**Mass Intentions**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23**
- 6:30 a.m. Mary Carson Dick +
- 12:05 p.m. Helen & Frank Dlabaj ++
- 6:00 p.m. Confessions
- 6:30 p.m. Cynthia Zapletal +
- 7:00 p.m. Confessions

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE**
- No Mass today
- Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
- 9-11 a.m. Confessions

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS**
- 12:00 a.m. Christmas Novena
- The Nativity of the Lord
- 8:00 a.m. Christmas Novena
- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Novena
- 1:00 p.m. Christmas Novena

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 – St. Stephen**
- 12:05 p.m. Christmas Novena

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27—St. John, the Apostle**
- 6:30 a.m. Christmas Novena
- 12:05 p.m. Alvin Kubin +

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 - The Holy Innocents**
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions
- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Novena

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29—Holy Family**
- 7:00 a.m. Alphonse & Agnes Novosad ++
- 11:00 a.m. Frances A. Kozlovsky +
- 1:00 pm Christmas Novena
- 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass For the Parish Community

**MASSSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH**
- Sun. December 22, 9 am Romeo, Crisanta, Cary, Romeo, Jr. Herlinda Jimenes
- Tues. December 24, 11 pm Miguel & Carmen Palacios ++
- Sun. December 29, 9 am Ramon Hernandez +

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

**Entrance:** Hail Mary Gentle Woman — #779

**Offertory:** Maranatha—#324

**Communion:** Present Among Us—#838

**Recessional:** Savior of the Nations Come—#348

**HYMNS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**Entrance:** Angels from the Realms of Glory—#369

**Offertory:** Angels We Have Heard on High—#361

**Communion:** Away in a Manger—#365

**Recessional:** God Rest You Merry Gentlemen—#366

Be sure to arrive for Midnight Mass music by the St. John Adult Choir. The pews fill up quickly. The choir will begin singing right at 11:00 pm.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:** Catholic Family Fraternal Insurance

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**Letter from the Pastor**

Our Fourth Sunday of Advent
And
Christmas 2013!!!

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners!

What a Holy and Amazing Church we are part of! You gotta love and live it!! I am writing this Bulletin Message on December 17th, that day each year when Advent goes deeper and gets more exciting. What more could God gives us to increase this most wonderful time of year leading up to the Gift of God Himself to His People, Christmas!

Jesus, came from Heaven to earth to walk among us, gather us up together and take us all back home to the rest of the family. Our God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, flipped a coin and Jesus came! His mission, which He chose to accept, was to announce the New Deal, pay the price for everyone and set up to transport all of us back to the Kingdom. Father and Holy Spirit stayed home to build all the mansions it would take to house us all; along with the finest foods and choicest wines.

This “getting packed and ready to go,” is the true Christmas Spirit that is to accompany each of us throughout our life here on earth and we prepare to go to the Kingdom. It is meant to be a life of joyous anticipation even amid the craziness of getting ready. When we get too bogged down in the “getting ready” part, and begin to think this trip is not worth it, then Mother Church brings Christmas back around again to fill us anew with that Christmas Spirit and excitement.

During these last days of Advent and the Joyous celebration of Christmas, let us each ask our God, to empty us in the Confessional of anything that would keep us from being filled to the brim with Christmas Spirit. Then process up that aisle to receive the One who fill us with Himself!

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to all!

Love & Prayers,
Fr. John

Follow Fr. John on Twitter
@FrJohnDick

Enjoy this Holy Season knowing you are thought of kindly
prayed for faithfully
And treasured
In Heaven and on Earth.

Merry Christmas with love,
Fr. John, Fr. Antonio,
and parish staff
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Second Collection is for Christmas Flowers

Sunday, December 22

**NO Religious Education Classes
**NO RCIA/ Room 101
6:30 pm   Life Night

Monday, December 23
6:00/7:00 am   Morning Prayer & Rosary/Church
6:00/7:00 pm   Confessions

Tuesday, December 24
OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 25
OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 26
OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 27
7:00 am   Rosary after 6:30 am Mass

Saturday, December 28
3:30 pm   Confessions/Church

Sunday, December 29
NO St. John Library today
NO Religious Education Classes today
NO RCIA today
NO Life Night

SANCTUARY CARE

Sanctuary Light : Dec. 21st—Dec. 27th
In Memory: Frank & Carrie Gelnar and Joe & Julie Zmolik
By: Benny & Evelyn Zmolik

Altar Candles : December 21st—Dec. 27th
In Memory: Billy, Francis Joe, Willy & Mary Kriska & Frank & Carrie Gelnar and Margie Gelnar.

Divine Providence Chapel Flower Arrangements: Dec. 20-28th
In Memory: Joe M. Horak, Agnes Horak, Jodie Horak
By: Alene Eggers

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COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 14 - DECEMBER 15
Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

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ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, December 28
5:00 pm Brandon Martinek / Collin McManus

Sunday, December 29
7:00 am Jake Kasowski / Chris Trojacek / Payton Matous
11:00 am Ermando Campos / Andrew Martinez / Josh Zapletal
5:00 pm LT Mass  Juan Lara / Alston Lawrence

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Qahal : a Bible study on the book of Genesis

Monday nights, 7:00-8:30 pm
101-102 in the Compound
Bring your Bible, a notebook, and a pen.

Begins again on January 6th

Nepomucene’s Men
The fourth meeting of A Morning of Reflection on Spiritual Growth will meet Saturday, January 4th in Room 201. We invite all men of the St. John Parish to meet with us for the this time of fellowship and spiritual growth.
8:00 am—Mass
9:00 am—Breakfast & Fellowship

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER
Cards may be purchased at the Religious Counter and have our Sanctuary on the front (20 cards for $15). Thank you for your support.

CHANGE IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE
Classes on Sunday January 26th have been cancelled. However, there WILL be classes on Sunday March 2nd.

Parish Office will be closed Dec. 24th—Dec. 26th for Christmas.

SCHEDULE YOUR DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSION!
www.stjohncc.net or call David Daigle at 972-878-5732

TAX FREE TRANSFER
Congress reauthorized for 2013 the provision that allows individuals to make gifts up to $100,000 from their IRA accounts to one or more charities, without first incurring income tax on the withdrawal. This means that you can direct that amount to the Church or with no federal income tax liability. The IRA Rollover may provide you with an excellent opportunity to make a gift during your lifetime from an asset that would be subject to multiple levels of taxation if it remained in your taxable estate.

Important facts:
• You must be 70 1/2 when you make your gift
• Must be from an IRA
• Must be sent directly from the IRA to the church
• You may not take it as a charitable contribution deduction when you file your taxes.

* As in all cases, please consult with your tax advisor as to the appropriateness of this gift in your own circumstances.
ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS
High School Youth Ministry Retreat
UNSTOPPABLE

Registrations for the January 17-19th Life Teen retreat is now available at www.stjohncc.net/retreat-registrations

- Already been Confirmed?
- Think you've done it before?
- Looking for more?
- Don’t feel accepted?

THEN THIS IS FOR YOU!

A great opportunity to get away for a weekend: to have lots of fun with friends, deepen your faith life, and experience something you have not before!

Register today!

Paintball - Horseback Riding - Zip Lines - Laser Tag - Basketball - Football - Soccer - Trampoline - Video Games - Ping Pong Tables - and More!!!

Edge Will Not Meet December 24th or 31st
We will resume normal classes on January 7th
Parish Mission

Monday, Jan. 13 — 7:00 PM
"The Joy of God’s Love"

Tuesday, Jan. 14 — 7:00 PM
"The Joy of God’s Forgiveness"

Wednesday, Jan. 15 — 7:00 PM
"The joy of God’s healing"

Thursday, Jan. 16 — 7:00 PM
"Our Lady, cause of our joy"

Jan. 13-16
All sessions start at 7:00 PM

Fr. Augustine, CFR
If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or in becoming Catholic, come to the first new RCIA session—

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7:00-8:00 PM, room 101 in the Compound

or call Seth Wright at the Parish Office.

MASACCIO, *The Baptism of the Neophytes*, 1426-27

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- Learn more about God and the Catholic Church
- Become Catholic
- Receive missed Sacraments
Catechist Training—January 11th

“MEET THEM WHERE THEY ARE”

- Discover your child/student’s needs in the faith
- Make a plan to reach those needs
- Meet them where they are, bring them closer to our Lord at their level

Parents, Catechists, volunteers...
Everyone is invited!

9am-12pm, in the cafeteria

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Nativity of the Lord Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve:
No Masses during the day
Midnight Mass 12:00 AM (English)

Christmas Day:
8:00 AM (English)
10:00 AM (English)
1:00 PM (Spanish)

Mary, Mother of God New Year’s Masses

New Year’s Eve:
12:05 PM (English)
6:30 PM Vigil (Spanish)
10:30 PM Vigil (English)

New Year’s Day:
12:05 PM (English)
6:30 PM (English)
Let’s bring in 2014 together!

You, Me, Mass and Benediction...

What do you say?

Add waffles to that… and you have got yourself a New Year’s Eve date!

10:00 PM Christmas Carols
10:30 PM Mass & Benediction
12:15 AM New Year’s Eve Party
Food, Drinks, & Games in the cafeteria for the WHOLE FAMILY!
Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!

Give thanks to the Lord for the coming of Jesus on that first Christmas!

and

Let Him renew your life and this parish now by attending the Christ Renews His Parish retreat!

Men’s Retreat
Feb. 1-2

Women’s Retreat
Feb. 8-9
2014 Roe Memorial Mass
at the KBH Convention Center Dallas
Dallas March for Life & Rally
January 18, 2014

STAND4LIFE with
Bishop Kevin Farrell and
thousands of Dallas faithful

12:30  Youth Rally at KBH Convention Center Dallas
       Featuring World Youth Day Musician Steve Angrisano
1:00  Roe Memorial Mass at KBH Convention Center Dallas
       Celebrated by Bishop Kevin Farrell
3:00  Dallas March for Life & Rally outside the
       Earle Cabell Federal Courthouse
4:30  Pro-Life Ministry Fair at KBH Convention Center Dallas

www.prolifedallas.org/roe  •  972-267-LIFE (5433)
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

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—1/19/14
Gentry Holmes—1/19/14
Margie Dvorak—1/19/14
Helen & Bob Zmolek—1/19/14
Georgie Ann Nekuza—1/19/14
Mary Hejny—1/19/14
Nathan Gunn—1/19/14
Otto Macalk—1/19/14
Michael Liska—1/19/14
Stanley J. Liska—1/19/14
Trish Zabojnik—1/19/14
Helen Patak—1/19/14
Nancy Marusak—1/19/14
Michael Patak—1/19/14
Albert Garcia—1/19/14
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska—1/19/14
Sr. Agnes Marie Marusak—1/19/14
Patricia Banks—1/19/14
Caroline Rejcek—1/19/14
Mary N. Sladecek—1/19/14
Elizabeth Hickman—1/19/14
Gil Escobar—1/19/14
Tracy Johnson—1/19/14
Steve Puckett—1/19/14
L.M.—1/19/14
Edward Allesandro—1/19/14
Gary Kidder—1/19/14
Steve York—1/19/14
Don Tanner—1/19/14
Adolph Novy—1/19/14
Joseph Guadalupe Garza—1/19/14
Patricia Pechal Maggi—1/19/14
Roxanna Rivera—1/19/14
Richard Jurica—12/29/13
Maryville Sladecke—12/29/13
Frank Prochaska—12/29/13
Tony Diaz—12/29/13
Joe Spaniel—1/5/14
Dianne McCarty—1/5/14
Dorothy & Edwin Langer—1/5/14
Irma Guerrero—1/5/14
Georgie Ann Nekuza—1/5/14
Margaret Krajca—1/19/14
Jimmy Aguilar—1/19/14
Catherine Augusto—1/19/14
Rosa Sanchez—1/19/14
Family of Christian Hefner—1/19/14
Mary Ellen Durham—1/19/14
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Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment
At which the Son of God was born
Of a most pure Virgin
At a stable at midnight in Bethlehem
In the piercing cold
At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee,
To hear my prayers and grant my desires… (mention request here)
Through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother.
*http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/novena/christmas.htm