

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:30 a.m. Kenneth Langley & Joe Schleich ++

No 12:05 p.m. Mass today

No 6:30 p.m. Mass tonight

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

No 6:30 a.m. Mass today

12:05 p.m. Lillie Honza +

6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Arthur & Imelda Hallenbeck

7:00 p.m. Confessions

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:30 a.m. John E. Valek +

12:05 p.m. Bernard Betik +

2:30 p.m. Viola Dlabaj + (Legends NH)

6:30 p.m. Beatriz Dlabaj +

7-9 p.m. Confessions

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:30 a.m. Vlasta Knize +

12:05 p.m. Tom Valek +

6:30 p.m. Jose Sandoval Placencia +

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:30 a.m. Randall Prestidge +

12:05 p.m. Duane Dolezalik +

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Agnes Horak +

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 22

7:00 a.m. Raymond Castillo, Jr.

11:00 a.m. John Zabojsnik +

1:00 pm Maricela Gutierrez +

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Raymond Sladeczek +

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. December 15, 9 am Ma. Guadalupe Ramirez +

Sun. December 22, 9 am Romeo, Crisanta, Cary, Romeo Jr.,
Herlinda Jimenes

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Entrance: Come, O Long Expected Jesus — #345

Offertory: Immaculate Mary — #783

Communion: Taste and See — #827

Recessional: O Come, Divine Messiah — #333

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: J.E. Keever Mortuary, Inc.

Letter from the Pastor

Third Sunday of Advent
+ 2013

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Gaudete! Rejoice! This from the Latin translation of Philippians 4: 4-5; “Rejoice in the Lord always; Again I say, rejoice!” A powerful first word from our Entrance Antiphon for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on this Third Sunday of our Advent Season.

This short statement by St. Paul can work almost “magical” wonders each day of our life. Every one of us dreams of every day being a great day. This short statement of truth, will not change everything in the external world around us, people or situations, but it does have the supernatural power to change the world inside of each of us.

Living this daily “rejoicing” in the power of the Holy Spirit re-creates in us our broken attitudes and dispositions. It places within us a joy, hope and happiness that is otherwise broken by original sin and possibly eliminated by mortal sin! When sin covers us over we become people without hope or it’s byproduct, joy! We then struggle through every day in glum and darkness. Having a depressing attitude of failure and hopelessness. As Pope Francis wrote in his recent Apostolic Exhortation, we then live life as “sour pussies!”

Let the grace filled preparation of Advent, now in its third week wipe this “sour puss” look off our faces from the “Inside Out!” As the weeks of Advent fill us up with Christmas, Jesus, we will hear ourselves singing with the choirs of Angels, “*Gloria In Excelsis Deo!*”

GAUDETE!!!



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Love & Prayers,
Fr. John

Come Home
For Christmas



Wednesday, December 18th

**Every parish in the Diocese
will be offering Reconciliation!**

**Confessions @ St. John
on the 18th
are from 7-9 pm**

***Priests will stay until 9 pm
OR until people stop coming to
confession, whichever comes first.**

There's a place for you.

“If only you knew what God is offering.” Jn 4:10

GAUDETE SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Second Collection is for Retirement Fund for Religious

Sunday, December 15

8:30-10:45 am St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes

9:00 am RCIA/ Room 101

6:30 pm Life Night

Monday, December 16

6:00/7:00 am Morning Prayer & Rosary/Church

7:30 pm KC 4th Degree Meeting / KC

Tuesday, December 17

7:00 am Food for Soul Breakfast

6:00/7:00 pm Confessions

7-8:30 pm EDGE / Cafeteria

7:00 pm Apologetics/ Room 301

5-8:30 pm St. John Library open/Room 106 Compound

Wednesday, December 18

6:00/7:00 am Morning Prayer & Rosary/Church

10:00 am Little Saints Play Group/Assumption Hall

6-8 pm Life Teen "Into the Deep"

7:00 pm Grief Recovery/ Room 101

7:00 pm Mercy Guild/Room 104

7-9 pm Confessions/Church

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 19

6:00 am Morning Prayer and Rosary/Church

7:00 pm RCIA Inquiry/ Room 103

Friday, December 20

7:00 am Rosary after 6:30 am Mass

6-8 pm Confessions/Church

Saturday, December 21

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, December 22

NO St. John Library today

NO Religious Education Classes today

NO RCIA today

6:30 pm Life Night

SANCTUARY CARE

Sanctuary Light & Altar Candles: Dec. 14th—Dec. 20th

In Memory: Leonardo, Aurora, Ernest Moreno & Kyle Nolan,
Martin & Sylvia Rodriguez, & Billie Nell Moreno

By: Raul & Stella Rodriguez

Tabernacle Flower Arrangements: December 15th

In Memory: Joseph A. Schlebach

By: Carolyn Schlebach

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, December 21

5:00 pm Juan Lara / Andrew Alvarado

Sunday, December 22

7:00 am Josef Woodward / Alex Fry / Chris Trojacek

11:00 am Brandon Martinek / Aaron Martinez / Austin Spaniel

5:00 pm LT Mass Sean Coplen / Mando Campos

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 7—DECEMBER 8

Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Church Support Collection	\$15,009.63
Second Collection for Christmas Flowers	947.56
Epiphany Church Support Collection	369.27
Second Collection	162.25

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

***Qahal** : a Bible study on the book of Genesis*

Monday nights, 7:00-8:30 pm

101-102 in the Compound

Bring your Bible, a notebook, and a pen.

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

KJZT SOCIETY #16 BAKE SALE

Dec. 14th after 5pm Mass and Sunday, Dec. 15th after the 7 am and 11 am Masses. Members are asked to bring their homemade pastries and candies for the sale or a monetary donation. Bring baked goods to the Mass you attend. Tables will be set up at the back of church. Please call Elsie Marak at 972-878-5537 with any questions.

SCHEDULE YOUR DIRECTORY

PHOTO SESSION!

www.stjohncc.net or call David Daigle at 972-878-5732

THANK YOU FROM THE TOMMY SLAMA FAMILY

Thank you to those who brought food, helped in the kitchen, sent flowers, cards, Mass intentions, Memorials and all the kind words during our loss. May God Bless you!

CONGRATULATIONS JONI KEACH

Joni is the proud winner of the Altar Society Nativity Raffle!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:

No Masses during day

12:00 AM

Midnight Mass (English)

Christmas Day:

8:00 AM—English

10:00 AM—English

1:00 PM—Spanish

Extra Confession Times

December 18th 7:00 PM—9:00 PM

December 20th 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

December 24th 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER

Cards may be purchased at the Religious Counter and have our Sanctuary on the front (20 cards for \$15). Thank you for your support.

Knights of Columbus CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

2:00 pm -4:00 pm on the 15th of December at the KC Hall.

All members and their guests are invited.

TAX FREE TRANSFER

Congress reauthorized for 2013 the provision that allows individuals to make gifts up to \$100,000 from their IRA accounts to one or more charities, without first incurring income tax on the withdrawal. This means that you can direct that amount to the Church or with no federal income tax liability. The IRA Rollover may provide you with an excellent opportunity to make a gift during your lifetime from an asset that would be subject to multiple levels of taxation if it remained in your taxable estate.

***Conditions apply**

****As in all cases, please consult with your tax advisor as to the appropriateness of this gift in your own circumstances.**

Stand4Life
January 18, 2014



2014 Dallas
March for Life & Rally

St. John bus info & itinerary to come soon

THANK YOU
to all who helped make the
Children's Christmas Play a success!
Robert Brazier—Pianist,
Golden Crusaders—Snacks,
Marty Holland,
Catechists, Life Teen,
St. John Maintenance, and all Volunteers

Thank you to the KJT
for the use of their hall for
the Children's Christmas
Play and for the Our Lady of
Guadalupe celebration!

ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

High School Youth Ministry Retreat

UNSTOPPABLE

Registrations for the
January 17-19th Life Teen
retreat is now available at

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!!!



**TOR Religious
Sisters**

**Retreat Master:
Brian Greenfield**



Fr. Augustin, CFR



**Life Teen
Worship Band**



**Dominican
Religious Sisters**

GAUDETE SUNDAY OF ADVENT

bring in the New Year!

JOIN US
as we



10:00 PM Christmas Carols
10:30 PM Mass & Benediction
12:15 AM New Year's Eve Party
Food, Drinks, & Games in Cafeteria
for the **WHOLE FAMILY!**

**Come reconnect with your CRHP
Brothers and Sisters and Parish family!**

MARY OF NAZARETH

TONIGHT

Galaxy Drive-in
Sunday, Dec. 15
7:00 PM

Free Admission

The drive-in is donating the screen for us to use, so please support them by visiting their concession stand.

Arrive early—Box Office opens at 6:00 PM

No outside food or drink

Donations will be accepted to cover the licensing fee.



GAUDETE SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 joan-nag@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—1/19/14
Gentry Holmes—1/19/14
Margie Dvorak—1/19/14
Helen & Bob Zmolek—1/19/14
Georgie Ann Nekuza—1/19/14
Mary Hejny—1/19/14
Nathan Gunn—1/19/14
Otto Macalik — 1/19/14
Michael Liska—1/19/14
Stanley J. Liska—1/19/14
Trish Zabochnik—1/19/14
Helen Patak—1/19/14
Nancy Marusak—1/19/14
Michael Patak—1/19/14

Albert Garcia—1/19/14
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-1/19/14
Sr. Agnes Marie Marusak-1/19/14
Patricia Banks—1/19/14
Georgie Galetka -1/19/14
Caroline Rejcek -1/19/14
Mary N. Sladeczek-1/19/14
Elizabeth Hickman-1/19/14
Gil Escobar—1/19/14
Tracy Johnson-1/19/14
Steve Puckett-1/19/14
L.M.—1/19/14
Edward Allesandro—1/19/14
Gary Kidder-1/19/14

Steve York -1/19/14
Don Tanner—1/19/14
Adolph Novy-1/19/14
Joseph Guadalupe Garza- 1/19/14
Patricia Pechal Maggi -1/19/14
Mildred Trojacek-1/19/14
Karen Garcia -1/19/14
Roxanna Rivera-1/19/14
Richard Jurica—12/29/13
Mildred Wickliffe-12/29/13
Frank Prochaska -12/29/13
Tony Diaz-12/29/13
Joe Spaniel-1/5/14
Dianne McCarty-1/5/14

Dorothy & Edwin Langer-1/5/14
Irma Guerrero-1/5/14
Georgie Ann Nekuza-1/15/14
Margaret Krajca-1/19/14
Jimmy Aguilar-1/19/14
Catherine Augusto-1/19/14
Rosa Sanchez-1/19/14
Alfred Martinez-1/19/14
Domingo de los Santos -1/19/14
Lydia Mensik—1/19/14
Enrique Leos-1/19/14
Otto Trojacek-1/19/14
Pete Martinez-1/19/14
Sonny Harrison-1/19/14

Come join the discussion on how to “go out” and show the love and mercy of God to others.

**Wednesday, Dec. 18,
7:00 PM Room 104
in the Compound**



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