

Mass Intentions for the week of February 14

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

No 6:30 a.m. Mass today

12:05 p.m. Henry Odlozil + & Mary Jane Odlozil

No 6:30 p.m. Mass today

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:30 a.m. Alvin Kubin+, Willie & Mary Kriska ++

12:05 p.m. Poor Souls Novena

6:30 p.m. Poor Souls Novena

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17—Seven Holy Founders of the

6:30 a.m. Poor Souls Novena Servite Order

12:05 p.m. Clara, Albin, & William Vavra +++

2:30 p.m. Poor Souls Novena (Legends)

6:30 p.m. Poor Souls Novena

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:30 a.m. Poor Souls Novena

12:05 p.m. Danny Kubin +

6:30 p.m. Gamino Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:30 a.m. Poor Souls Novena

12:05 p.m. Poor Souls Novena

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Adolph Tobola+

FEBRUARY 21, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

11:00 a.m. Alice Whiteley+

1:00 p.m. Jovita Perez +

5:00 p.m. For the Parish Community

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. February 14, 9 am San Juana Suarez Malacara + &
Thomas Suarez +

Sun. February 21, 10 am Jesse & Julia Guerrero ++

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 6 & 7
Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Regular Collection	\$17,766.03
Second Collection: Capital Improvement Fund	\$3,218.71
Epiphany Regular Collection	\$1,087.30
Second Collection: Building Fund	\$354.45

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Quality Inn Ennis

Pastor's Message

Ash Wednesday
+ 2016

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning. Rend your hearts, not your garments.”

These powerful words proclaimed this morning, as if the Prophet Joel were standing before us, seemed to slap the face, touch the heart and move the soul. The Grace of the Living Word is moving us to repentance, conversion and a renewal of our Baptismal Vows and Promises.

In exchange, we receive a new and abundant Life from Christ, who suffered and died for us. This New Life brings a special Peace that the world cannot take away from us. This New Life frees us from the burden and yoke of the world's expectations and commandments. This New Life gives us a new Heart like His.

“Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

When our forty days are completed we won't be capable of holding back the “Alleluia!”

May Our Lenten Season bring us a renewed Sanctification in His suffering, death and resurrection.

Love & Prayers,
Father John

Excerpt from Pope Francis' 2016 Lenten Message

"The root of all sin" is thinking that one is god, something often expressed in a total preoccupation for accumulating money and power, the pope wrote. And just as individuals can be tempted to think they have no need of God, social and political systems can run the same risk, ignoring both God and the real needs of human beings.

"Love alone is the answer to that yearning for infinite happiness," Pope Francis wrote. It is the only response to the longings "that we think we can satisfy with the idols of knowledge, power and riches." www.catholicnews.com

The Pope's complete message can be found at www.vatican.va.

IN OUR PARISH WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14

Second Collection: Black and Indian Missions

Sunday, February 14

8:30-10:30 am Religious Ed/ School

9:00 am RCIA

No Life Night tonight

Monday, February 15 —No Confessions tonight

7:00 pm Nepomucene's Men / Room 101

7:30 pm KC 4th Degree Meeting/ KC Hall

Tuesday, February 16

6:30 am Food for the Soul

12:30 pm Altar Society Meeting/ Room101

5:30-6:30 pm Confessions/Church

7:00 pm Upper Room/ Room 101

Wednesday, February 17

6:30-8:30 pm Religious Ed

7:00 pm RCIA Inquiry/ Room 102

7:30 pm Adult Choir practice/ Church

Thursday, February 18

7:00 pm Choice Wine/ Room 101-102

7:00 pm Letter of St. Paul/ Room 103

Friday, February 19

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

8:00 pm Stations of the Cross - Spanish

Saturday, February 20

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, February 21

8:30-10:30 am Religious Ed/ School

9:00 am RCIA

1:30 pm KJZT meeting/ KJT dining room

6:30 pm Life Night

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

Deacon Don presents : **THE LETTERS OF ST. PAUL**

Wednesday at 7pm in Room 103

Please bring your Bible, a pen and paper!

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Altar Society meetings will now be held on the

THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

At 12:30 pm (after Mass) beginning on 2-16-16.

KJZT Society #16 Meeting

will be held Sunday, February 21, at 1:30pm in the KJT dining room. They will plan their parish and community fundraisers, the April District meeting to be held in Ennis and the annual Mass and celebration in August. Refreshments and a social will follow.



ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY CLEAN-UP
This year's clean-up is scheduled for March 5th. Please take time now to remove any Christmas décor and/or anything not attached to the monument.

2015 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Parishioners should be receiving their 2015 Contribution Statements in the mail. Letters were sent out to all who contributed \$100 or more.

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY



"The Name of God Is Mercy" -Pope Francis, Oonagh Stransky

"I can read my life in light of chapter 16 of the book of the prophet Ezekiel. I read those pages and I say: everything here seems written just for me. The prophet speaks of shame, and shame is a grace: when one feels the mercy of God, he feels a great shame for himself and for his sin. There is a beautiful essay by a great scholar of spirituality, Father Gaston Fessard, on the subject of shame in his book *The Dialectic of the "Spiritual Exercises"* of St. Ignatius. Shame is one of the

graces that Saint Ignatius asks for during his confession of his sins before Christ crucified. That text from Ezekiel teaches us to be ashamed, it shows us how to feel shame: with all our history of wretchedness and sin, God remains faithful and raises us up. I feel this."

Reflection: Have I been to confession lately? Do I feel shame for the sins I have committed? What keeps me from asking for the grace of shame? Spend time making a thorough examination of conscience and go to confession. Ask the Lord for this special grace of shame, that you might "Go and sin no more".

Nepomucene's Men
Spiritual Growth & Fellowship for Men
Monday, February 15th
Room 101 @ 7 pm
All males 18 and older are invited.
Food will be served

for more information, please contact David Daigle, Kenneth Janousek, Tim Macalik or Matt Hutyra

Now the 3rd Monday of every month!

ST. JOHN CHURCH
Sanctuary Light : February 13– February 19
In Memory: Mary and Frank Gerich, Sr.
By: M. M. Haskovec
Altar Candles : February 13– February 19
In Memory: Danny Kubin
By: Mariam Kettler
DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL
Altar Candles: February 12– February 18
For: Parish Community
By: Parish



Bishop's Award for Service to the Church

Congratulations to: Sheila Galetka Joe Galetka

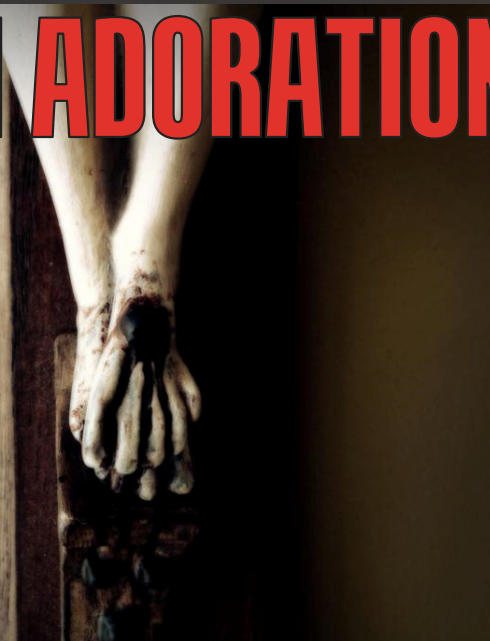
“The service of God is not a burden, but an honor: So far from branding us with the mark of slavery, it wipes it away.”

St. Peter Chrysologus, Father and Doctor of the Church

OPEN ADORATION HOURS

AND HIS
HEART
WAS
GRIEVED

GEN 6:6



- Sunday**
2 am, 4 am, 8 am, 10 am, 1 pm
- Monday**
2 am, 3 am
- Tuesday**
2 am, 3 am, 3 pm
- Wednesday**
12 am
- Thursday**
3am
- Friday**
12 am, 5 am, 9 am, 12 pm, 2 pm
- Saturday**
5 am, 3 pm, 4 pm



ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

This year's clean-up is scheduled for **March 5th.**

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Save **the** Dates
Feb. 22-25
Parish Lenten Mission

TOPICS

- PRAYER
- FASTING & ABSTINENCE
- MERCY
- MARY



Fr. John Anthony, CFR



Fr. Juan Diego, CFR

Celebrating St. Cyril and St. Methodius

Methodius (baptismal name: Michael)

Born between 815 and 820
Went into Imperial Administration
Became archon or prefect for one of the
frontier provinces
Around 840 – retired to monastery at foot
of Mount Olympus

Constantine

Born 827 or 828
Religious name: **Cyril**
Also called “Constantine the Philosopher”
Entered priesthood
Became Librarian of the Archive of Hagia Sophia
Became Secretary to the Patriarch of Constantinople
Retired to a monastery on the Black Sea coast
6 months later, convinced to teach Philosophy in
Constantinople – earned title “the Philosopher”
Sent by the emperor and patriarch on a mission
to the Saracens
Went to join Methodius to be a monk



Cyril and Methodius sent as religious and cultural experts on
delegation to Khazars
Find Pope Saint Clement's relics at Kherson in the Crimea and take them
with them

The Mission to the Slavic Nations

Prince Rastislav of Greater Moravia asks Emperor Michael III for
a Bishop and teacher to be sent “to explain to them the true Christian
faith in their own language”

Cyril and Methodius are sent
863 - Arrive in Greater Moravia
Various Slav peoples there
Take texts of Sacred Scripture with them
For use in Sacred Liturgy
Had translated them into Old Slavonic
Written in a new alphabet

**They “set themselves to
understanding and
penetrating the language,
customs, and traditions of
the Slav peoples, faithfully
interpreting the
aspirations and human
values which were present
and expressed therein.”**

St. John Paul II, *Apostles to the
Slavs*, §10

Apostles to the Slavs

866 – travel to Rome

Pass through Venice and come under fire for innovating
Pope Hadrian II approves Slavonic liturgical books
Places them solemnly on the altar in
Saint Mary Major

Feb. 14, 869 – Cyril dies shortly after taking religious vows and
putting on the monastic habit
Buried in Basilica of Saint Clement in Rome

St. Methodius after the death of St. Cyril

869 – Consecrated Archbishop for Diocese of Pannonia
Named Papal Legate “ad gentes” (for the Slav peoples)
Held the Episcopal See of Sirmium

Tribulations:

Imprisoned for 2 years, charged with invading the
Episcopal jurisdiction of another
Set free by Pope John VIII
New sovereign of Greater Moravia, Prince Svatopluk,
was

hostile to his work
Svatopluk was opposed to the Slavonic liturgy
He spread doubts in Rome as to Methodius’
orthodoxy

880 – Methodius is called to defend himself from these
sorts of charges
He is cleared by Pope John VIII who issues the Bull
Industriae Tuae
This bull restores prerogatives granted to the
liturgy in Slavonic

881 or 882 – Methodius goes to Constantinople
Receives similar recognition of legitimacy and
orthodoxy from Byzantine Emperor and
Patriarch Photius

Last years of life – continues making translations of
Sacred Scripture, liturgical books, works of the Fathers
of the Church, and the Nomocanon (ecclesiastical and
Byzantine civil laws)

Indeed all the cultures of
the Slav nations owe their
‘beginning’ or
development to the work
of the Brothers from
Salonika. ... the Brothers
made a fundamental
contribution to the culture
and literature of all the
Slav nations.”

St. John Paul II, *Apostles to
the Slavs*, §21

Saint Methodius



LENT

*Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—
Making room for God*

From the *Crucifixion*, comes the *Resurrection*.

From *Sacrifice*, comes *Love*.

From *Denial of Self*, comes *Joy*.

From *Lent*, comes *Easter*.

How is God inviting *you* closer to Him this Lent?

Prayer to Discern How to Get Closer to God During Lent

Lord Jesus, I know that I have not always been what I should be. I have not always done what I should have done. I have hurt myself and others through my sin and selfishness. I have turned my back on You and Your love for me despite all that you did so that I could have a life with you.

My beloved Jesus, I ask that you would help me to know those areas of my life that are particularly hurting Your Sacred Heart right now. What is it that You want me to change? How do You want to work in me this Lenten season? Send Your Holy Spirit to enlighten me about how You want me to get closer to You this Lent, and may the Holy Spirit remain with me that I have the strength to carry out my resolutions and am remade in Your likeness, who are love itself. Amen.

Laws of Fast and Abstinence

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all those who have celebrated their 18th birthday and have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products, or condiments made of animal fat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are not forbidden. (Clearly, soups with meat particles may not be served.) Also, it is permissible to use margarine or lard.

The Stations of the Cross

The 14 Stations of the Cross are displayed in every Roman Catholic Church. These stations serve as points for meditation on the Passion of Our Lord. Begun by pilgrims to the Holy Land and spread by St. Francis of Assisi, this meditation on the Stations of the Cross is a good way to reflect on the cost of our salvation in Christ, on our sins that made that salvation necessary, and on the love of Jesus for us.

The Church urges us to pray the Stations of the Cross and meditate on the Passion of Jesus. In fact, one can gain an indulgence through the pious meditation on the Stations of the Cross in a church. If one is alone, one should move from station to station. If the Stations are being celebrated publicly, the gathered group does not need to move from station to station.

I. Jesus is
Condemned
to Death



II. Jesus
Takes up His
Cross



IV. Jesus
Meets His
Mother



VI. Veronica Wipes
the Face of Jesus



VII. Jesus
Falls the
Second
Time



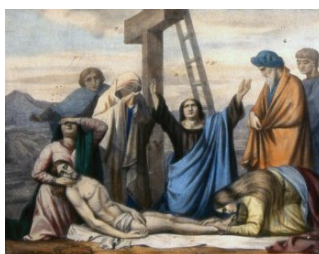
VIII. Jesus Meets the
Women of Jerusalem



X. Jesus is Stripped
of His Garments



XII. Jesus Dies on
the Cross



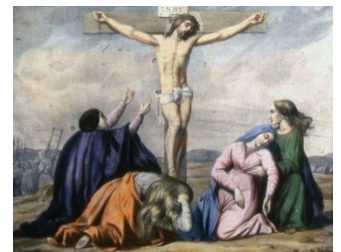
XIV. Jesus is Laid
in the Tomb



IX. Jesus Falls the
Third Time



XI. Jesus is Nailed
to the Cross



XIII. Jesus is Taken
off the Cross



The Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent
7:00 PM English 8:00 PM Spanish

Life Teen
Winter Retreat
February 12-14, 2016



LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

COME /
AND /
GO / **LT**

Sky Ranch
Van, TX

Matthew
4:18-20 & 28:19

Pray for our teens this weekend!

Let us pray for the young people, to whom the Lord extends His invitation to follow Him more closely, that they may not be drawn away by the things of this world, but may open their hearts to the loving voice that is calling them. Let us pray that they may feel capable of dedicating themselves for their whole lives, "with undivided heart," to Christ, the Church, and souls. Let us pray that they may believe that grace gives them the strength to make this gift, and that they may see the beauty and greatness of priestly, religious, and missionary life.

St. John Paul II, [*L'Osservatore Romano*, 1-14-80]

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—3/6/16	JoAnn Strunc—3/6/16	Joe/Billie Valigura—2/28/16	Janelle Wingo Houdek—3/13/16
Bob Zmolek—3/6/16	Jessie/Antonio Ovalie—3/6/16	Mary Trojacek—2/7/16	Steven Mensik—3/13/16
Georgie Ann Nekuza-3/6/16	Laura Waedekin—2/28/16	Edward Gonzalez—2/7/16	Cynthia C. De los Santos-3/13
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-3/6/16	Adell Chavez—1/17/16	Alfredo Castillejas—2/7/16	Rose Bacak—3/13/16
Sr. Redempta Bradley—3/6/16	Clayton Budai—2/28/16	Paul Tolliver—3/13/16	Lillian Bacak—3/13/16
Analiese Mahaley—2/28/16	Mary Ann Felcman—2/28/16	Alfred Martinez—2/7/16	Tina Jones—3/13/16
Sr. Edna Gonzalez—3/6/16	Nora Mandujano—1/24/16	Juan Herrera—2/14/16	April Tamez—3/20/16
Johnny/Mary Ann Hajek-3/6/16	Robert Garcia—1/24/16	Phil Vavra—2/14/16	Gary Krajca—3/20/16
Rachel Zmolik—3/6/16	Pete Gutierrez—1/24/16	Roger Gagnon—2/14/16	Donny Tuley Fincher-3/20
Catherine Roberts—3/6/16	Betty (BJ) Lanicek Coker—2/21	Edwin/Dorothy Langer-2/14/16	Larry Don Houdek-3/20/16
Jaysen St. Clair—2/28/16	Emilie Harrison—2/14-16	Joan Gura—2/21/16	
Mildred Trojacek—2/7/16	Epi Garfias—3/13/16	Lupe Garcia—2/28/16	
David Trojacek—3/6/16	Eddie Cervantes—3/6/16	Albin Dlabaj—2/28/16	
Jane Rychlik—3/6/16	Anna Lee Toth—3/6/16	Butch Escobar—3/6/16	
Bill Hejny—3/6/16	Holly Friday—3/13/16	Jim Tenplin—3/6/16	
Richard Mraz—3/6/16	Angela Zakalowski—2/14/16	Gloria Garcia—3/6/16	
Makenna Richardson -3/6/16	Gloria Garcia—3/6/16	Jerry Zmolek—3/13/16	
Margie Dvorak—2/14/16	Tim Brewer—2/21/16	Janie Marusak—3/13/16	
Betty Rogala—3/6/16	Fidel Sanchez—1/24/16	Mary Trojacek—3/13/16	
Nancy Escobar—3/6/16	Pat Dixon—2/7/16	Bob Canada—3/13/16	