

## ST. JOHN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Plans for phase two of the St. John campus expansion include a new gym to be added to the northwest corner of the school.

The gym will feature a regulation high school basketball court of 84 feet by 50 feet to be used as two half-sized courts or two regulation volleyball courts. It will include:

- Activity divider curtain
- Concession stand and serving kitchen
- Equipment storage area
- Basketball goals
- Portable bleachers
- Restrooms
- Volleyball nets

For more information, see pages 6 of the bulletin.

## MORE COMING UP:

### OKTOBERFEST MUG DESIGNS DUE!

If you would like to submit a design for consideration for this year's Oktoberfest mug, you have until Thursday, August 27, to do so. See page 3 for more details.

### CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

New retreats for men and women are currently open for registration—you will not regret taking advantage of this opportunity to grow in faith and community with fellow parishioners! See page 9 for details.

### NEW MASS SCHEDULE

See page 3 of the bulletin for details on the change in Sunday Mass times at St. John, beginning September 20.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND:

### CALLING ALL PARENTS!

Parents (and any adults wanting to take an active role in youth faith formation), we encourage you to attend our special programming this Sunday afternoon, August 23, at St. John.

See page 7 for details.

### DISCIPLESHIP DISCERNMENT NIGHT

All high school students wanting to dive deeper this year and make great friends in the process, this is your starting point!

This Sunday, August 23, at 6:30 p.m.

See page 6 for details.

### RESERVOIR ADORATION

Join us for an hour of reflection and worship through prayer, music, and Eucharistic Adoration during Reservoir Adoration this Sunday, August 23, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the church.

Feel free to bring any additional prayer resources you might use, and come prepared to give an hour to God!



# BREAD to Offer

## NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE AND A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.



You may have noticed an announcement in the bulletin that beginning Sunday, September 20th, we will be changing the times of two of our Sunday Masses. The 10:30 Mass will be changed to 11:00 and the 1:00 Spanish Mass will be changed to 2:00. These two time changes will allow more time between the 8:30 Mass and 11:00 Mass for religious education of children, which occurs at the school every Sunday morning from September through April. Therefore, beginning Sunday, September 20th, the time for Sunday morning Religious Education will be 9:45 – 10:45. The reasoning behind this is that in recent years, the starting time for religious education was at 9:15. However, the 8:30 Mass really does not let out until approximately 9:25. Consequently, students from that Mass would arrive late for R.E., leaving the teachers only 30 minutes or so before they had to wrap up at 10:15. This adjustment in times of Masses and R.E. will allow a full hour for the teachers to cover adequately the material for which they are responsible. Before making this decision, I consulted with the 10:30 and 1:00 Mass choirs, parish staff, and the pastoral council. The request for this change originated with the staff, but I fully support this change as it will relieve some of the pressure on our teachers of Religious Ed. September 20th was chosen for the beginning of these changes because that is when R.E. will begin.

St. John Café, which also occurs on Sunday mornings, will be from 9:30 – 10:45, a little more time than what we had last year, so these time changes are helpful for that as well. St. John Café will resume next Sunday, August 30th. For those of you who have not yet attended the Sunday morning Café, the format is coffee and fellowship for the first 20 minutes, followed by a discussion on a topic of the Catholic faith. You introduce the topic of your choice, and then those who wish contribute to a lively and interesting conversation regarding a faith topic. Toward the end of the discussion, the priest sums up the conversation and provides clarification if needed. Please consider a visit to the Café some Sunday morning! See the bulletin for more details.

On Monday, St. John School begins another year of educating our young people. There has been a lot of energy and enthusiasm at the school this past week as the teachers prepared their classrooms for the arrival of the students. Our principal, Mrs. Newton, has been very excited and looking forward to another school year. I also have enjoyed watching everything come together for another academic year. We expect a year filled with blessings at St. John School!

- Fr. Jeff

## WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

September 22-25 is the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, PA. This is an international event held in a different country every 3 years. Unlike World Youth Day, which has a focus on young people, the World Meeting of Families is a four day conference that will focus on issues concerning marriage and families in today's world and will discuss how families are an integral part of society and the church.

This year the United States is honored to be the host for this important event. The conference will be Tuesday through Friday. The Papal visits will occur on Saturday and Sunday when Pope Francis will make two appearances including a large outdoor Mass in downtown Philadelphia on Sunday.

As representatives of Saint John Church, John and Shannon Rasmussen will be attending this conference with their three daughters. They ask you to pray for them and with them for this important event. Pray for safe travels for everyone involved and for a successful event during the whole week. Also please pray for families and for marriages in the United States and around the world that are struggling in so many ways.

During the next several weeks, in preparation for this event, this section of the bulletin will offer a reflection. It is hoped that this reflection will help all from our parish pray for the success of this event and for a strengthening of marriage and families in today's world. These reflections are taken from the booklet put together specifically for this event titled: "**Love is Our Mission- The Family Fully Alive.**" © 2014 (free download at [www.saint-johns.net](http://www.saint-johns.net))

**1:2** As Pope Francis has recently said of married life, "Promising love for ever is possible when we perceive a plan bigger than our own ideas and undertakings, a plan which sustains us and enables us to surrender our future entirely to the one we love." But we live in a time of deep worldly skepticism about any "bigger plan" of higher meaning to human experience. For many people, the human person is little more than an accident of evolution; carbon atoms with an attitude. In other words, for many people, we have no higher purpose than whatever meaning we create for ourselves.

**1:14** To speak of men and women as the "image of God" means that we cannot speak of humanity without reference to God. If the nature of God is to be a Trinity of communion – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – and if we are made in that image, then our nature is to be interdependent. To be a person, we need communion. Being a person in the image and likeness of God thus also involves existing in a relationship, in relation to the other 'I.'" To be ourselves, we need each other, and we need God. We need somebody to love, and someone to love us. To be who we are created to be, we must give ourselves to our neighbors. "Being a person... can only be achieved 'through a sincere gift of self.'" The model for this interpretation of the person is God himself as Trinity, as a communion of persons. To say that man is created in the image and likeness of God means that man is called to exist "for" others, to become a gift." To save our lives, we must lose them to God. (Mt 10:39, 16:25)

## SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGES

Beginning the weekend of September 20, the new Sunday Mass schedule will be:

**7:00 a.m.**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**2:00 p.m. (Spanish)**  
**5:00 p.m.**

## FR. MIKE'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**Come celebrate 50 years of priesthood for Father Mike!**

Mark your calendars now for **Friday, October 16th**, starting with a Mass at St. John at 5:00 p.m., followed by a reception starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center.

Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

**More details to come!**

## THE BOOK OF REVELATION: A CLASS WITH FR. BARNABAS

**Next Class: Tuesday, September 1, 7:00-8:15 p.m.**

(Encore Session Thursday, September 3, 1:30-2:45 p.m.)

Fr. Barnabas will continue teaching his course on the Book of Revelation on Tuesdays during the fall (with encore sessions on Thursdays) **in the church basement.**



This class is open to anybody interested in learning more about the Book of Revelation and its role in our Catholic Faith.

The class will use the book *Coming Soon* by Michael Barber. Please register for the class by contacting Veronica Hamer in the office at (785) 843-0109.

## UPCOMING COURSE DATES:

Mark your calendar!

**Tuesdays: 7:00-8:15 p.m. in the church basement**

**Thursdays: 1:30-2:45 p.m. in the church basement.**

Tuesday, September 1	Thursday, September 3
Tuesday, September 8	Thursday, September 10
Tuesday, September 22	Thursday, September 24
Tuesday, October 13	Thursday, October 15
Tuesday, October 27	Thursday, October 29
Tuesday, November 10	Thursday, November 12
Tuesday, November 24	(Thanksgiving, no Thurs. class)
Tuesday, December 8	Thursday, December 10

## MUG DESIGN CONTEST

The St. John Oktoberfest mug design contest is back! So get out your pens and pencils (or computer graphics software) and get creative!

This year's winner will receive two free mugs featuring your design (each filled with one beverage of your choice), Oktoberfest dinner for two with a reserved table, and premium parking!

The design must use no more than three colors. The submission deadline is **August 27, 2015**, and entries can be emailed to:

[denshobe@yahoo.com](mailto:denshobe@yahoo.com)

### OKTOBERFEST 2015

Saturday, Sept. 26, 4:00—10:00 p.m.,

Polka Mass at 4:30 p.m.



## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Want to learn the secret to living your marriage sacrament freely, totally, faithfully and fruitfully? Come learn Natural Family Planning—it's highly effective and can do wonders for your relationship.

To learn more visit [www.live-the-love.org](http://www.live-the-love.org) or call John and Shannon Rasmussen at **(785)749-1015**.

### Top 10 ways to be involved in Natural Family Planning:

- 1) Take a class to learn how Natural Family Planning works. The next class at St. John's begins in October.
- 2) Write notes of encouragement to those who are just learning Natural Family Planning.
- 3) Provide snacks during a class for the student couples. One of the NFP classes is taught about once a month at St. John's.
- 4) Participate in a prayer watch-- different families take a different day of the week to pray for those teaching and learning NFP and for our society as well. The "watch" is passed from family to family with a weekly phone call.
- 5) Help stock the NFP brochures in area churches.
- 6) Consider babysitting for the NFP teachers.
- 7) Pray for all engaged couples and married couples that each may come to know and understand God's design for marriage.
- 8) Contribute financially.
- 9) Take an NFP brochure to a friend, coworker, cousin, your spouse, etc. A personal invitation to take the course is often the most effective way to share this information with others.
- 10) Pray for all teaching couples-- those who teach NFP-- that all may be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to bring the knowledge of Natural Family Planning to many other couples with enthusiasm and truth.

## JUSTICE MATTERS

**A network of 21 faith groups working for justice in Lawrence.**

Members of St. John Parish are invited to participate in the work of **Justice Matters**. If there is anyone in the parish who has not yet been identified as being interested please contact Pat Lechtenberg at [plek10berg@aol.com](mailto:plek10berg@aol.com) or call **(785) 842-1992**.

The first St. John team meeting will be Tuesday, August 25, at 6:30 pm. The training for hosts of house conversations will be Thursday, September 17, at 6:30 pm. House conversations will be held during the month of October. All network members will gather at the Community Problems Assembly on November 16 to set priorities for this year.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED

### Needed: Adults to Share Their Faith

This fall we need an assistant for the preschool class, an assistant in the third grade class, and substitutes for our Traditional Religious Education program. It's not too early to be thinking about serving St. John parish in this way. Classes meet, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Sundays during the school year. Classes will begin Sunday, September 20. If you or someone you know, would be interested in teaching and sharing the Catholic faith with children of our parish, please contact:

**Pat Newton**, [newton@saint-johns.net](mailto:newton@saint-johns.net) or (785) 843-9511

**Lois Mersmann**, [lmersmann@saint-johns.net](mailto:lmersmann@saint-johns.net) or (785) 843-0109

All teachers need to be Virtus trained. The next Virtus session at St. John will be Wednesday, September 16, at 6:30 p.m. Register for the session online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

## VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION

Virtus, the awareness session of the Archdiocese's child abuse program Protecting God's Children, is required training for all adults who work with the children/youth of our parish. Who should attend this training session? All parents, grandparents, anyone who plans to assist/teach in any of the parish Religious Education programs and parents who want to volunteer in the school or with school activities. The material presented is good information for all parishioners.

The next Virtus session hosted at St. John Church will be held, in the church basement, **Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 6:30 to approximately 9:30 p.m.** To register for this session, please visit the Virtus website:

[www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)

Select "registration" on the left hand side of the page and follow the prompts. If you have any questions or need assistance with registration, please contact Lois at [lmersmann@saint-johns.net](mailto:lmersmann@saint-johns.net) or (785) 843-0109.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

Religious Formation for children is an obligation of Catholic parents. St. John parish offers the following formation classes/sessions:

- Religion classes for children enrolled in St. John school.
- Traditional Religious Education classes (4 year olds – 5th grade) meet on Sunday mornings.
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd sessions (3 year olds – 6th grade) meet on various days and times.
- Youth Night for Middle School students meets on Wednesday evenings.
- Confirmation for 8th grade students meets on Sunday afternoons.

Enrollment for all Religious Education classes (Traditional R.E., Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Middle School Youth Night and Confirmation) will take place, in the church basement, after all weekend Masses **August 22 and 23.**

If your child is new to the Religious Education program, please bring a copy of his/her baptismal certificate to enrollment. Questions – contact Lois at (785) 843-0109 or [lmersmann@saint-johns.net](mailto:lmersmann@saint-johns.net).

## CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS

We will begin having the children and youth of the parish bring their offering to the altar during each Mass. Envelopes will be available in the back of the church beginning the last weekend of August for you to take home.

These envelopes include a space children can write the "good deeds" they offered during the week in gratitude as well! Children can also simply bring their offering and place in the basket on the altar when the priest prompts them.

Thank you for encouraging your children to become stewards of their prayer, generosity and service to others.

## PROJECT GABRIEL

The archdiocese of KCK is part of the national Gabriel Project, a group ministering to moms-in-need.

If you would like to learn more about how you can help with Gabriel Project, please contact Maureen Murray:

[jubilate2000@gmail.com](mailto:jubilate2000@gmail.com) or (785) 550-1960

## Wake up to a deeper understanding of your faith: ST. JOHN CAFÉ

Please join us for St. John Café, returning Sunday, August 30, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The weekends of August 30 and September 13, St. John Café will be in the old convent located at 1204 Kentucky Street. St. John Café is an opportunity to have time in fellowship with your fellow parishioners in a relaxed environment with good coffee, pastries, and engaging conversation on the Catholic faith moderated by one of the parish priests. You can ask all those burning questions!

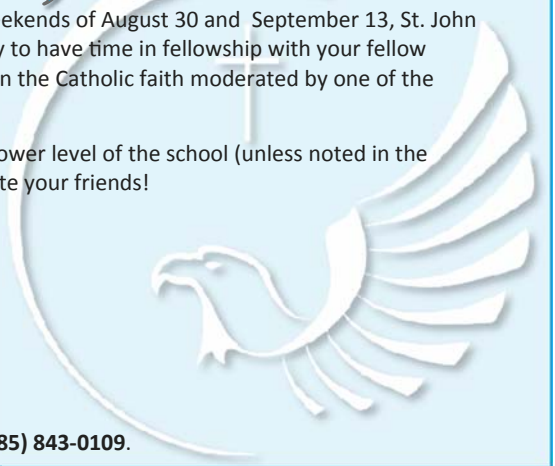
St. John Café is every Sunday from 9:30 until 10:15 a.m. in the St. Bosco Room, located in the lower level of the school (unless noted in the bulletin or weekly email). You can drop in any time and all are welcome (bring your kids)! Invite your friends!

**Do I have to come every session?** Although we would love for you to do so...  
No, you can come and go as it is convenient for your life.  
Each session is something new!

**Who should go?** All are welcome (including small children)!

**What is the format?** **First 15 minutes:** Fellowship, coffee, and pastries  
**After That:** Q&A about the topic of your choice or designated topic

If you have any questions please contact Samantha Romero at [sromero@saint-johns.net](mailto:sromero@saint-johns.net) or (785) 843-0109.



## St. John the Evangelist ROCK

## Fall 2015 Schedule



*Calling all middle school students, grades 6, 7, and 8! Come hang out on Wednesday afternoons at St. John! Come as early as 4:30pm to eat cookies, play games, and hang with all your friends! Then, starting at 5pm, engage in a jam-packed hour of fun and craziness, sure to strengthen your friendships and enrich your faith! See you there!*

### September 9: Idol Chef

5-6pm St. Bosco

Come and experience the culinary talents of your fellow peers as we dance, sing, and COOK our way through our opening night of the ROCK!

### September 23: "Birthday Party!"

5-6pm St. Bosco

Not your birthday? We don't care! Come and hang out with your fellow middle schoolers and celebrate your birthday with a piñata, birthday cake, and even do the LIMBO! See you there to celebrate!

### October 7: "The Golden Rule"

5-6pm St. Bosco

Every person is made in the image and likeness of God, and therefore deserves our utmost respect. During this night of the ROCK, we will be discussing the dangers and consequences of bullying as well as how to step in and help someone being bullied.

### October 28: "Holy-ween"

5-6pm St. Bosco

Bring your own pumpkin, and get excited to learn about the Christian origins of this now-very-secular holiday. There will be many saints available for you to meet, and we'll walk through "All Hallows Eve" and "All Saints Day" to get ready for the weekend ahead!

### November 4: "Rules, rules, RULES!"

5-6pm St. Bosco

If we don't follow the rules in the Bible, then the big bully God is going to smite you! Okay, not really. But still...why all the rules in our religion? Can't we just be spiritual and not religious? What is it about our faith that makes it really worth living?

### November 18:

#### "Ready or not, here HE comes!"

5-6pm St. Bosco

As the holidays are fast approaching, so is the BIRTH of Christ! He is coming whether or not we are ready for Him, but, in the spirit of Advent, how can we best prepare ourselves for His arrival?

**Wanna sign up? Check out [www.saint-johns.net/youth](http://www.saint-johns.net/youth) for registration information. Questions?**

**Contact Jen Conrad at 785-766-6189**



# HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: UPCOMING EVENTS!

## Discipleship Discernment Night.

This Sunday, August 23, from 6:30-8:30pm, St. Bosco Room, St. John School

Join the wave of discipleship that has begun in our youth program. Come to give your heart to Jesus and commit to bi-weekly formation meetings with eight other women, and have your life be changed. If you've been waiting to get involved in the youth program, then now is your chance to jump in!

## Small Groups Begin.

The week of August 30—September 5

Once you have experienced the discipleship discernment night, if you decide you are ready to join in our small group ministry, you will be placed with a leader and several of your peers into discipleship groups. These groups generally meet for two hours once every two weeks—you will help determine when and where your group meets, but it all starts with discipleship discernment night on August 23!

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Last week we celebrated the start of our Preserving our Past... Building our Future! Capital Campaign. Much has already been accomplished. We have recruited 51 campaign volunteers 23 of whom have signed on as campaign leaders. These leaders include our General Chairs Brian and Kim Green and Tony and Teresa Kempf. Joe and Nancy Jones are the campaign's Honorary Chairs.

With this capital campaign, we will raise \$3.3 million to expand parish offices, build a new gymnasium, provide additional meeting space and create a performing arts and event center for the parish and the school. Last weekend, you were mailed an information packet with a brochure outlining our project along with a letter from Fr. Jeff, requesting your support. Please take time to review these materials to learn how the campaign will benefit our community.

In the next few days, parish volunteers may be contacting you to discuss the campaign, answer your questions, and ask you to make a gift to this important effort. These parish volunteers are a tremendous resource. They are giving their time and talents to this effort, so please be kind and generous when they call!

## WOMEN'S SAINT PRAYER GROUP

Women's Saint reflection and prayer group will be meeting in the St. Bosco Room of Saint John School on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

All women are welcome--come when schedule permits. Questions, contact Debi Bradley (517) 474- 5076 or Beth Fox (785) 840-5561.

## Creation Is a Gift



"Creation is not a property, which we can rule over at will; or, even less, is the property of only a few: Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude."

—Pope Francis, to his Vatican Radio audience May 21, 2014

For more information about St. John's Earth Care Committee email: [kriskohnke@yahoo.com](mailto:kriskohnke@yahoo.com).

Today's world needs many witnesses. Not so much teachers, as witnesses. It's not about just talk. It's about talking through your actions. --Pope John Paul II and Benedict XVI and Pope Francis!

**COME EXPLORE**  
**ST. JOHN SCHOOL!**  
 VISIT ONLINE: [WWW.SAINT-JOHNS.NET/SCHOOL](http://WWW.SAINT-JOHNS.NET/SCHOOL)  
 CALL: (785) 843-9511 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO  
 SCHEDULE A TOUR FOR YOU AND YOUR STUDENT!

## RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

The second retreat forensic of St. John will be at the Capuchin retreat center in Victoria the weekend of September 18-20. Details will follow. Contact Mike Maude to reserve a place at [mmaude@develop-net.com](mailto:mmaude@develop-net.com) or (785) 554-8393.

If you would like to receive or cancel your subscription to *The Leaven*, the Catholic newspaper of the Archdiocese, please contact Becky Calvert: [bcalvert@archkck.org](mailto:bcalvert@archkck.org) or (913) 647-0380.

All parents/adults are invited and encouraged to attend this event on Sunday, August 23, in association with our St. John Youth Ministry program!

# St. John Youth Ministry Parent Programs

featuring  
**Gina Bauer**



## **Schedule:**

3-4pm - *Saving the World through the Family*

4-4:45pm - *Let's Talk about Sex: talking about chastity with your teen*

5pm - *Mass*

6:05pm - *Pizza before talk*

6:15pm - *Holy Eucharist: Powerhouse of Grace*

7:30pm - *Eucharistic Adoration*

**THIS WEEKEND: AUGUST 23, 2015  
ST. JOHN SCHOOL, ST. BOSCO ROOM  
OPEN TO ALL ADULTS!**

Gina Bauer is coming to St. John to share her experiences on parenting teens in the Catholic faith. Gina has been in youth ministry for over thirty years, loves Jesus, and enjoys helping others fall in love with Him. She has counted on God's grace to raise three children of her own in the Catholic faith. Her wisdom and experience will be presented with plenty of humor.

### ***Who is invited?***

Adults and parents with students of all ages.

No students at this event; adults only!

**Questions? Contact Jen at [conrad@saint-johns.net](mailto:conrad@saint-johns.net)**

## PRAYER LIST

The "Prayer List" includes the most recent information that the Simon Parish Center has about a parishioner and/or their family member. Contact the Simon Parish Center to request someone for the "Prayer List" and be sure to update the Parish Center monthly regarding their condition or the name will be removed.

**Frank Acinger**  
**Nicole Allensworth**  
**Larry Arnold**  
**David Bell**  
**Christine Bial**  
**Deacon Leo Bistak**  
**Bre Emery**  
**Donald Erker**  
**Marianne Fabac Means**  
**Scott Fox**  
**Logan Hemles**, nephew of Mick Schurer  
**Doug Hitt**, friend of Susan Tabor  
**Edna Holmes**, mother of Lois Mersmann  
**Janie Holt**  
**Pete Louis James**  
**Mary James**  
**Susan Jones**  
**Dan Menke**, son of Steve & Barb Menke  
**Mildred Middleton**  
**Richard Ramirez, Jr.**  
**Mark Salomon**  
**Michael Schurer**, son of Mick Schurer  
**Mary Kay Seidl**  
**Gerald Simon**  
**Larry Smith**  
**Delores Tharp**  
**Johnny Thatcher**, brother of Dee Jerome  
**Ruth Theising**

## MINISTERS: AUG. 29-30

### Lectors

**Saturday**  
 4:30pm ..... L1: A Sellet; L2: M D'Souza

**Sunday**  
 7am ..... L1: T Dowd Kelne; L2: M Delaney  
 8:30am ..... L1: D Carlin; L2: L Sheppard  
 10:30am ..... L1: L Leroux-Smith; L2: Charlie D  
 5pm ..... L1: M Williams; L2: B Walter

### Cantors

**Saturday**  
 4:30pm ..... K Beisner

**Sunday**  
 7am ..... M Steichen  
 8:30am ..... A Koster

### Eucharistic Ministers

**Saturday**  
 4:30pm ..... MA Roesner, L Seidl, D Weigel  
 ..... L Arnold, B Brill, D Depenbusch

**Sunday**  
 7am ..... B Osborne, L Wustefeld, B Harmon  
 8:30am ..... B Kessler, K Kohnke, K Ostrander  
 ..... Y Ruder, L Scott, M Springer, M Steichen  
 10:30am D Shobe, P Smith, S Stewart, T Towle  
 ..... D Thimmesch, L Tiffany, N Allensworth  
 5pm ..... S Murray, D Schmidt, J&L Weeks  
 ..... D Wulf-Walter, N Albrecht

### Altar Servers

**Saturday**  
 4:30pm ..... B Thomas, D Turner

**Sunday**  
 7am ..... Volunteers  
 8:30am ..... T Kempf, T Kempf  
 10:30am ..... H Hummel, M Green  
 5pm ..... B Diers, K Oneslager

## MASSES: AUGUST 24-30

**Monday**  
 7:30am ..... Jackie Monroe & Family

**Tuesday**  
 7:30am ..... Christians Facing Persecution

**Wednesday**  
 7:30am ..... Eugene C. Riling†

**Thursday**  
 7:30am ..... Don Diekert†

**Friday**  
 7:30am ..... For Peace

**Saturday**  
 8am ..... For the Intentions of Pope Francis  
 4:30pm ..... Jim Hanet†

**Sunday**  
 7:00am ..... For St. John Parish  
 8:30am ..... Don Diekert†  
 10:30am ..... For All Students  
 1:00pm (Spanish) ..... Eleno Cano†  
 5:00pm ..... Grace Sgueglia

## WEEKLY GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2015  
 through June 30, 2016

Information below  
 reflects donations received  
 July 1, 2015 through August 16, 2015.

Budgeted weekly amount ..... \$30,692.31  
 Average weekly amount ..... **\$27,366.12**

Budgeted YTD ..... \$214,846.17  
 Actual YTD ..... **\$191,562.79**

Net Shortage ..... **\$23,283.38**

## RESERVING SPACE

Parishioners, if you would like to reserve a location on the St. John Church for an event or meeting, you must contact Ellen Sickinger:

(785) 843-0109 [esickinger@saint-johns.net](mailto:esickinger@saint-johns.net)

To inquire about space in St. John School, contact Linda Alexander:

(785) 843-9511 [alexander@saint-johns.net](mailto:alexander@saint-johns.net)

## MEALS FOR THE FRIARS

The Capuchins are looking for volunteers who can cook meals for the six friars in Lawrence. If interested, please contact Veronica Hamer at (785) 843-0109. Meals needed for Wednesdays in September!

Bring meals to the Simon Parish Center at St. John by 4:00pm. Fr. Jeff will take the dinner home to the friary.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be Thursday, September 10. Social and dinner, provided by the Knights, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Location is St. Bosco Room within the St. John School. Our council meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

**Anybody interested in becoming a Knight should contact Grand Knight Kevin Oneslager at (785) 840-9406.**

On the first Friday of each month, the Knights host a rosary in St. John Church at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend!





# CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH AT ST. JOHN CHURCH

**This is your invitation!**

Mark which retreat you want to attend:  Men's Retreat (Aug. 29-30, 2015)  Women's Retreat (Sept. 12-13, 2015)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname (for name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered member of St. John? (*circle one*) No Yes

Do you have food allergies or special dietary needs? (*circle one*) No Yes, they are: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require any other special accommodations? (*circle one*) No Yes, they are: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact #1 Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact #2 Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions or Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Return form to the collection plate or mail/return to parish office: **St. John Church, 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044.**

First come, first serve. Only 25 spaces available, so register soon!

Please contact Cris Denning with any questions: [cdenning@saint-johns.net](mailto:cdenning@saint-johns.net), (785) 843-0109.

## For Office Use Only:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ # for desired retreat \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmed Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Confirm Letter \_\_\_\_\_

### Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is CRHP? "Christ Renews His Parish" is a spiritual renewal process which calls together the members of the parish – priests, religious, laity – to experience personal conversion and Christian community in the environment of their own parish. It is completely oriented to the parish in order to give both the individual and the parish an opportunity for renewal and growth in the spiritual life. It is led by a team of parishioners properly formed in prayer and love and instructed in the content of the total process. It was developed in 1969 and has been experienced by hundreds of parishes across the country.

2. What happens during the weekend? Most say, "You can't explain what happens; you have to experience it." This is your invitation to the experience. You will enjoy the 30-hour Christ Renews His Parish Weekend. This includes group activities and discussions, prayer and sacraments together, and reflections by fellow parishioners on such subjects as: Father's loving care for us, Renewal, Scripture, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Discipleship, and what Christian Life is all about.

3. Where and when is the retreat weekend? There are retreats for Men and retreats for Women on different weekends.

4. How long will it last? Begins 7:30am on Saturday and ends Sunday by 5pm.

5. Who may come? Anyone 19 years or older, Catholic, and who is a registered member of St. John Church is invited.

6. I'm doubtful. Who will invite me? This is your invitation. It is up to you to make up your own mind. You are not being pressured. Praying for guidance is important. If you feel that Christ, through the Holy Spirit is calling you, COME!

7. What about Confession? There is a Reconciliation Service that concludes with confession for those who desire it.

8. What about Mass? The Eucharistic Celebration is in the church, which is reserved for the participants of the weekend.

9. Where do people sleep? Sleeping accommodations are at St. John Catholic School. It is recommended that you bring a air mattress. Service is excellent, since you make your own bed and provide whatever linens, pillows, blankets, sleeping bags etc.

10. What about meals? Hot meals are served. The food is excellent and the portions ample.

11. What is the uniform of the day? Casual and comfortable clothes. Blue jeans and track suits are the usual. No extra "Sunday best" attire is expected.

12. Can I afford the price of the weekend? Suggested donation \$35.

13. I'd like to attend the weekend, but I have a health problem. Mention that you have a special need on this form. A person from the Retreat Team will contact you.

14. I can't get up and talk in front of people. Will I have to? You will not be asked to get up and talk.

15. I'm still not sure. How do I know if I need renewal? As Christians we are called to continually renew our faith and our relationship with Christ. As a parish we are called to continually renew our community, to experience "being church for others". Do not worry about your preconceived reluctance to participate. Come and see. What do you have to lose?

16. How do I register? Invitation Registration forms are available at the back of Church and in the Parish Office. Applications are accepted on a "first come, first served" basis.

## ROSARIO

Cada Lunes: 8:00 p.m.

Por nuestras necesidades y por las de quien amamos.  
Ven, te espero, cada lunes en la iglesia.



## PLATICAS PRE-BAUTISMALES

Platicas para bautizar son cada 1er Sábado del mes.

Hora: 6:00pm a 9:00pm, En la escuela parroquial. **No traer niños.**

## RECICLAGE

Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu parroquia, por un mundo más limpio, déjalas por favor por atrás de la oficina. Para María Mota.

## MUSICA—MUSICA—MUSICA

¿Te gusta cantar? ¿Tocas algún instrumento musical, o te gustaría aprender? Ven a practicar con nosotros, comunícate al (785) 218-1511.

## COMUNION PARA ENFERMOS

Enfermos en el hospital o en casa que necesiten recibir la comunión y no puedan asistir a la iglesia comunicarse con Lilly Romero al (785) 393-3224 o con Carlos Otero al (785) 331-5947.

## "SMALL WORLD" PROGRAMA

Atencion: Todas las mujeres que hablan español e intencionales quienes necesitan aprender ingles. Small World es un programa solo para mujeres. Desafortunadamente Small Word ya no tiene el programa para los niños.

La orientacion y las inscripciones para el semestre del Otonio, seran el martes 8 y el jueves 10 de Septiembre a las 9:00 am. Las clases son los martes y jueves de 9 a 11 am. En la iglesia "First Presbyterian Church" 2415 Clinton Parkway.

Si tiene preguntas puede llamar al telf. 785-841-3645 o visitar nuestra pagina web.

<http://smallworldlawrence.blogspot.com>

23 de agosto de 2015

## 21er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Durante nuestra vida tenemos una gran variedad de opciones, de entre las que debemos de escoger. Para comprar la comida, para asistir al colegio o la universidad, al escoger nuestra vocación, si decidimos casarnos o no. A la vez sabemos que al escoger la opción cerramos otras posibilidades. La realidad es que tenemos que escoger algo. Las consecuencias, por lo tanto, son responsabilidad de cada uno. En las lecturas de este domingo se habla sobre la necesidad de escoger. En cada una de ellas vemos que no se puede dejar la decisión para otro día, o para el momento más adecuado.

Recuerda algunos momentos en que has tenido que decidir. ¿Cómo te sentiste? ¿Qué decidiste? ¿Te ha traído consecuencias buenas esta decisión o estás arrepentido de ello? Hoy, Jesús termina su discurso del Pan de Vida, haciendo un llamado a sus discípulos a tomar su propia decisión o se quedan con él o se van. "¿También ustedes quieren dejarme?" Simón Pedro le respondió: 'Señor, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna; y nosotros creemos y sabemos que tú eres el Santo de Dios'" (Jn 6, 67-69). Vemos que muchos de sus seguidores se echaron para atrás y se alejaron de él. Jesús no trata de proteger a los Doce. Sino que les deja la libertad de elegir. Por eso su respuesta por medio de Pedro es contundente. La decisión va acompañada siempre de una renuncia de sí mismo. Tal como Jesús renuncio a sí mismo por nosotros. El Papa Francisco nos dice. "Salgamos, salgamos a ofrecer a todos la vida de Jesucristo" ("La Alegría del Evangelio", §49). ¿Lo haremos? ¡Tomemos la decisión por Jesucristo!

## RETIROS

### RETIRO DE QUINCEAÑERA

El curso de preparación para las jovencitas que planean celebrar su fiesta de quinceañera será el 29-30 de agosto en el Ministerio Hispano. Para registrar a su hija pida la forma de registración en la Parroquia a la que asiste a misa cada fin de Semana, confirmando primero la fecha para la misa. El Retiro tiene un costo de \$30.00 dólares por jovencita. Para mayor información comunicarse con Lety 913-281-6644.

## los miercoles 12-1pm

Be Moved Studio, 2 E. 7th street  
(por Mass St. sobre Liberty Hall)  
[bemovedstudio.com](http://bemovedstudio.com)  
\$10/clase o \$75/10 clases  
empieza 2 septiembre, 2015

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~Clare Gorres, consejadora espiritual, Maestrías en LAS y en Divinidad,  
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## Lecturas para la semana del 23 de agosto de 2015

**Domingo:** Jos 24, 1-2. 15-17. 18/Ef 5, 21-32 o 5, 2. 25-32/Jn 6, 60-69

**Lunes:** Ap 21, 9-14/Jn 1, 45-51

**Martes:** 1 Tes 2, 1-8/Mt 23, 23-26

**Miércoles:** 1 Tes 2, 9-13/Mt 23, 27-32

**Jueves:** 1 Tes 3, 7-13/Mt 24, 42-51

**Viernes:** 1 Tes 4, 1-8/Mt 25, 1-13

**Sábado:** 1 Tes 4, 9-11/Mc 6, 17-29

**Domingo siguiente:** Dt 4, 1-2. 6-8/  
Sant 1, 17-18. 21-22. 27/Mc 7, 1-8.  
14-15. 21-23