

Mass Intentions for week of December 21

Letter from the Pastor

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:30 a.m. Wm. Cordell Hickman +

12:05 p.m. Tom Valek +

6:30 p.m. Clarence Whitfill +

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23-St. John of Kanty

6:30 a.m. Mary Carson Dick +

12:05 p.m. Arturo & Mariana Casanova ++

6:30 p.m. Pauline Garcia +

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24-CHRISTMAS EVE (Office closed)

9-11 a.m. Confessions

Midnight Mass Christmas Novena

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25-CHRISTMAS (Office closed)

12:00 a.m. Christmas Novena The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Christmas Novena

10:00 a.m. Christmas Novena

1:00 p.m. Christmas Novena

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26-St. Stephen (Office closed)

12:05 p.m. Christmas Novena

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 -St. John the Apostle

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Christmas Novena

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,

MARY, AND JOSEPH

7:00 a.m. Christmas Novena

11:00 a.m. Christmas Novena

1:00 p.m. Christmas Novena

5:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass For the Parish Community

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. December 21, 9 am Pbro. Estanslio Gonzalez +

Wed. December 24, 11 pm For the Parish Community

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Entrance: Savior of the Nations, Come - 348

Offertory: Hail Mary: Gentle Woman - 779

Communion: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming - 373

Recessional: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - 323

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 13 & 14

St. John Church Support Collection \$18,402.51

2nd Collection: Retired Religious \$1,798.28

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Collection \$1,494.80

Epiphany Church Support Collection \$1,224.85

2nd Collection: Retired Religious \$152.00

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent
+ 2014

We have just about completed our Liturgical Season of Advent. Officially, Advent ends following Midafternoon Prayer (None) on Christmas Eve. With the end of Advent we remember the fulfillment of the ancient prophesy to Israel that the Lord would send a Messiah to His people. With the end of Advent we celebrate Christmas! The arrival, the Birth of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, in a stable in Bethlehem to a Virgin named Mary betrothed to Joseph of the House of David.

With Christmas the expectant time of waiting in hope for the people of Israel is brought to an end. But for Mary and every other person on earth there is a new time of hopeful waiting. There begins a time of expectant hope, looking forward to when the Lord Jesus will complete His work on earth He began in Bethlehem. This is the work you and I accomplish in His Church. This is the work of our Baptism. This is the work of charity, the love of God made manifest in His Church. Through this work we bring about the Second Coming of Christ. This is the life of every Christian.

We go through the difficulties, sufferings, fears and anxieties of this life just as Mary did. She experienced the amazing joy of Christmas but then began living out the fulfillment of redemptive love. We each, by our Baptism, join Jesus in His work of redemption by our willingness to love at any cost. The power to accomplish this life is given through His Church by her Sacraments.

As we celebrate His birth let us be renewed in His love as we receive Him in our bodies from the altar. He feeds us with His flesh and blood to enable us to walk from Bethlehem, through Calvary, to the Resurrection.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Love & Prayers,
Fr. John

And now, O Lord, what do I wait for?

My hope is in you.

Praise, Adoration, Benediction
TONIGHT @ 7:00 pm in the church

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Second Collection: Christmas Flowers**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

Monday, December 22

5:00—6:30 pm Confessions

Tuesday, December 23

12:00 pm Food for the Soul Lunch
 5:00-6:30 pm Confessions/ Church (No Confessions after Mass)
 ** NO EDGE **

Wednesday, December 24-Christmas Eve**OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS**

9:00 - 11:00 am Confessions
 ** No Life Teen "Into the Deep" **
 **No KC #1353 Officers meeting **

11:00 pm Christmas Carols / Church

Thursday, December 25-Christmas**OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS****Friday, December 26****OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS****Saturday, December 27**

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, December 28

No Religious Education Classes
 No RCIA / Room 101
 No Life Night

ADORERS STILL NEEDED!

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

JAN 31 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.

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.

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.

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 —“Come The Door is Open”
 “Imitation of Christ” (Thomas A. Kempis)
 “Teen Catechism”; St. Louis De Montfort; C.S. Lewis (6 Books)
 DVDs: “Guadalupe” (Spanish); “Padre Pio”



Be sure to arrive early for **Midnight Mass.** Christmas carols will begin at **11:00 pm.** The pews fill up quickly!

VOTIVE PRAYER OFFERINGS

ST. JOHN CHURCH**Sanctuary Light : December 20—December 26**

In Memory: Frank & Carrie Gelnar & Joe & Julie Zmolik
 By: Benny & Evelyn Zmolik

Altar Candles : December 20—December 26

In Memory: Adolph F. & Alice Honza, Jerry & Mary Zapletal and Cynthia

By: Martin & Gladys Zapletal and Family

DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL**Altar Candles: December 19—December 25**

For: Joe, Agnes, and Jodie Horak

By: Alene Eggers

Flower Arrangements: December 19—December 25

For: Joe, Agnes, and Jodie Horak

By: Alene Eggers



Mary, Our Mother

*Invites us all to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother Of God and 2015!
December 31, 2014*

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

*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 8*



**Thank you to Pappa John, Catholic Daughters,
RCIA, Life Teen, Religious Ed and everyone who supported this
year's event. It was a great success!**

Breakfast with St. Nicholas



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

- 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!

Registrations for the
January 16-18th Life Teen
retreat is now available at
www.stjohnncc.net/retreat-registrations

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	Carol Rejcek—12/28/14
Helen / Bob Zmolek—1/11/15	Barbara Sample—11/30/14	John Sosa—11/30/14	Jose Luis Garcia—1/4/15
Georgie Ann Nekuza—1/11/15	Ella Patak—11/23/14	Henry Vrana—1/18/15	Trisha Zabochnik—1/4/15
Nathan Gunn—1/4/15	Angie Fira Garza—11/30/14	Ben Eric Fira—12/7/14	Pauline Novy—1/4/15
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-1/18/15	Bill Hejny—12/28/14	Mary Alice (Beva) Garza-12/7	Elizabeth Ann Martinez—1/4/15
Frank Prochaska—1/18/15	Sr. Edna Gonzalez—12/28/14	Domingo De Los Santos Jr -12/7	Locadio Pecina—1/4/15
Sr. Redempta Bradley—1/18/15	Louann Redick—12/28/14	Eleanora Pelzel—12/7/14	Brook Gandy—1/4/15
Nancy Blackburn—12/28/14	Bob Henderson—12/28/14	Patsy Zabochnik—12/28/14	Mark Liska—1/4/15
Stephen Dolezalik—1/4/15	Stanley J. Liska—12/28/14	Nancy Valek—12/28/14	Gary Kidder—1/4/15
Betty Jo Culpepper—12/28/14	Johnny/ Mary Ann Hajek-1/25	Wesley Krajca—12/28/14	Edwin/Dorothy Langer -1/4/15
Alfred Martinez—12/28/14	Leo Rejcek—11/ 23/14	Pete Gutierrez—12/28/14	Tina Jones—1/11/15
Betty Rogala—12/28/14	Joe Gobeas—11/23/14	Ginger Morales—12/28/14	Frank Zabochnik - 1/18/15
Ivan /Margaret Bohuslav—11/30	Craig Sellars—11/23/14	Patti Youngblood—12/28/14	Jenny Matous—1/18/15
Margie Dvorak—1/4/15	Mildred Trojacek—12/28/14	Lillian Bacak—12/28/14	Gil Escobar—1/25/15
Mary Hejny—1/4/15	Leo Rejcek—11/23/14	Rachel Zmolik—12/28/15	JoAnn Strunc—1/25/15
Analiene Mahaley—12/28/14	June & Dick Moody—12/28/14	Paula Prokop—12/28/14	Stephen Clemmons - 1/25/15
Anna Galetka—12/28/14	Angie Garza—11/30/14	Mary Ludwig—12/28/14	
Annie Fira Garcia—11/30/14	Annie Garcia—11/30/14	Rosa Sanchez—12/28/14	