

MASSES THIS WEEK



MONDAY, DECEMBER 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 6:30 am** Louis Prachyl Jr. +
12:05 pm Deacon Dean Darnall + and
Judy Almond +
6:30pm(Sp) Paulita Alvarez + and Guadalupe Novena

TUESDAY, DEC. 13--St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

- 6:30 am** Joe E. Vrla +
12:05 pm Bill & Mary and Jo Ellen Vitovsky +++
and Wesley Mikel +

Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

- 6:30 pm(Spanish)** Ysidro Castillo +

WED., DECEMBER 14—St. John of the Cross

- 6:30 am** Joe S., Mary, and Joe L. Liska +++
12:05 pm Tom F. Valek + and
Tony Prachyl +
6:30 pm Duane Dolezalik + and
John A., Joe, Albert, Annie, John R. Vrla +++++

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 6:30 am** Olin & Elnora Bowers ++
12:05 pm Mary Ann Kubin + and
Louis A. & Lillian Slovak ++

6:30 pm Spanish For the Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

No 6:30 am Mass today

- 12:05 pm** John E. Valek + and
Jeff and Keenan Prachyl ++

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 5:00 pm** Joe M. and Jodie Horak ++
Emeleen Maliska +

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 18

- 7:00 am** Alphonse & Agnes Novosad ++ and
Elizabeth Schleich +
11:00am Joe & Frances Betik & Deceased Family ++
and Stanley L. Vlk +
1:00 pm Jesus Morales + and Julio & Petra Barcenas ++
and For Our Parish Community
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass
Louis J. Slovacek + and
Mark A. Durbin Sr. +

MASS INTENTIONS FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

- Sunday, Dec. 11, 9:00 am** For Epiphany Parish Needs
Sunday, Dec. 18, 9:00 am For the Souls in Purgatory

SPONSOR OF WEEK: DR. FREDRIC PUCKETT PLLC

✠ Pastor's Notes

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near!”

The Entrance Antiphon for today’s Mass, the Rose Vestments and the Flowers on the Altar help us to anticipate the Second Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ with joy! For us who are faithfully waiting on His return to earth, in all His glory, the excitement builds with each passing day.

Whether we are closer to our own death or His Second Coming.....we are one day closer!

Because we are a people who are waiting in expectation, we want to always be ready. We do not want our death or His coming to catch us unprepared. This is the true meaning of Advent.

It is by knowing that we are personally prepared, that we each experience His joy and peace. This is also true, in the events of our earthly life. For example, if I am a student, I am at peace and joyful when Final Exam time comes if I have done the proper studying and am prepared to take the test! Or, if I am scheduled to leave on a vacation, an around the world cruise for 3 months, I am able to enjoy the anticipation and be at peace with waiting, if I get all of my affairs in order ahead of time and am all packed and ready to go! However, if I have gone about my life everyday without preparing to leave or packing, then as the departure day draws near I will be stressed, unhappy and ready to cancel the trip!

But, there is more! If I go through my life, living to be prepared for my death or His second coming, then my life here on earth will also be as happy as possible. If I live a life of holiness here, practicing the virtues, such as patience, charity, forgiveness, temperance and prudence, then not only my spiritual life will be prepared but also my earthly affairs will be the best they can be.

Let us each, then, prepare during this Advent Season, and the rest of our lives, to rejoice at His Coming!

See you in Church, rejoicing!

Love and Prayers,

Fr. John

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY

The St. John Parish Staff will be on an Advent Retreat on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 15/16. Therefore, the business office will be closed those two days. Please keep our priests and the staff in your prayers.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light, south side, is in memory of Edward Zhanel & deceased members of Zhanel Family and John & Marie Honza, donated by Marian Zhanel for the week of December 10-16.
Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary Dick.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 11

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes
8:45-10:45 am RCIA Class/Room 102 Compound
8:30-10:45 am St. John Library Open/Rm106 Compound
No Life Teen Mass or Life Night

Monday, December 12

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

Tuesday, December 13

8:30 am Golden Crusaders Social-Lunch-Meeting
5:00-7:00 pm St. John Library open/Compound
6-6:30 and 7:00 pm Confession will be available
6:00-7:00 pm Winter Walkers in St. John Gym
7:00 pm Grief Recovery Program(final)/Room 102

Wednesday, December 14

Life Teen *Food for the Soul* and breakfast
6:00-7:00 pm Winter Walkers in St. John Gym
6:30-8:30 pm Religious Education Classes
7:00 pm D-NITE/Cafeteria
7:30 pm Epiphany Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, December 15

Parish Business Office closed for Staff Retreat
7-8:15 pm EDGE Night/Cafeteria
7:00 pm *That Man is You!* Group/Room 103-104

Friday, December 16

Parish Business Office closed for Staff Retreat
No 6:30 am Mass today

Saturday, December 17

7:00 am *That Man is You!* Group/Room 103-104
3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, December 18

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

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FOR 2011

Just a reminder that all charitable end-of-the-year donations to St. John Church and St. Joseph Cemetery must be dated and postmarked by December 31, 2011 to qualify for 2011 tax deductions. Thank you, and may God especially bless those who supported our parish and cemetery in 2011. We sincerely appreciate your support and confidence in us.

CHRISTMAS POLKA SHOW ON KBEC

AM radio station KBEC 1390 and its sponsors will present the annual Christmas music show on Sunday, December 25 from 9-11 am. Listen in for a variety of great Christmas music, including Czech songs from the choirs.

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 3 & 4

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| St. John Church Support Collection | \$ 23,204.65 |
| Capital Improvements Fund Collection | 3,246.42 |
| Epiphany Mission Collection | 540.60 |
| Epiphany Building Fund Collection | 459.00 |

NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Is God calling you? We still need more volunteers for the Religious Education program for the Spring semester. We need teachers, aides to assist the teachers, and substitutes. This is a wonderful way to give back to your parish. If you are interested, please contact Stacy Gallegos at 972-875-9650, or 972-875-2834, ext. 214. Please pray on this, let your light shine, and share your talents with our children in Religious Ed.

ST. JOHN LIBRARY HOURS

St. John Library, compound area, is now re-opened on Tuesdays from 5-7 pm. Library is also open on Sundays from 8:30-10:45 am.

ALTAR CARE IN DECEMBER

December 17 & 31 Betty Macalik Vera Betik
December 24 St. John Altar Society

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for the flowers that will decorate our church for the Christmas season. Thank you for donations.

GOLDEN CRUSADERS MEETING

The Golden Crusaders will have their monthly games, lunch and meeting on Tuesday, December 13. Games start at 8:30 am, and the lunch begins at 11:30 am with the meeting to follow. A-N bring desserts, and O-Z bring side dishes. They invite parishioners 55 & older to join them. You will be their guest and then decide if you would like to become a member. Membership is just \$15.00 a year.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS BY TABERNACLE

The 2 beautiful floral arrangements gracing the Tabernacle for this weekend, Dec. 10 & 11, and for Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration are in memory of Leandro and Aurora Moreno and Martin & Sylvia Rodriguez.

HYMNS FOR 3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT, DECEMBER 11

327 When the King Shall Come Again 338 Advent Gathering Rite
344 On Jordan's Banks 830 One Bread One Body
662 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

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

This beautiful, ornate, antique monstrance was first donated on September 25, 1924, to Holy Redeemer parish by Mrs. W.L. Maroney in memory of her mother, Mrs. Tom Hickey. It later came to St. John Nepomucene and has been restored through the donation of Mrs. Maroney's grandchildren: Bill Glaspy, Jerry Glaspy, and Nancy Glaspy Weldon.



THANK YOU!
Mrs. Mona Langley
For Your Donation in Memory of
Your Beloved Husband
Kenneth Langley

Now for sale by St. John Church
1999 Winnebago Brave Class A Motor home
For Information and Viewing—Fr. John 903.624.6114

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 972-878-2834.**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. John Religious Education
would like to invite EVERYONE
to our annual Children's
Christmas Nativity Play!



Tuesday December 20th
at 7pm at KJT hall

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support elderly religious. We thank God for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABCs, but also to love God. Show your support for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have made a positive difference in so many lives. Please "Share in the Care" and give generously next weekend

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

Be sure to make plans to attend the Children's Christmas Play on Tuesday, December 20, at 7:00 pm at the KJT hall. Nothing like a bunch of exuberant kids to put you in the Christmas spirit!

WINTER WALKERS PROGRAM

Winter Walkers Program has begun on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the St. John Gym. Catholic Family Fraternal—KJZT #16 is sponsoring this program to provide a safe, warm place to keep heart healthy during the winter months.

Join them each week from now until March. (Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian.)

Call Joan Johnson for info: 214-728-6160

OUR LIFE TEEN & EDGE PROGRAM PRAY THAT ALL AT OUR PARISH HAVE A PRAYERFUL & CHRIST CENTERED ADVENT!

LIFE TEEN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 11TH- NO LIFE TEEN MASS & NO LIFE NIGHT- BECAUSE OF THE OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 14- FOOD FOR THE SOUL AND D-NITE

DECEMBER 18- LIFE TEEN MASS & LIFE NIGHT

DECEMBER 21- NO FOOD FOR THE SOUL & NO D-NITE-HOLIDAY BREAK

DECEMBER 25- NO LIFE TEEN MASS & NO LIFE NIGHT-HOLIDAY BREAK

EDGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 15- EDGE NIGHT

DEC 22 & 29- NO EDGE CHRISTMAS BREAK

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

EPIPHANY TREAT BAGS



On the Feast of Epiphany, January 8, children at Epiphany Church in Italy will be given treat bags to celebrate their feast. Parishioners are asked to donate bags of candy and packaged cookies and other wrapped treats to make up the goody bags. If you have questions, please contact Fr. Antonio.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR NEEDY

Andy Gomez, manager of Denney's, and his sister, Lollie Gomez Dlabaj, will continue the annual tradition of serving a real Christmas dinner next Saturday, December 17, to those who would go without one. Vouchers are available this week at the parish office for participants. Donations from parishioners are being accepted 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.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, December 17

5:00 pm Alex Fry/Tyler Novy

Sunday, December 18

7:00 am Zachary Matous/Aaron Rejcek/Matt Zajic

11:00 am Chris Trojacek/David Janousek/Kenny Janousek

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Grant Vrana/Josh Zapletal

EPIPHANY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Epiphany Quasi-Parish Pastoral Council will meet at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, December 14, at the church.

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

KC CHRISTMAS MAGNET SALE

Knights of Columbus #1353 will sell Christmas magnets after the Masses this weekend. They invite everyone to purchase a "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" magnet for \$5.00 each.

THANK YOU FROM GENE MARUSAK FAMILY

"We wish to thank our friends and family and the St. John Community for their expressions of sympathy during the loss of our beloved Gene. For your prayers, Mass intentions, cards, food or just a simple hug, we are grateful. Special appreciation to the Boze Mitchell McKibbin Funeral Home for the beautiful service, and to Father Henry Drozd for his support. May our Lord bless each of you in His special way."

Shirley, Frank, Shelly and Matt and their families
Gene's brothers and sisters