

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11— Our Lady of Lourdes

6:30 a.m. Rose & Victor Trojacek ++

12:05 p.m. Janet Rejcek Roach +

6:00 p.m. **Confessions**

6:30 p.m. Eileen Mitchell +

7:00 p.m. **Confessions**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:30 a.m. Alvin Kubin +

12:05 p.m. Joy Dlabaj +

6:00 p.m. **Confessions**

6:30 p.m. (SPANISH) Juana & Humberto Sandoval ++

7:00 p.m. **Confessions**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13— Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Kenneth Langley

12:05 p.m. Helen & Frank Dlabaj ++

Adoration after 12:05 Mass until 5 p.m.

2:30 pm Geraldine Horak + (IOOF Nursing Home)

6:30 p.m. Adele/Joe/Joe David Janousek +++

7:30 p.m. (SPANISH) Frances Martin +

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14- Sts. Cyril & Methodius

6:30 a.m. Chad Ryan +

12:05 p.m. Leslie Trojacek +

6:30 p.m. (SPANISH) Jaime Esparza +

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:30 a.m. Willie Kriska +

12:05 p.m. Charles Elleven, Jr. +

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

3:30 p.m. **Confessions**

5:00 p.m. Donnie & Emil Slovak ++

5th SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 17

7:00 a.m. Wesley Mikel +

11:00 a.m. Herbert Ludwig +

1:00 pm Flor Estella Campos +

5:00 Life Teen Mass For the Parish Community

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun., Feb. 10 9am Francisco & Bernabe Lopez Cabrera ++

Wed., Feb. 13 6pm Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sun., Feb. 17 9am Victor Salazar +

EPIPHANY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

ALTAR CARE FOR February 16 & 23

Sharon Kudrna/ Ann Gibson

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Bragg's Appliance Service

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

As we celebrate the Feast Day of Saints Cyril and Methodius, "Apostles to the Slavs", we hear the words of Saint Paul in our Second Reading of the Mass:

"I am reminding you, brothers and sisters, of the Gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand. Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain."

This is the same Gospel that Saints Cyril and Methodius brought to the Czech people, one thousand, one hundred and fifty years ago! So I am sure that Sts. Cyril and Methodius are also echoing the words of St. Paul from Heaven to us here at St. John Nepomucene Parish, built upon the Faith of many of your Czech ancestors. I believe, too, that many of your family members are also speaking to you from Heaven, as their children, grandchildren and beloved family members.

As St. Paul reminds us, this Gospel, our Catholic Faith is able to save us from the despair, anxiety and fears of this world by the supernatural virtue of hope. This virtue of hope, lived out and combined with the virtues of Faith and Love are able to save us from death and bring us into an eternal life of joy.

This Gospel is so profound that this anniversary year the cities of Prague and Velehrad are hosting two international conferences. The first conference is on the state-political importance of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in the 9th to 18th centuries; the other one on the importance of the missionaries for the 19th, 20th, and 21st, centuries.

The government is also preparing a full-length film, "Cyril and Methodius – The Apostles to the Slavs", which describes the lives and work of the Slavic missionaries. Its premiere will be in the Fall 2013. The aim of the project is to establish a general awareness of Cyril and Methodius, the contributions of their mission in the sphere of culture, religion, letters, education and the like. "The celebrations cannot be perceived as purely religious because the missionaries also stood at the beginnings of our statehood. At the same time, the celebrations, cannot be either only Czech or Moravian because the Cyrillo-Methodian mission played a role in the history of most Slavic nations," says Professor Petr Pit'ha.

See you at the Celebration!

Love and Prayers,
Fr. John

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 10

2nd Collection is for Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

8:30-10:45 am St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes

8:45-10:45 am RCIA Session/Room 102 Compound

6:30 pm Life Teen/Life Night

Monday, February 11

Confessions before and after 6:30 Mass

7:15 pm Theology of the Body

Tuesday, February 12

6:30 am Food for the Soul Mass & Breakfast

8:30 am Golden Crusaders monthly meeting/ Cafeteria

5:30-6:30 pm Winter Walkers/Gym

6:00 pm Altar Society Meeting/ Room 102 Compound

5-8:30 pm SJ Library open/Room 106 Compound

Confessions before and after 6:30 Mass

7:00 pm Beginning Apologetics/ Room 301

7-8:15 pm EDGE

Wednesday, February 13

6-8 pm Life Teen "Into the Deep" tonight
(Ash Wednesday Mass)

NO Religious Education Classes

NO RCIA Inquiry/Room 102

NO Coming Home/ Room 101/102

NO Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, February 14

7:00 pm That Man Is You/ Room 103

Friday, February 15

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:45 pm Stations of the Cross (SPANISH)

Saturday, February 16

Men's CHRHP Retreat today and Sunday

NO That Man Is You/ Room 103

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, February 17

Men's CRHP Retreat concludes today

8:30-10:45 am St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes

8:45-10:45 am RCIA Session/Room 102 Compound

NO Life Teen/Life Night

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

Entrance: Holy God We Praise Thy Name — #519

Offertory: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence — #542

Communion: Eat This Bread — #806

Recessional: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty — #483

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, February 16

5:00 pm Matt Zajic/ Dylan Fisher

Sunday, February 17

7:00 am Josef Woodward/ Zachary Matous/ Jake Kasowski

11:00 am Austin Spaniel/ Joseph Galetka/ Chris Trojacek

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 3 & 4

St. John Church Support Collection \$ 17,473.06

2nd collection for Capital Improvements 2,533.55

Epiphany Church Support Collection 848.40

2nd collection for Building Fund 343.05

WOMEN OF GRACE

Will not be meeting on Thursday, February 14th.

BEGINNING APOLOGETICS

Do you understand the Church's Teaching on Abortion, Euthanasia and Contraception? Do you understand why the HHS Mandate is a big deal? Why is contraception wrong? If you cannot answer these questions or you do not have a clear understanding of the Church's teachings on these issues, come to Beginning Apologetics on Tuesdays at 7:00 in room 301 in the old high school as we begin a new session "How to Answer the Tough Moral Questions".

CONCLUSION OF WINTER WALKERS PROGRAM
The last day for Winter Walkers is Tuesday, February 12.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Tuesday February 12th at 6:00 p.m. in Compound Room 102

GOLDEN CRUSADERS MONTHLY MEETING

Golden Crusaders will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, in the cafeteria with games beginning at 8:30 A.M. Members are encouraged to come with A-N bringing desserts and O-Z bringing side dishes. New members welcome.

KJZT SOCIETY #16 MEETING

KJZT adult and junior groups will hold their meetings next Sunday, February 17, at 1:30 p.m. in the KJT dining room. Plans will be made for our parish and community projects for this year and for our annual Mass and celebration in August. Refreshments and a social will follow the meeting. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

St. John Parish Employment **Position Open**

We are taking applications/Interviewing for the position of "Financial Controller," in our parish. This is a full-time paid position with insurance and other benefits. If you are interested in applying for this position please pick-up a full job description/requirements and application in the parish office or from the website. We will be hiring for this position as soon as possible. Thank You.



As we enter Lent, you may want to meditate on this stained glass window in our church. Jesus is in His agony in the garden and is praying to His Father, but He is willing to accept the will of the Father because He knows that that is best for Him and others, even if it is painful. What is your loving, heavenly Father asking of you that is painful but for your good and the good of others?

**THANK YOU FROM
THE ALVIN V. KUBIN FAMILY**

We would like to thank the McKibbin Funeral Home , Marian Zhanel & Bernice Kadlubar for leading the rosary. A special thanks to Fr. John for the beautiful service, Bill Divin for serving and the beautiful music provided by the Requiem choir. Thanks to John Marak and all that helped to prepare the meal and all that brought food. Also, thank you for the Mass intentions, memorials, flowers, and cards. We especially thank you for your prayers & support during the illness & death of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA
CHOCOLATE SUNDAY BAKE SALE**

Feb. 16th —After Saturday evening Mass
Feb. 17th — After the Sunday morning Masses
Please plan on buying a delicious chocolate treat for next Sunday's dinner!

TWO EVENINGS WITH ST. THERESE

An in-depth review and study of The Little Flower and her "little way". A wonderful Lenten experience. Thursday, Feb. 21st 7pm-9:00 pm and Thursday, Feb. 28th 7pm-8:30 pm, room 101-102. Please bring paper & pen for note taking. "There is only one way to force God not to judge us at all, and that, is to go before Him with empty hands. And how do you do that? It's quite simple."

**Rite of Christian
Initiation of
Adults**

Current Group
Sunday mornings,
8:45-10:45 AM
Compound Room 101-102

Theology of the Body

Monday evenings, 7:15 PM, Cafeteria

RCIA

**Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults**

*It's not too
late to start!*

**Wednesday evenings, 7-8 PM,
Room 101-102 in the Compound**

Contact Seth Wright in the Parish Office for more information. (972) 875-2834

Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius Celebration



Celebration Mass (with traditional Czech costume and music):

Sunday, February 10, 2013, 11:00 AM

Procession: following Mass

Luncheon: At KJT Hall, following Procession:

A-M – Desserts

N-J -- \$5 donation

Celebrations of the enormous contributions of these two brothers who first brought the Gospel to the Slavic peoples will also



be under way throughout the year in the Czech Republic. Events in Velehrad:

- ♦ Two conferences on St. Cyril and St. Methodius and their contribution will be held in the Spring of 2013
- ♦ “Days for People of Good Will” and national pilgrimage to Velehrad (site of St. Methodius’ archepiscopal see) - July 4-5, 2013
- ♦ Full-length film: “Cyril and Methodius—The Apostles of the Slavs” premieres in Fall, 2013



**Come
celebrate the
1,150th
anniversary of
Czech
Catholicism!**

Nepomucene's Teens



TONIGHT!

Sunday, 2/10 - Life Teen Mardi Gras:
Casino Tables, Cajun Food, New Orleans Music, Prizes, and much More fun! All high school teens are invited to join in the fun!

NO LIFE NIGHT 2/17

2/24-Life Night "Calling to Mind"

LIFE TEEN!

Meeting every Sunday for Life Teen Mass and Life Night, Food for the Soul Tuesday Mornings at 6:30 Mass, and "Into the Deep" on Wednesday night from 6-8 pm in the cafeteria.



All EDGE students!!! Our amazing semester on *Sacred Scripture* has begun! Join us in the cafeteria on Tuesday nights from 7-8:15 to dive in the Word of God. A book filled with song, healing, love, war, and betrayal.

Edge Schedule:

Feb. 12 - Fat Tuesday.

Feb. 19 - Let's be social!

Feb. 26 - Can I get an AMEN!?

March 6- Jesus Coming to Town

Interested in volunteering with our teenagers or have any questions about our Youth Ministry programs? Contact Stephen Thompson @ stephent@stjohncc.net

CHRIST RENEWES HIS PARISH

*Let Him
renew you!*

The entire gospel can be summed up in the words of Jesus, “The time has come and the Kingdom of God is near. Turn away from your sins, and accept the Good News.” The good news is that God loves us, and since he loves us, he invited us to a deep and lasting friendship with himself.

God challenges us by his invitation. It is a challenge which demands a radical decision. We have no other reasonable alternative than a grateful acceptance of this invitation to friendship. To refuse would mean the final loss of everything that matters in human existence. The gospel must be accepted whole-heartedly. When we make a commitment of faith, we accept the invitation of a God who calls us to a new life in union with him. This new life demands a profound change in our existence, and this change is what is called conversion.

The “Christ Renews His Parish” process is designed to lead one to that friendship and to afford the opportunity to grow in it.

— CRHP handbook

Men’s Weekend

Retreat:

February 16-17

Women’s Weekend

Retreat:

February 23-24



Mardi Gras

Meanings of
the Mardi
Gras Colors:

Purple—Justice
Gold—Power
Green—Faith

Mardi Gras (which is French for "Fat Tuesday") began in the early days of Christianity as a celebration before the fasting of Lent. It was a way to clear the house of the meat and other luxuries that one could not eat during the penitential season of Lent. The Mardi Gras traditions that we know best come from New Orleans Mardi Gras celebrations which were begun by the French who established the city and then grew from there. Mardi Gras is celebrated throughout the Catholic world, but it goes by other names, such as Carnival, in other areas.

Remember that Mardi Gras is
a time of celebration, not
over-indulgence.

The painting reproduced to the right is *The Fight between Carnival and Lent* by Pieter Bruegel the Elder. This was painted in 1559 and shows the battle between our appetites and our need to control them.



Remember that
you are dust,
and to dust
you shall return.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the Lenten season. It is a special time to remember that we were made to be with God, but, through the sins of Adam and Eve and our own sins, we are not with Him fully, and we will die. Thus, we need to repent and turn back to Him so that His mercy can lift us back into relationship with Him.

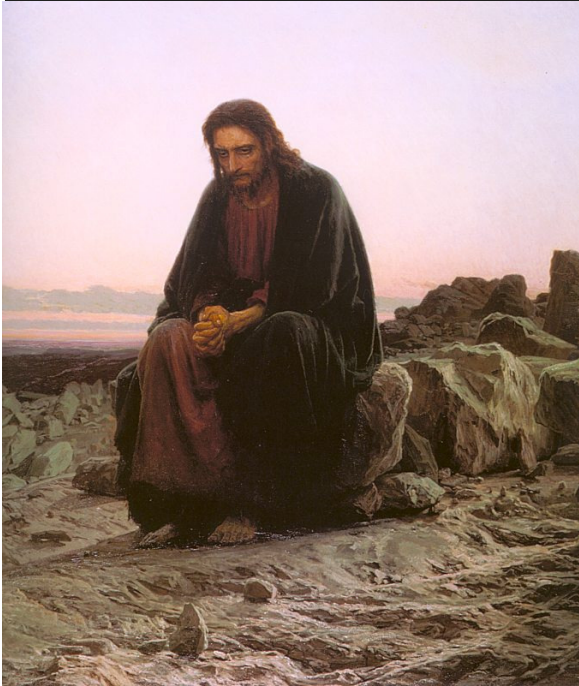
Ash Wednesday

Rules for Fasting and Abstinence:

Those who have celebrated their 14th birthday are obligated to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent.

Those who have celebrated their 18th birthday and not yet celebrated their 59th birthday are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating no more than one regular size meal and two smaller meals, with no snacks.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Lent

Lent is a Penitential Season in which we focus in a special way on the things in our lives that are keeping us from being what God created us to be, are hurting us and others, and are standing in the way of our relationship with God. Each of us is dealing with sin in different areas of our lives. So how do we rid ourselves of these sins? Well, if it is a sin of bodily appetites that are out of control, we can learn to control our appetites through fasting. If it is an attraction to or addiction to the things of the world like power, ambition, or status, we can learn that those things should not be our priority through giving

alms. If it is a pride that puts us before others and before God's will in our lives, prayer can forge a connection with God that will remedy this. Below are some suggestions on how to live Lent in such a way that these areas of our lives are improved.

Prayer:

Daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Liturgy of the Hours, Commitment to 30 minutes or an hour of personal prayer time each day, Spiritual Reading, *Lectio Divina* (meditating on a Bible passage), etc.

Fasting:

Give up something you enjoy, Eat or drink something that you don't like but is good for you, set the thermostat to an uncomfortable setting, sit somewhere different at Mass, etc.

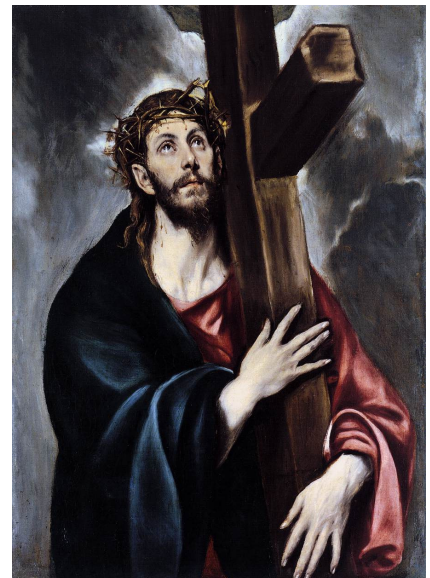
Almsgiving:

Give to a religious order, Spend time at a nursing home visiting people, Go out of your way to help someone with something, etc.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays during Lent In the Church

7:00 PM (English)

7:45 PM (Spanish)



Upcoming EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 12 – Mardi Gras
- 13 – Ash Wednesday
- 16/17 – Men’s CRHP
- 23/24 – Women’s CRHP

MARCH

- 16—First Reconciliation
- 24—Palm Sunday/Holy Week Begins
- 28-30—Easter Triduum
 - 28 -- Thursday of the Lord’s Supper (Holy Thursday)
 - 29 -- Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Holy Friday)
 - 30—The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
- 31 -- Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

APRIL

- Sundays of Easter – First Communion

MAY

- 11-15 – Parish Easter Mission—Fr. Leo Patalinghug, “Grace Before Meals”
- 18/19-- Pentecost
 - 18 --Adult Confirmation/Reception of Candidates into the Catholic Faith
 - 19—High School Graduation Mass
- 18/19—May Festival
 - Celebrating the Feast Day of St. John Nepomucene
 - Celebrating Cinco de Mayo
- 21— High School Confirmation

JUNE

- 10-14 -- Vacation Bible School
- “A Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer with Amazing Angels and Super Saints”
- 22/23—Steubenville South— High School Catholic Youth Conference

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Nicole Rios, Patricia Banks, Sue Thompson, Jessica Puente, Raymundo "Mune" Castillo Jr., Michael Gallagher, Bob Agar, Bill Divin, Fatima de Carmen Gomez, Maximiliano Gomez, Crystal Monjaraz, Lasita Salazar, Margie Dvorak, Nacho Martinez, G.W. and Agnes Garrard, Helen Fowler, Alyvia Zmolik, Mickey Walker, Mildred Trojacek, Florinda Smith, Helen Patak, Betty Coker, Tommy Slama, Juanita Lowe, Walter Marusak, Janie & Richard Mraz, Nathan Gunn, Matthew Dixon, Judy Zapletal, Darrell Patak, Betty Rogala, Maria Manriquez, Jimmie Trahan, Liam Shockley, Jimmy Garcia Sr., Sandy Wheeler, Roger Gagnon, Joy Moore, Charlie Honza, Frances Maliska, Jeff Sladeczek, Christine Hanson, Hannah Rejcek, Helen Zmolek, Cameron Wolf, Meg Routh, Ruperto Gomez, Mark Strunc, Monsignor Frank Miller, Lori Strunc, Edna Gonzalez, Georgie Ann Nekuza, Ophelia Esparza, Mary Hejny, Juanita LeVay, Anna Lee Weaver, Leo Rejcek, Helen Barak, Rose Sanchez, Alfred Martinez, George Spaniel Sr., Sister Genevieve and Frankie Prochaska, Mary Ann & Johnnie Hajek, Margie Patak, Millie Trojacek, Mildred Wickliffe, Joe and John Schleich, Graciela and Rene Monreal, Steve and Bernard Betik, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Brandi Schlottman, James Pustejovsky, Gary Kidder, Jerry Dolezal, Raul Partida

CASINO NIGHT

The Knights of Columbus Council 1353 is sponsoring Casino Night on Feb. 16 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Entry tickets for the evening are \$25 per person. There will also be a raffle with a top prize of a \$2500 Visa card to be held at the Casino Night. Tickets are \$10 and you do not need to be present to win. Funds raised from the event will be used for charitable works in the community. For more information or for event sponsorship, please contact Casino Night chairman, David Shackelford, at 214.336.6325 or any other member of the Knights of Columbus.

Your support is greatly appreciated!!

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light is in memory of memory of Joe & Frances Kudrna. Donated by Michael & Sharon Kudrna for the week of Feb 9– Feb. 15.

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated in memory of Joe & Frances Kudrna by Michael & Sharon Kudrna for the week of Feb. 9 — Feb. 15.