

**Mass Intentions for the week of June 26**

**MONDAY, JUNE 27** - Saint Cyril of Alexandria

- 6:30 a.m.** Joe & Helen Barak  
**12:05 p.m.** Joe & Frances Betik ++ living & deceased family  
**6:30 p.m.** Ana Rosales, Angelica, Aaron & Andrew Martinez

**TUESDAY, JUNE 28**—Saint Irenaeus

- 6:30 a.m.** Sylvia Hykel +  
**12:05 p.m.** Mariana & Aruturo Casanova ++  
**6:30 p.m.** Elvira Fernandez de Costilla +

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29**—Saints Peter & Paul

- 6:30 a.m.** Michelle Waltrowski (healing)  
**12:05 p.m.** Edward Rejcek +  
**6:30 p.m.** Wyatt Allen

**THURSDAY, JUNE 30**—First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church

- 6:30 a.m.** Henry Garcia +  
**12:05 p.m.** Louis & Mary Marusak & Family  
**6:30 p.m.** Jose Alvarado (health)

**FRIDAY, JULY 1**—Saint Junipero Serra

First Friday Devotions after 12:05 pm Mass

- 6:30 a.m.** Special Intention  
**12:05 p.m.** Joe Spaniel +

**SATURDAY, JULY 2**

First Saturday Devotion after 8:00 am Mass

- 8:00 a.m.** Sebastiana/Eduardo/Tanislado Rodriguez +++Jose Maria Bravo +  
**3:30 p.m.** Confessions  
**5:00 p.m.** Frank & Jay Felcman ++

**JULY 3, FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 7:00 a.m.** For the Parish Community  
**11:00 a.m.** Albin Dlabaj +  
**1:00 p.m.** Jovita Perez +  
**5:00 p.m.** Maria Luveano +

**MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH**

- Sun. June 26, 9 am** Filoteo Anaya +  
**Sun. July 03, 9 am** Alberto Salvador +

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 26**

- Entrance:** They'll Know We Are Christians - 728  
**Offertory:** Here I Am, Lord - 671  
**Communion:** All Who Hunger - 817  
**Recessional:** For the Healing of the Nations - 712

**COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE 11 & 12**

**Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct**

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| St. John Regular Collection | \$16,800.70 |
| Epiphany Regular Collection | \$1,187.64  |

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Tornado Bus Co.**

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
+ 2016

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“The Lord said to Elijah: ‘You shall anoint Elisha, son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah, as prophet to succeed you.’ Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, ‘Please let me kiss my father and mother goodbye, and I will follow you.’ Elijah answered, ‘Go back! Have I done anything to you?’ (1Kings 19)

“And to another Jesus said, ‘Follow me.’ But he replied, ‘Lord, let me go first and bury my father.’ And another said, ‘I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home.’ Jesus said, ‘No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.’ (Luke 9)

These two accounts of a calling from the Lord, first from the Old Testament and then the New Testament, point out a distinctive difference in the mission of the prophets and that of Jesus, the Son of God and true Messiah.

The directive from Jesus, following their conditional response, “I will follow you.....but wait till.....” shows a much more pressing situation than that of Elijah to Elisha. The Prophets were only foretelling the Messiah and Kingdom....it has now arrived in Jesus and the time has come! The Good News of Salvation must be preached to all and without condition or reservation.

To arrive in the Everlasting Kingdom of God, by following Jesus, we must be detached from everyone and everything in this world. Our eyes, lives and hearts must be fixed on the Kingdom without holding anything back. It is a situation of lovingly and willingly putting “all our eggs in one basket,” a practice not advisable in this world but foundational and required in the Kingdom.

Love & Prayers,  
Fr. John

**IN OUR PARISH WEEK OF JUNE 26**

**Sunday, June 26**  
 Second Collection: Peter's Pence (Works of the Holy Father)  
**9:00 am** RCIA  
**6:30 pm** Life Teen

**Monday, June 27**  
**5:30-6:30 pm** Confessions/Church  
**6:30—9:00 pm** Vacation Bible School/ Cafeteria

**Tuesday, June 28**  
**5:30-6:30 pm** Confessions/Church  
 NO Upper Room/ Room  
**6:30—9:00 pm** Vacation Bible School/ Cafeteria

**Wednesday, June 29**  
 NO Lamb's Supper Book Review/ Rm 101-102  
**6:30—9:00 pm** Vacation Bible School/ Cafeteria

**Thursday, June 30**  
**6:30—9:00 pm** Vacation Bible School/ Cafeteria

**Friday, July 1**  
 First Friday Devotions after 12:05 pm Mass  
**6:30—9:00 pm** Vacation Bible School/ Cafeteria

**Saturday, July 2**  
 First Saturday Devotions after 8:00 am Mass

**Sunday, July 3**  
 Second Collection: Capital Improvement  
 NO RCIA  
**6:30 pm** Life Teen—Urban Air Trampoline Park after Mass

**NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY**



*A Year of Mercy with Pope Francis*  
 by Kevin Cotter

**THE OLDER SON**

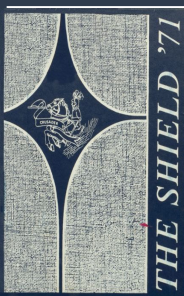
Our Father never tires of loving, and his eyes never grow weary of watching the road to his home to see if the son who left and was lost is returning. We can speak of God's hope: our Father expects us always, he doesn't just leave the door open to us, but he awaits us. He is engaged in the waiting for his children. And this Father also does not tire of loving the other son who, though staying at home with him the whole time, does not share in his mercy, in his compassion.

God is not only at the origin of love, but in Jesus Christ he calls us to imitate his own way of loving: "As I have loved you, that you also love one another" (Jn 13:34).

— Homily, March 28, 2014

**Reflection:** In the story of the Prodigal Son, the older son does not run away like the younger son, and yet he still doesn't share in the mercy of the father. Are there people in your life who need you to wait for them and to be present to them despite their lack of response? Take some time to lift them up in prayer.

**NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY**



The St. John graduating class of '71 is planning a 45 year reunion in September & need classmates contact information. Email address or other contact information to either Theresa Strunc at [theresa@finelineribbon.com](mailto:theresa@finelineribbon.com) or Milton Slovak at [mls101274@hotmail.com](mailto:mls101274@hotmail.com). If you have the contact information for any other classmates, please forward that as well. If you do not have email, please call Theresa at 972-742-9050.

**THANK YOU KJZT**

KJZT Society 16 presented a check for \$220 in matching funds raised in their toy booth at the parish May Fest. The booth made \$440 and the Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas matched 50% as part of their People Helping People Parish Program.



Alene Eggers, Joan Johnson, Fr. John KJZT society 16, presented a \$100 check to parish controller Dominic Tartaglia for the St. John Charity Fund. This donation is part of the Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas Project 100. Each local society is given \$100 to share with a charity of its choice.



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**Adoration Chapel Open Hours**

- Sunday:** 2 am, 4 am, 8 am, 11 am, 1 pm
- Monday:** 2 am, 3 am
- Tuesday :** 2 am, 3 am
- Wednesday:** 12 am, 1 am, 4 am
- Thursday :** 3am, 7 am, 11 am
- Friday :** 1 am, 12 pm, 2 pm
- Saturday :** 4 pm

**ST. JOHN CHURCH**

**Sanctuary Light : June 25 – July 1st**

In Memory: Alphonse & Agnes Novosad

By: Agnes Ann & Irene Novosad

**Altar Candles : June 25 – July 1st**

In Memory: Edward Rejcek

By: Bernice Rejcek & Family

**DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL**

**Altar Candles: June 24—June 30**

For: Parish Community

By: Parish

# 5 ways to make summer more spiritual

May 31, 2016 By Whitney Hetzel — [www.CatholicCompany.com](http://www.CatholicCompany.com)

in us the fruits of self-discipline. Choose a prayer to a special patron saint and say it daily this summer. (Hey, it's a chance to develop a closer bond with this particular saint!) Maybe start by reading this blog post about discovering your own patron saint. Or pray the Litany of Humility every day. Or the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Whatever prayer it is, adding a new one this summer will bring a fresh perspective and help to put a daily focus on God for the next few months. It can be a short prayer, a simple one. The point is to inspire, not to overwhelm!

## 1. Commit to daily prayer.

I know...summer is supposed to be our time to de-stress, unwind, and relax. Maybe even to let go of a few commitments. Yet, if we think about it, summer is also an opportunity to flex our spiritual muscles a little. God has already given us His Spirit, a spirit of self-control and discipline (2 Timothy 1:7). This summer we can ask Him to develop with-

## 2. Tell God you are sorry.

Get to confession this summer. Before going, think about the past year. Think about next year.

Although January marks the beginning of the calendar, many of us think of summer (and the old school year) as the end of one year, and Autumn as the start of the next year.

How do we want things to be different? What are some of the things that have prevented us from being the person God created us to be? Take a little time this summer to evaluate how things are going. Where are we weak? What is the sin that continues to be an obstacle for our spiritual progress? What can we let go of to grow closer to Christ this summer?

I always love starting each school year fresh with new books and folders, and with a heart eager to do better in the coming days. Summer can be that way, too. It can be a time to refresh and ask God to forgive us and give us His grace so that we can attain deeper growth.

## 3. Make a Holy Hour.

A friend asked me last week if I could take her Adoration hour. It was a Wednesday hour, at 1:30 pm...the middle of the day. With young children still at home, and with my schedule as busy as ever, I thought, "How can I do this?" But the word *yes* was out of my mouth before I could think anymore about it. (Must have been my guardian angel.)

I arranged for the child-care that was needed and got to the church a little early. The hour with Our Lord went by so fast that I stayed another fifteen minutes, not wanting to leave. I left determined to make another Holy Hour soon. In fact, I would like to make it a regular part of my weekly routine this summer.

How about you? Have you been to Adoration lately? Could you commit to an hour this summer?

## 4. Be grateful.

Summer goes by quickly. Before we know it, we are back to school, sports, and other activities that crowd our days during the year. Summer is the time to be grateful for the many gifts God has given us. We just have to look around.

The other day it rained, and then it poured. Few clouds were in the sky when the day began, but as it progressed, dark clouds loomed until they burst open with a flood of spring rain. Quickly, the rain slowed to a mist and then stopped all together.

The smell of the wet ground filled the air and in the sky above, a double-rainbow appeared. Looking up at the beautiful colors above the clouds, I was grateful.

Sometimes we forget to reflect on all that we have. Summer is full of blessings: the smell of fresh-cut grass, the sound of children laughing, ripe fruit in abundance...there are so many things we can easily overlook. Don't let these blessings pass by unnoticed!

## 5. Read the Psalms.

Continuing the theme of #4, we can discover words of gratitude when we read the Psalms. Here's an idea: read one psalm every day for the rest of the summer! For a helpful book on reading through the Psalms, check out [The Navarre Bible: The Psalms and The Song of Solomon](#).

*o give thanks to the lord for he is good  
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

Psalm 118:29

# UPCOMING EVENTS

6/26 - Sokol Pool Party

6/28 - Food for the Soul

7/3 - Urban Air Trampoline Park



## UNFINISHED June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>June</b>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1 <b>July</b>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1 <b>August</b>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	For more information on Summer events, contact Stephen 903-271-1640		

- Food for the Soul | Noon Mass and Lunch
- Young Ladies Sodality | 6:30 - 9 PM
- 19 | Bowling night after Life Teen Mass
- SOKOL Pool Party 7-9 PM after Life Teen Mass
- 22 | Hurricane Harbor | 8a - 8p | \$35

## July

- 3 | Urban Air Trampoline Park | after Life Teen Mass - return at 10p
- Food for the Soul | Noon Mass and Lunch
- Young Ladies Sodality | 6:30 - 9 PM
- 10 | Gym Night after Life Teen Mass - 9 PM
- SOKOL Pool Party 7-9 PM after Life Teen Mass
- 27 | Texas Ranger Game | 4p - 11p | \$40

## August

- Food for the Soul - Noon Mass and Lunch
- Young Ladies Sodality | 6:30 - 9 PM
- 5 - 7 | Life Teen Inspiration Tour Six Flags Fiesta Texas San Antonio | 9PM on the 5th - 3AM on the 7th | \$75
- SOKOL Pool Party 7-9 PM after Life Teen Mass
- 21 | Movie Night after Life Teen Mass - 9 PM
- 22 | FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 28 | 1st Life Night of the Fall with Deacon Ralph Poyo

# Every human is a unique,

There are also those who hide behind supposed compassion in order to justify and approve the death of a sick person. But that is not how it is. **True compassion marginalizes no one**, it does not humiliate people, it does not exclude them, much less consider their death as a good thing. **True compassion is undertaking to bear the burden.** You are well aware that this would mean the triumph of selfishness, of that “throw-away culture” which rejects and scorns people who do not fulfil certain criteria of health, beauty and usefulness.

# unrepeatable,

Compassion, this suffering-with, is the appropriate response to the immense value of the sick person, a response made out of respect, understanding and tenderness, because **the sacred value of the life of the sick does not disappear nor is it ever darkened**, but rather it shines brighter precisely in their suffering and vulnerability.

## *Pope Francis on assisted suicide*

Address to directors of orders of physicians  
of Spain and Latin America, June 9, 2016.

Fragility, pain and illness are a difficult trial for everyone, even for the medical staff, they are **an appeal for patience, for suffering-with**; therefore we cannot give in to the functionalist temptation to apply quick and drastic solutions, stirred by false compassion or by simple criteria of efficiency and economic saving. The dignity of human life is at stake; the dignity of the medical vocation is at stake.



# gift from God,

# loved by the Father.

## *Not Me Before You, You Before Me* Jeannie Ewing

**Shortly after the birth of our daughter Sarah I discovered that she has a rare genetic syndrome, called Apert Syndrome.** My

husband Ben and I heard medical professionals advising us about her potential “quality of life” in a pitying and almost belittling manner. It was as if we suddenly entered the realm of

inferiority, because Sarah was somehow born “defective” according to societal standards. It’s true that we looked upon her with initial shock and even shame, because we didn’t fully grasp the gift we had been given through her life and, yes, her

disability. Gradually, steadily, we not only accepted Sarah’s rare condition, but we embraced everything about her.

The truth is, we learned something that most of us have already internalized, at least on the pragmatic level – that every

onerous life, we had to accept at the heart level that God was beckoning us to trust Him and walk this enigmatic journey. We knew God’s plan was not for harm or woe, as Jeremiah 29:11 encourages, but rather to give us “a future full of hope.”

**Sarah has been the reflection of that hope from the moment we locked our eyes with**

**hers.** Human reasoning predicts a life of suffocation and setbacks when one is disabled, but we saw in Sarah a life of possibility and resilience.



Author Jeannie with daughters Sarah and Felicity

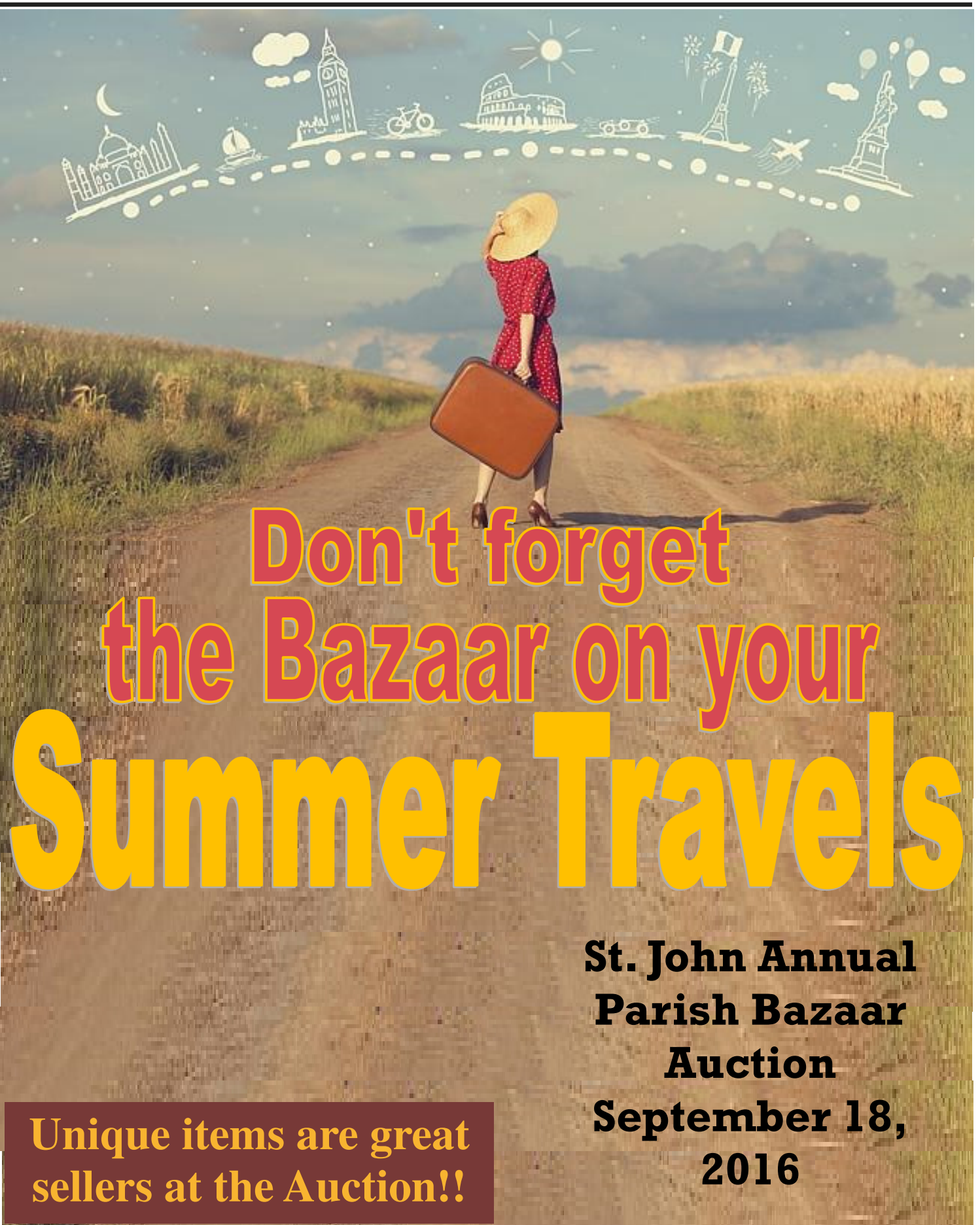
human life is valuable and beautiful. Even in the hospital, I knew the doctors had no way of predicting what Sarah’s – or our – quality of life would truly reveal in time. Only God knew that. In the unknown, the mystery, and yes, the agony of bearing a potentially

### **The movie, *Me Before You***

erases the message that my family is desperately trying to share through our journey with Sarah’s myriad surgeries and specialized medical care. The concept of compassion killing isn’t new, however, but its modern resurgence chills me as I consider its implications upon people like my daughter and throughout society as a whole....

For the full review, go to:  
<http://catholicexchange.com/not-me-before-you>

# Let us treasure everyone.



Don't forget  
the Bazaar on your  
**Summer Travels**

**St. John Annual  
Parish Bazaar  
Auction**

**September 18,  
2016**

**Unique items are great  
sellers at the Auction!!**



O King of glory, though you hide  
your beauty, yet the eye of my  
soul rends the veil.

I see the angelic choirs  
giving you honor without cease.

————— *St. Mary Faustina Kowalska* —————





• **SAVE THE DATE** •

**C.R.H.P.**

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**AUGUST 13 & 14**

**AUGUST 20 & 21**

**MEN'S RETREAT**

*Participants should be over 18 and no longer in high school.*

**In the words of our Savior we too, invite you,  
"COME AND YOU WILL SEE."**

**Jn. 1:39**

## 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](mailto: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—7/17/16	Emilie Harrison—7/17/16	Milton Polak—5/29/16	Jose Angel Alvarado—6/26/16
Bob Zmolek—7/17/16	Epi Garfias—6/26/16	Darlene Blackburn—5/29/16	Jo Ann Strunc—6/26/16
Georgie Ann Nekuza-7/31/16	Eddie Cervantes—6/26/16	Billy Copeland—7/17/16	Jace Sabin—7/3/16
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-7/17/16	Holly Friday—7/17/16	Alphonse Svehlak-5/29/16	David Vaca, Sr. —7/10/16
Sr. Redempta Bradley—7/17/16	Joe Valigura—7/17/16	Gerri and Bill Adams-7/17/16	Frank Vaca—7/10/16
Analiese Mahaley—7/17/16	Mary Trojacek—7/17/16	Mary Dlabaj—7/3/16	Jim Ed Underwood—7/10/16
Sr. Edna Gonzalez—7/17/16	Paul Tolliver—7/17/16	Herminia Perez—7/17/16	Jean Wolf—7/17/16
Rachel Zmolik—8/7/16	Juan Herrera—7/17/16	Maura Messa—5/22/16	Karen Vellamy—7/17/16
Catherine Roberts—7/3/16	Phil Vavra—5/29/16	Bill Glaspy—5/22/16	Jerry Matous—7/17/16
Jaysen St. Clair—7/17/16	Edwin/Dorothy Langer-6/26/16	Kenneth Houdek—6/26/16	Bonnie Bacak—7/24/16
Mildred Trojacek—6/19/16	Joan Gura—7/17/16	Amelia Richardson-5/29/16	Geraldine Kubin—7/24/16
David Trojacek—6/19/16	Jerry Zmolek—7/17/16	Patti Youngblood—5/29/16	Larry Don Houdek—7/24/16
Jane Rychlik—7/17/16	Bob Canada—6/5/16	Nylene Daigle—5/29/16	Emma Martinez—7/24/16
Richard Mraz—7/17/16	Tina Jones—5/29/16	John Esparza Sr.—7/31/16	Patricia Fira—7/31/16
Margie Dvorak—7/31/16	April Tamez—5/29/16	Salo Fira—7/31/16	Linda F. Rodriguez—7/31/16
Betty Rogala—7/17/16	Chuck Kubala—7/17/16	Georgie Zabochnik—6/12/16	Kati Betik Arnold—7/31/16
Laura Waedekin—7/17/16	Katherine Michno-5/29/16	Rebekah Sullivan—6/12/16	Jeanette/Martin Hunter—7/31/16
Clayton Budai—7/17/16	Ben & Genora Kriska-5/29/16	Dorothy Sonka—6/19/16	Mac Sibley—7/31/16
Mary Ann Felcman—7/17/16	Theresa Odlozil—7/17/16	Grover Miller—6/19/16	Jo Ries—7/31/16
Betty (BJ) Lanicek Coker—7/17/16	Marguerite Patterson-6/19/16	Butch Escobar—6/26/16	
	Margaret Bohuslav—7/24/16	Gayla Smith—6/26/16	