

DECEMBER 27, 2015  
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



ST JOHN  
THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

You hopefully received a copy of Matthew Kelly's book "Rediscovering Jesus" at one of the Christmas Masses. If you did not receive your copy, extra books are available in the parish office or the back of the church.

As a parish we will read this book throughout the coming year. Our plan is to read and meditate on a chapter of the book per week as a parish family. Look out for reflections in your email inbox and our Facebook page. These will be the reflections covered at the end of each chapter.

This will be a great way to grow as a community in the stewardship of prayer and rekindle our beautiful relationship with Jesus in 2016!



Rediscover  
Jesus

**NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES:**

Thursday, December 31: 6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1: 9:00 a.m.

# BREAD to Offer



## FAITH IN THE FAMILY

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.

Today's Feast of the Holy Family is a good time for us to reflect upon our on family context and how faith is the foundation of the Christian family. An observation often made about the Catholic Church is how much it emphasizes family. Indeed, no one can deny all of the teachings and other helps on faith and family that the Church provides. Even the sacramental life of the Church, including Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage each assume a family context in their rites and celebrations. Catholic schools have been a mainstay of Catholic parishes, especially in the United States since the 19th century.

There is a reason for the Church's emphasis on family. It is that the foundation of a person's faith life is best laid within the family context. A newborn child is baptized. Hopefully they then grow up in a faith environment where they learn to pray and to live the teachings of Jesus – to love God and to love their neighbor. Around the age of seven, the child is introduced to the Eucharist, where they encounter the Lord Jesus in his Body and Blood. The child also encounters the mercy of Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All of this takes place within the context of the family and the influence of a family's faith upon a child.

Reflecting on the Holy Family as presented in the Gospel, it is clear that although the child Jesus was God, he still had to grow up in his home at Nazareth. Joseph and Mary took Jesus to the Temple to have him dedicated to God. Jesus grew up in the context of the family and was formed in his Jewish religious heritage by his parents. Though found in the Temple after being inadvertently left behind in Jerusalem, the Gospel says that Jesus was debating with the teachers of the law and they were impressed by his wisdom and knowledge (Luke 2:47) - he was teaching the teachers! As a human being, Jesus was taught and formed in his religion. His parents were his first and perhaps most significant teachers. Jesus was formed in his religious customs and heritage within the context of the Holy Family: "He went with [his parents] and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them . . . And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age. . ." (Luke 2:51-52).

At the beginning of the fall semester, St. John Parish initiated a new method for confirmation preparation. A main feature of this method is that it brings the child's preparation into the context of the family home. The traditional model of religious education utilizes a teaching model whereby the student comes to St. John School during the week or to the Sunday morning religious education program and a teacher imparts doctrine and knowledge to the collective number of students in the classroom. This traditional method was used for most of us in our religious education and is a time-proven method for teaching the faith to our young people. What we have observed, however is that, while the student does indeed receive knowledge about the faith, for many of them, their religion education experience becomes somewhat disconnected with their daily lives - the child's knowledge of the faith does not always translate into the practical living out of daily life. That would not be true with every child, but it is true with many. This is not because the religious ed. teachers are not effective or that the religious ed. material is lacking in substance. The weak link between faith knowledge and actual faith formation is due to the method itself: a structure in which the child is presented with information and then (in the case of Sunday morning religious ed.), they leave for a week and may not interact with their parents about what they have learned.

The method we are employing this year addresses that weak link between faith knowledge and faith formation. It does this by bringing confirmation preparation into the context of faith formation to the family and home. The idea behind this method is that a child's faith formation is much more effective in the home within the context of family because that is where all of their other human formation takes place. Children live at home, they eat and sleep at home, they have positive and negative experiences at home, they learn about human relationships at home. Hopefully the family also prays together, has religious discussions together, has family fellowship at a meal together, and goes to Sunday worship together. Thus, the home provides the best environment for a child's faith development. The parents' involvement in a child's faith development is especially essential. Parental support of a child's faith formation is the best way to ensure a child's formation, understanding, and practice of the faith. The latest research, both Protestant and Catholic, bears that out. Within the last decade, many programs on Catholic family faith formation have been created, which also attests to families' realization of the significance of faith development and formation in the home. And, at our last priests' regional meeting with Archbishop Naumann, he shared with us that part of his ten-year pastoral plan is to explore ways in which the family can be more actively involved in the faith formation of children. This is the direction the Church is going, and it is beginning to evolve quickly as more dioceses and parishes promote and encourage parental involvement in family faith formation programs. Parents' participating in the faith development of their child is a great way to emulate the Holy Family and thereby themselves, becoming a holy family.

- Fr. Jeff

## ONE THING REMAINS

Wednesday, December 30, 6:30 p.m.

The 4th Annual One Thing Remains youth & family event is coming up December 30 at Blessed Sacrament Church, 2203 Parallel Ave, Kansas City, KS. This year's performer is Fr. Pontifex who uses spoken word, rap, and music to share the Gospel.

The event starts at 6:30 p.m. with music and adoration with Archbishop Joseph Naumann in Blessed Sacrament Church. A post-adoration celebration with music, art, and food will conclude the night in the ReachKCK Youth Space across the parking lot! Don't miss this Archdiocesan-wide event!

## MARRIAGE MINUTE

Feast of Holy Family

In this week's Gospel, we are brought into that curious scene of Jesus being lost in the Temple. In reality, Jesus is God; therefore, he cannot be lost. However, he was lost to Mary and Joseph from their perspective.

If Mary and Joseph can lose Jesus, should we be surprised if we find ourselves searching for God's presence in our marriage? Even the most sincerely seeking married couple can lose the sense of God at times, but we should be filled with hope and trust that if we seek to rediscover Christ as Mary and Joseph did, that we will find him again.

Our mission as married couples is revealed through this passage. First, we should seek to never lose sight of Christ. Second, we should ardently search for him if we do lose him. Third, in the same way Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus as soon as they realized he was absent from the community, we can urgently seek after those who may be absent from our local Church community. In this upcoming year of mercy, consider inviting someone who has fallen away from the community to return to the journey!

## ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

Thank you for generous support of St. John through the online giving program. There are some steps you will need to take in order to update your information in Online Giving for the coming pledge year. Each year these steps can be taken if changes need to be made in the amount/date that is withdrawn. **Steps to take:**

1. Login to your ACCOUNT. You can find the Online Giving link on the St. John website: [www.saint-johns.net](http://www.saint-johns.net).  
(If you need to find out your username or password check your junk mail when they send the email with that information)
2. Click on "My Active Online Giving"-This gives a list of all your active giving. Take a note of the gift type that you have clicked. (Pledge or Recurring)
  - A. If the "Gift type is Pledge"-Payments will end when that pledge amount is reached. You will need to go in and change that to a recurring gift. You can do that by clicking on "Give a New Gift" and enter as a recurring gift.
  - B. If the "Gift type is Recurring"-Payments will continue until you tell them to stop. If you wish to change the amount or the date which the payment is withdrawn you will do this from the "My Active Online Giving" screen (at the end of the line there is a little pencil, click on the pencil to change amount or date).

Thank you for your help! If you have any questions, please contact Cris Denning or Samantha Romero at (785) 843-0109.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Come receive the sacrament of reconciliation in the Padre Pio chapel during any of the following times:

Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Or by appointment - Call (785) 843-0109 to schedule one, or email:

[frjeff@saint-johns.net](mailto:frjeff@saint-johns.net) or [frbarnabas@saint-johns.net](mailto:frbarnabas@saint-johns.net)

## THE HOMILIES OF FR. EARL MEYER

Year C, the third and final installment of Fr. Earl's collection of homilies, is available now in the parish office for \$10. Pick yours up today, as they will go quickly!

Copies are also available electronically at Amazon, and you can benefit St. John Catholic School by going to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and designating it as your organization for all of your online purchases!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be Thursday, January 14. Social and dinner, provided by the Knights, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Location is the basement of St. John Church. 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!

## NEW YEAR OFFICE HOURS

The Simon Parish Center will observe the following hours:

**December 28-30:** 8:30-noon

**Dec 31-Jan 1:** Closed

**January 4:** Normal hours resume

Announcements for Mass on January 3 must be sent into the parish office by Tuesday, December 29. Send email to [vhamer@saint-johns.net](mailto:vhamer@saint-johns.net) or call Veronica at (785) 843-0109. St. John Café will return January 10.

## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR WORKS OF MERCY?

Two Sundays ago the Archbishop challenged each of us to memorize the corporal and spiritual works of mercy as a way to more fully enter into the Jubilee of Mercy that Pope Francis has declared for this year.

Below are the 14 works of mercy, both spiritual and corporal, mixed together randomly. Can you determine which seven belong to the corporal works and which seven belong to the spiritual works?

Answers are on the next page (no peeking!).

forgive offenses

give drink to the thirsty

bury the dead

shelter the homeless

clothe the naked

admonish sinners

bear wrongs patiently

feed the hungry

visit the imprisoned

visit the sick

pray for the living and the dead

instruct the ignorant

counsel the doubtful

comfort the afflicted

## Discipleship Groups

Meet the weeks of:

January 10  
January 31  
February 14  
February 28  
March 6  
March 20  
April 3  
April 17  
May 1  
May 15

Various locations and times;  
contact Jen to get plugged into a  
small group today!

### Destination Unknown

March 16, 7:30am-4pm

Northwest? South? East? Southeast?  
15 miles? 30 miles? 50 miles? Where  
will the Holy Spirit take us? We will  
draw a direction and a mileage  
amount from a paper bag, plot out  
the nearest city, and hop in our cars  
to go and serve!

### Parish Potluck & Senior Gifts

April 24, 6-7:30pm  
St. John Church Basement

Check out the awesome  
events planned this spring!  
There is something for  
everyone!

Questions? Email Jen Meitl-Conrad at  
conrad@saint-johns.net. Or check out  
[www.saint-johns.net/youth](http://www.saint-johns.net/youth).

## Spring 2016 Save the Dates

### New Year, New You!

January 3, 6:30-8:30pm, St. Bosco, SJ School

### Benedictine Underground

January 16, Leave @ 4:30pm, Return at 11pm

### Bible Study and Reservoir

February 3, 6:15-8pm, St. John Church

### Trivia Party!

February 21, 6:30-8:30pm, St. Bosco, SJ School

### Bible Study and Reservoir and Confessions

March 2, 6:15-8:30pm, St. John Church

### Benedictine Underground

March 19, Leave @ 4:30pm, Return at 11pm

### Love and Marriage

March 27, 6:30-8:30pm, St. Bosco, SJ School

### Bible Study and Reservoir

April 6, 6:15-8pm, St. John Church

### Benedictine Underground

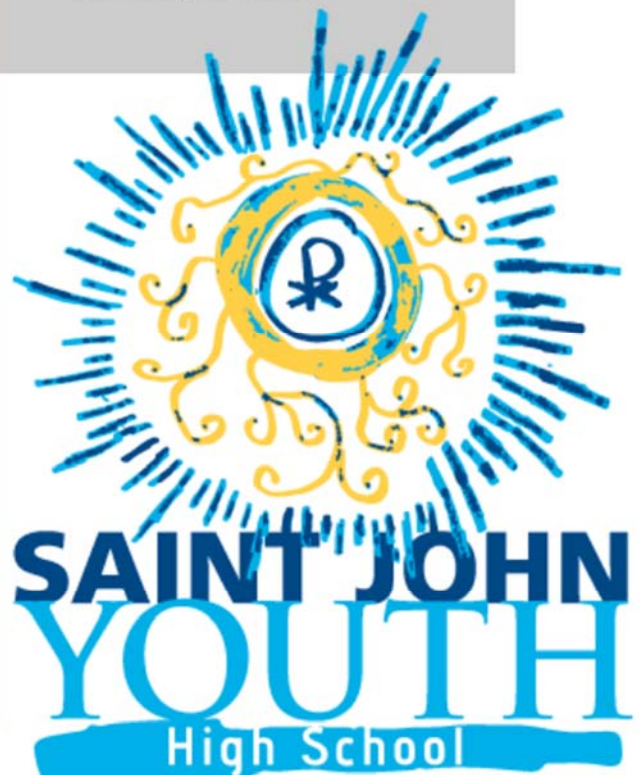
April 16, Leave @ 4:30pm, Return at 11pm

### Philosophical

#### Discussions with Tim

Come and join us from 7-8:30pm as we enter into Lent by asking the deep questions of our faith. Led by Tim Chaptman with degrees in philosophy and religious studies, these sessions are sure to get you thinking about the big questions of life.

- February 18, February 25,  
March 3, March 10



## 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.

**Matthew Arellano**

**Abel Ayala**

**Remi Brown**

**Donald Erker**

**Gene Hieman**

**Bob Holek**

**Tim Maniez**

**Marianne Fabac Means**

**Pam Hadl**

**Mary Helt**

**Logan Hemles**, nephew of Mick Schurer

**Jenny Hernandez**

**John Hite**

**Bob Holek**

**Nancy Hubble**, wife of Tom Kellogg

**Pete James**

**Susan Jones**

**Dan Menke**, son of Steve & Barb Menke

**Julie Patterson**, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter

**Ernie Potts**

**Dorothy Purdy**

**Marlene Richard**

**Mark Salmans**

**Ethan Schuh**, son of Jason & Cassie Schuh

**Mary Kay Seidl**

**Ruth Theising**

## MINISTERS: JANUARY 2-3

### Lectors

#### Saturday

4:30pm .....L1: A Sellet; L2: P Graves

#### Sunday

7am ..... L1: T Dowd Kelne; L2: C Zebas

8:30am ..... L1: F Ines; L2: L Sheppard

11:00am .....L1: C Ehrlich; L2: J O'Brien

5pm ..... L1: T Edgecomb; L2: C Dominguez

### Cantors

#### Saturday

4:30pm ..... K Steinbacher

#### Sunday

7am ..... M Steichen

8:30am ..... K Gibb

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday

4:30pm .....B Johnson, J Koster, J McGraw

..... L Reimond, MA Roesner, L Seidl

#### Sunday

7am ..... J & S Grzymala-Busse, M Heath

8:30am .....S Jahn, C Johnson, T Kempf

.....B Kessler, K Kohnke

..... K Ostrander, Y Ruder

11:00am .....B Baska, B Bermudez, C Bial

.....D Bradley, A Brill, B DeWitt

.....C Buchhesiter

5pm ..... D Wulf-Walter, N Albrecht, L Brey

..... S File, N Jones, M LeGresley

### Altar Servers

#### Saturday

4:30pm ..... J Krones, B Thomas

#### Sunday

7am ..... Volunteers

8:30am ..... C Peltier, A Augustine, A Augustine

11:00am ..... F Kramer, B Babbit, B Wilkerson

5pm .....B Diers, K Oneslager

## MASSSES: DEC. 28—JAN. 3

### Monday

7:30am..... Sally Rowell†

### Tuesday

7:30am..... Joan & Larry Brake†

### Wednesday

7:30am..... Stephen & Nicholas Peter†

### Thursday

7:30am.....Melania Thomas †

6:00pm ..... Alfred Seiwald†

### Friday

9:00am..... Carlos Jose Gomes Fries†

### Saturday

9:00am.....David Butell†

4:30pm ..... Lorraine Hamert†

### Sunday

7:00am.....Nancy Krische†

8:30am..... Mary Callicott†

11:00am..... Benedict Lee Family

2:00pm (Spanish) ..... St. John Parish

5:00pm ..... Lorraine Hamert†

## WEEKLY GIVING

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

Information below  
reflects donations received

July 1, 2015 through December 13, 2015.

Budgeted weekly amount ..... \$30,692.31

Average weekly amount..... **\$26,676.43**

Budgeted YTD..... \$705,923.13

Actual YTD ..... **\$613,557.89**

Net Shortage ..... **\$92,365.24**

## VIRTUS TRAINING

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, coach any of the CYO sports 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, Thursday, January 28, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. 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 [Imersmann@saint-johns.net](mailto:Imersmann@saint-johns.net) or 843-0109.

## CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

The Corporal Works of Mercy are these kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs.

**feed the hungry**      **give drink to the thirsty**

**clothe the naked**      **shelter the homeless**

**visit the sick**      **visit the imprisoned**

**bury the dead**

## SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion, as listed below, by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs.

**counsel the doubtful**      **instruct the ignorant**

**admonish sinners**      **comfort the afflicted**

**forgive offenses**      **bear wrongs patiently**

**pray for the living and the dead**

## UNA COSA PERMANECE

El 4o anual evento juvenil/familiar "One Thing Remains" está llegando el 30 de diciembre en el Santísimo Sacramento. Este año nuestro ejecutante es el Padre Pontifex que utiliza la palabra hablada, rap y música para compartir el Evangelio. A las 6:30pm la música y la adoración con el Arzobispo Joseph Naumann comienzan en la Iglesia del Santísimo Sacramento.

¡Una celebración posterior a la adoración con música, arte, comida y concluirá la noche en el Espacio Joven de ReachKCK a través del estacionamiento! ¡No te pierdas este evento de la Arquidiócesis en todo! La dirección: 2203 Parallel Ave., Kansas City, KS.

## PRÓXIMO RETIRO DE 15ERA

Enero 9-10, 2016 en el Ministerio Hispano. Por favor pagar los \$30 una semana antes del retiro.

## PRÓXIMO RETIRO DE CONVALIDACIÓN

Marzo 5-6, 2016 en el Ministerio Hispano. Por favor registrar las parejas con la forma apropiada en español y pagar los \$60 una semana antes del retiro.

## PRÓXIMO CONSEJO HISPANO

Enero 23, 2016 a las 9:00am en el Ministerio Hispano. Por favor manden a dos representantes por Parroquia Hispana y mándenlos un email con sus nombres, direcciones, número telefónico y email si tienen.

## RECICLAGE

Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parroquia, por un mundo mas limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota. Gracias.

## MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA

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

## CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO

A las 8 de la noche rezamos el Santo Rosario, para pedir por nuestras necesidades y por los que amamos; también si alguno de sus parientes fallece podemos hacer el novenario, nos vemos los lunes en LA CAPILLA DEL PADRE PIO, frente a las veladoras.

## PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR

Cada primer sábado del mes de 6:00 a 9:00 de la noche, sin niños, llamar antes para anotar su asistencia.

RECICLAGE. Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parroquia, por un mundo mas limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota.



27 de diciembre de 2015

## La Sagrada Familia

Día de la Sagrada Familia, primer domingo del tiempo de la Navidad, motivo principal para que la comunidad de discípulos sea convocada para celebrar la Eucaristía. Conscientes de que el Hijo de Dios está presente entre nosotros. En estos días la liturgia repite frases bíblicas, cantos, temas de oración, meditación y contemplación. Hoy especialmente se nos propone dar un sentido especial a la Sagrada Familia no como algo lejano imposible de alcanzar, sino como modo de vida de la propia familia. ¿Qué es lo que más admiro de la Sagrada Familia? ¿Qué puedo imitar de ella y hacerlo realidad en mi familia?

Para contestar las preguntas existen elementos que debemos de tomar en cuenta: Celebramos con gozo nuestra fe en Jesucristo, Palabra de Dios encarnada. Dios se ha hecho hombre en una familia para conocer y vivir las alegrías y las esperanzas de cada familia en el mundo. La Navidad es paz, tranquilidad, amor y ternura de Dios. Por lo tanto cada uno de nosotros esperamos encontrar esos elementos en nuestras familias. Ése es nuestro reto ver la realidad de la familia y de cómo debe ser iluminada por la fe. Si valoramos a la familia donde hemos nacido, hagámoslo desde aquí. ¡Profesando la fe en familia! El Santo Papa Juan Pablo II en su homilía celebrada en Puebla, el 28 de enero de 1979 dijo. "Ustedes, familias que pueden disfrutar del bienestar, no se cierren dentro de su felicidad; ábranse a los otros para repartir lo que les sobra y a otros les falta". ¡Señor sé el centro de mi familia!

## La Sagrada Familia

¿Sabías que la devoción a la Sagrada Familia floreció en el Renacimiento? Los artistas de la época como Miguel Ángel, Rafael, El Greco y Rembrandt por mencionar algunos, pintaban a la Sagrada Familia haciendo su trabajo en su casa de Nazaret. Cuando esta fiesta fue instituida en el año de 1921, fue originalmente asignada en el tercer domingo después de la Navidad. Sin embargo ahora es observada en el primer domingo después de la Navidad, al menos que la Navidad misma sea en domingo. En este caso la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia se celebra el 30 de diciembre. Los Evangelios varían de acuerdo al año litúrgico que se está celebrando. En el caso de este domingo escucharemos como el Niño Jesús tiene su primera iniciativa entre los doctores de la ley.

Cada tres años escuchamos la historia de cómo el Niño Jesús se pierde en el templo. Y de cómo sus padres lo buscaron desesperadamente hasta encontrarlo. ¿Qué pasó por la mente de Jesús al pasar tres días solo en la Ciudad de David? San Lucas nos da una pista. Cuando sus padres lo encontraron María le dijo: "Hijo mío, ¿por qué te has portado así con nosotros? Tu padre y yo te hemos estado buscando, llenos de angustia". La respuesta de Jesús es la clave de esta fiesta de hoy. "¿Por qué me andaban buscando? ¿No sabían que debo preocuparme en las cosas de mi Padre?" Como familia debemos de ocuparnos de las cosas de Dios. Tal como: cuidar la creación, cuidar las relaciones en la familia, la sociedad y la comunidad a la que pertenecemos.