



*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

No Masses until Midnight Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 Nativity of the Lord

12:00 a.m. St. John Parish Community

9:00 a.m. Christmas Novena

11:00 a.m. Christmas Novena

1:00 pm(Spanish) Christmas Novena

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26 St. Stephen

No 6:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Masses

12:05 p.m. Henry Zapletal +

Richard Miller +

No Adoration

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27 St. John

No 6:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Masses

12:05 p.m. Stanley "Junior" Dlabaj +

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 The Holy Innocents

6:30 a.m. Raymond J. Honza Sr. +

12:05 p.m. John White +

Dorothy Harrison +

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

5:00 p.m. Judy Almond +

SUNDAY, DEC. 30 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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

11:00 a.m. Arturo & Mariana Casanova ++

1:00 pm Aurora Yopez +

5:00 Life Teen Mass Libbie Blazek +

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun., Dec. 23 9am Angelita Solis +

Mon., Dec 24 10pm Epiphany Parish Community

Sun., Dec. 30 9am Linda Rohmer +

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, December 29

5:00 pm Tyler Dennie Austin Spaniel

Sunday, December 30

7:00 am Josef Woodward/Zachary Matous/Aaron Recjcek

11:00 am Josef Galetka/Grant Vrana/Chris Trojacek

5:00pmLTMass Alston Lawrence Alex Fry

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Quality Inn



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

"VERBUM CARO FACTUM EST, ET VIDIMUS GLORIAM EIUS!"
"THE WORD BECAME FLESH, AND WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY!"

The Word, Jesus Christ, became flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Now we celebrate His birth into our world in the City of Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. The Lord of Lords, and the King of Kings lay in a manger, with only Joseph, His father and Mary, His mother to witness His birth. The first folks to see this King were the poor shepherds, that night they were the first and only people to learn the Greatest News that had happened in the history of the world. "And an angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them. And the angel said to them, Be not afraid; for behold I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour who is Christ the Lord."

He was born poor; without any fanfare or ostentation; true humility, which brings peace, joy and love. Mary, Joseph and their newborn, Jesus, did not need TV Cameras, Facebook postings, Birth Announcements, Fans, Friends or Family around to make the birth or them special. They knew it was all special because they were doing the Will of the Father, even though it left them possessing nothing of this world's glory.

The Good News of Christmas! We can each be this special; filled with peace, joy and love, if we know we are living the Will of the Father, through His Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit! Nothing or no one else is necessary. "Only one thing is necessary." (Luke 10:42)

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and because of Christmas, a special life!

Love and Prayers,

Fr. John

Rachel's Corner

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people...in the city of David a Savior has been born for you, who is Messiah and Lord."
Luke 2:10-11

May the unending love of Our Savior fill your heart with hope, grace and peace this Christmas. Do not be afraid to reach out for help.

Abortion AfterCare-Healing / The Rachel Ministries
214.544.CARE healing@racheldallas.org

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light is in memory of Louis Santos donated by Sandra Puckett for the week of December 22-28.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

Entrance: Come, O Long Expected Jesus #345

Offertory: Hail Mary: Gentle Woman #779

Communion: Deep Within #149

Recessional: Immaculate Mary #783



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 23

St. John Library closed for Christmas

No Religious Education Classes today

No RCIA Session

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass — NO Life Night

Monday, December 24

Parish Office closed for Christmas

Tuesday, December 25

Parish office closed for Christmas

No Food for the Soul

No Winter Walkers SJ Library closed for Christmas

No EDGE

No Beginning Apologetics Class

Wednesday, December 26

Parish office closed for Christmas

No Life Teen "Into the Deep"

No Winter Walkers

No Religious Education Classes tonight

No Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 27

No *That Man Is You*

Saturday, December 29

No *That Man Is You*

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, December 30

No St. John Library

No Religious Education Classes

No RCIA Session

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night / Concert

THANKS TO THE KJT

St. John would like to thank the KJT Hall for the use of the facility for the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

THANK YOU FROM THE EMILY DLABAJ FAMILY

We wish to take this opportunity to thank Fr. John for the beautiful Mass, Bill Divin for serving, the very melodic voices of our Requiem Choir and John Marek for leading the Rosary; also those who brought food, sent flowers, cards, Mass and cemetery intentions. May God bless all of you.

THANK YOU FROM THE KJZT

KJZT would like to thank all parishioners who purchased baked goods last weekend. Thank you to all our members who made the pastries, cookies, candies, etc. and/or made monetary donations. It was a great success. We appreciate your generosity and wish everyone a blessed Christmas.

THANK YOU FROM THE FRANKIE JOE PATAK FAMILY

Thank you for the flowers, food, memorials, Mass intentions and prayers during our loss. But most of all, thank you for your friendship and the sharing of so many memories of Frankie Joe.

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated for the intentions of the Wayne Sylvester family for the week of December 22-28.

ATTENTION MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES

Has anyone every clearly explained for you **WHY** the Catholic Church does not approve of artificial birth control? For most of us , the answer is **NO**. Learn about your faith and discover a natural method of family planning that goes beyond the physical. St. John will host a series beginning January 5th, which will be taught by Clayton & Julie Houston. The classes are approximately 3 hours long, one Saturday a month. For more information and registration, go to www.ccli.org.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Alvin Kubin, Tommy Slama, Juanita Lowe, Lisa Newhouse, Walter Marusak, Janie & Richard Mraz, Nathan Gunn, Matthew Dixon, Becky Griffith, Alan Barak, Judy Zapletal, Darrell Patak, Betty Rogala, Maria Manriquez, Jimmie Trahan, Toya Vavra, Liam Shockley, Jimmy Garcia Sr., Sandy Wheeler, Roger Gagnon, Joy Moore, Charlie Honza, Frances Maliska, Jeff Sladeczek, Christine Hanson, Hannah Rejcek, Helen Zmolek, Cameron Wolf, Meg Routh, Ruperto Gomez, Mark Strunc, Monsignor Frank Miller, Lori Strunc, Edna Gonzalez, Georgie Ann Nekuza, Ophelia Esparza, Mary Hejny, Juanita LeVay, Anna Lee Weaver, Leo Rejcek, Helen Barak, Rose Sanchez, Alfred Martinez, George Spaniel Sr., Sister Genevieve and Frankie Prochaska, Mary Ann & Johnnie Hajek, Margie Patak, Millie Trojacek, Mildred Wickliffe, Joe and John Schleich, Graciela and Rene Monreal, Steve and Bernard Betik, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Brandi Schlottman, Ninfa Carrillo, James Pustejovsky, Gary Kidder, Jerry Dolezal, Raul Partida

BULLETIN SPONSOR ADS

For follow up questions or concerns re: bulletin ads please call Rey Barron at **512-577-9411**.

CZECH CHOIR CD's AND TAPES

The Czech Choir is still selling their CD's and tapes consisting of 20 songs all in the Czech language, including Christmas songs and hymns. Stop by the Religious Items counter to purchase for yourself or for Christmas gifts.

ALTAR SOCIETY RAFFLE FOR NATIVITY SET

Altar Society is selling raffle tickets for a beautiful Nativity Set. Chances are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5. Chances will be sold in the vestibule after Masses or at the religious counter. Drawing will be Dec. 23 after 11 am Mass.

CHRISTMAS POLKA SHOW ON KBEC

AM radio station KBEC and its sponsors will present the annual Christmas music show on Tuesday December 25 from 9-11 am. Listen in for a variety of great Christmas music, including Czech songs from the choirs. This may be the last Christmas show.

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 15 & 16

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 15,907.56
Retirement fund for Religious	\$ 1,158.53
Epiphany Church Support Collection	\$ 814.55



Automated Giving Coming Soon!

Coming soon, we will be introducing *Faith Direct*, an exciting way to support our parish finances.

Faith Direct is a highly respected and secure company that is leading the way for parishioners to support their parishes through electronic means.

The *Faith Direct* program gives you a convenient way to support St. John Nepomucene Church by electing to use direct debit like most of us do for other payments or charitable giving. It also gives you the opportunity to support our parish even if you are absent from Mass for travel or illness. And, it addresses the situation I know many families face on their way to Mass: **Where did I put my envelopes?!**

With *Faith Direct*, our parish will gain predictable cash flow that will help us with planning our parish needs and programs. As Christian stewards, it will give you the opportunity to better plan your finances when supporting our church.

How does it work? The folks at *Faith Direct* have made it very simple and will handle the entire process for our parish:

- (1) You may complete an enrollment form and simply return the form to *Faith Direct* headquarters, along with a cancelled check if you have selected checking debit or complete credit card information.
- (2) You may visit www.faithdirect.net and use our specific parish code for secure online enrollment.

There is no cost to you as a parishioner to enroll. Following the month in which you are enrolled, *Faith Direct* will begin debiting your specified account on the 4th or 15th of the month (or the next business day) for your offertory gift and/or second collections. You will receive confirmation on your bank or credit card statement, a complete statement for tax planning purposes at the end of the year, "offertory cards" to demonstrate your parish support, and you can set up access your own individual account online.

More information about how to set up your enrollment with *Faith Direct* will be coming next month. I find *Faith Direct* a "win-win" for both parishioners and our parish and I plan on enrolling myself. I strongly encourage you to give the program your consideration. I am grateful for your financial and prayerful support of our parish. I am available to answer any questions you might have.

God bless,

Rev. John J. Dick

We miss you!

If you were raised Catholic but no longer practice the Catholic Faith, you are invited to come to four informative sessions about commonly misunderstood Catholic teachings.

If you have family or friends who have left the Church, invite them to come to these sessions. Cards with an invitation to and basic information about times and days are available at the back of the Church. Pass them out to friends and family.

**Wednesdays, January 16
through February 6
7:00-8:00 PM
Compound Room 101-102**

Come Home to the Catholic Church

Retirement Reception for Helen Yarbrough, our Parish Secretary
On Saturday, December 29, after the 5:00 PM Mass, we will have a retirement reception for our beloved parish secretary. Come over to the Cafeteria, and thank Helen for her many years of service to our parish, and tell her how much you appreciate her.

Know someone who needs to receive missed sacraments?

Need to receive missed sacraments yourself?

Want to join the Catholic Church?

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Want to learn more about God and His Catholic Church?

New group starting in January!

Tell your family and friends! **Wednesday evenings, beginning Jan. 16 7-8 PM, Room 101-102 in the Compound** Contact the Parish Office for more information.



Nepomucene's Teens

INSANCTITY
St. John Nepomucene Life Teen Winter Retreat

SIGN UP TODAY!
January 18th-20th
Sky Ranch
\$125/person
(Do not let price prevent you from going)

Great opportunity to get away for a weekend with your friends and your faith!
Life Long Total-Spiritual Conditioning Program

100% Satisfaction Guaranteed

YES! I WANT TO TAKE THE INSANCTITY CHALLENGE >>>

All LIFE TEEN/High School students!!! Do NOT miss out on this amazing retreat! Take the "Insanctity Challenge" and Sign-up today! Forms will be at all Life Nights and can be found at www.stjohncc.net!

Special Life Teen Announcement!
Sunday December 30th after the Life Teen Mass, Ike Ndolo will be returning to St. John for a Life Night "Christmas with Ike" party! You do not want to miss out!
INVITE ALL YOU FRIENDS!



Wishing all of our Edge and Life Teen students a very Merry Christmas!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FOR 2012

All charitable end-of-the-year donations to St. John Church and St. Joseph Cemetery must be dated and post-marked by **December 31, 2012** to qualify for 2012 tax deductions. Thank you for your consideration.

May God grant a special blessing to those loyal people who supported our parish and cemetery this past year.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Save the date. Encounter the loving mercy of Christ!

Men's Weekend: February 16-17

Women's Weekend: February 23-24

THAT MAN IS YOU

The *That Man is You* men's program is on Thursdays, 7:00 pm, and Saturdays, 7:00 am, in Room 103 in the compound. This program teaches Christian Catholic men how to live their lives in today's world. For info see: THATMANISYOU.ORG

BEGINNING APOLOGETICS

Beginning Apologetics sessions are on Tuesday nights, 7:00 pm, room 301 in the high school. Come learn more about and understand our Catholic faith and be able to explain to others.

WINTER WALKERS PROGRAM

Catholic Family Fraternal Texas-KJZT Society 16 is sponsoring the 3rd annual Winter Walkers' program. St. John gym is open on Tuesday & Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 pm. Join them for a safe, warm, dry place to walk, and it's FREE! Children **must** be accompanied by adults and closely supervised.

ST. JOHN LIBRARY NEW HOURS

The Library in the compound is open Tuesdays from 5-7 pm, and on EDGE nights from 5-8:30 pm. Parents of EDGE kids are invited to come by and spend some **quiet time** reading in the library while their kids are in session. Sunday hours are the same, 8:30-10:45 am.

CZECH CHOIR CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The St. John Czech Choir will sing Christmas carols before and during the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, Dec. 29, starting at 4:45 pm.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

No Masses until Midnight Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

11:15 p.m. Christmas Carols

12:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

1:00 pm(Spanish)