



MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:30 am Duane Dolezalik +
12:05 p.m. Willie & Antoinette Valek ++
6:30 pm Briana Jimenez +

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11—St. Damasus I, Pope

6:30 a.m. Herbert Ludwig +
12:05 p.m. Elizabeth Holland +
6:30 pm(Spanish Novena) Tony & Nacha Zapata ++

WED., DECEMBER 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 a.m. Deacon Dean Darnall +
12:05 p.m. Louis Prachyl Jr. +

No Adoration today

6:30 p.m.(Spanish Novena) Jimmy Bureson +

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13—St. Lucy, Martyr

No 6:30 am Mass today
12:05 pm Ruben Monreal Sr.+ and Frances Wakeham+

6:30 pm(Spanish) Maria Elena Gonzalez +

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14—St. John of the Cross

6:30 am Mary Ann Kubin +
12:05 p.m. Emeleen Maliska +

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

5:00 p.m. Joe S./Mary/Joe L. Liska +++

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 16

7:00 a.m. Thomas Mercado +
11:00 a.m. John E. Valek +
1:00 pm Aurora Yopez +
5:00 Life Teen Mass Arturo & Mariana Casanova ++

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun., Dec. 9, 9am San Juana Suarez/Ana Maria Flores ++
Sun., Dec. 16 9am Sabino & Eugenia Marquez Castillo ++

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

Show your thanks for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in your and many others lives. Please give generously next weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, December 15

5:00 pm Zachary Matous/Alex Fry

Sunday, December 16

7:00 am Aaron Rejcek/Josh Zapletal/Tyler Novy
11:00 am Joseph Galetka/Grant Vrana/Austin Spaniel
5:00pmLT Mass Matt Zajic/Alston Lawrence/Andrew Alvarado

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: NUEVA IMAGEN



Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,
Our Responsorial Psalm this weekend is from Psalm 126. This psalm sings out: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!" So true! Our God has provided an inheritance for us that we cannot even imagine. He has accomplished this by His own suffering and death! When we have received the gift of faith, and truly believe in what has been given us.....it cannot help but fill us with the joy, peace and excitement of what happened on Christmas over two thousand years ago.

We encounter in this week's Gospel the amazing and startling figure of St. John the Baptist. He is the bridge between the Old and the New. He is a product of and embodies the Old Covenant, but he is now, more importantly, the harbinger of the New!

He is an amazing witness to the truth that "life," each life in its fullness, begins at conception in the womb of our mother. Remember, when Mary pregnant with Jesus, came to Elizabeth, St. John in the womb of Elizabeth, jumped for joy! God's plan for us, for our whole life, is present at our conception! Who we are to be in His service is already planned. Each of our life plan's, our vocation, embraces our whole life. Everything we are is aimed toward the fulfillment of the Mission of the Father, through His Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. The part we are each to play in His mission, is revealed first to our parents through their prayer and life in the Spirit, then to each of us as we begin our spiritual growth in Jesus.

God's will in this world, will only be accomplished for us and those around us, if we are each true to His plan for our life, as were St. John the Baptist and Jesus. Many great things in this world depend on how faithfully we live out the life God wants us to live. The Saints have made the world a better place, because they did what God called them to do, rather than what they wanted to do in life. I don't think St. John the Baptist wanted to end up beheaded!!!! See you in Church and the Confessional!

Love and prayers,

Fr. John

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light is in memory of our Dad, Kenneth Langley, donated by the Langley daughters for the week of December 8-14.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Entrance: Comfort, Comfort, O My People #331
Offertory: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus #345
Communion: We Are the Light of the World #515
Recessional: People, Look East #337



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 9

Second collection is for Christmas flowers for the Sanctuary

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 and Life Night

Tuesday, December 11

6:30 am Food for the Soul Mass & Breakfast

8:00 am Golden Crusaders Social-Lunch-Meeting/Cafeteria

5-8:30 pm SJ Library open/Room 106 Compound

6:00 pm Altar Society Meeting/Room 102 Compound

7-8:15 pm EDGE

7:00 pm Beginning Apologetics Class/Room 301

Wednesday, December 12

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

6-8 pm Life Teen "Into the Deep" tonight

No Religious Ed Classes—Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

7:30 pm KC #1353 Meeting/KC

Thursday, December 13

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

Saturday, December 15

7:00 am *That Man Is You*/Room 103

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

KJZT Christmas Bake Sale after 5:00 pm Mass (see notice)

Sunday, December 16

KJZT Christmas Bake Sale after 7 am & 11 am Masses

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

2:00-4:00 pm KC Children's Christmas Party/KC

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

GOLDEN CRUSADERS MEETING

St. John Golden Crusaders will meet on Tuesday, December 11, in the cafeteria, with games beginning at 8 am and Bingo at 9:30 am. Members are encouraged to come and bring soup, sandwiches, side dishes or desserts.

The trip to the Dallas Arboretum will be discussed at the meeting. Anyone wanting to go must sign up at this meeting for carpooling.

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.

KC BLOOD DRIVE ON WEDNESDAY

The Knights of Columbus will host a **Blood Drive** on Wednesday, December 12, from 4:00-8:00 pm at the KC hall. For more info, please call Kevin Betik, 972-825-7016.

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 1 & 2

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 21,525.41
St. John Capital Improvements Fund Collection	2,817.85
Epiphany Church Support Collection	783.69
Epiphany Building Fund Collection	399.00

KC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Children's Christmas Party next Sunday, December 16, from 2:00-4:00 pm at the KC hall. Children of members and their guests are welcome to attend. Join them for crafts, food, and of course, Santa Claus! If you have any questions, call Kevin Betik at 972-825-7016.

BULLETIN SPONSOR ADS

Rey Barron, representative from Trinity Publications, our weekly bulletin publisher, will be at St. John's December 17-20 to renew and to sell ads. Please call Rey at **512-577-9411**, or you can call **him at the church office from Dec. 17-20, at 972-875-2834 or 972-878-2834**. The ads runs for 52 weeks and support our parish by providing the bulletin free of charge to our parishioners.

KJZT CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

KJZT Society #16 will have a fundraiser Christmas Bake Sale next Saturday, Dec. 15, after the 5pm Mass, and on Sunday, Dec. 16, after the 7 am & 11 am Masses. Members are asked to bring homemade pastries and candies for the sale, or if you prefer, you can make a monetary donation. Please bring your baked sale items to the Mass you will attend. Tables will be set up at the back of the church and in the annex. Parishioners are urged to stop by the tables and purchase delicious desserts while supporting the KJZT local society.

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Frank E. Jurica and Adriane Wiliford donated by Mr. & Mrs. Milton Vrla, Brent and Brittany, for the week of December 8-14.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

St. John Altar Society will meet on Tuesday, December 11, 6:00 pm, Room 102, compound. New members are always welcomed.

The second collection this weekend is for Christmas flowers for the sanctuary in the church.

Thank you to Geraldine Spaniel for making the beautiful new skirt for the table holding our Advent wreath. Thank you, Geraldine, for sharing your talent with our parish.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Walter Marusak, Janie & Richard Mraz, Nathan Gunn, Matthew Dixon, Becky Griffith, Alan Barak, Judy Zapletal, Darrell Patak, Betty Rogala, Maria Manriquez, Jimmie Trahan, Toya Vavra, Liam Shockley, Jimmy Garcia Sr., Sandy Wheeler, Roger Gagnon, Joy Moore, Charlie Honza, Frances Maliska, Jeff Sladeczek, Christine Hanson, Hannah Rejcek, Helen Zmolek, Cameron Wolf, Meg Routh, Ruperto Gomez, Mark Strunc, Monsignor Frank Miller, Lori Strunc, Edna Gonzalez, Georgie Ann Nekuza, Ophelia Esparza, Mary Hejny, Juanita LeVay, Anna Lee Weaver, Leo Rejcek, Helen Barak, Rose Sanchez, Alfred Martinez, George Spaniel Sr., Sister Genevieve and Frankie Prochaska, Mary Ann & Johnnie Hajek, Theresa Kasowski, Margie Patak, Millie Trojacek, Mildred Wickliffe, Joe and John Schleichach, 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

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., Dec. 17th

@ 7pm in the KJT Hall



**Know someone who
needs to receive missed
sacraments?**

**Need to receive missed
sacraments yourself?**

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

***Don't wait!
Join now!***

**Want to learn more about God
and His Catholic Church?**

Want to join the Catholic Church?

New group starting in

Tell your family
and friends!

January!

Contact the Parish Office
for more information.

Retirement Reception for Helen Yarbrough, our Parish Secretary

On Saturday, December 29, after the 5:00 PM Mass, we will have a retirement reception for our beloved parish secretary. Come over to the Cafeteria, and thank Helen for her many years of service to our parish, and let her how much you appreciate her.

Christ Renews His Parish

Let Christ renew you. If you haven't been to a CRHP retreat yet, mark your calendar for the next one.

You'll be glad you went!

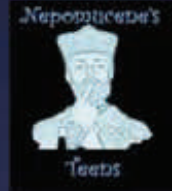
Men's Retreat: Feb. 16-17
Women's Retreat: Feb. 23-24



Nepomucene's Teens

INSANCTITY

St. John Nepomucene Life Teen Winter Retreat

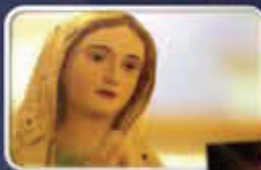


SIGN UP TODAY!

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

SECOND 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.

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 teaches Christian Catholic men how to live their lives in today's world. For info see: THATMANISYOU.ORG

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.

ALTAR CARE FOR: DEC. 15 & 29

Betty Macalik Vera Betik

FOR DEC. 22

Altar Society Members

WINTER WALKERS PROGRAM

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.

THANK YOU FROM DOUG MARTINEK FAMILY

"We would like to thank Father John for a heart-felt Mass, Bill Divin for serving, beautiful voices from the Choir, and Edwin and Lucy Mikula for leading the Rosary. We thank all our aunts, uncles, family and friends for the food, Mass intentions, memorials, flowers, cards, and your help and support during the loss of our brother, Doug. May God bless you all." Sisters & Family of Doug Martinek