

MASSES THIS WEEK



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

6:30 am Mary M. Zhanel +
12:05 pm Mark A. Durbin Sr. + and
Rose Trojacek +
6:30 pm Kathy Toth + and
Aaron Hanna +

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:30 am Ysidro Castillo +
12:05 pm Mildred Bouska + and
Edwin C. Trojacek +
Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass
6:30 pm(Spanish) Jesus Morales/Jose Luis Vasquez ++ and
Sylvia Barcenas +

WED., NOVEMBER 30—St. Andrew, Apostle

6:30 am Alfred Holy +
12:05 pm Ignac J. & Annie Parma ++ and
John F. & Rosie Kubin ++
6:30 pm Maria Perla Cruz +

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:30 am Nolen Dockery +
12:05 pm Stanley L. Vlk + and
Cynthia Zapletal +
6:30 pm Sebastian Cerda +

FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:30 am Elsie & Tom Slama ++
First Friday Devotions after 12:05 pm Mass
12:05 pm Charles & Margaret Kozlovsky 50 Wedding Anniversary
and Gary and Rudy Valek ++

FIRST SATURDAY, DEC. 3—St. Francis Xavier, Priest

First Saturday Devotions after 8:00 am Mass
8:00 am For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
5:00 pm Charlie & Mary Bouska ++ and
Don Krysinski +

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT,

7:00 am Rudolph Ozmy Sr. + and
Willie/Mary/Billy Kriska +++
11:00am Willie & Antoinette Valek ++ and
Leslie R. Zabochnik Sr. +
1:00 pm Maria Elena Gonzalez +
and For Our Parish Community
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass
Frank & Janie Patak ++ and
Eugene & Mary Lou Novy ++
6:30 pm Spanish Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena
Ysidro Castillo +

MASS INTENTIONS FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun., Nov. 27, 9:00 am Sabino & Eugenia MarquezCastillo ++
Sunday, Dec. 4, 9:00 am Linda Rohmer +

SPONSOR OF WEEK: ENNIS PEDIATRIC

Pastor's Notes

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,
Our Advent Season is a time of expectation and hope! We are to prepare for Christmas! We are to prepare for Jesus! We prepare to remember the amazing goodness of our God who sent His Son, Jesus, into our world on that First Christmas Day over two thousand years ago! We call to mind through Scripture and Tradition how much our God wants His people to know, love and serve Him. He created us to know, love and serve Him; therefore, this is how we find our true peace, joy and happiness. All of these desires we have are for Him! Our Creator, Savior and Redeemer!

We also prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus into our lives. No matter, whether it is upon our death or at the end of time. Either way, we want to be able to welcome Him with open hearts and clean souls. Hearts and souls ready to be taken up to an eternity in Heaven with Him, Mary, and all the saints and angels. Our time here on earth is a time for preparation for the journey to our true home in Heaven.

We are particularly blessed to be celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the new translation of the Roman Missal. The language of this translation, by its beauty and transcendence will assist us in making the attainment of Heaven a real part of our daily lives.

In the Advent Season of 1980, Blessed Pope John Paul II was with over 2,000 children at a parish in Rome. He said to the children, "How are you preparing for Christmas?" "By praying," shouted back the children. "Very good, by praying," the Pope says, "but also by going to Confession. You must go to Confession so that you can go to Communion later. Will you do that?" The children shouted, "We will." Blessed John Paul tells them in a whisper, "The Pope will also go to Confession so as to receive the Child Jesus worthily."

See you in Church!

Fr. John

Pastor

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS FOR PRIESTS

In the event of a real emergency, you can call Fr. John, 903-624-6114, or Fr. Antonio, 469-831-0607. For day to day questions or concerns, and to make appointments, please call the business office number, 972-878-2834.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light, south side, in memory of Rudolph & Lillian Cepak and Frank & Mary Lou Mikula donated by Edwin & Lucy Mikula for the week of November 26-December 2.
Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary Dick.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 27

No Religious Education Classes today

8:45-10:45 am RCIA Class/Room 102 Compound

8:30-10:45 am St. John Library Open/Rm106 Compound

11:00 am RCIA Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming

No Life Teen Mass and no Life Night

Monday, November 28

6-6:30 and 7:00 pm Confession will be available

Tuesday, November 29

6-6:30 and 7:00 pm Confession will be available

7:00 pm Grief Recovery Program/Room 102

Wednesday, November 30

Life Teen *Food for the Soul* and breakfast

6:30-8:30 pm Religious Education Classes

7:00 pm D-NITE/Cafeteria

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, December 1

7:00 pm Home Bible Study Session/Room 205

7:00-8:15 pm EDGE Night/Cafeteria

7:00 pm Financially Free Seminar/Room 101

7:00 pm *That Man is You!* Group/Room 103-104

Friday, December 2

First Friday Devotions after the 12:05 pm Mass

Saturday, December 3

7:00 am *That Man is You!* Group/Room 103-104

First Saturday Devotions after the 8:00 am Mass

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, December 4

Second Collection for Capital Improvements

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes

8:45-10:45 am RCIA Classes /Room 102 Compound

8:30-10:45 am St. John Library Open/Rm106 Compound

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

HOME BIBLE STUDY MEETING

The next Question & Answer Session for the Home Bible Study will be on Thursday, December 1, at 7:00 pm in Room 205. Participants should bring all their questions, a pen and paper.

PAYMENTS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Attention parents of Religious Education students:

Remember that any payments for Religious Education can be made at the parish office during regular parish office hours, Monday through Thursday, 8 am to 5:00 pm, and Friday until 12:00 noon. (office closes for noon Mass each day). If you have an outstanding balance, please make regular payments.

COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 19 & 20

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 20,227.78
Campaign for Human Development Collection	687.35
Epiphany Mission Collection	773.60
Campaign for Human Development Collection	124.00

CRHP MANUALS

For those who have attended a CRHP retreat, please turn in your CRHP manual to the business office (if you didn't purchase it). We are missing several copies and will need these handbooks for the next CRHP weekend in the Spring. Thanks!

THANK YOU FROM ROSE TROJACEK FAMILY
“The family of Rose Trojacek would like to thank the people of St. John Parish for all their kindness and prayers after the loss of our mother. Special thanks to Fr. Henry Drozd for celebrating the Mass, to Fr. Antonio for administering Last Rites, and to both of them for visiting her at the nursing home. Thank you to Debbie Vitovsky for leading the Rosary, to the Requiem Choir for the beautiful music, to Bill Hejny for assisting and Bill Divin for serving at the Mass. A big Thanks! to all that helped with the meal and brought food to the hall.”
God bless you all.

THANKSGIVING FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

The two beautiful floral arrangements gracing the sanctuary Tabernacle for Thanksgiving and the weekend are in memory of Billy and Francis Joe Kriska donated by Irene Kriska.

HYMNS FOR 1st SUNDAY of ADVENT, NOVEMBER 27

323 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

338 Advent Gathering Rite

347 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

808 Let Us Be Bread

348 Savior of the Nations, Come

STEWARDSHIP & SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Each parish member is asked to give a generous share of their **time** to develop their faith so as to better share it with others; a generous share of their **talents** to assist in the building up of the kingdom of God; and a generous share of their **treasure** to support many good works and services which are carried out in the parish and diocese.

ALTAR CARE FOR DECEMBER 3 & 10

Angelina Martinez

Juanita Tapia

Rosa Sanchez

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Jane Parker, Lori Hearn, Ginny Svehlak, Juanita Levay, Patsy Odlozil, Nathan Gunn, Orlando Lopez, Greg Loftis, Gil Escobar, Mildred Wickliffe, Tony Guerrero, Gertrude Langley, Gloria J. Haba, Johnny Garcia, Danita Canty, Betty Cloonen, Jerry Dlabaj, Jose Victorino, Hannah Rejcek, Rosie Mach, Ruphine Patak, James Saylor, Inez Fira, Louisa Tovar, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Ashton Weaver, Martina Ortiz, Lisa Marklund, Mireya Ross, Anna Rosales, Lauren Moran, Sneidera Arreola, Christian Marente, Helen Matous, James Pustejovsky, Elizabeth Holland, Robert Martinez Sr., Olga Patak, Alfred Martinez, Vulela Escobar, Catherine McClelland, Thelma Collinsworth, Rosa Sanchez, Patsy Blazek, Betty Rogala, Graciela & Ruben Monreal, Helen Zmolek, Robert Strunc, Gary Kidder, Viola and Evelyn Dlabaj, Domingo Galban, Jerry Dolezal, Tony Alvarez, Josie, Ray & Cynthia Castillo, Steve Betik, Earlene Slovak, Raul Partida, Bernard Betik



It's almost that time of the year...

Christmas is coming...and so is



St. John's Christmas Play

This year we will also be having an Angel Choir that will sing in our play.

If you have a child who loves to sing, then this is the place for them! We are looking for 12 students to be in the Angel Choir.

We have many spots to fill! If your child is interested in performing, or if you are interested in helping in any way, please call Stacy Gallegos in the RE office at 972-875-9650



RCIA Sponsors Needed

We need people to help to guide those who are interested in becoming Catholic to know and understand the Church. If you love the Church and want to share that love with those who wish to join Her, become an RCIA sponsor.

Qualifications:

- Must have received Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation
- If married, must be married in the Catholic Church
- Practicing your Faith

Contact Seth Wright at the Parish Office if you are interested.

Wedding Coordinator Needed

Do you love weddings? Be involved in helping our couples to celebrate their weddings by coordinating the ceremonies. Serving as a wedding coordinator can be very rewarding, but it does require a commitment and can be challenging. Wedding coordinators receive a stipend.

Contact Seth Wright at the Parish Office, 972-875-2834, if interested.

Thank you for helping to make the Lord's House beautiful!

These beautiful, antique ciboria were designed to be worthy vessels for our Eucharistic Lord.



This wide ciborium with an intricate IHS design (left) and this ciborium with rings of wheat around it (right) were donated in memory of Jerry & Mary Zapletal and Cynthia Zapletal by Frances Trojacek and family.



Both of these beautiful ciboria have rings of leaves around them.



The ciboria pictured above was donated in memory of Stanley Vlk by Victoria Vlk.

The ciboria pictured above was donated in memory of Laura Ellen Clement and Mark Anthony Clement III by Mark and Gretchen Clement.



LIFE TEEN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 27- NO LIFE TEEN MASS & NO LIFE NIGHT

NOVEMBER 30TH- FOOD FOR THE SOUL 6:30AM & D-NITE 7PM

DECEMBER 4TH- LIFE NIGHT & BREAKFAST WITH ST. NIC-IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT JOEY

For up to the date Youth Ministry News please check our website www.stjohnncc.net or our Facebook page [St John Life Teen](#) or sign up for a free flocknotes account at www.flocknotes.com which allows you to receive emails and text message updates!



EDGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 1- EDGE NIGHT 7-8:15PM

DECEMBER 8TH- NO EDGE HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GO TO MASS

QUESTIONS? CALL JOEY 972-878-8336 OR JOEYS@STJOHNCC.NET

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FLOWERS IN SANCTUARY

Sanctuary flower arrangements for weekends with no weddings (but not in Advent) are being taken in honor or memory of someone. Call Evelyn Zmolik to schedule at 972-875-2791.



CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR NEEDY

Andy Gomez, manager of Denney's, and his sister, Lollie Gomez Dlabaj, wish to continue the annual tradition of feeding a real Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 17, to those who would go without one. Vouchers will be given to participants. Donations are being accepted ahead of time to help defray the cost of the dinner. For information or to help with a donation, call Lollie at 469-337-5952, or Helen Yarbrough at the parish office, 972-875-2834. (Denney's is not donating the dinner this year.)

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, December 3

5:00 pm Josh Zapletal/Dylan Fisher

Sunday, December 4

7:00 am Aaron Rejcek/Zachary Matous/Nate Allen

11:00 am Joseph Baird/Grant Vrana/Kenny Janousek

5:00 pm Life Teen David Janousek/Matt Zajic/Tyler Dennie

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES

Monday evening: 6:00 pm till 6:30 pm Mass

After Mass at 7:00 pm

Tuesday evening: 6:00 pm till 6:30 pm Mass

After Mass at 7:00 pm

These confessions will end if there is no one present for Confession.

ST. JOHN LIBRARY CLOSED ON TUESDAYS

Due to the renovation of the bathrooms in the compound area, the electricity to the library is shut off. Therefore, the library will be closed on Tuesday evenings until further notice.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY GATE TIMES

The timer on the gate at St. Joseph Cemetery has been changed so that the gate opens at 7:30 am each day and closes at 5:30 pm. If you are in the cemetery when the gate closes, please drive up slowly to the gate, stop at the line and wait for the gate to open.

GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM

The holidays can be difficult after losing a loved one. St. John Church and Boze Mitchell McKibbin Funeral Home are sponsoring an 8-week Grief Recovery Program conducted by Dolores McKibbin, a Certified Grief Recovery Specialist. The program is running every Tuesday until December 13, at 7:00 pm, in Room 102. Please let Dolores and Grief Recovery help you with the holidays ahead.