

Mass Intentions for the week of July 19

MONDAY, JULY 20—St. Apollinaris

- 6:30 a.m. Poor Souls Novena
- 12:05 p.m. St. John Eucharistic Home Route
- 6:30 p.m. Poor Souls Novena

TUESDAY, JULY 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi

- 6:30 a.m. Poor Souls Novena
- 12:05 p.m. Willie & Leda Zapletal ++
- 6:30 p.m. Poor Souls Novena

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22—St. Mary Magdalene

- 6:30 a.m. Poor Souls Novena
- 12:05 p.m. Leslie & Geraldine Spaniel (Wedding Anniversary)
- 6:30 p.m. John F. Kubin +

THURSDAY, JULY 23—St. Bridget

- 6:30 a.m. Poor Souls Novena
- 12:05 p.m. John L. & Josephine Kolarik Vrana ++
- 6:30 p.m. Poor Souls Novena

FRIDAY, JULY 24 - St. Sharbel Makhluf

- 6:30 a.m. Poor Souls Novena
- 12:05 p.m. Reyes Family

SATURDAY, JULY 25—St. James the Apostle

- 3:30 p.m. Confessions
- 5:00 p.m. Tom Valek +

JULY 26, SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:00 a.m. For the Parish Community
- 11:00 a.m. John Paul Hajek +
- 1:00 p.m. Esteban & Sonia Fiscal ++
- 5:00 p.m. Sr. Mariana

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

- Sun. July 19, 9 am Estavlisso Gonzalez Torres Pbro. +
- Sun. July 26, 9 am Filoteo Anaya +

COLLECTIONS FOR JULY 11 & JULY 12
Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Regular Collection	\$21,358.64
Epiphany Regular Collection	\$707.50

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 19

- Entrance:** In Christ There Is No East or West - 726
- Offertory:** I Have Loved You - 504
- Communion:** Gift of Finest Wheat - 816
- Recessional:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - 536

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Salik Plumbing

Pastor's Message

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
+ 2015

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

It appears the “Dog Days” of summer are here! We are approaching the normal summer temperatures for Ennis, Texas. With school out, religious ed classes shut down, many parish groups on vacation, the Church campus is much quieter. As you can see in Church the floors have been scrubbed and waxed. Crews are also busy in the other buildings and classrooms getting ready for the fall activities to start in not that many weeks. Summers are so short, these days!

A little over a week ago, the Holy Father hopped on a plane and began a three nation visit to Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay. During the visit he celebrated several Masses in each country, the crowds numbering over a million people at every Mass. Of course, there is the public figure of the Pope that many folks want to see. However, I believe that it is something much deeper and powerful that draws from one to two million people, even in the pouring rain!

I believe the something much deeper and powerful is contained in the final public words of Pope Francis before he headed back to Rome:

“Jesus knows that in this world filled with competition, envy and aggressiveness, true happiness comes from learning to be patient, from respecting others, from refusing to condemn or judge others. As the saying goes: ‘When you get angry, you lose.’

Don't let your heart give in to anger and resentment. Happy are the merciful. Happy are those who know how to put themselves in someone else's shoes, those who are able to embrace, to forgive. We have all experienced this at one time or another. And how beautiful it is! It is like getting our lives back, getting a new chance. Nothing is more beautiful than to have a new chance. It is as if life can start all over again.”

Jesus knows we need Him! He can replace the anger, sadness, hurt and fear.

Love and Prayers,
Fr. John

BAPTISM & MARRIAGE CLASSES
Summer Schedule Change

NO JULY CLASSES — NEXT CLASS:
AUGUST 8TH @ school Rm 203

Baptism Class 9:30 am — Marriage Class 12:30 pm

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Second Collection: Solidarity of the Church in Africa

Sunday, July 19

9:00 am RCIA
6:30 pm Life Night (Pool Party @ SOKOL)

Monday, July 20

6:00 pm Confessions/Church (no confessions after Mass)
7:30 pm KC 4th Degree Meeting/ KC Hall

Tuesday, July 21

12:30 pm Food for the Soul
5:30-6:30 pm Confessions/Church (no confessions after Mass)

Wednesday, July 22

6:30 - 8:30 pm Life Teen "Into the Deep"
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 23

Friday, July 24

Saturday, July 25

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, July 26

9:00 am RCIA / Cafeteria
6:30 pm Life Night - Off Campus Event

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

LIBRARY HOURS

Sundays-8:15 am -10:45 am · Wednesdays-11:15 am-11:45 am

Location: Room 106 Building left of the Cafeteria

We have many books on inspiration, information, Church history, etc. How about taking your kids over to check out our large selection of children's books.

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. * We will be accepting your abundance of produce from your home garden. Drop it off by 11 AM on Sunday at the gym.

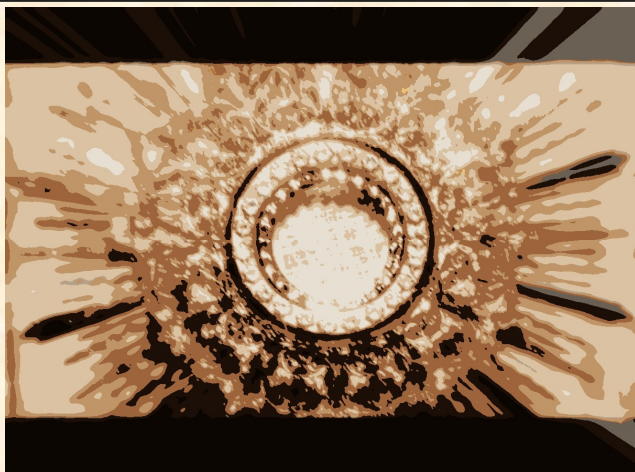


Ennis KJT Society 35 will have a members meeting August 2, 2015 Sunday at 1:30 pm. All members are invited to attend. There will be snacks after the meeting.

Religious Education REGISTRATION

July 26th
Outside Church
after all the Masses
July 29th
5:30—8:30 pm,
In the School

August 16th
Outside Church
after all the Masses
August 19th
5:30—8:30 pm,
In the School



"If Jesus is to become the center of our lives, we need to spend time in His Presence..."

Pope Francis

HOLY HOURS AVAILABLE

Sunday: 4 am , 2 pm, 3 pm
Monday: 12 am, 1 am, 2 am, 3 am
Thursday: 12 am, 3 pm

HOLY COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOMES

If you have a loved one that is in the Nursing Home or is homebound, please give us the name, address and phone number and Holy Communion will be taken to them. Usually, Holy Communion is distributed on Saturday or Sunday. Many times individuals may be missed, because we are not informed. Email address is littlestout@hughes.net or text or call 972-351-1121.

ST. JOHN CHURCH

Sanctuary Light : July 18 - July 24

In Memory: Alphonse & Agnes Novosad

By: Agnes Ann & Irene Novosad

Altar Candles : July 18 - July 24

In Memory: Michael Dlabaj

By: Mary Jane Dlabaj

DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL

Altar Candles: July 17 - July 23

For: Parish Community

By: Parish

Flower Arrangements: July 17 - July 23

For: Parish Community

By: Parish



ENCYCLICAL LETTER

LAUDATO SI'

OF THE HOLY FATHER

FRANCIS

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

1. “*LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore*” – “*Praise be to you, my Lord*”. In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. “Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs”.

2. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she “groans in travail” (*Rom 8:22*). We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. *Gen2:7*); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.

Nothing in this world is indifferent to us

3. More than fifty years ago, with the world teetering on the brink of nuclear crisis, Pope Saint John XXIII wrote an Encyclical which not only rejected war but offered a proposal for peace. He addressed his message *Pacem in Terris* to the entire “Catholic world” and indeed “to all men and women of good will”. Now, faced as we are with global environmental deterioration, I wish to address every person living on this planet. In my Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I wrote to all the members of the Church with the aim of encouraging ongoing missionary renewal. In this Encyclical, I would like to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home.

4. In 1971, eight years after *Pacem in Terris*, Blessed Pope Paul VI referred to the ecological concern as “a tragic consequence” of unchecked human activity: “Due to an ill-considered exploitation of nature, humanity runs the risk of destroying it and becoming in turn a victim of this degradation”. He spoke in similar terms to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations about the potential for an “ecological catastrophe under the effective explosion of industrial civilization”, and stressed “the urgent need for a radical change in the conduct of humanity”, inasmuch as “the most extraordinary scientific advances, the most amazing technical abilities, the most astonishing economic growth, unless they are accompanied by authentic social and moral progress, will definitively turn against man”.

5. Saint John Paul II became increasingly concerned about this issue. In his first Encyclical he warned that human beings frequently seem “to see no other meaning in their natural environment than what

serves for immediate use and consumption”. Subsequently, he would call for a global ecological *conversion*. At the same time, he noted that little effort had been made to “safeguard the moral conditions for an authentic *human ecology*”. The destruction of the human environment is extremely serious, not only because God has entrusted the world to us men and women, but because human life is itself a gift which must be defended from various forms of debasement. Every effort to protect and improve our world entails profound changes in “lifestyles, models of production and consumption, and the established structures of power which today govern societies”. Authentic human development has a moral character. It presumes full respect for the human person, but it must also be concerned for the world around us and “take into account the nature of each being and of its mutual connection in an ordered system”. Accordingly, our human ability to transform reality must proceed in line with God’s original gift of all that is.

6. My predecessor Benedict XVI likewise proposed “eliminating the structural causes of the dysfunctions of the world economy and correcting models of growth which have proved incapable of ensuring respect for the environment”. He observed that the world cannot be analyzed by isolating only one of its aspects, since “the book of nature is one and indivisible”, and includes the environment, life, sexuality, the family, social relations, and so forth. It follows that “the deterioration of nature is closely connected to the culture which shapes human coexistence”. Pope Benedict asked us to recognize that the natural environment has been gravely damaged by our irresponsible behaviour. The social environment has also suffered damage. Both are ultimately due to the same evil: the notion that there are no indisputable truths to guide our lives, and hence human freedom is limitless. We have forgotten that “man is not only a freedom which he creates for himself. Man does not create himself. He is spirit and will, but also nature”. With paternal concern, Benedict urged us to realize that creation is harmed “where we ourselves have the final word, where everything is simply our property and we use it for ourselves alone. The misuse of creation begins when we no longer recognize any higher instance than ourselves, when we see nothing else but ourselves”.

United by the same concern

7. These statements of the Popes echo the reflections of numerous scientists, philosophers, theologians and civic groups, all of which have enriched the Church’s thinking on these questions. Outside the Catholic Church, other Churches and Christian communities – and other religions as well – have expressed deep concern and offered valuable reflections on issues which all of us find disturbing. To give just one striking example, I would mention the statements made by the beloved Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, with whom we share the hope of full ecclesial communion.

8. Patriarch Bartholomew has spoken in particular of the need for each of us to repent of the ways we have harmed the planet, for “inasmuch as we all generate small ecological damage”, we are called to acknowledge “our contribution, smaller or greater, to the disfigurement and destruction of creation”. He has repeatedly stated this firmly and persuasively, challenging us to acknowledge our sins against creation: “For human beings... to destroy the biological diversity of God’s creation; for human beings to degrade the integrity of the earth by causing changes in its climate, by stripping the earth of its natural forests or destroying its wetlands; for human beings to contaminate the earth’s waters, its land, its air, and its life – these are sins”. For “to commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and a sin against God”.

9. At the same time, Bartholomew has drawn attention to the ethical and spiritual roots of environmental problems, which require that we look for solutions not only in technology but in a change of humanity; otherwise we would be dealing merely with symptoms. He asks us to replace consumption with sacrifice,

greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing, an asceticism which “entails learning to give, and not simply to give up. It is a way of loving, of moving gradually away from what I want to what God’s world needs. It is liberation from fear, greed and compulsion”. As Christians, we are also called “to accept the world as a sacrament of communion, as a way of sharing with God and our neighbours on a global scale. It is our humble conviction that the divine and the human meet in the slightest detail in the seamless garment of God’s creation, in the last speck of dust of our planet”.

Saint Francis of Assisi

10. I do not want to write this Encyclical without turning to that attractive and compelling figure, whose name I took as my guide and inspiration when I was elected Bishop of Rome. I believe that Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically. He is the patron saint of all who study and work in the area of ecology, and he is also much loved by non-Christians. He was particularly concerned for God’s creation and for the poor and outcast. He loved, and was deeply loved for his joy, his generous self-giving, his openheartedness. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace.

11. Francis helps us to see that an integral ecology calls for openness to categories which transcend the language of mathematics and biology, and take us to the heart of what it is to be human. Just as happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever he would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he burst into song, drawing all other creatures into his praise. He communed with all creation, even preaching to the flowers, inviting them “to praise the Lord, just as if they were endowed with reason”. His response to the world around him was so much more than intellectual appreciation or economic calculus, for to him each and every creature was a sister united to him by bonds of affection. That is why he felt called to care for all that exists. His disciple Saint Bonaventure tells us that, “from a reflection on the primary source of all things, filled with even more abundant piety, he would call creatures, no matter how small, by the name of ‘brother’ or ‘sister’”. Such a conviction cannot be written off as naive romanticism, for it affects the choices which determine our behaviour. If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously. The poverty and austerity of Saint Francis were no mere veneer of asceticism, but something much more radical: a refusal to turn reality into an object simply to be used and controlled.

12. What is more, Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. “Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker” (*Wis* 13:5); indeed, “his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world” (*Rom* 1:20). For this reason, Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God, the Creator of such beauty. Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise.

My appeal

13. The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. Here I want to recognize, encourage and thank all those striving in countless ways to guarantee the protection of the home which we share. Particular appreciation is owed to those who tirelessly seek to resolve the tragic effects of environmental degradation on the lives of the world's poorest. Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded.

14. I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all. The worldwide ecological movement has already made considerable progress and led to the establishment of numerous organizations committed to raising awareness of these challenges. Regrettably, many efforts to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but also because of a more general lack of interest. Obstructionist attitudes, even on the part of believers, can range from denial of the problem to indifference, nonchalant resignation or blind confidence in technical solutions. We require a new and universal solidarity. As the bishops of Southern Africa have stated: "Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation". All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.

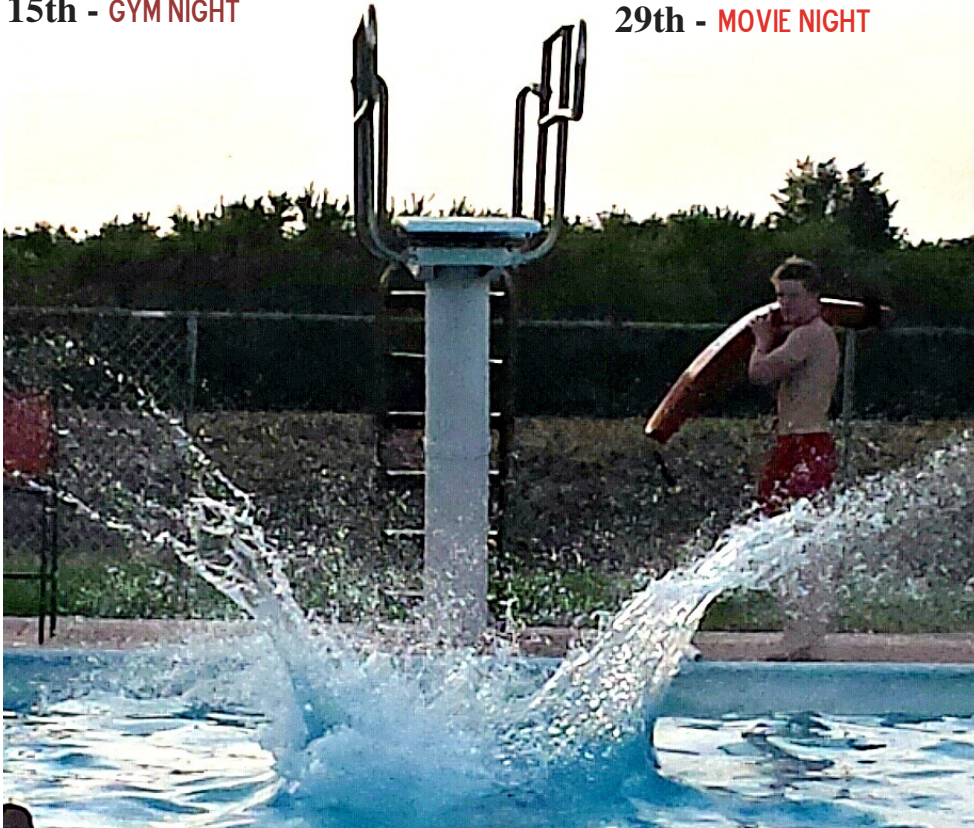
15. It is my hope that this Encyclical Letter, which is now added to the body of the Church's social teaching, can help us to acknowledge the appeal, immensity and urgency of the challenge we face. I will begin by briefly reviewing several aspects of the present ecological crisis, with the aim of drawing on the results of the best scientific research available today, letting them touch us deeply and provide a concrete foundation for the ethical and spiritual itinerary that follows. I will then consider some principles drawn from the Judaeo-Christian tradition which can render our commitment to the environment more coherent. I will then attempt to get to the roots of the present situation, so as to consider not only its symptoms but also its deepest causes. This will help to provide an approach to ecology which respects our unique place as human beings in this world and our relationship to our surroundings. In light of this reflection, I will advance some broader proposals for dialogue and action which would involve each of us as individuals, and also affect international policy. Finally, convinced as I am that change is impossible without motivation and a process of education, I will offer some inspired guidelines for human development to be found in the treasure of Christian spiritual experience.

16. Although each chapter will have its own subject and specific approach, it will also take up and re-examine important questions previously dealt with. This is particularly the case with a number of themes which will reappear as the Encyclical unfolds. As examples, I will point to the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet, the conviction that everything in the world is connected, the critique of new paradigms and forms of power derived from technology, the call to seek other ways of understanding the economy and progress, the value proper to each creature, the human meaning of ecology, the need for forthright and honest debate, the serious responsibility of international and local policy, the throwaway culture and the proposal of a new lifestyle. These questions will not be dealt with once and for all, but reframed and enriched again and again.



JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 5th - POOL PARTY AT SOKOL
- 7th - FOOD FOR THE SOUL
- 8th - GYM NIGHT
- 12th - SOCIAL NIGHT
- 14th - FOOD FOR THE SOUL
- 15th - GYM NIGHT
- 19th - POOL PARTY AT SOKOL
- 21st - FOOD FOR THE SOUL
- 22nd - MOVIE NIGHT
- 26th - OFF CAMPUS EVENT
- 28th - FOOD FOR THE SOUL
- 29th - MOVIE NIGHT



NOTICE CHANGE OF PLANS

BAPTISM & MARRIAGE CLASSES SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGE

NO JULY
CLASSES

NEXT CLASS:
AUGUST 8TH
@ school Rm 203

Baptism Class 9:30 am
Marriage Class 12:30 pm



Religious Education REGISTRATION

July 26th
Outside Church
after all the Masses

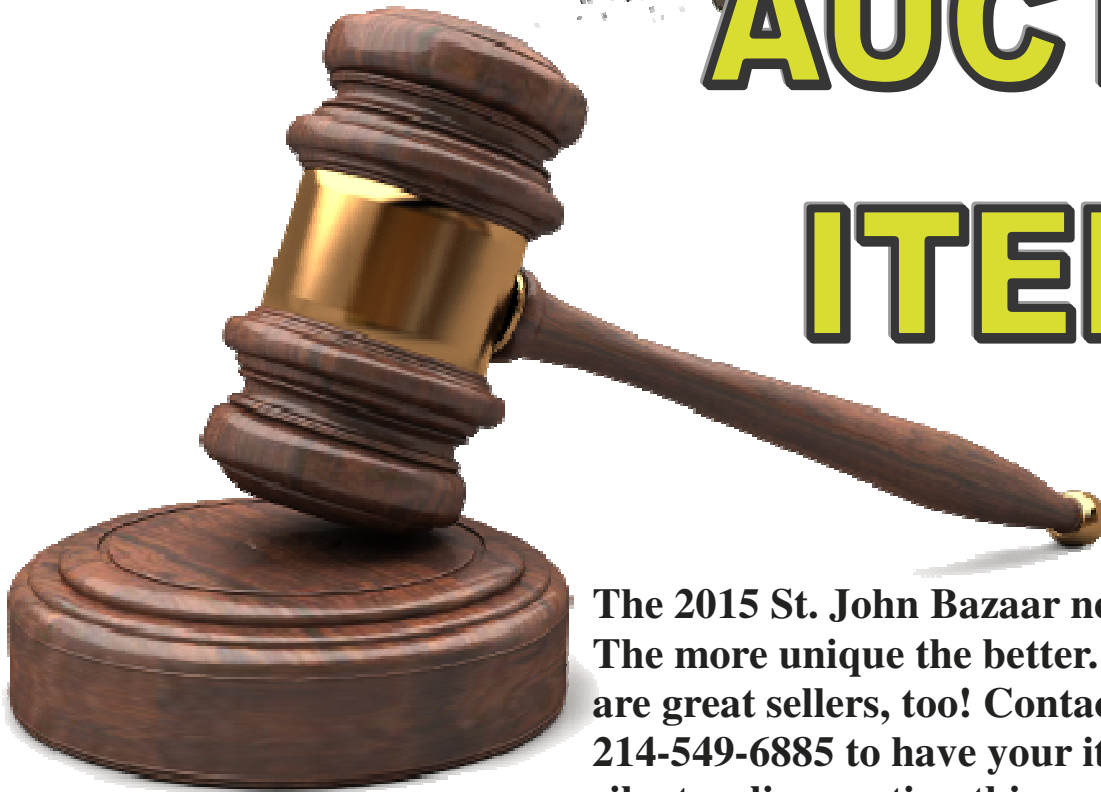
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In the School

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AUCTION ITEMS!



The 2015 St. John Bazaar needs auction items!!
The more unique the better. Homemade items
are great sellers, too! Contact Evelyn Zmolik at
214-549-6885 to have your item listed in the
silent or live auction this year!

St. John Bazaar Sept. 19 - 20

St. John Nepomucene Parish Presents...
CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

St. John Nepomucene presents a fantastic spiritual renewal program entitled "Christ Renews His Parish". Separate men's and women's retreats are held each Fall and each Spring. This overnight retreat is designed to bring members of our Parish together in Christ.

Each weekend will include group activities and interaction, prayer and reflection on such subjects as Scripture, Eucharist, Christian Community, and Christian Awareness. The outcome of the weekend will be a deeper relationship with Christ and growth in your affiliation with the community of our Parish. All participants will spend the night right here at St. John Nepomucene.

The program is open to all parishioners, but space is limited. Reservations are on a 'first come-first served' basis, so you should respond quickly. Once you have registered, you will be contacted with the details before the retreat.

There is no charge for the retreat!!

Mail To
Seth Wright
St. John Nepomucene
401 E. Lampasas
Ennis, TX 75119
or email:
sethw@stjohnccc.net

Men's Retreat Information:
Contact Seth Wright for the names and contact information of the appropriate members of the Men's Retreat team

Women's Retreat Information:
Contact Seth Wright for the names and contact information of appropriate members of the Women's Retreat team

Please sign me up for (circle one)

Women's Retreat August 15 - 16, 2015 Men's Retreat August 22 - 23, 2015

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Emergency Contact # _____

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—7/12/15	Jaysen St. Clair—8/16/15	Sophia Martinez Burks—7/5/15	Juan Esparza, Sr.—8/2/15
Bob Zmolek—8/16/15	Danny Kubin—7/12/15	Gregory Hamm—7/12/15	Martha Wilson—8/2/15
Georgie Ann Nekuza-7/12/15	Chris Melkovitz—6/8/15	Noe Casanova—7/12/15	Delbert Frazier—8/2/15
Nathan Gunn—8/2/15	Henry Marusak—7/12/15	Janie Marusak—7/12/15	Katheen Alvarez—8/2/15
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-7/19/15	Nicole Cruz—7/12/15	Caren Lawrence/ unborn baby-7/12	Nylene Daigle—8/9/15
Sr. Redempta Bradley—7/19/15	Pete Gutierrez—6/14/15	Tom Tolar—8/16/15	Shaelyn Rejcek—8/9/15
Betty Jo Culpepper—8/16/15	Robert Garcia—6/14/15	Jerry Kidder—7/12/15	Hannah Rejcek—8/9/15
Betty Rogala—7/19/15	Mildred Trojacek—7/12/15	Charles Kozlovsky—7/12/15	Wilma Holt—8/9/15
Margie Dvorak—7/12/15	Anna Thomas Young—6/21/15	Henry Vrana—7/12/15	Richard Mraz—8/9/15
Analiiese Mahaley—8/16/15	David Trojacek—7/19/15	Frank Zabochnik—7/12/15	Emil Bolcik—8/16/15
Sr. Edna Gonzalez—7/19/15	Jane Rychlik—8/16/15	James Enderson—7/12/15	Salome Fira—8/16/15
Johnny/ Mary Ann Hajek-7/19	Elizabeth N. Martinez—6/7/15	Linda Zabochnik—7/19/15	Margaret Bohuslav-8/16/15
Rachel Zmolik—8/2/15	Anel Gamon—6/7/15	Kyle Champion—7/19/15	Bill Glaspy—8/16/15
Locavio Pecina—7/19/15	Edwin/Dorothy Langer - 6/14	Msgr. Frank Miller—7/19/15	Dee Anderson—8/16/15
Bernadine Zhanel Distasio-7/19	Kenneth Trojacek—6/14/15	Johnnie I. Krajca—7/19/15	
Mary Ann Toupal—8/16/15	John Joyner—6/14/15	Ruby Janicek—7/19/15	
Bob Henderson—8/16/15	Teddie Mata—6/21/15	Gloria Welky—7/19/15	
James Pustejovsky—4/26/15	Gregorio Vargas—8/16/15	Mary (Beva) Garza—7/19/15	
JoAnn Strunc—7/19/15	Nora Mandujano—6/28/15	Freddy Martinez—7/19/15	
Trisha Zabochnik—7/19/15	Nancy Escobar—8/16/15	Baby Stella Harrell—7/26	
Catherine Roberts—8/9/15	Bill Hejny—6/28/15	Helen Slovak—8/2/15	
Alphonse Svehlak - 6/8/15	Maegan Slovak Gould—7/5/15		