

MASSES THIS WEEK



MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

- 6:30 am Marvin Slovacek +
12:05 pm Dorothy Harrison + and
Christmas Novena
6:30pm Gertrude Griffith + and
Clifford & Claudette Allen ++

TUESDAY, DEC. 27—St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

- 6:30 am Christmas Novena and
Georgie Kubin +
12:05 pm Anton F. Galetka + and
Will & Mary Prachyl ++

Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm(Spanish) Gustavo Garcia +

WED., DECEMBER 28—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- 6:30 am Lillie Honza Novy +
12:05 pm Frances Kozlovsky + and
Christmas Novena
6:30 pm Anton & Effie Jurica ++ and
Duane Dolezalik +

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29—St. Thomas Becket

- 6:30 am Larry Haskovec + and
Christmas Novena
12:05 pm Joe R. Kubin + and
Elizabeth & Tom Machovsky ++

6:30 pm Spanish Paulita Alvarez +

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30—The Holy Family

- 6:30 am Ann T. Skrivanek + and
Christmas Novena
12:05 pm Milton F. Vrla Sr. + and
Agnes Horak +

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31—St. Sylvester, Pope

- 5:00 pm Raymond Honza Sr. + and
Kenneth Langley + and
Christmas Novena

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012—Mary, Mother of God

- 7:00 am Christmas Novena
11:00 am George F. Prachyl +
1:00 pm Ysidro Castillo + and
For Our Parish Community
5:00 pm Special Intention

MASS INTENTIONS FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 25, 10:00 am Feliciano/Mario/Andrade/
Angel/Roberto Benividez+++++& Lucia Lerma+
Sun., January 1, 2012 For Epiphany Mission Parishioners

SPONSOR OF WEEK: JPH MECHANICAL SERVICES

O come,
Let us adore Him!



Rejoice in the
Nativity of the Lord!

Merry Christmas
from Father John,
Father Antonio,
and the Parish Staff!

Childcare Needed

We need some people to watch children while their parents grow in their faith. You would be compensated for your time. If you would be interested in helping to provide childcare during parish events and studies, please contact Seth Wright at the Parish Office.

(972) 878-2834

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

Masses at 9:00 & 11:00 am (English) & 1:00 pm (Spanish)

No Religious Education Classes

No RCIA Class/Room 102 Compound

St. John Library Closed today

No Life Teen Mass or Life Night

Monday, December 26

Parish Business Office closed for holiday

Tuesday, December 27

5:00-7:00 pm St. John Library open/Compound

6:00-7:00 pm Winter Walkers in St. John Gym

Wednesday, December 28

6:30 am Life Teen *Food for the Soul* & Breakfast

6:00-7:00 pm Winter Walkers in St. John Gym

No Religious Education Classes tonight

D-NITE in the Cafeteria

Thursday, December 29

No EDGE Night today

Friday, December 30

Parish Business Office closed for holiday

Saturday, December 31

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, January 1, 2012

No Religious Education Classes today

No RCIA Classes today

8:30-10:45 am St. John Library Open/Rm106 Compound

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Open Gym

OFFERTORY GIFTS DURING MASS

If a family or (3 or 4) individuals would like to take up the gifts at the Offertory during weekend Masses, please tell one of the ushers at your Mass. This is a tiny ministry but important, as the bearers represent the congregation during Mass.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FOR 2011

Just a reminder that all charitable end-of-the-year donations to St. John Church and St. Joseph Cemetery must be dated and postmarked by December 31, 2011 to qualify for 2011 tax deductions. Thank you, and may God especially bless those who supported our parish and cemetery in 2011. We sincerely appreciate your support.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS FOR PRIESTS

During the holidays, in the event of a real emergency, you can call Fr. John, 903-624-6114, or Fr. Antonio, 469-831-0607.

For day to day questions or concerns, and to make appointments, please call the office number, 972-878-2834.

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 17 & 18

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 20,557.41
Retirement Fund for Religious Collection	1,245.91
Epiphany Mission Collection	726.00
Retirement Fund for Religious Collection	167.74

CZECH CHOIR AT 5:00 PM MASS ON 01/07/12

The St. John Czech Choir will sing at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, January 7, 2012. They will begin by singing Czech carols before the Mass begins.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY & FRIDAY

Parish Business Office will be closed on Monday, December 26, and Friday, December 30, for the holidays.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light, south side, is in memory of Raymond J. Honza Sr. donated by Leona Honza & family for week of December 24-30.

Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary Dick.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

Parents of children planning to receive their sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this school year need to turn in a copy of their Baptismal certificate to the Religious Education office (in the parish office). Also, please continue to make payments if you have a balance. **Balances and Baptism certificates are due by January 31, 2012, for all children who plan to receive their sacraments.**

Any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Stacy Gallegos, 972-875-9650, or email stacyg@stjohncc.net

KC BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus #1353 will host a **Blood Drive** at the KC hall on Wednesday, December 28, from 4:00-8:00 pm. Everyone is invited. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

ST. JOHN LIBRARY HOURS

St. John Library, compound area, is now re-opened on Tuesdays from 5-7 pm. Library is also open on Sundays from 8:30-10:45 am.

HYMNS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

See separate program for hymns for Midnight Mass

369 Angels from the Realms of Glory **357** O Come, All Ye Faithful
377 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly **361** Angels We Have Heard on High

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Vlasta Knize, Joshua Meachum, Betty Schlottman, Helen Barak, Betty Coker, Stanley J. Liska, Bob Scancellia, Jerry Holland, Ninfa Carrillo, Maria Manriquez, Louise Francis, Raul Monjarez Sr., Lori Hearn, Mildred Wickcliffe, Jane Parker, Joe W. Spaniel, Wilma Mach, Ginny Svehlak, Juanita Levay, Patsy Odlozil, Nathan Gunn, Orlando Lopez, Greg Loftis, Gil Escobar, Tony Guerrero, Gertrude Langley, Gloria J. Haba, Johnny Garcia, Danita Canty, Betty Cloonen, Hannah Rejcek, Rosie Mach, Ruphine Patak, Inez Fira, Louisa Tovar, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Ashton Weaver, Martina Ortiz, Lisa Marklund, Anna Rosales, Lauren Moran, Senaida Arreola, Christian Marente, Helen Matous, James Pustejovsky, Robert Martinez Sr., Olga Patak, Alfred Martinez, Catherine McClelland, Thelma Collinsworth, Rosa Sanchez, Patsy Blazek, Betty Rogala, Graciela & Ruben Monreal, Helen Zmolek, Gary Kidder, Domingo Galban, Jerry Dolezal, Tony Alvarez, Josie, Ray & Cynthia Castillo, Steve Betik, Earlene Slovak, Raul Partida



Early in his pontificate, Pope John Paul II gave a series of talks that have been described as a “time-bomb” waiting to go off in the Church.

What he said will change your life.

*Coming to speak at St. John Nepomucene
this January:*

*Monica Ashour,
Executive Director of the
Theology of the Body
Evangelization Team*

January 23
7 PM
Cafeteria

For sale by St. John Church
1999 Winnebago Brave Class A Motor home

For Information and Viewing—Fr. John
903.624.6114

ADULT CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES

Certificates for the participants of the Adult Confirmation that took place on June 12, 2011 are ready for pickup at the parish business office.

RCIA Sponsors Needed

We need people to help to guide those who are interested in becoming Catholic to know and understand the Church. If you love the Church and want to share that love with those who wish to join Her, become an RCIA sponsor.

Qualifications:

- Must have received Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation
 - If married, must be married in the Catholic Church
 - Practicing your Faith
- Contact Seth Wright at 972-878-2834.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)

**Thank
you!**

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and Catechists. We had a wonderful fall semester of religious education and we are looking forward to our spring semester. Please know that the time you spend volunteering is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and participated in our Christmas play. A special thanks to the KJT for letting us have the play at the KJT hall. Also thank you to all who donated in different ways to the play.

Classes Start:

- *January 4th - Wed.*
- *January 8th - Sun.*

**Merry
Christmas and
Happy New
Year from the
Religious
Education
Department**

WINTER WALKERS PROGRAM

Winter Walkers Program has begun on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the St. John Gym. Catholic Family Fraternal—KJZT #16 is sponsoring this program to provide a safe, warm place to keep heart healthy during the winter months.

Join them each week from now until March. (Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian.)

Call Joan Johnson for info: 214-728-6160

KIDS AND GOD: STARTING FROM SCRATCH

If you're doing yard work on Sunday instead of going to Mass, and if most dinners in your house begin without saying "Grace", here are four basic items to begin in the new year:

Go to Mass each Sunday: get yourself to Mass and see what God has to say to you. Just show up.

Pray with your kids before dinner and bed: Whether you use traditional prayers or make up your own, your kids will know it's important when you do it twice a day.

Hang up a cross: If your house has lots of artwork and photos on the walls but is lacking a cross, that sends a message to kids about the family's priorities. Get a crucifix or at least a cross. There are thousands of styles.

Get your kids to religious education: if your kids are enrolled in Religious Education, please commit to it. Take them regularly and encourage them in their studies.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 25- NO LIFE TEEN MASS & NO LIFE NIGHT-HOLIDAY BREAK

DECEMBER 28- FOOD FOR THE SOUL & D-NITE

JAN 1- THERE WILL BE LIFE TEEN MASS & OPEN GYM

JAN 4- FOOD FOR THE SOUL & D-NITE

DON'T FORGET TO SIGNUP FOR OUR LIFE TEEN RETREAT JAN 13-15 CONTACT JOEY FOR MORE INFO

EDGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEC 29- NO EDGE CHRISTMAS BREAK

JAN 5- EDGE NIGHT

QUESTIONS? CALL JOEY 972-878-8336 OR JOEYS@STJOHNGC.NET

MASS TIMES AT EPIPHANY MISSION

For the next two weekends, the Mass time at Epiphany Mission, Italy, will be at **10:00 am** instead of 9am. These Sundays include: January 1, 2012 New Years Day and January 8, Feast of Epiphany

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)

EPIPHANY TREAT BAGS

On the Feast of Epiphany, January 8, children at Epiphany Church in Italy will be given treat bags to celebrate their feast.

Parishioners are asked to donate bags of candy and packaged cookies and other wrapped treats to make up the goody bags. If you have any questions, please contact Father Antonio Ormaza.



HOME BIBLE STUDY TEST

For those participants in the Home Bible Study Course who plan to take the final test on March 3, 2012, you must sign up for the test by February 10 in order to be eligible to take the test. The signup sheet will be in the parish office. Please remember: no signup—no test!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offer their heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your kindness.

NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR RELIGIOUS ED

Is God calling you? We still need more volunteers for the Religious Education program for the Spring semester. We need teachers, aides to assist the teachers, and substitutes. This is a wonderful way to give back to your parish. If you are interested, please contact Stacy Gallegos at 972-875-9650, or 972-875-2834, ext. 214. We are still in need of catechists for PK, 5th and 4th grades on Wednesday nights. Please pray on this, let your light shine; share your talents with our children in Religious Ed.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, December 31

5:00 pm Matt Zajic/David Janousek/Austin Spaniel

Sunday, January 1, 2012

7:00 am Aaron Rejcek/Tyler Novy/Zachary Matous

11:00 am Grant Vrana/Tyler Gilmore/Chris Trojacek

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Alex Fry/Josh Zapletal/Joseph Baird

RACHEL'S CORNER

“He came to restore beauty and dignity to creation, to the universe.”

This is what began at Christmas and makes the angels rejoice. The earth is restored to good order by virtue of the fact that it is opened up to God...Thus Christmas is a feast of restored creation.”

There is restoration and beauty in Christ Jesus. We help you find healing at a Rachel's Retreat.

214-544-CARE

Abortion AfterCare-Healing
healing@racheldallas.org