



MONDAY, DECEMBER 3—St. Francis Xavier, Priest
6:30 am Deceased Members of Catholic Workman+
12:05 p.m. Agnes Bedrick Pleiner & Deceased Family+
6:30 pm James Youngblood +

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4—St. John Damascene
6:30 a.m. Ascuncion/Lorenza/Julio/Mercedes/Landeros Gonzalez +++
12:05 p.m. A.A./Helen/Ab John Sulak +++
6:30 pm (Spanish Novena) Juan Romo +

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5
6:30 a.m. Milton & Ludie Nesuda ++
12:05 p.m. Helen & Frank Dlabaj Jr. ++
Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass until 5:00 pm
6:30 p.m. (Spanish Novena) Guadalupano Group

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6
6:30 am John Castillo +
12:05 pm William Vavra +
6:30 pm (Spanish) Belen/Kevin/Juan Landeros Moreles ++

FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7—St. Ambrose
6:30 am J.J. Rivas +
First Friday Devotions after the 12:05 pm Mass
12:05 p.m. Health of Sr. Genevieve and Frank Prochaska
6:30 pm Holy Day Vigil Mass Rosie F. Mach +
7:30 pm Spanish Vigil Mass Edwardo Garcia +

SATURDAY, DEC. 8--Feast of Immaculate Conception
10:00 am Mass is the Holy Day Mass
Thanksgiving for Altar Society Members and Benefactors
5:00 p.m. John Barto + and Ed Kriska +
7:00 pm Spanish Novena Mass Ascencion Partida +

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 9
7:00 a.m. Maria Perla Cruz +
11:00 a.m. Adele/Joe/Joe David Janousek +++
1:00 pm Liliana & Silverio Barrientos ++
5:00 Life Teen Mass Raymond J. Slovak +

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 2, 9:00am Lee & Celesta Bohanon++
Friday, Dec. 7, 6:00pm Francisco/Bernabe L. Cabrera++
Sun., Dec. 9, 9am San Juana Suarez/Ana Maria Flores ++

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, December 8
5:00 pm Joseph Galetka/Austin Spaniel
Sunday, December 9
7:00 am Jake Kasowski/Zachary Matous/Josh Zapletal
11:00 am Tyler Dennie/Chris Trojacek/Josef Woodward
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Alston Lawrence/Grant Vrana

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: THE WILDFLOWER CAFE



Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,
As we bring to a close our Catholic Liturgical Year and open a new year with the First Sunday of Advent, we need to be thinking of our Faith in terms of both an end and beginning. Our celebration, remembering Christmas which happened over two thousand years ago, must remind us of the fulfillment of the Lord's first promise and the still to arrive, fulfillment of His second promise.

As we know from history, most folks were not ready nor expecting His arrival. For thousands of years the prophets, who we will hear during this Advent Season, had been proclaiming that He would come. Their Savior, the Messiah, would come to save His people. But folks were living as if this promise was not going to be fulfilled. They were busy about the life they were living in this world and not preparing to receive Him when He came. St. Paul says in Romans 13:11, "He came unto His own and His own received Him not."

The Church gives us this four week time of preparation, not to celebrate Christmas, which has already happened in history. Rather, it is to be prepared to see, recognize and receive Him for the next "Advents" of God – first when we die, and then again at the end of the world.

St. Luke advises us in today's Gospel, "Beware that our hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap."

St. John tells us in his letter that the main obstacles which keep us away from Him, that obstruct and hinder the growth of our Christian life, are: "the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life." (1)John 2:16

Let us all enter this Advent Season with a true desire and practical spiritual plan to "ready ourselves" for the next coming of the Lord Jesus. One of the best beginnings for this plan is to spend some time in prayer and preparation for a good Advent Confession. A thorough examination of conscience followed by a sincere Confession will get us off to a good start in our Advent spirituality.

See you in Church and the Confessional!

Love and prayers,

Fr. John

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light is in memory of Willie & Viola Trojacek donated by Marvin & Mary Ann Trojacek for the week of December 1-7.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Entrance: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns #347
Offertory: Christ, Be Our Light #512
Communion: Let Us Break Bread Together #832
Recessional: O Come O Come Emmanuel #323



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 2

- 8:30-10:45 am** St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound
8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes
8:45-10:45 am RCIA Session/Room 102 Compound
1:30 pm KJT Meeting & Youth Club Christmas Party
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

Monday, December 3

- 6:00-9:00 pm** Sheltered Workshop Party/KC (see notice)

Tuesday, December 4

- 6:30 am** Food for the Soul Mass & Breakfast
5-8:30 pm SJ Library open/Room 106 Compound
7-8:15 pm EDGE
7:00 pm Beginning Apologetics Class/Room 301

Wednesday, December 5

- 6-8 pm** Life Teen "Into the Deep" tonight
6:30-8:30 pm Religious Education Classes
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church
7:30 pm Epiphany Pastoral Council Meeting/Italy, TX

Thursday, December 6

- 7:00 pm** *That Man Is You*/Room 103 Compound

Friday, December 7

- First Friday Devotions after the 12:05 pm Mass
Holy Day Masses at 6:30 pm(English) and 7:30 pm (Spanish)

Saturday, December 8—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

- 10:00 am** Holy Day Mass
7:00 am *That Man Is You*/Room 103
3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, December 9

- 8:30-10:45 am** St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound
8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes
8:45-10:45 am RCIA Session/Room 102 Compound
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY LIGHT FOR 2013

The Sanctuary Light signup calendar for 2013 is now filled up. The Altar Society would like to thank all the people who requested and made donations to have the sanctuary light burning continuously in the sanctuary to show Jesus' presence in the tabernacle.

ALTAR SOCIETY RAFFLE FOR NATIVITY SET

Altar Society is selling raffle tickets for a beautiful Nativity Set. Chances are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5. You can see it in the vestibule of the church. Chances will be sold in the vestibule after Masses or at the religious counter. Drawing will be Dec. 23 after 11 am Mass.

THANK YOU FROM ALTAR SOCIETY

Thank you to those who donated toward the Christmas trees, which have been purchased and are paid for, thanks to your generosity.

EPIPHANY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Epiphany Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday, December 5, at 7:30 pm in the new church.

COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 24/25

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 15,785.06
Christmas Tree Collection(2nd collection)	1,177.33
Epiphany Church Support Collection	728.45

KJT #35 MEETING AND YOUTH PARTY

KJT #35 Society will meet today, Sunday, December 2, at 1:30 pm in the meeting room. Election of 2013 Officers will take place, and presentation of 75 year pins to: Joe A. Honza, Adolph Miller, Wesley Krajca, Raymond F. Galetka, Willie Marusak, Joe Spaniel, and Wesley Valek. Reception will follow. All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

KJT Youth Club will hold Election of Officers. The Christmas party begins at 3:00 pm with games, snacks and a visit from Santa.

SHELTERED WORKSHOP CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party honoring the clients of the Sheltered Workshop will be Monday, December 3rd, 6:00-9:00 pm, hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters, at the KC hall. Members of both societies are asked to bring a side dish or dessert for the buffet. CDA members who are Santa's Helpers are asked to bring their wrapped gifts with the client's name on it, and please remember the gift is from Santa. Please bring your cookies to the KC hall as soon as possible, beginning at 5:00 pm, as cookie trays will be made for the "Cookie Walk". All members are urged to attend to experience the true meaning of Christmas.

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated in memory of Frank & Carrie Gelnar and Joe & Julie Zmolik by Benny & Evelyn Zmolik for the week of Dec. 1-7.

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES FOR 2013

If you would like to have the 6 candles around the main altar in the sanctuary burn for one week in honor or memory of your loved ones, living or deceased, the Altar Society is taking sign-ups for 2013 after all Masses except Life Teen. Sign up at Religious Items counter in the annex. Cost is \$40 for one week for the 6 candles.

HOLY DAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, December 8, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be at 6:30 pm on Friday, Dec. 7, and at 10:00 am on Saturday, Dec. 8. The 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday is the vigil Mass for Sunday.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

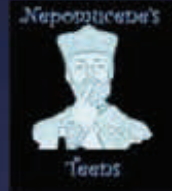
These people need our prayers: Matthew Dixon, Becky Griffith, Judy Zapletal, Darrell Patak, Wilma Zhanel, Betty Rogala, Maria Manriquez, Jimmie Trahan, Toya Vavra, Liam Shockley, Alan Barak, Jimmy Garcia Sr., Sandy Wheeler, Roger Gagnon, Mario & Inez Fira, Joy Moore, Charlie Honza, Frances Maliska, Jeff Sladeczek, Christine Hanson, Hannah Rejcek, Helen Zmolek, Cameron Wolf, Meg Routh, Patsy Odlozil, Ruperto Gomez, Ray Castillo, Mark Strunc, Monsignor Frank Miller, Lori Strunc, Richard Case, Edna Gonzalez, Georgie Ann Nekuza, Ophelia Esparza, Judy Huddle, Mary Hejny, Martina Ortiz, Juanita LeVay, Anna Lee Weaver, Leo Rejcek, Marion Haba, Helen Barak, Betty Coker, Rose Sanchez, Alfred Martinez, George Spaniel Sr., Rick Sparkman, Sister Genevieve and Frankie Prochaska, Mary Ann & Johnnie Hajek, Theresa Kasowski, Margie Patak, Millie Trojacek, Mildred Wickliffe, Joe and John Schlebach, Graciela and Rene Monreal, Steve and Bernard Betik, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Brandi Schlottman, Frankie J. Patak, Ninfa Carrillo, James Pustejovsky, Gary Kidder, Jerry Dolezal, Raul Partida



Nepomucene's Teens

INSANCTITY

St. John Nepomucene Life Teen Winter Retreat



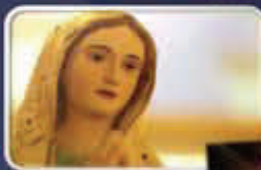
SIGN UP TODAY!

January 18th-20th
Sky Ranch
\$125/person

(Do not let price prevent you from going)

Great opportunity to get away for a weekend with your friends and your faith!

Life Long
Total-Spiritual
Conditioning Program



100% Satisfaction
Guaranteed

YES! I WANT TO TAKE THE INSANCTITY CHALLENGE >>>

All LIFE TEEN/High School students!!! Do NOT miss out on this amazing retreat! Take the "Insanctity Challenge" and Sign-up today! Forms will be at Life Night and can be found in the Parish Office!

LIFE TEEN!

Sunday 12/2- HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Sunday 12/9- Christian Friendship
Sunday 12/16- Brother's Keeper!

EDGE

12/4 – Red Carpet, Prayer of Adoration
12/11 – Hallowed, The Lord's Prayer.
12/18 – Daily Decision, Prayer life 101

Tuesday Mornings at 6:30 –
Food For the Soul & Breakfast
(show up at Mass at 6:30)

Wednesday Evenings – 6-8 pm
"Into The Deep" meet in the Cafeteria, attend Mass, & explores deeper levels of the faith

High School Freshman

**Student must be in good standing with their appropriate program - Life Teen
Faithful attendance and participation in the program.**

Confirmation Fee - \$225 – Payments available with Credit Card & on-line!

Attend the January 18-20th, 2013 Life Teen Retreat:

By November 23rd 2012:

**Please complete the enclosed retreat registration form and return it
the enclosed envelope.**

Please include the Retreat Registration Deposit Fee of \$100.00

By December 15th, 2012:

2nd Payment of \$75 is due.

By January 10th, 2013:

Final Payment of \$50 is due.

***Full payment with completed registration – \$25 discount for a cost of \$200**

**Must have Baptism certificate on file with St. John. If not currently on file, you
must turn it in.**

**Attendance of the two meetings on “Confirmed by the Spirit” in the Spring by
student. One meeting is required for the parents/sponsors.**

Faithful attendance and participation in the program.

**Must choose a sponsor who is at least 16 years of age and is in good standing with
the Catholic Church.**

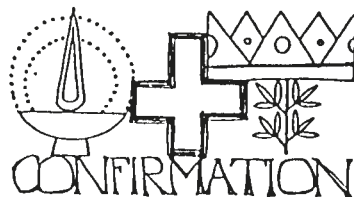
**More information on choosing a sponsor will be presented in the future, but
start thinking now.**

Must choose a Saint name. One that you want to model your life of holiness after.

More information on choosing a Saint will be presented in the future.

Must write a letter to the Bishop indicating your desire to receive the Sacrament.

A template for writing a letter to the Bishop will be given in the future.



Its almost that time of the year...

Christmas is coming...and so is the...

St. John's Christmas Nativity Play



We have many spots to fill! If your child is interested in performing, or if you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Stacy Gallegos in the parish business office at 972-875-9650 ext 214.

We also are 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 him or her.

Play will be Mon., December 17th @ 7pm in the KJT



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FOR 2012

All charitable end-of-the-year donations to St. John Church and St. Joseph Cemetery must be dated and post-marked by **December 31, 2012** to qualify for 2012 tax deductions. Thank you for your consideration.

May God grant a special blessing to those loyal people who supported our parish and cemetery this past year.

WOMEN OF GRACE



For any questions or to sign up, contact Sharon Kudrna. The **deadline to register** will be **December 14th** so that supplies can be ordered and received in time. You can contact Sharon Kudrna @ (972) 875-8157 or e-mail skk72@aol.com.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Sunday mornings, 8:45-10:45 AM
Compound Room 101-102

BEGINNING APOLOGETICS

Beginning Apologetics sessions are on Tuesday nights, 7:00 pm, room 301 in the high school. Come learn more about and understand our Catholic faith and be able to explain to others.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction will follow the 12:05 pm Mass on Friday, December 7.

WINTER WALKERS PROGRAM

Winter Walkers has begun! Catholic Family Fraternal Texas-KJZT Society 16 is sponsoring the 3rd annual Winter Walkers' program. St. John gym is open on Tuesday & Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 pm. Join them for a safe, warm, dry place to walk, and it's FREE! Children **must** be accompanied by adults and closely supervised.

ST. JOHN LIBRARY NEW HOURS

The Library in the compound is open Tuesdays from 5-7 pm, and on EDGE nights from 5-8:30 pm. Parents of EDGE kids are invited to come by and spend some **quiet time** reading in the library while their kids are in session. Sunday hours are the same, 8:30-10:45 am.

THAT MAN IS YOU

The *That Man is You* men's program is on Thursdays, 7:00 pm, and Saturdays, 7:00 am, in Room 103 in the compound. This program is designed to teach Christian Catholic men how to live their lives in today's world. For info see: THATMANISYOU.ORG

BULLETIN SALES REPRESENTATIVE IN DEC.

Rey Barron, our representative from Trinity Publications, our bulletin publisher, will be here December 17-20 to renew and to sell ads for our bulletin. Rey's cell phone number is: **512-577-9411**