



ST. JOHN CAFÉ

Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m.

St. John Café is your chance to gather with fellow parishioners, have a fresh cup of coffee and some breakfast treats, and discuss with our priests the topics that matter to you most!

Sometimes the topics are set ahead of time, and sometimes you get to decide what will be discussed...so bring your questions about the Catholic Faith!

St. John Café meets every Sunday morning from 9:15—10:15 a.m. (with the actual discussion starting around 9:30) in the St. Bosco Room of St. John School.



Please be generous to the Archbishop's Call to Share (ACTS).

ACTS unites all 105 parishes of the Archdiocese so that together we can bring the love of Jesus to every corner of Northeast Kansas. Your contribution is one way to serve as Christ's disciple and to participate in the saving work begun by Jesus.

Our parish goal is \$83,979. Thank you for your generous gifts in support of the ministries of the Church in Northeast Kansas!



FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Monday, February 2nd

This Monday is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a celebration of the infant Jesus being presented to Simeon at the temple.

While this is not a Holy Day of Obligation, we encourage you to attend Mass to celebrate this feast if possible!

St. John will have the regularly scheduled daily Mass at 7:30 a.m. St. John School will celebrate Mass at 8:30 a.m. (instead of the regular Thursday Mass this week), which will begin with a candlelight procession into the church.

ST. JOHN CAFÉ

"The Hour To Awake"

ROMANS 13:4

FEBRUARY 1, 2015 • FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 1:00pm (Spanish Mass), 5:00pm. **Website:** www.saint-johns.net

Weekday Mass Schedule: Monday-Friday 7:30am; Saturday 8:00am. **Reconciliation:** Wednesday 11:00am-1:00pm, 7:00-8:00pm; Saturday 3:00-4:00pm.

BREAD to Offer



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.

You are all aware of our Eucharistic Adoration four days per week in the Padre Pio chapel. This devotion began here at St. John's approximately a year ago. In all, it has gone very well, with a slate of "adorers" filling in the various time slots. We haven't been able to transition into a 24-hour adoration chapel due to safety concerns and finding enough people to take an hour in adoration. Presently, the schedule includes Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 6:00 am – 10:00 pm.

A minor obstacle has presented itself regarding this devotion. There are occasions when a person might miss their hour, leaving the person before them to either stay for another hour or to remove the Blessed Sacrament from the monstrance and place it in the small tabernacle in the chapel. Our adorers who are not Eucharistic ministers do not want to handle the Blessed Sacrament, which is a cause for a little distress if they are not able to remain for a second hour. This has occurred frequently enough that it has required us to make some adjustment. After speaking with those who organize this devotion as well as with staff members, it seems that the best solution is to acquire an "exposition tabernacle." This would be an approved tabernacle that is dignified and substantial. It includes a glass or "luna" in the center of a locked door where the Blessed Sacrament would be placed permanently. At the beginning of Eucharistic adoration, a person can open a small door on the front of the tabernacle, exposing the Sacrament, without ever having to handle it. If a person doesn't show for his or her hour, the person before them can simply close this door. The next person could then open it again upon their arrival to the chapel. A very small version of this tabernacle would cost \$1,810, while a little bit larger one would cost \$6,225. Either of them would serve the purpose and would fit nicely in the Padre Pio chapel. Anything larger would be extremely costly and a little over-sized for that small space. If anyone would like to contribute toward this tabernacle, your donation would be most welcome.

I would like to thank Lou Musante whose dream it was for St. John Parish to have around the clock Eucharistic adoration. He has worked very hard for the past year to implement this devotion. He invited people to take an hour of adoration, compiled a list of times and names of adorers, he sends out regular email communications to them, and he endured the tough questions from Fr. Mike and me regarding the practicalities of implementing this devotion. Word has gotten out about our (almost) daily adoration, so that people from St. Lawrence Catholic Center and Corpus Christi have also visited our Padre Pio adoration chapel. A few months ago, Lou and his wife Lynda moved closer to Kansas City, but they are still involved here at St. John. (Lynda sings in the choir at the 5:00 Sunday evening Mass.) Since their move, Lou has recruited Brandon Volz to take over as the organizer of our parish Eucharistic devotion. I believe that our parish has benefitted much from this little power house of prayer in our midst. May the Lord continue to make this devotion fruitful!

- Fr. Jeff

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION GATHERING

Saint Pope John Paull II said of Perpetual Adoration, "The best the surest and the most effective way of establishing everlasting peace on the face of the earth are through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament."

If you would like to learn more about Perpetual Adoration here at St John, or perhaps finally understand what exactly is Perpetual Adoration, please join Brandon Volz for a gathering of fellowship and information on **Wednesday, February 4th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church basement. Refreshments to be served. Any questions regarding Perpetual Adoration can be sent to Brandon Volz:

mrbrandonvolz@gmail.com

UPCOMING CLASSES WITH FR. MIKE

Everybody is invited to attend these classes with Fr. Mike coming up this week at St. John:

The Franciscan Journey

Tuesday, February 3, Church Basement, 7:00 p.m.

Catholicism 101

Thursday, February 5, Church Basement 7:00 p.m.

Catholicism 101 classes will continue on February 19 (no class on the 12th), and then every following Thursday evening throughout Lent.

All are welcome!



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

St. John the Evangelist, a Catholic Capuchin Franciscan Parish, welcomes all who are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and proclaims His Gospel through prayer, worship, His Word, the sacraments, and each other.

Members, inspired by the Holy Spirit through faith formation and spiritual renewal, witness to the Gospel in lives of justice and charity, build up families and children through education, hospitality and fellowship, and serve those in need with compassion and commitment.

Simon Parish Center

Mailing Address 1229 Vermont
 Lawrence, KS 66044
 Phone (785) 843-0109
 Hours Mon-Thur: 8:30am-5pm
 Fri: 8:30am-4:30pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30pm
 Sunday 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 5pm

Weekend Spanish Mass

Sunday 1:00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 7:30am
 Saturday 8:00am

Vermont Towers Mass (1101 Vermont)

4th Thursday of the month 1:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 11:00am-1:00pm, 7:00-8:00pm
 Saturday 3pm-4pm and by appointment

Adoration Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday,
 6:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. in the Padre Pio Chapel.

Bulletin Deadline. Submit info by noon on Thursday to phaack@saint-johns.net ten days prior to the bulletin you wish info to appear. Please submit text electronically (via computer/email) as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.

Advertise in the Bulletin. Revenue from ads is what makes the bulletin possible at no cost to our parish. Please support your bulletin advertisers. For information on advertising, call **Lindsay Meyer:**

(913) 568-1570
 lmeyer@4LPI.com
www.SeekAndFind.com

Space for Church Ministries. Ministries are welcome to reserve rooms for meetings and events by completing a "Reservation Request Form."

Contact Ellen at the Simon Parish Center, 843.0109, esickinger@saint-johns.net.

Equipment. Coffeemakers, coolers, tables, chairs, etc. are not available for personal use.

Cemetery Plot at Mount Calvary. The cemetery is located at East 13th & Elmwood Street with a south entrance from Oak Hill Ave. For cemetery plot information call John Chavez, (785) 842-5602.

Knights of Columbus Hall Rental. Located at 2206 E. 23rd, the hall is available to rent. Two floors, holding 400 each. Call 842.2699.

Membership. We welcome you to our parish family, and hope you feel at home and among friends. To join, go to www.saint-johns.net, click "Opportunities" and print a "New Parishioner Information Form." Contact Veronica Hamer, 843.0109.

Mass Stipend. Schedule Masses in honor of occasions or people. Suggested donation is \$10. We also have Mass cards. Contact Veronica Hamer, Assistant Administrator, at 843.0109.

Becoming Catholic. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the Church's process to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. For some, this process completes their Christian initiation, as they were baptized in another Christian community, and seek full communion with the Catholic Church. Questions? Michael Podrebarac, 913.647.0330 liturgy@archkck.org.

Giving. Make a donation by placing gifts in the collection plate. Checks payable to "St. John Church." Members can pledge to the Annual Giving Appeal. Form at www.saint-johns.net, click "Opportunities" and go to "Give to St. John." Questions? Contact the Church Office by phone at (785) 843-0109.

Bricks. Buy a brick in the Walk of Faith Brick Garden. One line engraving \$100. Two lines \$125. Print an order form www.saint-johns.net, click "Opportunities" and then click "Marketplace." Questions? Contact the Church Office by phone at (785) 843-0109.

Planned Giving. Consider leaving a bequest to St. John in your Will. Contact the Church Office by phone at (785) 843-0109.

Virtus. To increase awareness about child abuse, Virtus is required for adults who interact with kids 18 years and under. www.virtus.org. Contact Lois Mersmann, 843.0109, lmersmann@saint-johns.net.

Religious Ed. Children 3 yrs of age – 8th grade are invited to RE class. Traditional RE class for 4 yr olds-5th grade meet in the school building on Sunday 9:15am-10:15am. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd class is for children 3–12 yrs old and meet various days and times in the houses located at 200 and 202 W. 13th St. 2nd graders prepare for First Reconciliation and First Communion. 6th, 7th and 8th grade Middle school students meet in the school gym for Youth Night on Wednesdays 7pm-8:30pm. 8th graders prepare for Confirmation. All classes meet Sept–May. See www.saint-johns.net, select "For Your Faith" and "Religious Education" for detailed info, forms or contact Lois Mersmann, lmersmann@saint-johns.net, 843-0109.

Baptism. Contact the Simon Parish Center to arrange for Baptism Preparation. No baptisms in Lent.

Anointing of the Sick. If you are having major surgery or are seriously ill and want to receive the grace and healing of the Anointing of the Sick, contact the Simon Parish Center. The hospital does not notify St. John when one is hospitalized.

Funerals. Contact the Simon Parish Center for funeral arrangements. Dinner provided. For cemetery plot information call John Chavez at (785) 842-5602.

Communion to Homebound. Those who cannot attend Mass due to illness or age and want to receive Communion

need to contact the Parish Center. Eucharistic Ministers can bring Communion to the hospitalized, homebound, and nursing home residents.

Confirmation. For 8th graders. Classes meet Wednesdays in the school 7pm-8:30pm. Jennifer Meitl Conrad or Lois Mersmann for info, 843.0109.

First Reconciliation/First Communion. Children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion are prepared in religion classes at St. John School, Sunday morning Traditional Religious Educations and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Marriage. Contact Ellen Sickinger at the Simon Parish Center to schedule a meeting with Fr. Mike or Fr. Jeff a minimum of 6 months prior to wedding date. No weddings in Lent or Advent.

Joining the Knights of Columbus. Our St. John Knights of Columbus Council 1372 invite all Catholic men to join. The Knights host parish breakfasts, chili feeds, etc. Membership \$28yr. Contact Duane Boor 865-6101, duaneboor1@msn.com.

Joining Daughters of Isabella. The Daughters of Isabella is a charitable organization of Catholic women founded on the principal of its motto: Unity, Friendship and Charity. Membership is open to all Catholic women, ages 16 and over. Contact Michelle Lowrance at 785-691-6091 if you have any questions.

Parish Staff

Pastor Fr. Jeff Ernst
 Associate Pastor Fr. Barnabas Eichor
 Pastor Emeritus Fr. Mike Scully
 Deacon Leo Bistak
 Business Manager Cris Denning
 Catecismo en español María Mota
 Choir/Music Lisa Roush
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 Assistant Administrator Veronica Hamer
 RCIA Michael Podrebarac
 Religious Ed, Director Pat Newton
 Religious Ed, Assistant Lois Mersmann
 Technology Karen Dixon
 Stewardship Coordinator Ellen Sickinger
 Youth Minister Jennifer Meitl Conrad
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St. John School Mrs. Pat Newton, Principal
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 (785) 843-9511
www.saint-johns.net/school

Catholic Charities Nickie Daneke
 1247 Kentucky St. (785) 856-2694

Rummage House 13th & Kentucky.
 Shop our second hand store of used items at discount prices. Shopping Hours:
 Wed. 11am-3pm Thurs. 1pm-4pm
 Sat. 8:30am-12:30pm

Centro Hispano Lydia Diebolt
 (785) 843-2039



For information about St. John Catholic School, contact Mrs. Pat Newton, Principal, (785) 843-9511 or newton@saint-johns.net.

St. John School serves students in preschool through eighth grade. Contact Mrs. Newton for enrollment information.

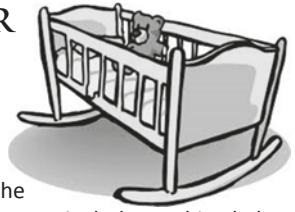
St. John is excited to offer a new opportunity for students that are homeschooled. We invite students in homeschools to join our school for a portion of the day or week. Partial enrollment is available for a maximum of two hours per day. Parents and students may enroll for one or several classes offered at St. John. One way to get acquainted with our school is to check out our website at:

www.saint-johns.net/school

If you would like to learn more, please contact Mrs. Newton, (785) 843-9511 or newton@saint-johns.net. We will schedule a time for you to visit the school and discuss options and opportunities.

PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER

SPONSORED BY
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Pro-life Baby Shower. If you would like to participate, please put baby related items in the crib which is located next to the elevator. Items can include anything baby related: diapers, wet wipes, clothes, blankets, formula etc.

If you want to donate cash, please make checks payable to "Pregnancy Care Center of Lawrence" and place the check in regular weekly collection basket. You will receive a receipt for tax purposes if you wish.

All items will be donated to help families who get assistance at the Pregnancy Care Center of Lawrence. The shower will run through the end of February. If you have any questions please contact John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015.

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 or fbarnabas@saint-johns.net

ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN!

Enrollment is Now Open for the 2015-2016 school year at St. John School.

The 2015-2016 enrollment form for grades preschool through 8th is available on the school website and in the school office.

Enrollment forms are due in to the school office no later than **Friday, February 27.**

www.saint-johns.net/school

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

Save the Date: February 7, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

St. John Volunteer Appreciation Reception

Please join the St. John parish and school staff as we thank all those who give of themselves in service to our parish and school. There will be a special blessing at the 430pm Saturday evening Mass followed by a reception (finger food and beer/wine) in the St. John school lower level. Please contact Samantha Romero or Ellen Sickinger for questions at (785) 843-0109.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRY GATHERING

To Go Forth: Encountering Christ in the Heart of the World
February 7-10, 2015, Washington D.C.

The annual Catholic Social Ministry Gathering is organized by the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development in collaboration with 4 other USCCB departments and 16 national Catholic organizations. We are happy to announce new dates for the upcoming Gathering which will take place from Saturday, February 7 to Tuesday, February 10, 2015 in Washington, D.C.

This central gathering of Catholic social ministry leaders in the U.S. brings together hundreds of participants whose faith inspires them to respond to pressing current domestic and global challenges relating to poverty, war, injustice and the promotion of human life and dignity. CSMG 2015 promises to be another rich and rewarding experience of our Catholic commitment to the common good. Visit our Highlights page (on USCCB.org) to get a sense of all the action.

Further details will be available on our pages in coming weeks. Online registration is available now. Visit USCCB.org and search "CSMG" for more information and to register today!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be **Thursday, February 12.** 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.

Council meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Anybody interested in becoming a Knight should contact Grand Knight Duane Boor: (785) 856-7157.

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

LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRIES RETURN!

Lent is approaching, and that means we will soon be beginning our Friday Fish Fries hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

The first fish fry will be on **Friday, February 20, 2015, in the church basement,** and they will continue on Fridays throughout the months of February and March.

JUSTICE *Matters*

Next steps for St. John Parish

Eleven members of St. John Parish who were designated to host house conversations are the Justice Matters coordinating team for our parish – Nancy Albrecht, Bert Bermudez, David Carttar, Charlie Dominguez, Beth Fox, Mary Hertach, John & Loretta Chavez, Pat Lechtenberg, Frank Lemus, Susan Tabor, Joy & Tim Towle. At 10 house conversations, 46 parishioners joined the justice network. The commitment of network members is to participate in 3 meetings and one celebration during the year.

Twelve issues of concern were identified for Lawrence. By email and phone poll network members of 20 interfaith communities narrowed the field to 5. At the first meeting November 10, over 450 members of the 20 faith groups took care of organizational matters and chose 3 issues to focus on this year – mental health, childhood issues and affordable housing/homelessness.

The task now at St. John's and at the other faith groups is to recruit more network members who are willing to attend the next meeting on April 15 to be briefed on the results of the research efforts and decide on possible solutions.

The third meeting on May 7 at the Lied Center will be a gathering of 2000 people showing support for improving situations in Lawrence in our 3 areas of concern. The fourth meeting will be in July to hear reports and celebrate progress. The next parish meeting for St. John network members is **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4** in the church basement. The agenda will include reports and plans for the May 7 meeting.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

TOTUS TUUS

Children learn love, security, permanence and stability from parents who love each other. Register for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and see what a positive effect it has on your whole family.

Upcoming dates: **February 6-8, 2015** and **June 26-28, 2015** For more details about a Weekend, please visit our website: www.wwme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman at (816) 741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

WORLD MARRIAGE MASS DAY

All married couples are invited to come celebrate their Sacrament of Marriage at the sixth annual World Marriage Day Mass, **Sunday, February 8, 2:00 p.m.**, at Cure of Ars Parish, Leawood.

Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Joseph Naumann and Bishop Robert Finn. A gift will be given to the couple married for the shortest and longest period of time.

Reception to follow. Children and families are welcome.

PRO-LIFE MASS & ROSARY

Saturday, February 7

Please join us at Church of the Nativity located at 3800 W. 119th, Leawood, KS 66209 for Mass on Saturday, February 7. Mass is at 8:15 a.m. After Mass we will drive to the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic and pray the rosary. Planned Parenthood is located at 4401 W. 109th St., Overland Park, KS 66211. Please join in our prayer and public witness to end abortion.

MASS FOR HEALING PROFESSIONS

The Catholic Medical Association of Kansas City announces the Annual Mass for the Healing Professions at St. Michael the Archangel Church located at Nall Ave. & 143rd Street in Leawood, Kansas.

The Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, February 14th, 2015**, at 10:30 a.m. Most Rev. James D. Conley, D.D. S.T.L., Bishop of Lincoln, will be the homilist.

A reception will follow Mass. R.S.V.P. by email or phone:

secretary@catholicmedkc.org (913) 647-0350

FR. JACQUE PHILIPPE CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 14

Fr. Jacque Philippe is the author of numerous popular books on the spiritual life including: Search for and Maintaining Peace, Time for God, In the School of the Holy Spirit, Interior Freedom...

He will be giving a one day spiritual conference at St. Michael the Archangel on Saturday, March 14th.

8:15 a.m. Mass at St. Michael Parish in Leawood, KS

9:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Three talks at St. Michael Parish

Mass in the morning, followed by two talks, lunch and then a third talk. All talks on "Interior Peace". Lunch \$8, must pre-register to get lunch. Will have registration at entrance to the Church. Pre-register: kccatholic@aol.com

THE LEAVEN NEWSPAPER

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 (913) 647-0380

Living In Truth

Kansas City Catholic Women's Conference

Join women throughout the Kansas City area for Mass celebrated by Archbishop Naumann, followed by a morning of joy, prayer, and uplifting Catholic speakers.

Featuring Guest Speakers:



Imaculee Ilibagiza

"Rwandan Massacre Survivor Shares Story of Faith, Hope and Forgiveness"



Teresa Tomeo

"Rediscovering the Dignity of Women"



April 25th, 2015 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Church of the Ascension

9510 W. 127th St
Overland Park, KS 66223

www.livingintruthkc.com

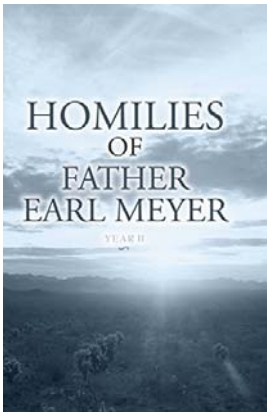
\$25 Early Bird Registration
\$30 At the Door

Open to All Women!

PALM BURNING FOR ASHES

Bring in your old palms today!

Ash Wednesday is approaching, and we will use your old palms to make ashes for this year's Masses. Please leave your old palms on the tables in the main entrance of the church. Palm burning will take place on **Monday, February 16**, so be sure to bring any palms before then. Thank you!



HOMILIES OF FR. EARL MEYER

(YEAR B)

Fr. Earl has just released a collection of his homilies for Year B (our current liturgical year). As described on Amazon.com, his homilies provide a down-to-earth view of divine teachings.

You can purchase a soft-cover version of the book during the week at the St. John parish office at 1229 Vermont St. for \$10.

It is also available as an eBook for purchase at Amazon.com, and you can support St. John School by going to smile.amazon.com. Choose St. John School with anything you purchase, St. John will receive 5% back! It is that easy! Share this with friends and family.

Direct URL: smile.amazon.com/ch/48-0930227

(link also available at www.saint-johns.net)

A NOTE ABOUT GROCERY CARD SALES

Dillons is changing the way that St. John School and other charitable organizations earn money from Dillons. Instead of purchasing gift cards, the new program will donate a share of \$500,000 per quarter to organizations who sign up, like St. John School.

St. John's School's portion of this donation will depend on **how much our total grocery receipts are**, as compared to the total of all grocery receipts of all organizations who sign up for this program. Measurements will be based on the use of your Dillons Plus Card.

If you are a Dillons shopper, please sign up now: Go to www.dillons.com/communityrewards and follow the instructions to register your Dillons Plus Card for St. John School. **The St. John School ID is 29296.**

Gift cards will still be available for purchase through the end of March (or until our supplies run out).

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

This Lent, make a new beginning in your marriage by enrolling in Natural Family Planning classes, and see how much closer you grow to each other and to our Heavenly Father.

A course begins on Wednesday, February 25, at 6:30 p.m. in room 208 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, 1208 Kentucky St., Lawrence, KS. Reasonable course fee, and no future costs with this Sympto-Thermal Method, which uses all of the observable signs of fertility.

To learn more, visit www.live-the-love.org or call Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015, or CCL of Kansas City at (913) 894-3558. Online pre-registration is required at: www.ccli.org.

GROCERY CARDS & TRASH BAGS

February 7-8

Padre Pio Chapel @ North Entrance
after all Masses except 1pm

Purchase Hy-Vee gift cards and Hy-Vee donates 6% back to St. John School. Sold in \$50 or \$100 increments.

Purchase Checkers gift cards and Checkers donates 6% back to the school. Sold in \$10 increments.

Purchase Kroger gift cards and Dillons donates 6% back to the school. Gift cards good at any Kroger owned company like Dillons and KwikShop fuel stations. Sold in \$50 or \$100 increments.

Purchase Merc gift cards and the Merc donates 6% back to the school. Gift card good on all purchases at the Merc. Sold in \$50 increments.

PLEASE PAY BY CHECK OR CASH. Credit cards will be accepted, but reduce our overall profit. Make checks out to "St. John School."

Submit the form below BEFORE Mass to expedite your order. Your order will be ready to pick up after Mass.

Or Pre-Order Online: www.saint-johns.net/grocery

PRE-ORDER FORM

Name:

Phone:

GROCERY CARDS

Store	Amount	# of Cards
Dillons	\$50	<input type="text"/>
Dillons	\$100	<input type="text"/>
Hy-Vee	\$50	<input type="text"/>
Hy-Vee	\$100	<input type="text"/>
Checkers	\$10	<input type="text"/>
Merc	\$50	<input type="text"/>

Hy-Vee \$50 Coupon Book	Amount	# of Books
	\$5	<input type="text"/>

TRASH BAGS

Color	Size	Bags/Roll	Amt.	# of Rolls
White	18 gal.	60	\$12	<input type="text"/>
Black	30 gal.	40	\$12	<input type="text"/>
Yellow	39 gal.	20	\$12	<input type="text"/>
Blue	55 gal.	15	\$12	<input type="text"/>

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

Family of Doug Belles, cousins of Lois Mersmann

Sarah Burrichter

Kelly Cash, friend of Sue Fincham

Emery Corrigan, father of Connie Finnegan

Sr. Maureen Fagan, sister of Paula Peterson

Scott Fox

Jim Freund

Maxine Haller, mother of Susan Tabor

Debbie Heath

Gene Hieman

Edna Holmes, mother of Lois Mersmann

Mary James, mother of Connie Garcia

Dan Koehler, grandfather of Megan Barr

Marisel Lister

Diana Matthews

Dan Menke, son of Steve & Barb Menke

Mildred Mittleton

Ernie Potts

Josephine M. Ramirez

Special Intentions of Tiffany

Ron Willis

Sawyer Winson

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

There is something about children that makes people smile. Their innocence, hopefulness, and amazing and amusing things they say and do bring out good qualities in people. Bring a child into a nursing home and watch people light up. Or walk into a store with a 2 year old and see people smile. Or watch when a dad carries a toddler on his shoulders and even people driving by smile.

Simeon must have smiled at Jesus. He saw more than just an infant smiling and proud parents. He knew he looked upon the hope and promise of Israel. He saw his "heir apparent," the priest, prophet and king who would bring the message of salvation to the world. Simeon no doubt smiled as he gazed upon the infant so many had longed to see.

Joy is a very important part of faith. Knowing the Lord and sharing in His life should bring us a sense of joyfulness and peace, if we really believe in the promises of Jesus. Too often people leave Church the same way they leave root canal!! We know and have seen for ourselves the great work of love and hope that God has done. We are His heirs!

MINISTERS: FEBRUARY 7-8

Lectors

Contact: Sean Smith
seanj@ku.edu

Cantors

Saturday

4:30pm L Koster

Sunday

7am K Colson

8:30am K Colson & Beth Ennis

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday

4:30pm J Halderman, L Heiserman,

..... A Hewitt, J Koster,

..... J McGraw, D McGeevy

Sunday

7am B Osborne, L Wustefeld, B Harmon

8:30am T Kempf, B Kessler, K Kohnke,

..... B Mullins, K Ostrander,

..... Y Ruder, L Scott

10:30am A Brill, C Buckeister, B DeWitt,

..... C & D Ehrlich, J Evers, T Gabrielson

5pm K Cupp, S File, N Jones, N Volz,

..... M LeGresley, A McCabe

Altar Servers

Saturday

4:30pm D Turner, E Grob-French

Sunday

7am N Hope, J Hope

8:30am N Smith, JJ Smith

10:30am N Grace, M Green, H Hummel

5pm L Schmidt, O Schmidt

MASSES: FEBRUARY 2-8

Monday

7:30am Bertha Tagemant†

Tuesday

7:30am John & Maria Vu & All Souls†

Wednesday

7:30am Joe and Teresa Coffeet

Thursday

7:30am Osborne & O'Connor Families†

Friday

7:30am Paul Renert†

Saturday

8am Struggling Students†

4:30pm Clem Zillnert

Sunday

7:00am Witold Grzymala-Busse†

8:30am Brian Combst†

10:30am Mildred Brill†

1:00pm (Spanish) Elvira Mendoza†

5:00pm For the Parish

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas' food pantry in Topeka needs your help! We are seeking volunteers interested in working in the food pantry. Morning and afternoon shifts available during business hours and training provided. Stop by our office at 234 South Kansas Avenue.

Interested in volunteering or have questions? Contact Dylan Woods (785) 233-6300 ext. 1309 or dwoods@catholiccharitiesks.org.

ATTN: WOMEN SINGERS

Threshold Choir is a national women's organization with a local chapter of women from several faiths here in Lawrence. We provide ease and comfort through singing to those on the threshold of living and dying.

We seek to provide a calm, focused presence with gentle voices to various local senior homes and hospices. To join our simple practice sessions, contact Jean Drumm at:

(785) 841-6067

WEEKLY GIVING

Collection for the weekend of Jan. 17-18

\$38,754.06

Fiscal year total (7/1/14-1/18/15):

\$822,841.58

SOPHIA CENTER

Living With The Grief Of Suicide

Thursday, January 22; 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sophia Spirituality Center (Atchison, KS)

Suicide grips hearts and minds with a vice that will not let go, and with feelings of overwhelming sadness, grief and loss. Come join certified grief counselor, Sister Loretta McGuire, OSB, for a day of sharing.

For more information or to register, call (913) 360-6151 or visit Sophia Spirituality Center's website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter

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

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

(785) 843-9511 alexander@saint-johns.net

Question & Answer

Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple.

What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored.

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Jesus was doing something different. His teaching was new, fresh, surprising. The Jewish people were used to the teaching style of their scribes, the scholars who interpreted the Scriptures and taught the corresponding laws. The scribes were legalists by trade, who focused on what was required of the Jews based on the holy writings. For them, the law was dominant. But when Jesus showed up in the synagogue and began to teach, he was dominant. As the incarnate Son of God, he spoke with an authority that was greater even than the religious laws.

And just in case those who heard him doubted his legitimacy, Jesus proved his authority by more than words; he cast out evil spirits. When the people witnessed Jesus commanding "even the unclean spirits" and saw that these spirits obeyed him, they were "amazed" at this "new teaching with authority."

What our Jewish ancestors experienced is recorded for us to bolster our own faith. Although we were not there to see these events unfold, if we meditate on the reality of today's Gospel story we will also be astonished and amazed. Jesus is more than a teacher. He is more than a kind man with an attractive philosophy. Jesus has power over the spiritual world! His authority over us is real. And he exercises this authentic authority for our own good. He has the power to do away with evil and to set us free, both through his teachings--passed on to us in the Bible and in the Church--and through his action in our lives. We only need to follow his lead.

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Kids: Sharing the Gospel



Sharing the Gospel

Grass stains. Tomato sauce. Brightly colored fruit drinks. When these nasty stains stick to your clothes, it is tough to get them out. Regular soap won't work. You need something stronger. Jesus is really strong, too. In today's Gospel, a nasty evil spirit screamed when it saw Jesus. Jesus was so powerful, he cleaned that evil spirit right out.

Prayer

God, you are much stronger than evil. Nothing is too hard for you to clean.

Mission for the Week

Make a new label for your family's stain pre-treatment bottle. Trace around the bottle, write Mark 1:21-28 in big letters, and decorate your label with a picture of Jesus. Tape your new label to the bottle so you and your parents remember how strong Jesus is.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/
Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22-32

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13

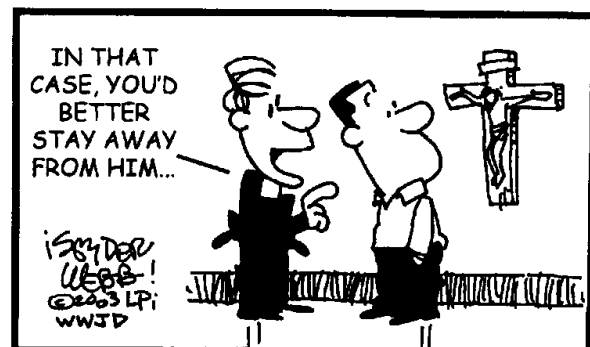
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/
Mk 1:29-39

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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



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.

LEVÁNTATE CATÓLICO

Escuche 24 horas cada día la Radio Católica por medio de Internet. Entre en el portal de "Levántate Católico" y pulse donde dice "en vivo". Este programa es un proyecto de la Parroquia de Our Lady of Unity del barrio Argentino en KCK. Recientemente el Sr. Arzobispo bendijo las instalaciones de la radio y dio su apoyo y felicitaciones invitando a los hispanos de la Arquidiócesis a conectarse.

LA FE SE PUEDE ALIMENTAR

Hermano, a veces te sientes triste o con necesidad de Dios, ven yo te puedo acompañar a orar, nos podemos ver en la Iglesia o en la oficina. Estoy para ayudarte. Oro por todos, bendiciones María Mota.

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

GRATIS CLASE DE YOGA EN ESPAÑOL

Yoga es un tipo de ejercicio que puede beneficiar el cuerpo y reducir el estrés. Los lunes 5:30-6:30 p.m. Departamento de salud Piso 2, Sala C Mujeres latinas de 18 años o más. Hable a MariaAna (785-856-5335) si tienes alguna pregunta.

PROYECTO RAQUEL & JOSE

Este programa es de apoyo y sanación para toda persona que sufre trastornos emocionales y de fe a causa del aborto, la muerte de un ser querido, violencia doméstica, enfermedad, etc... Para mayor información llame a las personas de contacto arriba mencionadas o a la Hna. María Orozco, asesora del programa, al (913) 281-6644.

Para las parroquias de Johnson County: los lunes de 7:00-9:00 pm en la Iglesia de Holy Cross (Overland Park, KS, contacto: Ludys (913) 748-1836).

Para las parroquias de Wyandotte County: los martes de 7:00-9:00pm en las oficinas del Ministerio Hispano (2215 Parallel Ave., KCK, contacto Ismelda Marroquín (913) 244-7145).

1 de Febrero de 2015

4º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

No sé si has tenido la experiencia de tener padres, maestros, amigos, sacerdotes y religiosas que enseñan con autoridad: la autoridad que viene de la sabiduría, del entendimiento, y que es practicada con amor. El Evangelio de hoy muestra la autoridad de Jesús al hacerle frente a un espíritu malo. ¡Jesús había sido puesto a prueba! La gente quedó estupefacta. Es decir, sorprendida y atónita. A la vez se preguntaban de dónde le viene tal prodigio de autoridad. La sorpresa era porque el ministerio era nuevo. Jesús estaba rompiendo la forma de autoridad de su tiempo: no enseñaba como los escribas y fariseos. Si seguimos con atención cada domingo el Evangelio de Marcos, iremos descubriendo al gran Maestro y de dónde le viene su autoridad. ¿Así reconocemos a Jesús? O nos preguntamos así como la gente de su tiempo: ¿Qué es esto? ¿Podrías hacer una lista de personas que enseñan con autoridad al estilo de Jesús?

"¿Qué quieres tú con nosotros, Jesús de Nazaret? ¿Has venido a acabar con nosotros?" La curación del endemoniado revela no lo extraordinario de Jesús, sino la presencia del Reino entre nosotros para destruir el mal. Y bien, para destruir el mal en el mundo debemos de buscar la gracia de Dios. El Papa Francisco en su meditación diaria del 16 de abril de 2013 nos dice: "No oponer resistencia al Espíritu Santo: esta es la gracia que hoy quisiera que todos nosotros pidiéramos al Señor". Señor, te rogamos que al escuchar tu palabra y alimentarnos de tu cuerpo y sangre, nos des la gracia para tener la fuerza y el entusiasmo para colaborar en tu misión.



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Lecturas para la semana del 1 de febrero de 2015

Domingo: Dt 18, 15-20/1 Cor 7, 32-35/Mc 1, 21-28
Lunes: Mal 3, 1-4/Heb 2, 14-18/Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22-32
Martes: Heb 12, 1-4/Mc 5, 21-43
Miércoles: Heb 12, 4-7. 11-15/Mc 6, 1-6
Jueves: Heb 12, 18-19. 21-24/Mc 6, 7-13
Viernes: Heb 13, 1-8/Mc 6, 14-29
Sábado: Heb 13, 15-17. 20-21/Mc 6, 30-34
Domingo siguiente: Job 7, 1-4. 6-7/1 Cor 9, 16-19. 22-23/
Mc 1, 29-39