## Mass Intentions for the week of September 25

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26—Saints Cosmas & Damian

No 6:30 a.m. Mass

12:05 p.m. Bill Adams +

**6:30 p.m.** Billy Coplen and family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27—Saint Vincent de Paul

6:30 a.m. Johnny & Emileen Maliska ++

**12:05 p.m.** Frankie Vrana, Sr. + Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28—Saint Wenceslaus

No 6:30 a.m. Mass today

12:05 p.m. Lee & Celesta Bohanon ++

**6:30 p.m.** Mary Slovak +

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29—Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

NO 6:30 a.m. Mass

Archangels

12:05 p.m. Johnny F. Vrana + Special Intention

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30—Saint Jerome

No 6:30 a.m. Mass

**12:05 p.m.** Danny L. Slovak +

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1—Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

First Saturday Devotions after 8 am Mass

8:00 a.m. Joshua Krajca +
3:30 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Antonie Kubin

# OCTOBER 2, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN

#### **ORDINARY TIME**

7:00 a.m. Michael, Sr. & Georgia Wensowitch ++

11:00 a.m. For the Parish Community
1:00 p.m. Cristobal Olvera Vega +

5:00 p.m. Fr. John (7th Anniversary @ St. John)

#### MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. Sept. 18, 9 am Adolfo Gonzalez Torres + Guadalupe Muñoz

### HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Entrance: The Harvest of Justice - 716 Offertory: Christ, Be Our Light - 512 Communion: All Who Hunger - 817

**Recessional:** For the Healing of the Nations - 712

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Salik Plumbing

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time + 2016

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

"But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the Faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called..." (1Timothy 6:11)

This line from St. Paul's letter to young Timothy pretty well sums up both the prophetic call of Amos in our first reading and the words of Jesus to the Pharisees in our Gospel reading.

# Even though still on this earth.....we live for Heaven and the Resurrection.

In a very real and powerful way, I witnessed this in action during our Bazaar weekend! This 2016 Bazaar was more successful in \$\$\$\$ and in Spirit, than any past Bazaar.

As each person entered into trying to obtain the most benefit for Jesus' work in our Parish and "competed" well for the Faith.....rather than trying to get the best deal for themselves, you could feel the freedom of doing good for the Lord.

Whenever the attitude changes from, "I am willing to pay this to get this for me," to "I am trying to see how much I can get for Jesus," . . . the grace multiples the "few loaves and fishes."

Thank you very much for choosing HIM! It is the choice to push aside the selfishness/greed and open our hearts to Jesus.....that allows HIM to pour out a saving grace in our parish. He doesn't need our money......He just needs us to "let go of fear" and "Choose/Trust Him."

The Year/Life of Divine Mercy......"Jesus, I Trust In You!"

Love and Prayers,

Fr. John

# COLLECTIONS FOR September 17 & 18 Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Regular Collection Epiphany Regular Collection \$17,697.40 \$1,032.52

# IN OUR PARISH WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25

# Sunday, September 25

Second Collection: Altar Server Scholarship 8:30-10:30 am Religious Ed/ Elementary 9:00-10:30 am RCIA/ Compound Room 101

6:30 p.m. Life Teen Monday, September 26 **5:30-6:30 pm** Confessions Tuesday, September 27

No Confessions

7:00-8:00 pm Upper Room/Room 101

Wednesday, September 28

6:30 –8:30 pm Religious Ed/Elementary

6:30—8:30 pm EDGE/ Gym

Thursday, September 29

Friday, September 30

Saturday, October 1

First Saturday Devotions after 8 am Mass

Sunday, October 2

Second Collection: Capital Improvement

9:00-10:30 am RCIA/ Compound Room 101 3:00 pm Pet Blessings/ Front of Church

6:30 pm Life Teen

# **NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY**



A Year of Mercy with Pope Francis by Kevin

# **Stealing From** the Poor

[St. John Chrysostom once said:] "Not to share one's wealth with the poor is to steal from them and to take away their livelihood. It is not our own goods which we hold, but theirs."... Money must serve, not rule! The pope loves everyone, rich and poor alike, but he is obliged in the name of Christ to remind all that the rich must help, respect, and promote the poor. — Evangelii Gaudium

**Reflection:** How does what we do with our money affect our ability to be merciful? How are you called to help, respect, and promote the poor?

# **NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY**

PET BLESSING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND 3:00 p.m. in front of Church





# **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 Friday: 1 am, 12 pm

"A Holy Hour brings Heavens choicest blessings on those who are faithful to their

Hour." - Pope Paul VI

## ST. JOHN CHURCH

Sanctuary Light: September 24 – September 30

In Memory: Frances & Joe Kudrna By: Sharon & Michael Kudrna

Altar Candles: September 24 – September 30

In Memory: Johnny F. Vrana

By: Vivian Vrana

# DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL

Altar Candles: September 23 – September 29

For: Parish Community

By: Parish

# First Day of RELIGIOUS ED.

Sunday, September 25th - 8:30 - 10:30 am Wednesday, September 28th - 6:30 - 8:30 pm



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ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS!

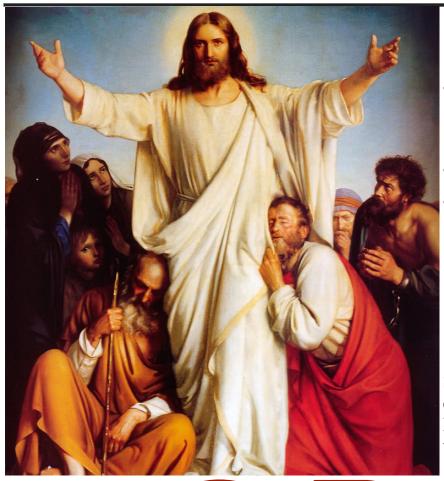
COME TO THE LIFE TEEN FAILL

COLOR RUN KICK OFF!

COME IN WHITE CLOTHING & PREPARED
TO LEAVE FULL OF COLOR!

A FUN TIME WITH FRIENDS, ACTIVITY, FOOD & PRIZES. NO
ATHLETIC
ABILITY
REQUIRED.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH 5:00 PM MASS UNTIL 9:00 PM



# Come to Him.

- To receive missed Sacraments of Communion or Confirmation
- To become Catholic
- Just to learn more about the Faith

Join the RCIA classes Wednesday's 7:15 - 8:15 pm

Sessions will be held in **room 101** in the compound. Contact Seth Wright at the Parish Office for more information or to register. 972-875-2834



St. Edward
Catholic Church
Athens, TX
Men's Retreat
2/18-19/2017
Women's Retreat
2/25-26/2017

# FIRST FORMATION MEETINGS

Men's Team Monday, 7 pm, October 24th

Women's Team Thursday, 7 pm, October 27th

Contact Seth Wright for more info: 972-875-2834 or sethw@stjohncc.net

#### 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—10/2/16 Bob Zmolek—10/16/16 Georgie Ann Nekuza-10/2/16 Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-10/16/16 Sr. Redempta Bradley—10/16/16 Sr. Edna Gonzalez—10/16/16 Rachel Zmolik—10/9/16 Catherine Roberts—10/16/16 Mildred Trojacek—10/23/16 David Trojacek—10/16/16 Jane Rychlik—10/2/16 Richard Mraz-10/2/16 Margie Dvorak—10/9/16 Betty Rogala—10/2/16 Mary Ann Felcman—10/20/16 Epi Garfias—10/16/16 Eddie Cervantes—10/16/16 Mary Trojacek—10/23/16 Paul Tolliver—10/16/16 Juan Herrera—10/2/16

Edwin/Dorothy Langer-10/2/16

Joan Gura—10/2/16 Jerry Zmolek—10/2/16 Genora Kriska-10/20/16 Theresa Odlozil—10/9/16 Marguerite Patterson-10/19/16 Margaret Bohuslav—10/2/16 Billy Coplen—10/2/16 Herminia Perez-10/2/16 Patti Youngblood—10/20/16 John Esparza Sr.—10/2/16 Salo Fira—10/2/16 Jo Ann Strunc—10/20/16 Jerry Matous—10/2/16 Geraldine Kubin—10/9/16 Kati Betik Arnold—10/16/16 Arnold Twins—10/16/16 Jeanette/Martin Hunter—10/20/16 Norma Jean Horrell—10/20/16 Sherri Longoria—10/19/16 Calvin Baw, Jr. —10/16/16 Jimmy Aguilar—10/20/16

Julie Hughes—10/20/16 Melody Rejcek—10/20/16 Conner Rejcek—10/20/16 Emerson Gerich—10/2/16 Shirley Marusak—10/2/16 Deanna Richardson—10/2/16 Thomas Sosa—10/2/16 Adam Keller—10/2/16 Stella Tobola—10/2/16 Dave Wilson-10/9/16 Dorothy Reicek—10/9/16 Randall Oliver—10/9/16 Marion Haba—10/9/16 Gloria Dickey—10/16/16 Marvin Adams—10/16/16 Patricia Fira—10/16/16 Thomas Patterson—10/16/16 Alfred Martinez—10/16/16 Janie Marusak—10/16/16 Andrea Nekuza Diehl—10/23/16 Mary Denise Bruce—10/23/16

Nancy Valek—10/19/16 Sammy Gonzalez—10/20/16