St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church • New Taiton **DIOCESE OF VICTORIA IN TEXAS**

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Week of August 17, 2025

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Today is the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. **Sunday**: 7:00 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

~ PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION ~

Sacrament of Baptism: If you are in need of a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office at (979) 543-6985.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples planning marriage should contact the Parish Office six months prior to the desired date at (979) 543-6985.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound: If a family member is sick and would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office at (979) 543-6985.

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. John's Church. Please fill out our census form located at the main entrance and return to the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions for this Week:

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Monday, 08/18	No Mass	
Tuesday, 08/19	7:00 a.m.	Dorothy Kubala †
Wednesday, 08/20	7:00 a.m.	Loraine Livanec †
		Special Intention - Ashley - healing
Thursday, 08/21	7:00 a.m.	Willie E. Supak †
		Special Intention - R. P.
Friday, 08/22	7:00 a.m.	Emily Naiser †
		Special Intention - Elsie Ilse 90th Birthday
Saturday, 08/23	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention - 2025 Confirmation Class
		Gary Mazoch †
		Deceased relatives of the August & Pauline Popp Family †
		George Zernicek †
Sunday, 08/24	7:00 a.m.	Pete Fucik, Sr. †
		Kenneth M. Korenek †
	8:30 a.m.	Parish Family
		Rosemary Nohavitza †
		Daniel Priesmeyer †
		Josh Supak †

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Kutter House, Maci House

Lector: Beverly Hensley **Ushers:** Volunteer, Volunteer

Extraordinary Ministers: Tommy Drapela, Volunteer

Rosary prayed before Mass.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Simone Riha, Hudson Riha, Vanessa Riha

Lector: Yvonne Marcaurele Ushers: Brian Svetlik, Volunteer

Extraordinary Ministers: Jeff Nohavitza, Susan Nohavitza

Rosary prayed before Mass.

Our Harvest Collection for this week \$650.00

Sacrificial Offering 08/10/2025 \$3,097.00

BULLETIN SPONSOR this week is Dorothy Naiser.

SANCTUARY LIGHT this week is in memory of Dorothy Kubala.

- STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA will be in the home of Nick & Elizabeth Tupa for the months of July and August.
- CRUCIFIX AND PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS will be in the home of Ben & Lena Tupa for the months of July and August. Please pray for vocations.
- AUGUST ALTAR DECORATORS: Denise Buzek, Teresa Treybig, Anita Rod, Cindy Mahalitc, Gladys Cerny, Dianne Cerny, Diane Cerny, Debbie Bubela, Sarah Bender, Rose Peikert and Lindsey Price. Your \$25 offering is due.
- CCD REGISTRATION FORMS can be found on the table at the main entrance. CCD will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:00 p.m. If your child is in Grades 8-12 you will also need to fill out the Youth Permission Form/Medical Release Form.
- **CONFIRMATION NEXT SATURDAY** at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. After Mass there will be food and fellowship at the Parish Hall with Bishop Cahill honoring our 2025 Confirmation Class. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- CDA SUMMER SUNFLOWER PARTY: Wednesday, August 20th at 10:00 a.m. at 1116 Meadow Creek Drive in El Campo, Coffee 10:00 a.m.; Members auction; Salad/Sandwich Lunch. Bring something for lunch and something for the auction or a door prize. Questions call Olivia McDonald at (979) 543-7587.
- "MAKE YOUR HOME IN ME": The 1st El Campo Deanery Men's Retreat. Come join us for a weekend of fellowship and faith September 11th - 14th at the Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center in Weimar. Application can be found at the main entrance. For information contact Greg Janak (979) 533-3230, Steven Korenek (979) 637-7966 or Stephen Spanihel (979)758-4422.
- PICNIC (TODAY) SUNDAY: St. Andrew Church Hillie Summer Festival. **PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY:** Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Cistern Church Picnic.

Our Harvest Collection

has begun. It takes the place of a picnic and includes **ALL** parishioners and anyone who wishes to contribute.

Meditation for the Week

"Today's second reading speaks of a great cloud of witnesses, perhaps referring to the large number of Christians who gave witness to their faith through their words and actions. Baptized in the Lord, we are those witnesses now. Looking around and seeing our faith community gathered here today, let us think of ourselves as a "great cloud of witnesses," assured of each other's support and encouragement as we live out our discipleship to the Lord." (Pastoral Patterns)

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 Because he demoralized the people, Jeremiah is condemned to death.

Psalm 40 "Lord, come to my aid!"

Hebrews 12:1-4 We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, who can teach us how to struggle for glory.

Luke 12:49-53 Jesus says: I have come to divide.

"Today's readings are difficult to hear. Jeremiah's preaching so inflamed the people of Judah that he was thrown into a pit to die. Jesus warned his disciples that he came to inflame people so much that parents would turn against their children and vice versa. Nevertheless, says the author of Hebrews, we must persevere in our faith, endure our cross, and resist sin, so that one day we may find the joy that lies before us. As we suffer hardships on our journey to the Lord, may God's word encourage us to never give up." (Pastoral Patterns)