



Masses For The Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1—ALL SAINTS DAY
(not a holy day of obligation this year)

- 6:30 am** Larry Dunkerley +
12:05 pm Mary Frances Lewis +
6:30 pm Raymond Honza Sr. + and
Jerry & Agnes Chudej ++

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2—ALL SOULS DAY

- 6:30 am** All Souls Novena begins
12:05 pm John/Clara/Elizabeth Schleichbach +++ and
All Souls Novena

6:30 pm(Spanish) Isidra Banuelo Granado +

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3—St. Martin de Porres, Religious

- 6:30 am** Dennis Tencza Special Intention and
All Souls Novena
12:05 p.m. Rayford Novy + and
Claude & Gertrude Griffith ++
All Souls Novena

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

6:30 pm Eileen Mitchell +

THURSDAY, NOV. 4—St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

No 6:30 am, 12:05 pm or 6:30 pm Masses today

- 12:05 p.m.** Communion Service and All Souls Novena
6:30 pm Spanish Communion Service and All Souls Novena

FIRST FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 6:30 a.m.** All Souls Novena and
Rosa Lee Janousek +
12:05 pm Annie & Joe Vrana ++ and
All Souls Novena

First Friday Devotions after the 12:05 pm Mass

FIRST SATURDAY, NOV. 6

- 8:00 am** All Souls Novena and
Willie Mae Vavra +
First Saturday Devotions after the 8:00 am Mass
5:00 pm Albin & Clara Vavra ++ and
Rudy and Gary Valek + and All Souls Novena

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—NOV. 7

- 7:30 am** All Souls Novena and
Jake & Antonia Escamilla ++
10:30 am Brad Gunn/Brittany Whitfill/Stanley Zabochnik +++
Frank & Janie Patak ++ and All Souls Novena
1:00 pm Salvador Espino +
and For the St. John Parish Community
5:00 pm LIFE TEEN MASS (Life Night follows Mass)
Stanley L. Vlk + and
Richard Miller +

SPONSOR OF WEEK: BLAZEK BUILDING

*from the
Pastor's desk*

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

What an amazing Fall Season the Lord has blessed us with! Beautiful blue skies and cool temperatures greet us each morning. He is an amazing, loving and awesome God! He deserves our worship and our efforts to give Him glory!

Our Responsorial Psalm echoes that sentiment: "I will praise your name for ever, my King and my God!" Psalm 145 This wonderful God sent His only Son into our world! Jesus says, "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

Not only does He promise to save us but He tells us that He will seek us out. He comes looking for us and then does all in His power to save us. What a deal! What a love! How is it that you and I hide from Him, refuse Him and often abuse Him? We turn down this amazing deal with every sin we choose to commit. It is like someone continually coming to us and offering us every week the winning lottery ticket, but each week we find a different reason to refuse the ticket! Pretty stupid, huh!

The English poet, Francis Thompson, first published a poem in 1893 titled, "The Hound of Heaven," which talks of God's pursuit of each one of us and our continual running and hiding from Him. These are the opening nine lines:

I fled Him, down the nights and down the days;
I fled Him, down the arches of the years;
I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways
Of my own mind; and in the midst of tears
I hid from Him, and under running laughter.
Up vistaed hopes I sped;
And shot, precipitated,
Adown Titanic glooms of chasmed fears,
From those strong Feet that followed, followed after.

An explanation of the meaning of the poem from The Neumann Press *Book of Verse*, 1988 says:

"As the hound follows the hare, never ceasing in its running, ever drawing nearer in the chase, with unhurrying and imperturbed pace, so does God follow the fleeing soul by His Divine grace. And though in sin or in human love, away from God it seeks to hide itself, Divine grace follows after, unwearingly follows ever after, till the soul feels its pressure forcing it to turn to Him alone in that never ending pursuit."

Good stuff! See you in Church!

Love and Prayers,

Father John

Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY

Sun., Oct. 31, 9:30 am Sergio Maltos +

Sun. Nov. 7, 9:30 am Albert & Catherine Elfrink ++

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 31

- 8:45 am RCIA Session/Room 102 Compound
9:00 am Religious Education Classes
9:00-1:00 SJ Parish Library Open/Compound
3:00 pm Parenting Video/Room 103-104
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass (No Life Night)

Monday, November 1

- 6:30 am, 12:05 pm & 6:30 pm Masses (English)
7:00 pm Bible Study
7:30 pm Safe Environment Training/Room 201

Tuesday, November 2

- Masses at 6:30 am, 12:05 pm(English) & 6:30 pm(Spanish)
5:00-7:00 pm SJ Parish Library Open/Compound
7:00 pm Baptism Class for November/Room 101
7:00 pm Grief Recovery Program begins/Room 102

Wednesday, November 3

- 6:30 am Mass- Teens "Food for the Soul" & free Breakfast
Masses: 6:30 am, 12:05 pm(&Adoration till 5 pm)&6:30 pm
7:00-8:15 pm Religious Education Classes
7:00-8:15 pm Life Teen D-Nite/Cafeteria
7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice/Church

Thursday, November 4

- No Masses today—Communion Services 12:05 & 6:30 pm
7:30 pm Safe Environment Re-Training/Room 201

Friday, November 5

- Masses at 6:30 am & 12:05 pm
First Friday Devotions after the 12:05 pm Mass

Saturday, November 6

- First Saturday Devotions after the 8:00 am Mass
8:00-2:30 Parenting Workshop (see insert page)

Sunday, November 7

- 8:45 am RCIA Session/Rm 102 Compound
9:00 am Religious Education Classes
9:00-1:00 St. John Library Open/Rm 106 Compound
1:30 pm K.J.Z.T. Meeting/KJT Dining Room
3:00 pm Women of Grace Information Meeting/Rm103
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

November 6, Saturday

- 5:00 pm Joseph Baird/Grant Vrana

November 7, Sunday

- 7:30 am Tyler Novy/Zachary Matous/Nate Allen
10:30 am David Janousek/Kenny Janousek/Chris Trojacek
5pm Life Teen Mass Matt Zajic/Tyler Dennie/Cooper Gillespie

COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 23 & 24

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 18,623.47
Seminary Choir Collection	2,476.07
Epiphany Mission Collection	621.97
Epiphany Fall Festival Fundraiser	8,318.05

Next weekend the collection will be for our Capital Improvements Fund.

NO LIFE NIGHT TONIGHT

There will not be a Life Night tonight, October 31. It will resume next Sunday. There will be a Life Teen Mass, however.

K.J.Z.T. SOCIETY #16 MEETING

K.J.Z.T. Society #16 will hold their last meeting of the year next Sunday, November 7, at 1:30 pm in the KJT dining room. The Adult group will have a short business meeting and hold election of officers. The Junior group will reorganize and elect their officers for next year. Following the meetings, there will be a pizza luncheon and door prizes will be drawn. Members are invited and encouraged to come and are asked to bring a pastry for the social.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Our annual Mass of Remembrance will be Saturday, Nov. 13, at 9:00 a.m., in church.

This special Mass is celebrated for those loved ones who have died this past year. Letters have been sent to these families. A reception will follow the Mass in the cafeteria.

The Mass will also be open to the parish.

TIME CHANGE NEXT WEEKEND

Daylight Savings Time ends next Saturday night. Don't forget to set your clocks **back** one hour before retiring for the night.

FIRST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction will follow the 12:05 pm Mass on Friday, November 5.

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, the Rosary and Benediction will follow 8:00 am Mass on Saturday, November 6.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Jack Martell, Wanda Slovak, Helene Valek, Mary A. Garza, Ashton Weaver, Pete Cruz, Lillian Slovak, Hannah Rejcek, Ken & Dee Joncas, Leslie & Millie Trojacek, Olivia Widener, Tori and Myrna Mauricio, Helen Barak, Knox Nunnally, Helen Lacik Smith, Betty Zajic, Johnny Mensik, Josie, Debbie, Henry and Ray Castillo, James Pustejovsky, Gary Kidder, Tommy Rickman, Frankie Joe Patak, Sandra Horrell, Geri Melvin, Nolen Dockery, Sr. Edna Gonzalez, Raul Partida, Steve Betik, Frances Kozlovsky, Betty Rogala, Tony Alvarez, Evelyn Dlabaj, Elizabeth Holland, Claudio Amador Jr. & Sr., Joe & Mary Patak, Ruphine Patak and Jerry Dolezal.

BAPTISM CLASS ON TUESDAY

Baptism Class for parents and Godparents will be on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 7:00 pm in Room 101 compound. Baptism applications **must** be turned in to the office before attending this class.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary light on the south side of sanctuary is in honor of Emil A. & Ella Taraba's 50th Wedding Anniversary and also in memory of Taraba and Skrivanek families for the week of October 30-November 5. Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank N. & Mary T. Dick (Fr. John and Frank's parents).

THANK YOU FROM EPIPHANY MISSION

The parishioners of Epiphany Catholic Mission in Italy, TX, would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make their Fall Festival a big success. They made \$8,318.05 which is the best fest yet! They especially want to thank the Epiphany neo-catechumens who helped greatly, and the St. John parishioners who attended and/or supported their festival in any way. May God bless everyone involved for their time, talent and stewardship.

FUND FOR CHAPA FAMILY

Naomi and Rolando Chapa and their children lost their home and all their possessions in last Sunday's tornado that came through Rice. The Chapas are involved in ministry in our parish. A fund has been set up at Ennis State Bank to help them rebuild their lives.

Donations can be given at the bank, or mailed to Chapa Family Emergency Fund, Ennis State Bank, P. O. Box 370, Ennis, TX 75120 You can call the Chapas at 214-770-5871 or 972-841-6094 to offer your support. Thank you!

SANCTUARY LIGHT FOR 2011

The 2011 calendar for the Sanctuary Light is now filled up!

CATHOLIC 101

Why do we say the Profession of Faith each week at Mass? It doesn't sound like a prayer. Think of the Profession of Faith, or the Nicene Creed, as it is also known, as a statement we make together out loud of what it is that we believe. In the Profession of Faith, you'll find all the major doctrines of the church. Some parts of the creed are easy to understand ("We believe in one God," for example), while others require more thought and background ("God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God"). While more of a statement than a prayer, the Profession of Faith can nonetheless be a moment of commitment for each believer at Mass—an opportunity to affirm exactly why we have gathered here together.

WOMEN OF GRACE STUDY SERIES

A definition of "Grace" is "unmerited divine assistance". There will be an information meeting on the *Women of Grace* Study Series, on Sunday, November 7, 3:00 pm, in Room 103/104.

This study will teach by revealing God's purpose and mission for women. You will delve into prayer, Sacred Scripture, Church documents and teachings, the *Catechism*, the lives of women saints, and the example of our Blessed Mother. You'll be nurtured and fed spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. You'll learn to embrace your gift of authentic femininity and your dignity as a daughter of God. You'll be equipped to fulfill your call and mission as a woman of grace in the world today. Come check it out!

GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM

If this is the first year since the death of a loved one or a divorce, the holidays may be difficult. Since time does not heal emotional wounds, subsequent holiday times may be painful and awkward. Grief is the normal and natural reaction to loss. It is normal to worry that you won't be able to handle the pain of that first holiday season without him/her. Those feelings and fears represent a normal, healthy range of emotions about painful loss. St. John Church and Boze Mitchell McKibbin Funeral Home are sponsoring an eight week Grief Recovery Program conducted by Dolores McKibbin, a Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, beginning Tuesday, **November 2, at 7:00 pm in Room 102** in the compound. This program will guide those who wish to resolve their loss issues and move beyond their grief. Please let Dolores and Grief Recovery help you to cope in the upcoming holidays.

REMEMBER

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.



ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA

The All Souls Novena to remember your beloved dead will begin this Tuesday, November 2, and run for 9 days. Memorials will remain on the altar through November. Novena cards are available at the back of church. Please turn in the donation envelope before Nov. 2. The memorial envelopes will be placed on the altar for that day.

PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR ALL SOULS DAY

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful who, from the 1st to the 8th of November, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed.

PRAYER FOR ALL SOULS DAY

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, in Your compassion and Your love, we entrust to Your merciful Heart the souls of our beloved departed who have gone before us in faith. (mention names here) We hope in Your promise that all who seek You will find Eternal life—a place of refreshment, light and peace, forever and ever. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Parenting Videos and Classes

Come watch this video to learn and
to see if you want to take the full course.

Sunday, October 31, 2010 3:00 PM Room 103-104

**“How to Raise Kids who
Make Responsible Decisions
when Nobody is Watching”**

And then...

Saturday, November 6, and Saturday, November 13
Becoming a Love and Logic Parent[®]
Curriculum

**This is a two-day workshop that will give you many techniques for
raising responsible, obedient, loving children.**

Learn to:

- Raise responsible children**
- Teach children to make good decisions**
- Avoid fighting with children**
- Have a more peaceful home**
- Get your children to know that you love them even when they are in trouble**

Nov. 6 – 8 AM until 2:30 PM – lunch will be provided

Nov. 13 – 8 AM until 4:30 PM – lunch will be provided

Cost: \$20 for an individual, \$30 for a couple

Includes: Both days of the workshop, Parent Handbook, lunch, valuable skills for raising your children

Contact Seth Wright at the Parish Office for more details.
972-878-2834 or email: sethw@stjohncc.net

JOEY TEEN



Life Teen Calendar

OCT. 31-MASS BUT NO LIFE NIGHT
NOV. 7TH-MASS & LIFE NIGHT
NOV. 4TH— 3:00-5:00 PM SUPER SUNDAY,
MASS, & LIFE NIGHT



FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

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

D-Nites

Wednesday nights 7-8:15 pm in the Cafeteria
The next D-Nite is November 3rd.



Questions? Contact Joey at 972-878-8336 or
joey@stjohnncc.net

LIFE



TEEN

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

If you are a volunteer in any ministry in St. John Parish, you must be cleared through Safe Environment Training.

If you haven't already attended a session, the next **initial** training for November will be on Monday, November 1, at 7:30 pm in the school building, Room 201.

Re-training for those who have been cleared in the far past, will be Thursday, Nov. 4, 7:30 pm in Room 201.

Only one more training session for 2010 for each category will be offered on December 13 and December 16.

A hearty, grateful "Thank You" to all of our wonderful Volunteers who have cooperated so patiently and graciously so that I could complete their files and training.

Lupe Alvarez — Safe Environment Director

FOOD DRIVE FOR HELPING HANDS

The Ennis Lionettes are having a can Food Drive for Helping Hands of Ennis and will end today, October 31.

A box is located in the back of church for our parishioners to deposit non-perishable goods. Thanks!

THE EDGE

The EDGE is an exciting program that meets the needs of Junior High youth through games, skits, music, and much *more!*

It is also part of Confirmation preparation for 8th graders.

All 6th, 7th & 8th graders are welcome. Sundays, 9:00-10:15 am in the Cafeteria

Any question or comments about The Edge, contact:

Joey Scancella (972) 878-8336 joeys@stjohncc.net

Or Joe & Sheila Galetka at 972-935-5686

THANK YOU FROM SEMINARY CHOIR

"St. John Nepomucene Parish, we want to thank you for being so welcoming and supportive this past weekend. It was a pleasure and joy to sing Mass with you in such a beautiful church. We are very thankful for the families who opened their homes for us to spend the night, for the wonderful ladies who prepared lunch for us on Sunday, and for Fr. John's great hospitality. We will remember and pray for the St. John Community when we visit the Holy Places on our pilgrimage. THANK YOU!"

The Assumption Seminary Schola Cantorum