

Mass Intentions for week of December 14

Letter from the Pastor

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15**

6:30 a.m. Josephine Kubin +  
\*\*NO 12:05 p.m. Mass—church closed for cleaning \*\*  
\*\* NO 6:30 p.m. Mass—church closed for cleaning \*\*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16**

\*\* NO 6:30 a.m. Mass—church closed for cleaning \*\*  
12:05 p.m. John E. Valek  
6:30 p.m. Intención Especial

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

6:30 a.m. Viola & Charlie Dlabaj ++  
12:05 p.m. Pauline Garcia +  
2:30 p.m. Jerry Dolezal + & Dolezal Family (Legends NH)  
6:30 p.m. Neal Harrison +

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18**

6:30 a.m. Thelma & Mitchell Pruitt ++  
12:05 p.m. Bob Pierce +  
6:30 p.m. Salvador Espino +

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19**

6:30 a.m. Tommy Slama  
12:05 p.m. Joe W. Spaniel +

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20**

3:30 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. Cecilia B. Rychlik +

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:00 a.m. Jerry Dolezal + & Dolezal Family  
11:00 a.m. Duane M. Dolezalik +  
1:00 p.m. For the Parish Community  
5:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass Louisa De Los Santos +

**MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH**

Sun. December 14, 9 am Ma. Guadalupe Ramirez +  
Sun. December 21, 9 am Pbro. Estanslio Gonzalez +

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

Entrance: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - 323  
Offertory: Maranatha, Lord Messiah - 324  
Communion: Now in This Banquet - 825  
Recessional: On Jordan's Bank - 344

**COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 6 & 7**  
Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Church Support Collection	\$21,059.37
2nd Collection: Capital Improvement	\$3,333.21
Immaculate Conception	\$1,615.38
Epiphany Church Support Collection	\$857.43
2nd Collection: Building Fund	\$311.29

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: La Michoacana

Guadete Sunday  
Third Sunday of Advent  
+ 2014

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God.”

These words proclaimed from the mouth of the Prophet Isaiah should be upon the lips of each one of us baptized Christians during the Advent Season. We should be like Isaiah and John the Baptist, “voices crying out in the desert” of our broken world the Good News of our God.

Christmas happened over two thousand years ago, that is great! But something greater is happening now, and is still to come! This time of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, is a time of growth in holiness, into full maturity at His Second Coming! This is the excitement of Advent: looking to new life, to the future, to the fulfillment of the Kingdom begun in His Church, in each of us, here on the earth. This is the excitement of helping Jesus with the harvest of His vineyard. This is our everyday work as Catholic Christians in the here and now.

Christmas Season is a perfect time to cry out to many in our families, friends, coworkers and neighbors who do not yet know Jesus. They do not yet know His power or the experience of His personal love for them. They have not experienced the joy, healing and power in our Tabernacles and on our Altars. Cry Out! Invite them! Bring them to the Child of Bethlehem.

Love & Prayers,  
Fr. John



**Christmas Schedule**

**Christmas Eve:**

12:00 am Midnight Mass - English

**Christmas Day:**

8:00 am - English  
10:00 am - English  
1:00 pm - Spanish

**Confessions**

December 17th - 7-9 pm  
December 19th - 6-8 pm  
December 20 - 3:30 pm

**IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

**Sunday, December 14**

**8:30-10:30 am** Religious Education Classes  
**9:00 am** RCIA / Room 101  
**6:30 pm** Life Night

**Monday, December 15**

**6:00 pm** No Confessions — Church closed for waxing  
**7:30 pm** KC 4th Degree / KC

**Tuesday, December 16**

**7:00 am** Food for the Soul Breakfast (No Mass)  
**5:30-6:30 pm** Confessions/ Church (No Confessions after Mass)  
**7:00 -8:15 pm** EDGE/ Cafeteria

**Wednesday, December 17**

**7:00 pm** Life Teen “Into the Deep”  
**6:00 pm** Grief Recovery/ Library  
**7:00—9:00 pm** Confessions/ Church  
**7:30 pm** Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 18**

**7:00 pm** RCIA / Room 101

**Friday, December 19**

**6:00 - 8:00 pm** Confessions/ Church

**Saturday, December 20**

**3:30 pm** Confessions/Church

**Sunday, December 21**

**8:30-10:30 am** Religious Education Classes  
**9:00 am** RCIA / Room 101  
**6:30 pm** Life Night  
**7:00 pm** ADORE: Praise & Benediction / Church

**NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY**

**DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHAPEL CANDLES & FLOWERS**

The 4 candles surrounding the Monstrance and the 2 altar flower arrangements in the Divine Providence Chapel are available for your intentions or for a loved one, living or deceased. Please call Evelyn Zmolik at 214-549-6885.

**ALTAR CANDLES**

If you would like to reserve the 6 candles around the main altar in the sanctuary for your intentions or a loved one, living or deceased for 1 week in 2015, stop by the religious counter after Mass to sign up. \$40 for 1 week. Thank You, Altar Society.

**CHURCH CLOSED FOR WAXING**

The Church will be close for waxing on Monday, Dec. 15th after the 6:30 a.m. Mass and reopen for 12:05 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 16th. All Masses during that period are canceled.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING**

Training completed by a volunteer (for all Ministries) under the Safe Environment Program is good for only one (1) year. All volunteers whose training is currently expired or will expire by the end of this year may update their training at one of the classes scheduled at St. John on Sunday, December 14th after the 7:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Masses in Room 104.

**K OF C ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Knights of Columbus will hold its Annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the KC Hall. Children of members and their guests are welcome to attend. Please join us for crafts, food and of course Santa Clause.

**LIBRARY HOURS**

Sundays—8:15 am —10:45 am  
 Tuesdays—6:30 pm—7:00 pm  
 Wednesdays—11:15 am—11:45 am

**Check These Out** —“The Two Commandments of Christ”

“Reaching out in Love” (Mother Theresa)  
 “Why do Catholics Do That?” - DVD 3 “Theology of the Body”  
 “The Lady of Guadalupe” - DVD “Why be Catholic”

**SHARING OUR BLESSINGS**

We accept clean clothes and shoes in the gym every Sunday after 7:00 am Mass until 1 pm. During this time anyone is welcome to take what they need free of charge.

**\* We are in BIG need of infant’s clothes—ALL SIZES! \***

**ADORERS STILL NEEDED!**

**Saturday 10 AM · Sunday 8 AM · Sunday 10 AM ·  
 Sunday 11 AM · Monday 2 AM · Sunday 1 PM**

**NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY**

**ALTAR SOCIETY  
 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE  
 WINNERS!!**

- 1. Annie Wartsbaugh—Nativity**
- 2. Marilyn Rannigan—Rosary**
- 3. Jeannette Liska— \$50**

**\*THANK YOU** to everyone who bought tickets and supported the Altar Society in any way this year!

**Christmas Flowers**

**SECOND COLLECTION  
 NEXT WEEK  
 (12/20 & 12/21)**

**ST. JOHN CHURCH**

**Sanctuary Light : December 13—December 19**

In Memory: John, Mary, & James Mach  
 By: Frank Pruski & Johnny Mach Family

**Altar Candles : December 13—December 19**

In Memory: Rex Spurgeon  
 By: Donna & Robyn Spurgeon

**Flowers by the Tabernacle: December 13—December 19**

By: Altar Society

**DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL**

**Altar Candles: December 12—December 17**

For: Parish Community

By: Parish

**Flower Arrangements: December 12—December 17**

For: Parish Community

By: Parish

# JAN REMINDER

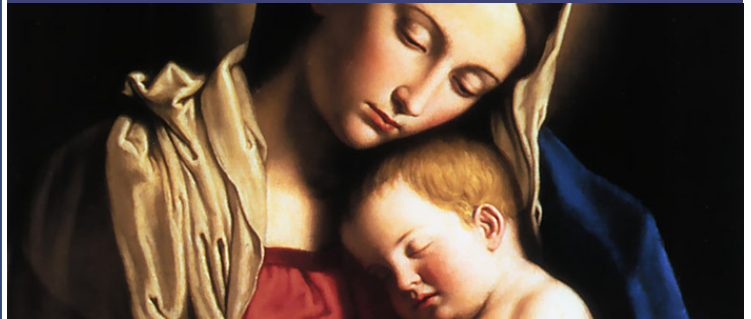


As the calendar year end approaches, we would like to offer a couple of reminders regarding Internal Revenue Service regulations surrounding your financial gifts to St. John.

Consistent with Internal Revenue Service regulations, all year end gifts must be postmarked with a 2014 date to be recorded as a gift in 2014. The postmark on the envelope will determine what year the gift is recorded in. Examples for clarification are listed below:

- If we receive a gift with a check dated 12/31/2014 on 1/3/2015, but the postmark on the envelope reads 12/31/2014 (or earlier) then we will post the date of the gift as 12/31/2014.
- If we receive a gift with a check dated 12/31/2014, but the postmark of the envelope reads 1/1/2015 (or later) then it will be posted as a gift received in 2015.

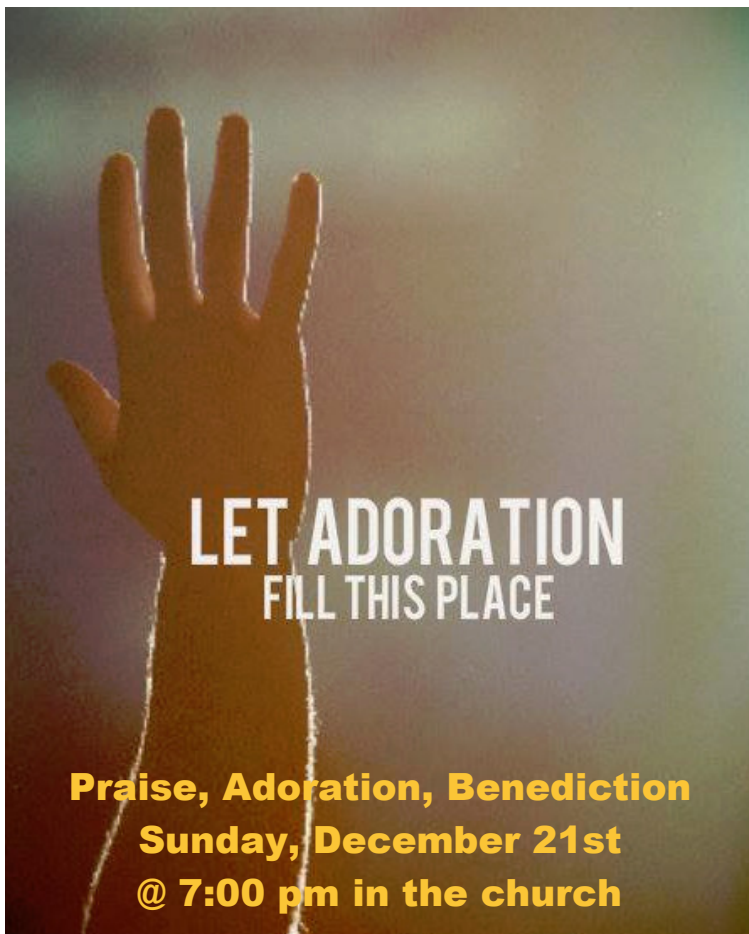
We will also record all hand delivered gifts received at the office on December 31, 2014 by noon as a 2014 gift.



## Mary, Our Mother

Invites us all  
to bring in the new year  
with her as we celebrate the  
Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy Mother Of God  
and 2015!

December 31, 2014



New RCIA group starting

**January 8**

- Meet Jesus
- Become Catholic
- Receive missed Sacraments
- Learn more about the God and the Catholic Church

2 Corinthians 6:2



Thank you  
all who  
helped  
with the  
children's  
Christmas  
Play!



Items donated by  
the  
children as gifts  
to Jesus were  
sent to:

- Helping Hands
- Crisis Pregnan-  
cy Center
- Nursing home





**Look Here**  
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**ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS**  
High School Youth Ministry Retreat  
*Encounter of  
the Third Kind*

Registrations for the  
January 16-18<sup>th</sup> Life Teen  
retreat is now available at  
[www.stjohnncc.net/retreat-registrations](http://www.stjohnncc.net/retreat-registrations)

- Already been Confirmed?
- Think you've done it before?
- Looking for more?
- Don't feel accepted?

**THEN THIS IS FOR YOU!**

A great opportunity to get away for a weekend: to have lots of fun with friends, deepen your faith life, and experience something you have not before!

**Register today!**

Paintball - Horseback Riding - Zip Lines - Laser Tag - Basketball - Football - Soccer

Trampoline - Video Games - Ping Pong Tables - and More!!!

**Parents and Grandparents!**

What a great Christmas present to give the teenager in your life! An opportunity to grow in relationship with The Lord!  
A Christmas gift that will last!

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

*If you have a loved one who is sick or in need of special prayers (not deceased) please contact the parish office by phone or email joannag@stjohncc.net. Your loved one's name will appear on this prayer list for 4 consecutive Sundays. If a longer period of time is needed, please call the parish office to renew your request 2 weeks before the printed date to the right of your loved one's name.*

Jo Ann Dolezalik—1/4/15	Janie & Richard Mraz-11/30/14	Jill Liska—11/30/14	Rosa Sanchez—12/28/14
Helen / Bob Zmolek—1/11/15	Barbara Sample—11/30/14	Tammy LaScala Koch-1/18/15	Carol Rejcek—12/28/14
Georgie Ann Nekuza—1/11/15	Ella Patak—11/23/14	John Sosa—11/30/14	Jose Luis Garcia—1/4/15
Nathan Gunn—1/4/15	Angie Fira Garza—11/30/14	Henry Vrana—1/18/15	Trisha Zabochnik—1/4/15
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-1/18/15	Bill Hejny—12/28/14	Ben Eric Fira—12/7/14	Pauline Novy—1/4/15
Frank Prochaska—1/18/15	Sr. Edna Gonzalez—12/28/14	Mary Alice (Beva) Garza-12/7	Elizabeth Ann Martinez—1/4/15
Sr. Redempta Bradley—1/18/15	Louann Redick—12/28/14	Domingo De Los Santos Jr -12/7	Locadio Pecina—1/4/15
Nancy Blackburn—12/28/14	Bob Henderson—12/28/14	Eleanora Pelzel—12/7/14	Brook Gandy—1/4/15
Stephen Dolezalik—1/4/15	Stanley J. Liska—12/28/14	Patsy Zabochnik—12/28/14	Mark Liska—1/4/15
Betty Jo Culpepper—12/28/14	Johnny/ Mary Ann Hajek-12/28	Nancy Valek—12/28/14	Gary Kidder—1/4/15
Alfred Martinez—12/28/14	Leo Rejcek—11/ 23/14	Wesley Krajca—12/28/14	Edwin/Dorothy Langer -1/4/15
Betty Rogala—12/28/14	Joe Gobeas—11/23/14	Pete Gutierrez—12/28/14	Tina Jones—1/11/15
Ivan /Margaret Bohuslav—11/30	Craig Sellars—11/23/14	Ginger Morales—12/28/14	Frank Zabochnik - 1/18/15
Margie Dvorak—1/4/15	Mildred Trojacek—12/28/14	Patti Youngblood—12/28/14	Jenny Matous—1/18/15
Mary Hejny—1/4/15	Leo Rejcek—11/23/14	Lillian Bacak—12/28/14	
Analiene Mahaley—12/28/14	June & Dick Moody—12/28/14	Rachel Zmolik—12/28/15	
Anna Galetka—12/28/14	Angie Garza—11/30/14	Paula Prokop—12/28/14	
Annie Fira Garcia—11/30/14	Annie Garcia—11/30/14	Mary Ludwig—12/28/14	