

Mass Intentions for the week of December 20

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 21**— Saint Peter Canisius

- 6:30 a.m. Albin Vrana +  
12:05 p.m. Mariana & Arturo Casanova ++  
6:30 p.m. Stephen R. & Duane M. Dolezalik ++

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22**

- 6:30 a.m. Thom & Jan Schliem  
12:05 p.m. Henry Zapletal +  
6:30 p.m. Jose Manuel Moreno +

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23**—Saint John of Kanty

- 6:30 a.m. Mary Theresa Carson Dick +  
12:05 p.m. Bernard Betik +  
6:30 p.m. Joe J. & Mildred Krajca ++

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24**—Vigil of Nativity of the Lord

- 9-11 a.m. Confessions **Christmas Eve**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25**—Nativity of the Lord -**Christmas**

- 12:00 a.m. Christmas Novena (Midnight Mass)

- 8:00 a.m. Christmas Novena

- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Novena

- 1:00 p.m. Christmas Novena

**Holy Day of Obligation.**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26**

- 3:30 p.m. Confessions

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

**DECEMBER 27, THE HOLY FAMILY**

- 7:00 a.m. Alphonse & Agnes Novosad ++

- 11:00 a.m. Christmas Novena

- 1:00 p.m. Joe & Bernardo Sandoval ++

- 5:00 p.m. For the Parish Community

**MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH**

Sun. December 20, 9 am Miguel & Carmen Palacios ++

Thurs. December 24, 11 pm Ramon Hernandez +

Sun. December 27, 9 am Dominique Yvette Martinez +

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20**

Entrance: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – 323

Offertory: Savior of the Nations, Come – 348

Communion: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart – 816

Recessional: Immaculate Mary - 783

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Escamillas Construction Inc.

Pastor's Message

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
+ 2015

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Here we are! On the very edge, ready to jump into our celebration of the Birth of Our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Having prepared ourselves for three, going on four weeks of extra prayer, penance and good, selfless works, we confidently approach His manger asking for all the Christmas Blessings He wishes to pour out upon us, our families, friends, enemies and the world.

This is why He came. He came to bring us a way to our salvation. He came to suffer, die and rise to a new, perfect life for eternity. By adopting each of us in Baptism we can choose to follow Him through our life of suffering and death on earth, and also rise for an eternal life with a glorified body and everything we have ever dreamed of and more.

While living our earthly life we can fill ourselves each day with His peace, love and healing. By our Sacraments we receive His grace. In the Sacrament of Confession, His grace forgives, heals and strengthens the weaknesses that hurt us and others. In the Sacrament of the Eucharist, He lives in us to give us the wisdom, understanding and strength to choose the good.

Thank you Lord Jesus! Come Lord Jesus and dwell in our midst! He is Emmanuel!

Love & Prayers,  
Fr. John

*O COME LET US Adore HIM*

Praise, Worship, & Benediction -12/20 @ 7pm in Church

**Cry out with JOY & GLADNESS**

**COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 12 & 13**  
Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Regular Collection	\$17,238.65
2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious	\$1,049.00
Holy Day Immaculate Conception	\$1,517.58
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$1,589.95
Epiphany Regular Collection	\$955.00
2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious	\$147.75
Holy Day Immaculate Conception	\$755.42
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$734.17

## IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Second Collection: Christmas Flowers

**Sunday, December 20**

8:30 -10:30 Religious Ed/ School

9:00 am RCIA

6:30 pm Life Night

7 - 8:00pm EXALT: Praise, Worship, Benediction/ Church

**Monday, December 21**

5:30-6:30 pm Confessions/Church

**Tuesday, December 22**

12:30 pm Food for the Soul

5:30-6:30 pm Confessions/Church

NO Upper Room

**Wednesday, December 23**

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/ Church

NO Religious Ed -12/23 &amp; 12/30 classes resume 1/6/16

**Thursday, December 24** -Parish Office Closed

9-11:00 am Confessions/ Church

11:00 pm Choir Christmas Music/ Church

**Friday, December 25** -**CHRISTMAS** -Holy day of Obligation

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, December 26**

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

**Sunday, December 27**

NO Religious Ed/ School -12/27 &amp; 1/3 classes resume 1/10/16

NO RCIA

NO Life Night

Parish Office will be closed the 24th, 25th, and 28th. We will reopen Tues., December 29th for regular hours.

## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

## NEPOMUCENE'S MEN

Due to the Christmas holidays, we will not meet on December 21st.

Next meeting will be Monday, January 18th.

**REMINDER: please bring back your bottle, empty or filled!!**

## KJZT THANK YOU

Thank you to all who baked, purchased or made monetary donations for our bake sale, and to Father John for his support. The proceeds will be used for our fraternal, parish and community projects.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM KJZT

KJZT Society #16 members will be handing out Holy Family prayer cards after the feast day Masses on Saturday, December 26 and Sunday, December 27. You are welcome to accept a card and say the prayer to the Holy Family.



Be sure to arrive  
Early for  
**Midnight Mass.**  
**Christmas carols**  
**Begin at 11:00 pm.**  
Pews fill up quickly!

*Week 4 of Advent*

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

## REFLECTION

Sometimes the signs God gives are unmistakable. Sometimes the signs are not so obvious. What signs do we see when we look around us? Sometimes it is hard to see God's signs because the signs of our world are so ever present and large. How many times this month have you seen this sign: "ONLY 20 (or 18, or 10, or 6 or...) MORE SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS." Do we ever stop to think, "How many praying days left until **Christmas?**"

## PRAYER FOR THE ADVENT WREATH

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.

He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.

He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord,

let your blessing come upon us as we light all candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

## ADVENT ACTION

Look around you for a sign of God's presence. When you find it, share it with someone.

## PRAYER

O come, O Key of David, come And open wide our heavenly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.

**ST. JOHN CHURCH****Sanctuary Light : December 19 – December 25**

In Memory: Adolph Tobola and Charlie & Mary Bouska

By: Ed & Margaret Bouska

**Altar Candles : December 19 – December 25**

In Memory: Billy, Leandro, Ernesto, Aurora, Kyle, Anthony, & Louis

By: Stella Rodriguez

**DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL****Altar Candles: December 18 – December 24**

In Memory: Joseph Schlebach

By: Carolyn Schlebach

**Flowers: December 18– December 24**

In Memory: Joseph Schlebach

By: Carolyn Schlebach



## *Mary, Our Mother*

*Invites us all to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy Mother Of God and 2016!*

*December 31, 2015*

10:00 PM Christmas Carols · 10:30 PM Mass & Benediction

12:15 AM New Year's Eve Party — Suggested \$10/per person donation at the door  
Food, Drinks, & Games in the cafeteria for the **WHOLE FAMILY!**

*Behold, now is the acceptable time;  
behold, now is the day of salvation.*

*2 Corinthians 6:2*

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

*New RCIA group starting  
January 6*





**Thank you to Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, St. John Young Ladies' Sodality "Heartsafire", Religious Ed, Susie Betik, Joe Galetka, and everyone who supported this year's event. It was a great success!**

# Breakfast with St. Nicholas





# LIFE TEEN

Leading Teens Closer to Christ



## Epiphany Ball

Jan. 3, 2016

The Life Teen Epiphany Ball

Come celebrate the Christmas Season and the Feast of the Epiphany with Life Teen January 3, 2016! Come in your best dress and join us for Dinner, Horse Carriage Ride, DJ and a dance.

December:

20th - COME! The other Christmas.

27th - NO LIFE NIGHT

31st - St. John New Years Mass and Party celebrating Mary, Mother of God

### Young Ladies Sodality



serving at the  
**Breakfast  
w/ St Nick**  
Thank  
you ladies  
for all you do



Winter Retreat  
*"Come & Go"*

February 12-14, 2016

*Sign up today!*



## 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—1/10/16	Margie Dvorak—1/17/16	Robert Garcia—11/22/15	Priscilla Elizondo—12/27/15
Bob Zmolek—1/10/16	Betty Rogala—1/10/16	Pete Gutierrez—11/22/15	Eddie Cervantes—1/10/16
Georgie Ann Nekuza-1/10/16	Jose Luis Garcia—11/22/15	Luke Siegel—11/22/15	Angie Henley—1/10/16
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-1/10	Jo Ries—11/22/15	Blake Ray—11/22/15	Johnny Joe Lopez—1/10/16
Sr. Redempta Bradley—1/10	Nancy Escobar—11/29/15	Gary Kidder—11/29/15	Dennis Horak—1/10/16
Analiese Mahaley—1/10/16	John A. Esparza, Sr.—11/22/15	Jaden Kane Ornelas-11/29/15	Kathy Satsky—1/10/16
Sr. Edna Gonzalez—1/10/16	JoAnn Strunc—11/29/15	Katherine Michno—11/29/15	Mike Tekell—1/10/16
Johnny/Mary Ann Hajek-1/10	Noe Casanova- 11/29/15	Carolina Munoz—11/29/15	Anna Lee Toth—1/10/16
Rachel Zmolik—1/10/16	Jessie/Antonio Ovalie—11/29	Frank & Georgie Zabochnik-11/29	Holly Friday—1/10/16
Bernadine Zhanel Distasio-11/22	Laura Waedekin—1/17/16	Henry Vrana—11/29/15	Angelz Zakalowski—1/17/16
Catherine Roberts—11/22/15	Adell Chavez—1/17/16	Albert Escobar- 11/29/15	Gloria Garcia—1/17/16
Jaysen St. Clair—1/10/16	Clayton Budai—1/17/16	Maria Virginia Lopez-11/29/15	Angela Gallia—1/17/16.
Mildred Trojacek—11/29/15	Mary Ann Felcman—1/17/16	Janie Marusak—12/20/15	Julie Hughes—1/17/16
David Trojacek—1/10/16	Ivette Olalde—10/25/15	Salome Fira—12/20/15	Clemente Garcia—1/17/16
Jane Rychlik—1/10/16	Mildred Liska Koehn—10/25/15	Bill Glaspy—12/20/15	Tim Brewer—1/17/16
Bill Hejny—1/10/16	Jessica Ramirez—10/25/15	Graciela Monreal—12/20/15	
Richard Mraz—1/17/16	Chon Vasquez —10/25/15	Paula Myers Campo—12/20	
Margaret Bohuslav-11/22/15	Steve Mensik—11/29/15	Betty (BJ) Lenicek Coker—12/20	
Julian Manriquez—11/22/15	Pedro Enrique Santos—11/15/15	Emilie Harrison—12/27	
Makenna Richardson -11/22/15	Deanna Richardson—11/22/15	Epi Garfias—12/27/15	
	Nora Mandujano—11/22/15	Anthony Alvarez—12/27/15	