

Mass Intentions for February 15

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

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

12:05 p.m. Betty Fleming +

6:30 p.m. Jerry Dolezal + & Dolezal Family

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

6:30 a.m. St. John Nursing Home Residents

12:05 p.m. George Spaniel, Sr.

6:30 p.m. Pedro Abraham Gonzalez Barboza +

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18** — Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m. David Santos +

12:05 p.m. Anton F. Galetka +

2:30 p.m. J. T. Martinez (Legends NH)

6:30 p.m. Bernie Distacio (health)

8:00 p.m. Fr. Javier

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

6:30 a.m. Ernest Machovsky +

12:05 p.m. Will & Mary Prachyl +

6:30 p.m. Chavez Family

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

6:30 a.m. Annette & Baby Wright

12:05 p.m. Lucia Velasquez (health)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21** — St. Peter Damian

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Albin, Clara, & William Vavra +++

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, FEBRUARY 22**

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

11:00 a.m. For the Parish Community

1:00 p.m. Antonio Victorino + & Carmen Velasquez +

5:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass Jerry Dolezal + & Dolezal Family

**MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH**

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

Wed. February 18, 6:30 pm Fr. Antonio's Intentions

Sun. February 22, 9 am Albert & Catherine Elfrin + (Anniversary)

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

Entrance: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! - 483

Offertory: Eye Has Not Seen - 616

Communion: At That First Eucharist - 840

Recessional: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy - 603

**COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 7 & FEBRUARY 8**

Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Church Support Collection \$18,421.02

Epiphany Church Support Collection \$864.00

Building Fund \$280.99

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Raul Rodriguez Construction, Inc.**

Pastor's Message

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
+ 2015

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Guess what!?! This is the LAST SUNDAY in Ordinary Time.  
What's next?

ASH WEDNESDAY!!! LENT!!!

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are about to enter our  
Workout Program: spring training, getting ready for the Big  
One. We will be building up our strength, practicing over and  
over again the right moves, studying the game plan.

During these last days before we enter Lent we should be  
coming up with our own personal and family plan for growing  
in Holiness. Our plan for Lent should be a plan that we can  
carry out, but also, one that will stretch our spiritual muscles  
and strengthen us, both as individuals and families.

Our Catholic Tradition provides many opportunities. Amazing  
grace will flow through a family that commits to making the  
Stations of the Cross together each Friday night of Lent. If you  
would like to see more peace and joy in your family, here it a  
great opportunity for you.

Frequent confession. Receive the grace of the Sacrament of  
Confession weekly during Lent. Watch those pesky sins and  
the frustration and anger that go with them disappear. Or at  
least lessen, to where it is not a stumbling block.

Read the life of a Saint, maybe one of the more contemporary  
Saints. One who was living in the same world and  
circumstances as you are.

Pray the Scriptures, especially the Gospels. Pick a Gospel and  
slowly, daily, work your way through it. Read a paragraph,  
then spend a few minutes allowing the Holy Spirit to place it in  
your life.

WOW! Daily Mass and Holy Communion during Lent! What  
power and peace!

GO FOR IT!!! WATCH HIM WORK!!

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 15**

**8:30-10:30 am** Religious Education Classes

**9:00 am** RCIA / Room 101

**6:30 pm** Life Night

**Monday, February 16**

**6:00pm** Confessions/Church (No confessions after Mass)

**Tuesday, February 17**

**7:00 am** Food for the Soul Breakfast

**5:30-6:30 pm** Confessions/Church (No Confessions after Mass)

**7:00 -8:15 pm** EDGE

**7:00 pm** Apologetics/ Rm 301 High School

**Wednesday, February 18—Ash Wednesday**

**\*\* NO Religious Education Classes \*\***

**7:00 pm** Life Teen “Into the Deep”

**Thursday, February 19**

**7:00 pm** RCIA / Room 101

**7:00 pm** Momnipotent/ Rm 103

**Saturday, February 21**

**3:30 pm** Confessions/Church

**Sunday, February 22**

**\*\*NO Religious Education Classes**

**9:00 am** RCIA / Room 101

**6:30 pm** Life Night

**7:00 pm** Praise, Worship, & Benediction/ Church

**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.

**ROSARY MAKING GROUP**

Will meet at 907 W Lampasas St on Thurs., February 26 from 6:30 to 8pm. For more information contact Cathy Falkenbach at 214.718.5828.

**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 CANDLES**

If you would like to reserve the 6 candles around the main altar in the sanctuary for your intentions or a loved one, living or deceased for 1 week in 2015, stop by the religious counter after Mass to sign up. \$40 for 1 week. Thank You, Altar Society.

**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

*Rachel's Corner*

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**VOTIVE PRAYER OFFERINGS**

**ST. JOHN CHURCH**

**Sanctuary Light : February 14 - February 20**

In Memory: Frank J. & Marie Mensik and Johnny L. & Mildred Dlabaj Wickliffe

By: Randy Strunc

**Altar Candles : February 14 - February 20**

For: Novena Intentions

**DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL**

**Altar Candles: February 13 - February 19**

For: Parish Community

By: Parish

**Flower Arrangements: February 13 - February 19**

For: Parish Community

By: Parish

## St. John Nepomucene Movie Night

Presents an Ignatius Documentary Presentation

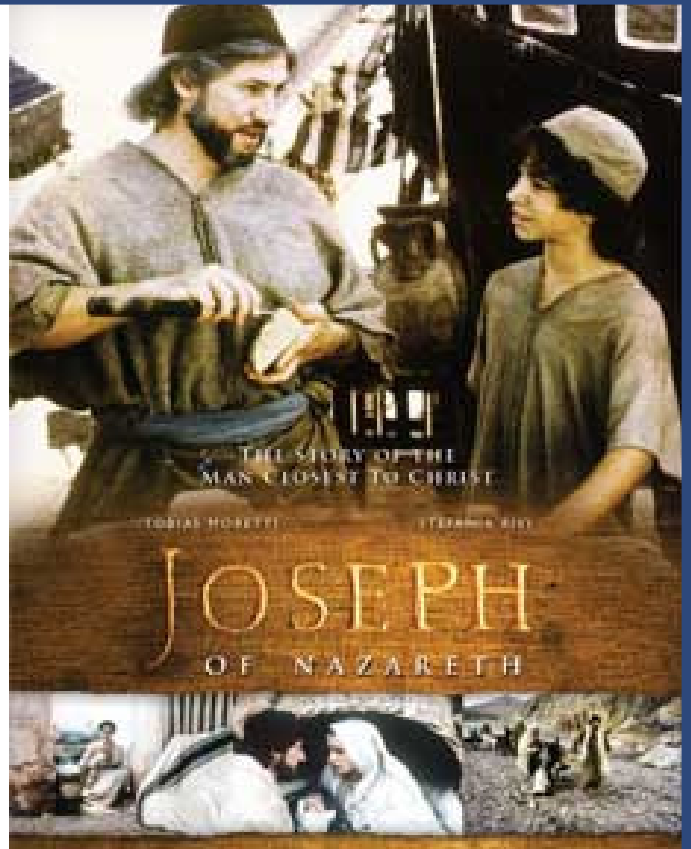
### *Joseph of Nazareth:*

#### *The Story of the Man Closest to Christ*

On Saturday, Feb. 28, at 7:00 PM in compound room 103-104, we will be showing the movie, *JOSEPH OF NAZARETH: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ*, the first feature film ever produced on the story of St. Joseph – carpenter, husband of Mary and the chosen father of Jesus Christ. **Tobias Moretti** stars in a masculine and appealing performance, showing the human, noble and deeply spiritual aspects of Joseph the carpenter, son of David, servant of God and loving husband of Mary. The role of Mary is eloquently played by **Stefania Rivi**. Don't miss this opportunity to gather for fellowship, entertainment, refreshments, and to be moved by the incredible story of Joseph of Nazareth! Ignatius books and DVDs will be available for purchase and proceeds will help us continue to show these films and documentaries. Admission is free.

For more information contact:

John Waedekin at (214) 477-4153.



# 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**

Sponsored by  
Council 1353 .

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

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE

LIFE

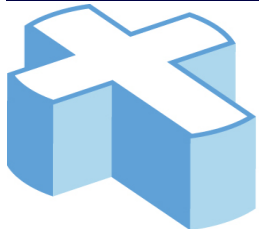


TEEN

2015 RETREAT

**Encounter**  
OF THE THIRD KIND

**Please pray for our teens  
while we are on retreat  
this weekend!!**



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# Praise, Adoration, & Benediction

Sunday, Feb. 22, 7 pm

# JESUS

## NAME ABOVE ALL

## NAMES



# Lenten Schedule

## Ash Wednesday Masses

6:30 AM

12:05 PM

6:00 PM

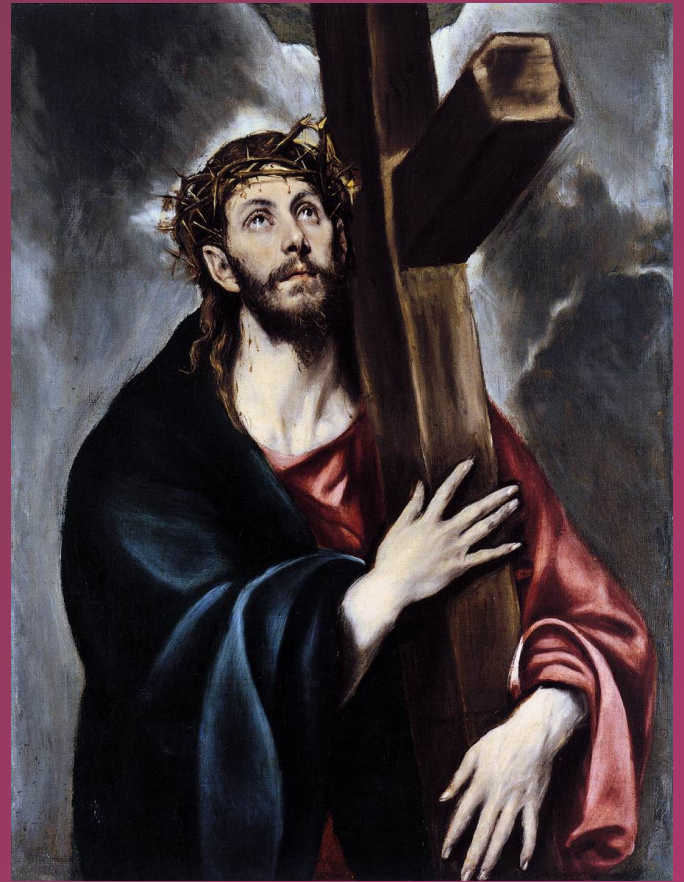
8:00 PM (Spanish)

## Stations of the Cross

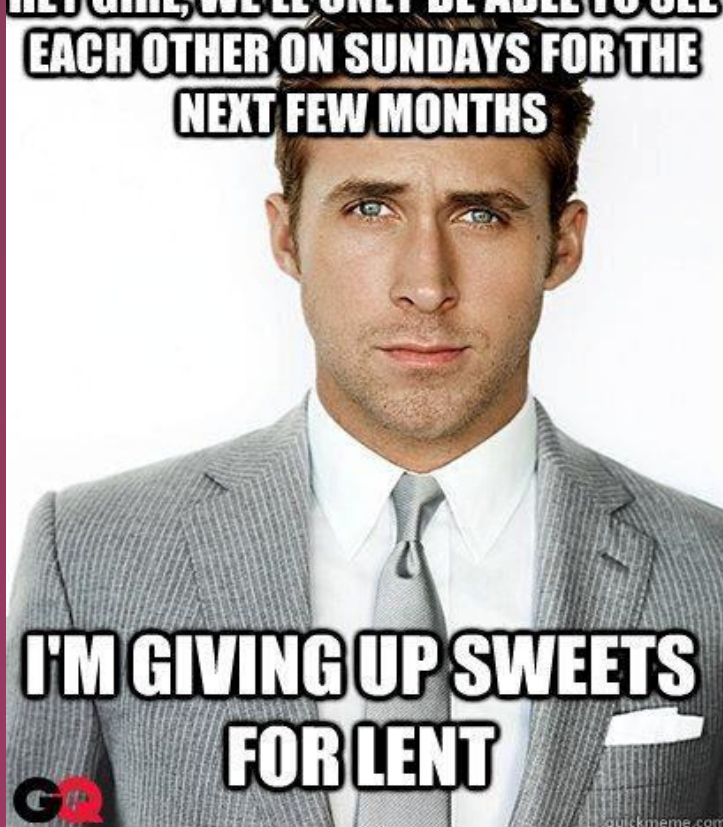
Every Friday evening

7:00 PM (English)

8:00 PM (Spanish)



**HEY GIRL, WE'LL ONLY BE ABLE TO SEE  
EACH OTHER ON SUNDAYS FOR THE  
NEXT FEW MONTHS**



**I'M GIVING UP SWEETS  
FOR LENT**

## Prayer to Discern How to Get Closer to God During Lent

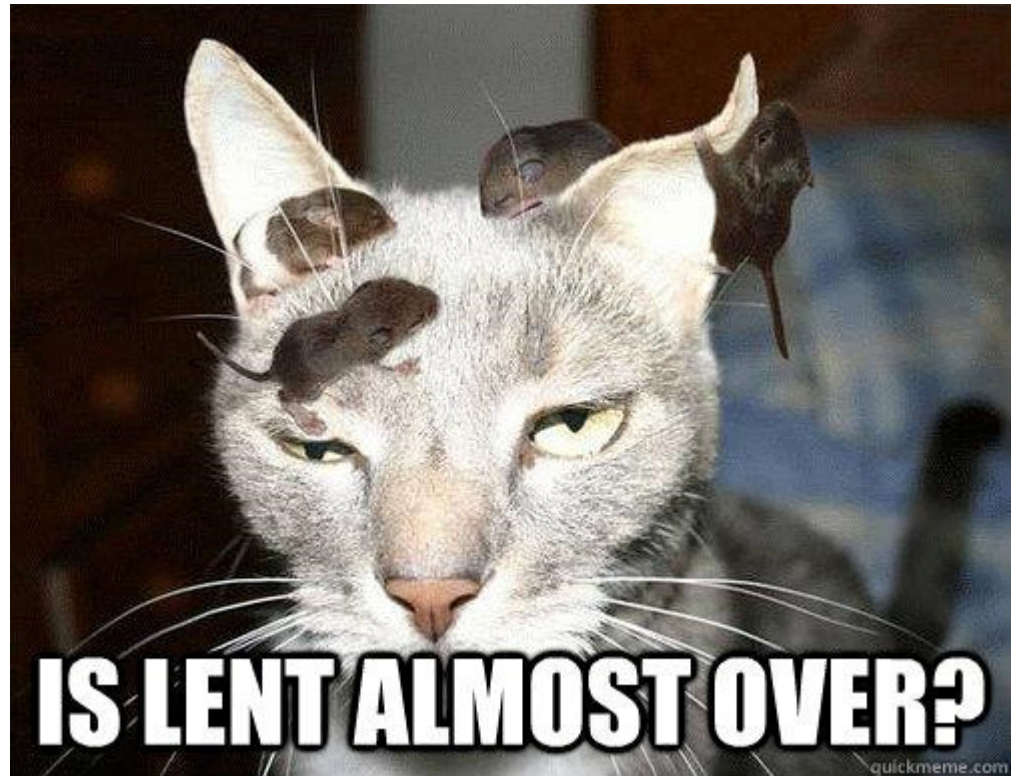
Lord Jesus, I know that I have not always been what I should be. I have not always done what I should have done. I have hurt myself and others through my sin and selfishness. I have turned my back on You and Your love for me despite all that you did so that I could have a life with you.

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.

**L**ent  
Journey to the  
Blessings of the **C**CROSS

*Lent  
starts on  
Feb. 18!*



*Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—  
A Spiritual workout for a healthy soul!*

**Use Lent as a season of  
practical action preparing  
you to be closer to the Lord.  
Some possibilities:**

- Daily Mass
- Confession
- Stations of the Cross
- Eat something good for you that you do not like
- Sit somewhere different at Mass
- Say “Hi” and introduce yourself to someone you don’t know
- 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
- Daily Rosary
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Morning Prayer
- Commitment to 30 minutes or an hour of personal prayer time each day

## 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.

# 9 Novenas

## What is a Novena?

A novena is a nine-day period of private or public prayer to obtain special graces, to implore special favors, or to make special petitions. (Novena is derived from the Latin "novem", meaning nine.) As the definition suggests, the novena has always had more of a sense of urgency and neediness.<sup>1</sup> There are a few novenas that are approved by the Church for public use, but there are many other novenas that are prayed privately or in small groups to particular saints or for particular causes. The novena has its origin in the nine days of prayer of Mary and the Apostles between the Ascension of Jesus into heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. You can read about this novena in Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2.

## What is a Novena of Masses?

A novena of Masses is a series of nine Masses said for a particular intention. While these Masses are not necessarily on nine consecutive days or nine consecutive Masses, they are nine Masses that are grouped together into one novena of Masses. As with other novenas, there is a sense of special petition in a novena of Masses. Because we are not allowed by Canon Law to schedule Masses more than a year out, and because, despite having 19 Masses each week, we get more requests for Masses than we can handle as a parish, we have regularly scheduled novenas of Masses for various intentions throughout the year. These novenas of Masses include the novenas for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, All Souls, and Christmas. In addition to the All Souls novena of Masses for the Poor Souls in Purgatory, we also have two other novenas for the Poor Souls scheduled each year. Enrolling your loved ones in these novenas is a great way to ask the Lord to send His mercy upon them.

## Novena for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

### *Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory*

O most sweet Jesus, through the bloody sweat which Thou didst suffer in the Garden of Gethsemane, have mercy on these Blessed Souls. Have mercy on them.

**R.** *Have mercy on them, O Lord.*

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel scourging, have mercy on them.

**R.** *Have mercy on them, O Lord.*

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most painful crowning with thorns, have mercy on them.

**R.** *Have mercy on them, O Lord.*

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in carrying Thy cross to Calvary, have mercy on them.

**R.** *Have mercy on them, O Lord.*

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel Crucifixion, have mercy on them.

**R.** *Have mercy on them, O Lord.*

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most bitter agony on the Cross, have mercy on them.

**R.** *Have mercy on them, O Lord.*

O most sweet Jesus, through the immense pain which Thou didst suffer in breathing forth Thy Blessed Soul, have mercy on them.

**R.** *Have mercy on them, O Lord.*

**(Recommend yourself to the Souls in Purgatory and mention your intentions here)**

Blessed Souls, I have prayed for thee; I entreat thee, who are so dear to God, and who are secure of never losing Him, to pray for me a miserable sinner, who is in danger of being damned, and of losing God forever. Amen.

(This novena includes prayers for each day of the novena. You can find these prayers at: <http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/Purgatory.htm> .)

**POOR SOULS NOVENA will begin on February 23rd.**

If you would like to have the name of a deceased loved one added to the Novena, please call (972-875-2834) or email [joannag@stjohncc.net](mailto:joannag@stjohncc.net). Donations may be sent in, dropped off or put in the mailbox outside the Parish office.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/novena.asp>



**Pray for our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates as they  
prepare to receive the Sacraments!**

# The Lenten Rites of RCIA

## Rite of Sending and Election

In the Rite of Sending, those who wish to be Baptized this Easter are sent by our parish in a ceremony during Mass. They go with our prayers and recommendation to the Rite of Election at the Cathedral where the Bishop accepts them personally as members of the Elect of God.



## Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion

In the Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion, those who are already Baptized and wish to be Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church and those who are already Catholic but wish to complete their initiation into the Church through the reception of First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation are called by the parish to continue to grow in their faith as they move towards the fullness of Catholic life.

**Rite of Sending:** Saturday, Feb. 21,  
5:00 PM Mass

**Rite of Election:** Saturday, Feb. 28,  
10:00 AM at the Cathedral

**Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion:** Sunday, March 1, 7:00 AM Mass

**First Scrutiny:** Saturday, March 7,  
5:00 PM Mass

**Second Scrutiny:** Sunday, March 15,  
7:00 AM Mass

**Third Scrutiny:** Sunday, March 22,  
11:00 AM Mass



## Scrutinies

During Lent, there are three times when the Elect who are to be Baptized at Easter Vigil are called before the assembled congregation at Mass to be exhorted to be like the woman at the well who encountered Jesus, like the man born blind who was healed by Jesus, and like Lazarus who was raised from the dead by Jesus.



## 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	Mary Alice (Beva) Garza-2/15	Marty Alvarez—2/15/15	Joe Barak Sr.—3/15/15
Bob Zmolek—3/15/15	Nancy Valek—2/15/15	Charles L. Jurcik—2/15/15	Joe T. Venneman - 3/15
Georgie Ann Nekuza-3/15	Wesley Krajca—2/8/15	Mary Ann Toupal—2/15/15	John Moore - 3/15/15
Nathan Gunn—3/1/15	Rachel Zmolik—3/22/15	Adolph Novy—2/15/15	Mary Ann Sibley - 3/15/15
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-3/8/15	Paula Prokop—2/15/15	Martina Ortiz—3/1/15	Patti Youngblood - 3/15/15
Frank Prochaska—3/8/15	Rosa Sanchez—2/15/15	Jane Rychlik - 3/1/15	Henry Vrana—3/15/15
Sr. Redempta Bradley—3/8/15	Jose Luis Garcia—3/8/15	Stella Tobola—3/1/15	Frank Zabochnik—3/15/15
Stephen Dolezalik—3/8/15	Locadio Pecina—2/15/15	Bob Henderson—3/1/15	Holly Friday—3/22/15
Betty Jo Culpepper—3/1/15	Edwin/Dorothy Langer -2/15	Catherine Augusto—3/1/15	JoAnn Strunc—3/22/15
Betty Rogala—2/15/15	Helen Fowler—2/8/15	Pete Gutierrez—3/1/15	Edwin Bouska—3/22/15
Margie Dvorak—3/8/15	Rosa Sanchez—2/8/15	Robert Garcia—3/1/15	Agnes Landsfeld—3/22/15
Mary Hejny—3/8/15	Bernadine Zhanel Dislasio-2/8	Manuel Moreno—3/1/15	Otto Trojacek—3/22/15
Analiese Mahaley—2/15/15	Helen Barak—2/8/15	Juventina Villegas—3/1/15	Becky Dvington—3/22/15
Anna Galetka—2/15/15	Elaina T—2/8/15	Yolanda de los Santos - 3/8	
Richard Mraz-3/8/15	Antonie Vrana Kubin-2/8/15	Jose L. Garcia 3/8/15	
Sr. Edna Gonzalez—2/15/15	Karon Beebe—3/22/15	Margaret Bohuslav—3/8/15	
Johnny/ Mary Ann Hajek-3/8	Bill Ham—2/15/15	Alice Whiteley—3/8/15	
Mildred Trojacek—3/22/15	William South—2/15/15	James Pustejovsky—3/8/15	
Carol Rejcek—2/1/15	Anna Lee Weaver—2/15/15		