

## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

6:30 a.m. Mary Carson Dick +  
12:05 p.m. Helen & Frank Dlabaj ++  
6:00 p.m. Confessions  
6:30 p.m. Cynthia Zapletal +  
7:00 p.m. Confessions

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

No Mass today      Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord  
9-11 a.m. Confessions

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS

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

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 – St. Stephen

12:05 p.m. Christmas Novena

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27—St. John, the Apostle

6:30 a.m. Christmas Novena

12:05 p.m. Alvin Kubin +

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 - The Holy Innocents

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Christmas Novena

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29— Holy Family

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

11:00 a.m. Frances A. Kozlovsky +

1:00 pm Christmas Novena

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass For the Parish Community

### **MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH**

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

Tues. December 24, 11 pm Miguel & Carmen Palacios ++

Sun. December 29, 9 am Ramon Hernandez +

### **HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

Entrance: Hail Mary Gentle Woman — #779

Offertory: Maranatha—#324

Communion: Present Among Us—#838

Recessional: Savior of the Nations Come— #348

### **HYMNS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

Entrance: Angels from the Realms of Glory—#369

Offertory: Angels We Have Heard on High—#361

Communion: Away in a Manger—#365

Recessional: God Rest You Merry Gentlemen—#366

**Be sure to arrive for Midnight Mass music by the St. John Adult Choir. The pews fill up quickly. The choir will begin singing right at 11:00 pm.**

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Catholic Family Fraternal Insurance**

## Letter from the Pastor

Our Fourth Sunday of Advent

And

Christmas 2013!!!

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners!

What a Holy and Amazing Church we are part of! You gotta love and live it!! I am writing this Bulletin Message on December 17th, that day each year when Advent goes deeper and gets more exciting. What more could God give us to increase this most wonderful time of year leading up to the Gift of God Himself to His People, Christmas!

Jesus, came from Heaven to earth to walk among us, gather us up together and take us all back home to the rest of the family. Our God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, flipped a coin and Jesus came! His mission, which He chose to accept, was to announce the New Deal, pay the price for everyone and set up to transport all of us back to the Kingdom. Father and Holy Spirit stayed home to build all the mansions it would take to house us all; along with the finest foods and choicest wines.

This “getting packed and ready to go,” is the true Christmas Spirit that is to accompany each of us throughout our life here on earth and we prepare to go to the Kingdom. It is meant to be a life of joyous anticipation even amid the craziness of getting ready. When we get too bogged down in the “getting ready” part, and begin to think this trip is not worth it, then Mother Church brings Christmas back around again to fill us anew with that Christmas Spirit and excitement.

During these last days of Advent and the Joyous celebration of Christmas, let us each ask our God, to empty us in the Confessional of anything that would keep us from being filled to the brim with Christmas Spirit. Then process up that aisle to receive the One who fill us with Himself!

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to all!

Love & Prayers,  
Fr. John



**Follow Fr. John on Twitter**  
**@FrJohnDick**



**Enjoy this Holy Season**  
**knowing you are**  
***thought of kindly***  
***prayed for faithfully***  
***And treasured***  
**In Heaven and on Earth.**

**Merry Christmas with love,**  
**Fr. John, Fr. Antonio,**  
**and parish staff**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

### IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Second Collection is for Christmas Flowers

#### Sunday, December 22

\*\*NO Religious Education Classes

\*\*NO RCIA/ Room 101

6:30 pm Life Night

#### Monday, December 23

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

6:00/7:00 pm Confessions

#### Tuesday, December 24

### OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

9-11 am Confessions

11:00 pm Midnight Mass music by St. John Adult Choir/Church

#### Wednesday, December 25

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#### Thursday, December 26

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#### Friday, December 27

7:00 am Rosary after 6:30 am Mass

#### Saturday, December 28

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

#### Sunday, December 29

NO St. John Library today

NO Religious Education Classes today

NO RCIA today

NO Life Night

### SANCTUARY CARE

#### Sanctuary Light : Dec. 21st—Dec. 27th

In Memory: Frank & Carrie Gelnar and Joe & Julie Zmolik

By: Benny & Evelyn Zmolik

#### Altar Candles : December 21st—Dec. 27th

In Memory: Billy, Francis Joe, Willy & Mary Kriska & Frank & Carrie Gelnar and Margie Gelnar.

#### Divine Providence Chapel Flower Arrangements: Dec. 20-28th

In Memory: Joe M. Horak, Agnes Horak, Jodie Horak

By: Alene Eggers

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In Memory: Joe M. Horak, Agnes Horak, Jodie Horak

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### COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 14 - DECEMBER 15

Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Church Support Collection	\$21,362.97
2nd Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious	1,042.45
Epiphany Church Support Collection	844.87
2nd Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious	162.00

### ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

#### Saturday, December 28

5:00 pm Brandon Martinek / Collin McManus

#### Sunday, December 29

7:00 am Jake Kasowski / Chris Trojacek / Payton Matous

11:00 am Ermando Campos / Andrew Martinez / Josh Zapletal

5:00 pm LT Mass Juan Lara / Alston Lawrence

### 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.

**Begins again on January 6th**



#### Nepomucene's Men

The fourth meeting of A Morning of Reflection on Spiritual Growth will meet Saturday, January 4th in Room 201. We invite all men of the St. John Parish to meet with us for the this time of fellowship and spiritual growth.

8:00 am—Mass

9:00 am—Breakfast & Fellowship

### NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

#### 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.

#### CHANGE IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Classes on Sunday January 26th have been cancelled.

However, there WILL be classes on Sunday March 2nd.

**Parish Office will be closed Dec. 24th—Dec. 26th for Christmas.**

### SCHEDULE YOUR DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSION!

[www.stjohncc.net](http://www.stjohncc.net) or call David Daigle at 972-878-5732

### 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. Important facts:

- You must be 70 1/2 when you make your gift
- Must be from an IRA
- Must be sent directly from the IRA to the church
- You may not take it as a charitable contribution deduction when you file your taxes.

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



# Look Here

ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS  
High School Youth Ministry Retreat

# UNSTOPPABLE

Registrations for the  
January 17-19<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!!!



**TOR Religious Sisters**

**Retreat Master:  
Brian Greenfield**



**Fr. Augustin, CFR**



**Life Teen  
Worship Band**



**Dominican Religious Sisters**



**Edge Will Not Meet  
December 24th or 31st  
We will resume normal  
classes on January 7th**

# Parish Mission



**Fr. Augustine, CFR**

**Monday, Jan. 13— 7:00 PM**  
**"The Joy of God's Love"**

**Tuesday, Jan. 14— 7:00 PM**  
**"The Joy of God's Forgiveness"**

**Wednesday, Jan. 15— 7:00 PM**  
**"The joy of God's healing"**

**Thursday, Jan. 16— 7:00 PM**  
**"Our Lady, cause of our joy"**

**Jan. 13-16**  
**All sessions start**  
**at 7:00 PM**



# RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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



MASACCIO, *The Baptism of the Neophytes*, 1426-27

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or in becoming Catholic, come to the first new RCIA session—

**Wednesday, Jan. 22,  
7:00-8:00 PM,  
room 101 in the Compound**

or call Seth  
Wright at the  
Parish Office.

# Catechist Training—January 11th

## “MEET THEM WHERE THEY ARE”



- Discover your child/student's needs in the faith
- Make a plan to reach those needs
- Meet them where they are, bring them closer to our Lord at their level

*Parents, Catechists,  
volunteers...  
Everyone is invited!*



*9am-12pm, in the cafeteria*

### *Christmas & New Year* Mass Schedule



*Nativity of the Lord  
Christmas Masses*

*Mary, Mother of God  
New Year's Masses*

**Christmas Eve:**

**Christmas Day:**

**New Year's Eve:**

**New Year's Day:**

No Masses during the day  
Midnight Mass  
12:00 AM (English)

8:00 AM (English)  
10:00 AM (English)  
1:00 PM (Spanish)

12:05 PM (English)  
6:30 PM Vigil (Spanish)  
10:30 PM Vigil (English)

12:05 PM (English)  
6:30 PM (English)

# Let's bring in 2014 together!



**10:00 PM Christmas Carols**

**10:30 PM Mass & Benediction**

**12:15 AM New Year's Eve Party**

**Food, Drinks, & Games in the cafeteria for the WHOLE FAMILY!**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Give thanks to the Lord for the  
coming of Jesus on that first Christmas!

and

Let Him renew your life and this parish now by  
attending the Christ Renews His Parish retreat!

**Men's Retreat**  
Feb. 1~2

**Women's Retreat**  
Feb. 8~9



# 2014 Roe Memorial Mass

*at the KBH Convention Center Dallas*

## Dallas March for Life & Rally

### January 18, 2014

**STAND4LIFE** with  
Bishop Kevin Farrell and  
thousands of Dallas faithful

- 12:30 Youth Rally at KBH Convention Center Dallas  
*Featuring World Youth Day Musician Steve Angrisano*
- 1:00 Roe Memorial Mass at KBH Convention Center Dallas  
*Celebrated by Bishop Kevin Farrell*
- 3:00 Dallas March for Life & Rally outside the  
Earle Cabell Federal Courthouse
- 4:30 Pro-Life Ministry Fair at KBH Convention Center Dallas



Bishop Kevin Farrell  
*Principal Celebrant*



Father Alfonse Nazzaro  
*Homilist*



Steve Angrisano  
*Youth Rally & Mass  
Music Minister*



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

### 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	Patricia Banks—1/19/14	Roxanna Rivera-1/19/14	Enrique Leos-1/19/14
Gentry Holmes—1/19/14	Caroline Rejcek -1/19/14	Richard Jurica—12/29/13	Otto Trojacek-1/19/14
Margie Dvorak—1/19/14	Mary N. Sladeczek-1/19/14	Mildred Wickliffe-12/29/13	Pete Martinez-1/19/14
Helen & Bob Zmolek—1/19/14	Elizabeth Hickman-1/19/14	Frank Prochaska -12/29/13	Sonny Harrison-1/19/14
Georgie Ann Nekuza—1/19/14	Gil Escobar—1/19/14	Tony Diaz-12/29/13	Helen Barak-1/26/14
Mary Hejny—1/19/14	Tracy Johnson-1/19/14	Joe Spaniel-1/5/14	Rodney Ruffin-1/26/14
Nathan Gunn—1/19/14	Steve Puckett-1/19/14	Dianne McCarty—1/5/14	Elizabeth Hickman-1/26/14
Otto Macalik — 1/19/14	L.M.—1/19/14	Dorothy & Edwin Langer-1/5/14	Ronnie Fira-1/26/14
Michael Liska—1/19/14	Edward Allesandro—1/19/14	Irma Guerrero-1/5/14	Oscar Mauricio-1/26/14
Stanley J. Liska—1/19/14	Gary Kidder-1/19/14	Georgie Ann Nekuza-1/15/14	Kelly Walker-1/26/14
Trish Zabojsnik—1/19/14	Steve York -1/19/14	Margaret Krajca-1/19/14	Johnny & Mary Ann Hajek—1/26/14
Helen Patak—1/19/14	Don Tanner—1/19/14	Jimmy Aguilar-1/19/14	Family of Christian Hefner-1/26/14
Nancy Marusak—1/19/14	Adolph Novy-1/19/14	Catherine Augusto-1/19/14	Mary Ellen Durham- 1/26/14
Michael Patak—1/19/14	Joseph Guadalupe Garza- 1/19/14	Rosa Sanchez-1/19/14	Caren Lawrence-1/26/14
Albert Garcia—1/19/14	Patricia Pechal Maggi -1/19/14	Alfred Martinez-1/19/14	
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-1/19/14	Mildred Trojacek-1/19/14	Domingo de los Santos -1/19/14	
Sr. Agnes Marie Marusak-1/19/14	Karen Garcia -1/19/14	Lydia Mensik—1/19/14	



Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment  
At which the Son of God was born  
Of a most pure Virgin  
At a stable at midnight in Bethlehem  
In the piercing cold  
At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee,  
To hear my prayers and grant my desires... (mention request here)  
Through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother.  
[\\*http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/novena/christmas.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/novena/christmas.htm)