

Mass Intentions for February 8

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

** No 6:30 a.m. Mass today **

12:05 p.m. Cecilia Rychlik +

6:30 p.m. John A. Vrla +

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - Saint Scholastica

6:30 a.m. Leo Rejcek +

12:05 p.m. Jerry Dolezal + and Dolezal Family

6:30 p.m. Rosa Najera +

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

6:30 a.m. John Mensik +

12:05 p.m. Tom Valek +

2:30 p.m. Special Intention (IOOF)

6:30 p.m. Eleanor Pelzel +

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:30 a.m. Rosa Sanchez (health)

12:05 p.m. Larry Dunkerly +

6:30 p.m. Marta Garcia +

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:30 a.m. Joe & Frances Vetik ++ & living & deceased family

12:05 p.m. Antonie Kubin (health)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - Saints Cyril & Methodius

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Frank & Jay Felcman ++

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 15

7:00 a.m. Henry W. Odlozil +

11:00 a.m. Neal Harrison +

1:00 p.m. Pauline Garcia +

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

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. February 08, 9 am Juan Espinoza +

Sun. February 15, 9 am Jesus & Julia Guerrero ++

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Entrance: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven - 531

Offertory: Christ, Be Our Light - 512

Communion: I Am the Bread of Life - 822

Recessional: All Creatures of our God and King - 523

COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 31 & FEBRUARY 1
Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Church Support Collection	\$18,769.93
2nd Collection: Capital Improvement	\$3,127.94
Epiphany Church Support Collection	\$1,037.52

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: John Trojacek Photography

Pastor's Message

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
+ 2015

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

"Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages. . . I shall not see happiness again."

These words from our first reading this weekend are a common feeling among us many times in our lives. For too many men and women in our society these words express their attitude about their whole life after their infancy. Sadly, many children are raised with and taught this attitude and its consequences by their parents, family and friends.

If we hear these words, read them or think them, we will probably often think or say, "I agree with you Job! Life is the pits!"

If we accept this attitude of Job, we commit ourselves to a very sad life. When many folks accept this attitude of Job it turns a whole people into very sad, disappointed and self-serving people. We then become a people who look for the instant thrill, self-gratification and short term goals. As Pope Francis often says, we become a throw-away culture. Grab it, open it, use it, throw it away.....and move on to the next grab!

We become people who over years accumulate debt rather than savings. We run out and buy less tasty and satisfying vegetables, rather than planting a garden. We quickly end a marriage with divorce and a quick remarriage, rather than persevering to our 50th anniversary. Our closets, houses, and minds are filled with the quick buy, cheap and poor quality rather than the long term saving and investing in good.

Sin is cheap, quick and easy. Holiness is hard work, long term and costly. But the end results are so different.....and in reality, despite the Devil's lies, so are the short term.

Job, through openness to God's grace, found the answer.

Come invest in Him.....see you at Mass. It will probably be more than an hour!

Love and Prayers,
Fr. John

DON'T FORGET

St. John Parish Directories are here!

If you had your picture taken (or submitted a picture) to be put in the St. John Nepomucene Parish Directory... THEY HAVE ARRIVED! **Stop by the office to pick up yours!**

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 8

- CRHP Men's Retreat ends
- 8:30-10:30 am** Religious Education Classes
- 9:00 am** RCIA / Room 101
- 1:00 pm** KJZT Meeting/ KJT Dining Room
- 6:30 pm** Life Night

Monday, February 9

- 6:00pm** Confessions/Church (No confessions after Mass)
- 7:00 pm** CDA Meeting/ KC Dining Hall

Tuesday, February 10

- 7:00 am** Food for the Soul Breakfast
- 9:00 am** Golden Crusaders/ Cafeteria
- 5:00 pm** Altar Society / Room 102
- 5:30-6:30 pm** Confessions/Church (No Confessions after Mass)
- 7:00 -8:15 pm** EDGE/ St. John Gym ***location change**
- 7:00 pm** Apologetics/ Rm 301 High School

Wednesday, February 11

- 6:30-8:30 pm** Religious Education Classes
- 7:00 pm** Life Teen "Into the Deep"
- 7:30 pm** Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm** KC #1353/ KC Hall

Thursday, February 12

- 7:00 pm** RCIA / Room 101
- 7:00 pm** Mompotent/ Rm 103

Saturday, February 14

- 3:30 pm** Confessions/Church

Sunday, February 15

- 8:30-10:30 am** Religious Education Classes
- 9:00 am** RCIA / Room 101
- **NO Life Night **

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, February 11 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Hall.

KJZT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS

The Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas - KJZT applications are due February 13, 2015. Written requests by the student can be made by **email**: info@kjzt.org; by **Fax**: (512) 444-6887; OR by **mail**: attention: Scholarships, P.O. Box 18896, Austin, Texas 78760-8896.

WINTER WALKERS

David Trojacek will be hosting anyone wanting to walk in the St. John gym from 9:30- 11:30 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning January 6th. For more information contact David at 214-288-3563.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

February 10th at 5:00 pm in Room 102

GOLDEN CRUSADERS MONTHLY MEETING

St John Golden Crusaders will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 10 in the cafetorium. A - K and P -Z to bring vegetables and L - O desserts. All 55+ are welcome.

THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY OF JOHN MENSIK

The family of John Mensik would like to express their deepest and heartfelt thanks to our parish family of St. John. Your outpouring of love and support were overwhelming and a great comfort to us. Thank you Father John for the beautiful celebration of the Mass, the Requiem Choir for lifting our prayers in song, Paul Pecot for the sharing of his talent in music, Matthew Diaz for assisting Fr. John as an altar server, the volunteers from the Knights of Columbus, and the staff of J.E. Keever's. Thank you to all who gave gifts of flowers, memorials, food & love. Your prayers and support were a visible sign of God's love for us. May He bless you all and give you His peace.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

ADORERS STILL NEEDED

Sunday 10 AM * Sunday 1 PM * Wednesday 11 AM

RCIA *Thursdays, room 101, 7-8 PM*

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

APOLOGETICS

Tuesdays @ 7:00 PM in Rm 301 / high school
Topic: *How to Read the Bible* - A Catholic Introduction to Interpreting and Defending Sacred Scripture

MOMNIPOTENT

Thursdays, Feb. 5—March 26 @ 7:00, room 103
Contact: Karen Waedekin
at (469) 693-4485 for more information.
Childcare is available

LIBRARY HOURS

Sundays-8:15 am -10:45 am · Tuesdays- 6:30 pm-7:00 pm
Wednesdays—11:15 am—11:45 am
Location: Room 106 Building left of the Cafeteria

VOTIVE PRAYER OFFERINGS

ST. JOHN CHURCH

***Correction - last week's Sactuary Light should have read:**

Sanctuary Light : January 31—February 6

In Memory: **Henry W. Odlozil +**

By: **Mary J. Odlozil**

Sanctuary Light : February 7—February 13

In Memory: Louis & Mary Marusak & Family; Joe & Frances Cvach, Charlie & Mary & Emma Pouzar

By: Charlie & Adell Pouzar & Family

Altar Candles : February 7—February 13

In Honor: All St. John Altar Society Members & Benefactors

DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL

Altar Candles: February 6—February 12

For: Henry W. Odlozil

By: Mary Jane Odlozil

Flower Arrangements: February 6—February 12

For: Parish Community

By: Parish



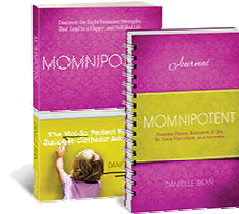
In *Momnipotent* You Will:

- Rediscover and reconnect with your unique, beautiful, and powerful feminine gifts
 - Learn ways to encourage and support other women in their vocation to motherhood
 - Find out how to make time to take care of yourselves
 - Understand what it means to be called to motherhood - biologically and spiritually
 - Learn how to become Momnipotent by using your feminine gifts in your home, family, and community
- ...and much more!

8 week series

Thursdays
Feb. 5—March 26
7:00, room 103

Contact:
Karen Waedekin at
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more information.



Apologetics

Tuesdays beginning
February 3 @ 7:00 PM
Rm 301 / high school



Topic:

How to Read the Bible
A Catholic Introduction to
Interpreting and Defending
Sacred Scripture

RCIA

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

2 Corinthians 6:2

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Religious Ed

NEEDS HELP

SUNDAYS:

Kindergarten Aid



Knights of Columbus



Casino Night

- ◆ **February 21** at the Knights of Columbus Hall
- ◆ Event sponsorships, entry tickets **\$25.00/person pre-sale**
- ◆ Raffle tickets (**top prize \$2500 Visa Gift Card**) drawing held same night.
- ◆ The funds raised from this event are used for charitable works such as college scholarships, seminarian support, pro-life activities, youth activities, and for local families in need. We also support other community activities in the Ennis area through monetary donations & volunteer time.

◆ **Closer than Choctaw**

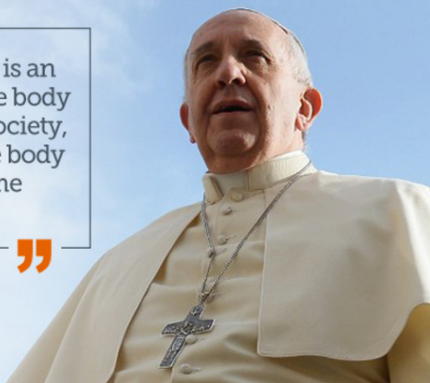
For more information, please contact Casino Night Chairman David Shackelford at 214-336-6325 or any other member of the Knights of Columbus.

Sponsored by Council 1353 .

Your support to help us meet our goal is greatly appreciated.

“Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity.”

POPE FRANCIS



On the 8th, the faithful are invited to pray:

“O God, when we hear of children and adults deceived and taken to unknown places for purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labour, and organ ‘harvesting’, our hearts are saddened and our spirits angry that their dignity and rights are ignored through threats, lies, and force.

We cry out against the evil practice of this modern slavery, and pray with St. Bakhita for it to end. Give us wisdom and courage to reach out and stand with those whose bodies, hearts and spirits have been so wounded, so that together we may make real your promises to fill these sisters and brothers with a love that is tender and good. Send the exploiters away empty-handed to be converted from this wickedness, and help us all to claim the freedom that is your gift to your children. Amen”.

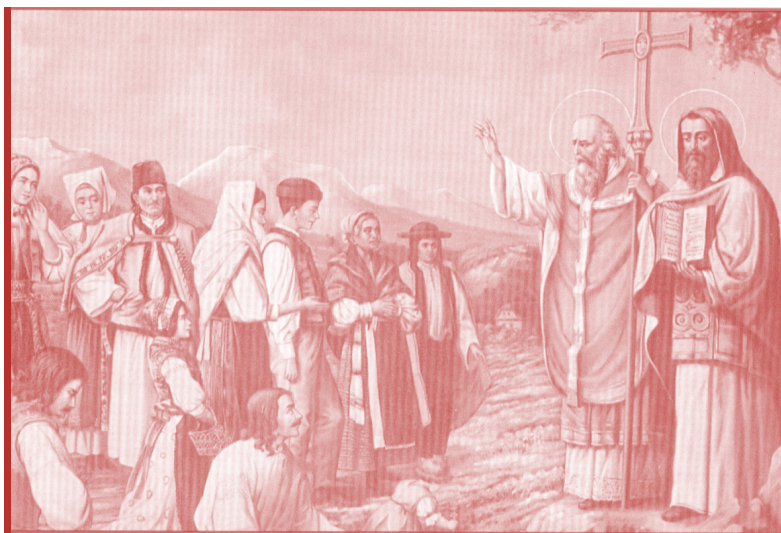
St. Bakhita, pray for us.

First International Day of Prayer
February 8th
Against Human Trafficking

St. Cyril and St. Methodius Celebration

Missionaries and preachers of the Gospel often have to contend with lions.

In our case, the amazing State Championship of our Ennis Lions has caused a chain reaction affecting our St. Cyril and St. Methodius celebration this year. The parade for the Lions forced us to move the Life Teen Retreat, and the only time we could move it to is the weekend we celebrate St. Cyril and St. Methodius. This means our celebration this year will be smaller than previous years, but next year we will be back on track to celebrate the Apostles to the Slavs who brought the Good News of Jesus Christ to the Slavic peoples.

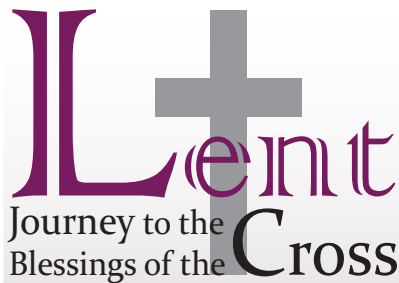


This year: Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015

- 5:00 PM Mass with Czech Choir
- NO procession or celebration meal

Next year: Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016

- Talks in the weeks beforehand on the saints and devotion to them
- Celebration Mass with Czech music, kroj, and Czech readings
- Procession and celebration meal



Lent starts on Feb. 18!

Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—get your appetites out of the way so God can work!

Begin thinking of ways in which you can use Lent as a season of practical action preparing you to be closer to the Lord.

Some possibilities:

- Daily Mass
- Stations of the Cross
- Daily Rosary
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Morning Prayer
- Sit somewhere different at Mass
- Say “Hi” and introduce yourself to someone you don’t know
- Eat something good for you that you do not like
- Spend time at a nursing home visiting people
- Go out of your way to help someone with something
- Sign up for an hour of adoration
- Commitment to 30 minutes or an hour of personal prayer time each day

Excerpts from Pope Francis’ Message for Lent 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each communities and every believer. Above all it is a “time of grace” (2 Cor 6:2). God does not ask of us anything that he himself has not first given us. “We love because he first has loved us” (1 Jn 4:19). He is not aloof from us. Each one of us has a place in his heart. He knows us by name, he cares for us and he seeks us out whenever we turn away from him. He is interested in each of us; his love does not allow him to be indifferent to what happens to us. Usually, when we are healthy and comfortable, we forget about others (something God the Father never does): we are unconcerned with their problems, their sufferings and the injustices they endure... Our heart grows cold. As long as I am relatively healthy and comfortable, I don’t think about those less well off. Today, this selfish attitude of indifference has taken on global proportions, to the extent that we can speak of a globalization of indifference. It is a problem which we, as Christians, need to confront.

To read the whole message, got to:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/papa-francesco_20141004_messaggio-quaresima2015.html

“If one member suffers, all suffer together” (1 Cor 12:26) – The Church

The love of God breaks through that fatal withdrawal into ourselves which is indifference. The Church offers us this love of God by her teaching and especially by her witness. But we can only bear witness to what we ourselves have experienced. Christians are those who let God clothe them with goodness and mercy, with Christ, so as to become, like Christ, servants of God and others.

“Where is your brother?” (Gen 4:9) – Parishes and Communities

All that we have been saying about the universal Church must now be applied to the life of our parishes and communities. Do these ecclesial structures enable us to experience being part of one body? A body which receives and shares what God wishes to give? A body which acknowledges and cares for its weakest, poorest and most insignificant members? Or do we take refuge in a universal love that would embrace the whole world, while failing to see the Lazarus sitting before our closed doors (Lk 16:19-31)? ...

Dear brothers and sisters, how greatly I desire that all those places where the Church is present, especially our parishes and our communities, may become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference!

“Make your hearts firm!” (James 5:8) – Individual Christians

During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: “*Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum*”: *Make our hearts like yours* (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference.

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—2/8/15	Mildred Trojacek—2/1/15	Karon Beebe—2/8/15	Yolanda de los Santos - 3/8
Bob Zmolek—3/15/15	Carol Rejcek—2/1/15	Bill Ham—2/15/15	Jose L. Garcia 3/8/15
Georgie Ann Nekuza-3/15	Mary Alice (Beva) Garza-2/15	William South—2/15/15	Margaret Bohuslav—3/8/15
Nathan Gunn—3/1/15	Nancy Valek—2/15/15	Anna Lee Weaver—2/15/15	Alice Whiteley—3/8/15
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-3/8/15	Wesley Krajca—2/8/15	Marty Alvarez—2/15/15	James Pustejovsky—3/8/15
Frank Prochaska—3/8/15	Rachel Zmolik—2/15/15	Charles L. Jurcik—2/15/15	Jenny Matous—3/8/15
Sr. Redempta Bradley—3/8/15	Paula Prokop—2/15/15	Mary Ann Toupal—2/15/15	Joe Barak Sr.—3/15/15
Stephen Dolezalik—3/8/15	Rosa Sanchez—2/15/15	Adolph Novy—2/15/15	Joe T. Venneman - 3/15
Betty Jo Culpepper—3/1/15	Jose Luis Garcia—3/8/15	Martina Ortiz—3/1/15	John Moore - 3/15/15
Betty Rogala—2/15/15	Locadio Pecina—2/15/15	Jane Rychlik - 3/1/15	Mary Ann Sibley - 3/15/15
Margie Dvorak—3/8/15	Edwin/Dorothy Langer -2/15	Stella Tobola—3/1/15	Patti Youngblood - 3/15/15
Mary Hejny—3/8/15	Helen Fowler—2/8/15	Bob Henderson—3/1/15	Henry Vrana—3/15/15
Analiese Mahaley—2/15/15	Rosa Sanchez—2/8/15	Catherine Agosto—3/1/15	Frank Zabochnik—3/15/15
Anna Galetka—2/15/15	Bernadine Zhanel Dislasio-2/8	Pete Gutierrez—3/1/15	
Richard Mraz-3/8/15	Helen Barak—2/8/15	Robert Garcia—3/1/15	
Sr. Edna Gonzalez—2/15/15	Elaina T—2/8/15	Manuel Moreno—3/1/15	
Johnny/ Mary Ann Hajek-3/8	Antonie Vrana Kubin-2/8/15	Juventina Villegas—3/1/15	