betik, 972-825-7016, or Joseph Schleich, 972-878-6861, for an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

K of C CHICKEN FRIED STEAK DINNER

Next Sunday, October 3, the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will have a Chicken Fried Steak Dinner at the KC hall from 11:00-2:00. This is their annual fundraiser for their Charity Fund. Please come out and support your Knights of Columbus.