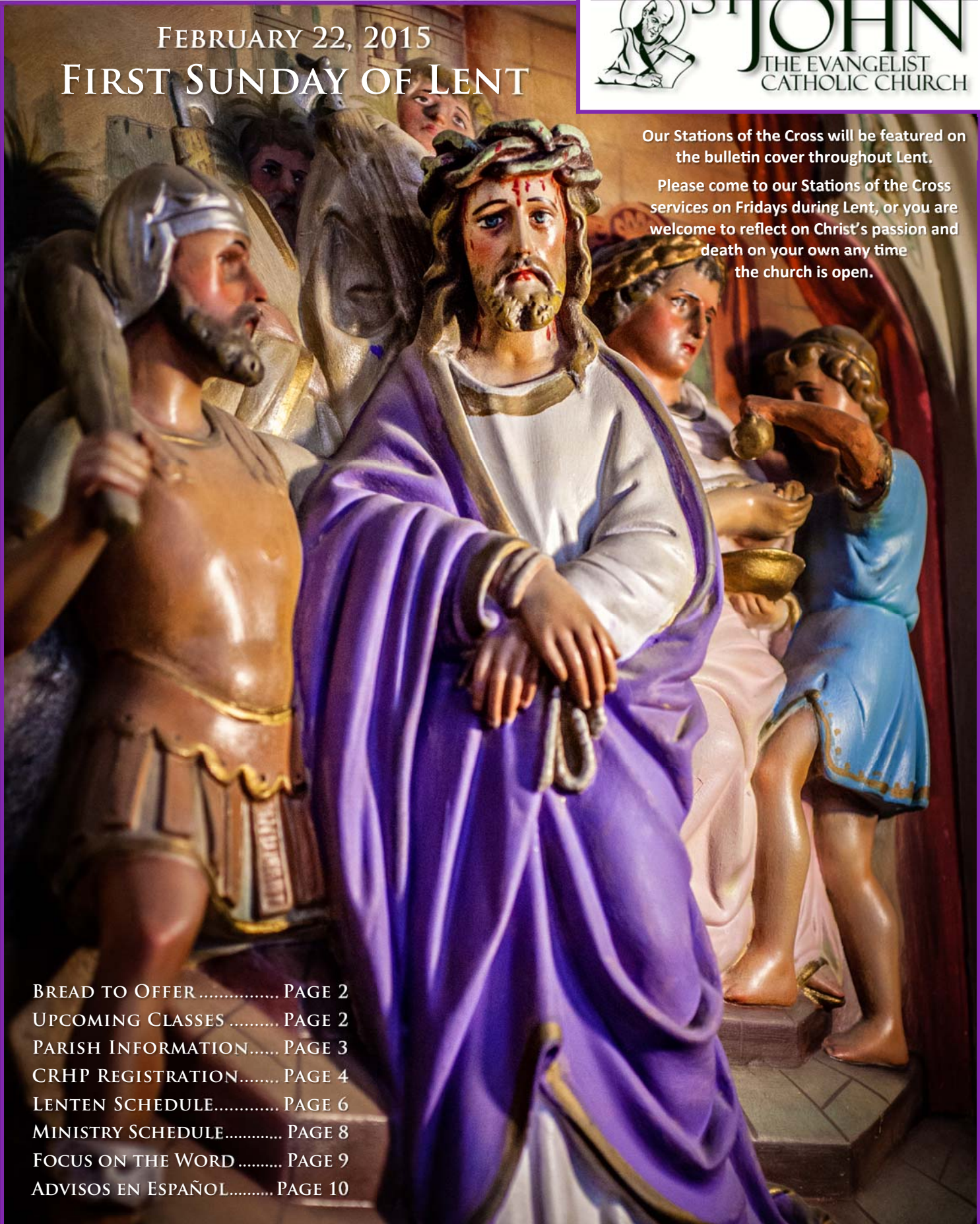




FEBRUARY 22, 2015
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Our Stations of the Cross will be featured on the bulletin cover throughout Lent.

Please come to our Stations of the Cross services on Fridays during Lent, or you are welcome to reflect on Christ's passion and death on your own any time the church is open.



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LENTEN HAPPENINGS

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.

This Lenten season brings with it a few more activities to add to the already busy schedule here at St. John Parish. Our Lenten Parish penance service will take place Thursday evening, March 5th at 7:00 pm. In addition to the regularly scheduled times for confessions, the penance service will provide yet another opportunity to examine our lives and bring to the Lord those areas of our lives that are in need of forgiveness and healing. The penance service provides a chance to participate in a community context with our sisters and brothers of St. John Parish. In addition, Archbishop Naumann has asked that all parishes of the archdiocese have a time for confessions every Wednesday during Lent at 6:00 pm. We will add that hour to our regular 7:00 Wednesday evening time. There are plenty of opportunities to confess our sins and to receive a healthy draught of God's wonderful and refreshing mercy!

In addition to opportunities for confession, two retreats with Christ Renews His Parish will take place. The men's retreat is happening this weekend and the women's retreat is scheduled for the weekend of March 7 – 8. These retreat weekends are based on repentance, a turning of one's life back to God, the very message of Lent itself!

There are many opportunities for prayer, as well. We will have the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. On Wednesday evening, March 4th, we have Reservoir Adoration, as we do every first Wednesday evening of the month. For those who may not be familiar with this prayer event, we begin at 7:30 with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The lights in the church are dimmed and all may sing along to contemporary Christian worship music that continues throughout the hour, or one can simply kneel or sit and simply listen to the music while adoring the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The music, led by our own Pete Haack, is soft and assists the congregation in reflective, meditative prayer. Most of you already know that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday in the Padre Pio chapel. Anyone is welcome to drop in on those days from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm.

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a fish fry for us every Friday evening. The fish fry is an excellent Lenten event that brings parishioners together for fellowship over a plate of baked or breaded fish and shrimp.

Finally, at this weekend's 8:30 Mass, we will have had the Rite of Sending for our catechumen (we have only one this year). He will then go to St. Peter's Cathedral with his sponsor of the Rite of Election for the catechumens of the archdiocese. Please pray for him and for those in our parish who are seeking full communion in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

I will be leave today for meetings in Denver, I plan to return this Thursday evening.

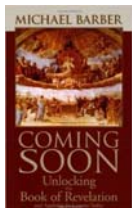
- Fr. Jeff

REVELATION: A CLASS WITH FR. BARNABAS

Next Class: Tuesday, February 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

(Encore Session Friday, February 27, 1:30-3:00 p.m.)

Fr. Barnabas will be teaching a course on Revelation on Tuesdays during the winter/spring (with encore sessions on Fridays) 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 by phone in the parish office at (785) 843-0109.

UPCOMING CLASSES WITH FR. MIKE

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

Catholicism 101

**Thursday, February 26, Church Basement
7:00 p.m.**

Catholicism 101 classes will continue on 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 St. Bosco room, in the school, for Youth Night (aka The ROCK). The ROCK meets on Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. 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.

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Wed. 11am-3pm Thurs. 1pm-4pm
Sat. 8:30am-12:30pm

Centro Hispano Lydia Diebolt
(785) 843-2039

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH AT ST. JOHN CHURCH

Women, this is your invitation!

Women's Retreat Weekend: March 7 & 8, 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, (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.

JUSTICE *Matters*

Announcing a date change on Solutions Briefing for Justice Matters, and an update on research findings.

First, our goal as an organization is to produce 2,000 supporters to our **Nehemiah Action Assembly on May 7th, 2015** at the Lied Center. We expect to bring forward three separate proposals related to mental health, child welfare, and housing that night. This effort will require significant organization if it is to be the genesis toward a more just city.

So, we ask all network members to attend our Solutions Briefing on Tuesday, April 14th at 6:45 pm at Free Methodist Church. Please note, we had to change the date of this event due to the size of our group and the limited facilities in town. This gathering will draw together the Justice Network Members from all 21 participating congregations, and you will receive a briefing on the three solutions that have been researched and developed.

Second, some quick updates on the research so far:

HOUSING (Chairs: Rev. Randy Weinkauff and Rev. Matt Sturtevant)

This week, we acquired a description of all the tenant complaints from Lawrence received by the Housing and Credit Counseling, Inc. for 2013 and 2014. We have also filed an open records request on rental/housing complaints received by the city for the same years. We hope to determine the scale to which quality of housing is an issue in Lawrence. We have determined that the lack of transitional housing in Lawrence for particularly vulnerable populations (e.g., women fleeing domestic violence) is a critical problem. We also continue to research the issue of affordability for low-income working families in Lawrence.

MENTAL HEALTH (Chairs: Rev. Kathy Williams and Pastor John McDermott)

Last week, we received a commitment from County Commissioner Flory to travel with a Justice Matters delegation to see and understand the Bexar County, Texas jail diversion model in April. We extended the same invitation to Commissioner Thellman, and also plan to invite: County Administrator Craig Weinaug, Commissioner Gaughan, Lawrence Police Chief Khatib, Lawrence Memorial Hospital CEO Gene Meyer, Sheriff McGovern, Bert Nash CEO Dave Johnson, Municipal Court Judge Miller, and Journal World reporter, Caitlin Doornbos. We feel it will be important for all of the key stakeholders of our community to understand one of the best models we have in our country to divert the mentally ill into treatment instead of jail. To understand the problems that rise out of the intersection of jails and mental health, we invite you to check out an article in the New York Times published this week—go to www.saint-johns.net/justicematters to read it.

CHILDREN (Chairs: Fr. Michael Scully, Barbara Palmer, James Hilliard)

Last week, we spoke with Jane Stephens, founder of acestoohigh.com, who has studied how other cities have used the ACE study to prevent childhood trauma. Later this month, Justice Matters will be sending a group to visit with Dr. Vince Felli, the original co-author of the ACE study, at the Kansas Action for Children symposium.

www.justicemattersinkansas.org

www.saint-johns.net/justicematters

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be **Thursday, March 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!

LENTEN FISH FRIES, EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT!

Lent is beginning, and so are the Friday Fish Fries hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Fish Fries will be held in the church basement from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on all Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday).

They will continue on Fridays throughout the months of February and March. Stations of the Cross services will also be held in the church on Fridays during Lent beginning at 5:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome!



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wednesdays During Lent

With the exception of Ash Wednesday, the sacrament of reconciliation will be available on Wednesdays during Lent:

11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Fridays During Lent

Beginning this Friday, please join us:

Stations of the Cross: 5:15 p.m. in the church

Friday Fish Fry: 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the church basement
(hosted by the Knights of Columbus)

Wednesday, March 4

Reservoir Adoration

7:30 — 8:30 p.m. in the church

Thursday, March 5

Lenten Penance Service

7:00 p.m. in the church

Friday, March 27

Taizé Stations of the Cross

6:00 p.m. in the church
(no 5:15 p.m. Stations service on this night)

See more at www.saint-johns.net/lent



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.

SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

**2ND ANNUAL PARISH
GARAGE SALE!**



ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN!

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

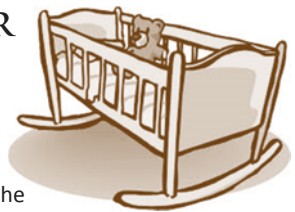
The 2015-2016 enrollment form for grades preschool through 8th is available on the school website and in the school office.

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

www.saint-johns.net/school

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 (see below for specific items still needed).

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.

Items Still Needed:

For the *Buttons and Bows Boutique* of the Pregnancy Care Center:

- Newborn, 3, 4, 5, and 6 size diapers
- Baby Shampoo, Baby Wash
- Baby wipes
- Similac advanced (blue) and sensitive (orange) formula
- Pacifiers
- Baby Bottles
- Infant Tylenol
- New packages of nursing pads
- Diaper bags

General Supplies Needed:

- Stamps
- Copy Paper
- Toilet Paper
- Dish soap
- Disinfectant spray and wipes
- Air Freshener spray
- Kleenex
- Bottled water
- Trash bags sizes 13 and 44 gallon

Thanks to our supporters' generosity, we are **overstocked** on:

- Winter baby and maternity clothes and shoes
- Spring baby clothes under size 6 month
- Toys

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

There will be Anointing of the Sick in the church after the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass on March 7th and all Masses on Sunday, March 8th.

(The next Anointing of the Sick will take place on the weekend of Sunday, May 3rd.)



BEYOND RECYCLING: A LENTEN JOURNEY

At this week's meeting of Beyond Recycling: A Lenten Journey, we will watch & discuss the 20-minute Story of Stuff video. Mark your calendars for **Friday, February 27th at 6:00pm in the St. Bosco Room**. All are welcome.

There will also be a discussion group for adolescents. If you can't make it, check it out on-line: www.storyofstuff.com.

For more information please contact Kris:

kriskohnke@yahoo.com or (785) 312-4485

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, April 10, at St. John School

Put together your team for a fun night of trivia, Friday, April 10 at St. John School in the St. Bosco Room!

By definition, trivia is described as "matters or things that are very unimportant, inconsequential, or non-essential." But the Trivia Night event on Friday, April 10, will be *anything* but unimportant. That's because it will bring us together in a fun setting in the St. Bosco Room in the school!

Participants are encouraged to dress up in honor of their team's name and provide food/appetizer dishes. Beverages will be available. Also, be sure to bring your thinking caps and sense of humor, because laughter is mandatory as part of this fellowship event.

Sign up sheets will be available soon. If you don't have a team, no problem, we will put you with one.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

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

A series of classes in the sympto-thermal method (STM) of NFP begins in room 208 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, 1208 Kentucky St., Lawrence, KS on **Wednesday, February 25, at 6:30 p.m.** Reasonable course fee; financial assistance available. No medical costs associated with this method! STM makes use of all of the observable signs of fertility, and can be used with great success either to postpone or achieve pregnancy.

To learn more about having a healthy body and a healthy marriage, visit www.live-the-love.org or call Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015 or the Couple to Couple League of Kansas City at (913) 894-3558. Online pre-registration for the classes is required at: www.ccli.org.

2015 ST. JOHN MEXICAN FIESTA SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships are offered to qualifying students of Mexican descent from the Lawrence Catholic community who wish to pursue or continue a higher education either at a college, technical or trade school.

Applicants must complete the financial assistance application form that is available at the St. John Parish office or by contacting Michael Ramirez at (785) 843-3801 or ramirezmarj@hotmail.com.

These forms must be completed and returned to the St. John Church office by **April 6th, 2015**.

FILM VIEWING AND DISCUSSION

February 22nd Film Viewing and Discussion:

"A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death"

All parishioners are invited to a film viewing and discussion following the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, February 22nd. There will be a facilitated discussion based on a DVD created by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops advocating for an end to the death penalty. This is the first of several opportunities for our parish to consider this issue from the Catholic perspective.

Additionally, a panel discussion will take place on March 1 and information about current death penalty abolition initiatives in Kansas will take place on March 22. All events will take place after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and there will be time for questions and answers.

Location: Church Basement.

Sponsored by the St. John Social Concerns Committee

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

All are invited to the following activities in Lawrence to learn more about Divine Mercy and prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday on **April 12, 2015**.

- DVDs and booklets are available to check out to individuals or groups who want to learn more about the Divine Mercy. A variety of free pamphlets and prayer cards are also available.
- April 3rd thru April 11th - All area Catholics are invited to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 2:45 pm on Good Friday before stations and at 3:00 pm for the following 8 days at St. John the Evangelist Church. (Easter Sunday, April 5th will be at 2:30 pm.)
- April 12th - All area Catholics are invited to come join us to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at St. Lawrence Center at the 10:30 am Mass. The chaplet will be recited at 10:15 am.

For more information contact: Marie Galluzzi-Potter at 843-1176 or Cathy Schneider at 832-8984.

THE FRANCIS EFFECT

Starting in February, Salt and Light Television's documentary, *The Francis Effect*, will air for six weeks at various times throughout our Archdiocese on the ABC Television network and its affiliates.

This program takes an in-depth look at the impact of Pope Francis' papacy. Please consult your local TV guide for broadcast times. For more information or to purchase the DVD visit:

saltandlighttv.org/thefranciseffect

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

Judy Davis, sister of Susan Tabor

Donald Erker

Sr. Maureen Fagan, sister of Paula Peterson

Scott Fox

Debbie Heath

Gene Hieman

Edna Holmes, mother of Lois Mersmann

Virginia Mach

Dan Menke, son of Steve & Barb Menke

Mildred Mittleton

Ernie Potts

Dorothy Purdy

Richard Ramirez, Jr.

Mark Salomon

Gerald Simon

Ruth Theising

Ron Willis

Sister Susan Yerkich

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:

(785) 843-0109

Bring meals to the Simon Parish Center at St. John by 4:30pm. Fr. Jeff will take the dinner home to the friary.

Meals are currently needed for Wednesdays in February and March.

RUNNIN' REVS

A Runnin' Revs basketball game will be held at Bishop Miege High School on Monday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. The Revs are priests and seminarians who will take on 8th grade and high school youth from our Catholic schools in basketball.

Bring family and friends to enjoy the fun and benefit seminarians. A spot in this summer's Camp Tekakwitha will be included in a short live auction.

SONIA NAZARIO

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Sonia Nazario will be on Donnelly College's campus on Monday, April 6 at 1:30 p.m. Come to your Archdiocesan college for a presentation on immigration — including discussion of her best-selling book Enrique's Journey — and a book signing.

RSVP now to nfansher@donnelly.edu.

MINISTERS: FEB 28-MAR 1

Lectors

Contact: Sean Smith
seanj@ku.edu

Cantors

Saturday

4:30pm A Mauler

Sunday

7am M Steichen
8:30am J Krones

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday

4:30pm A Hewitt, J Koster, J McGraw,
..... D McGreevy, L Reimond, MA Roesner

Sunday

7am L Wustefeld, B Harmon, M Heath
8:30am T Kempf, B Kessler, K Kohnke
..... K Ostrander, Y Ruder, L Scott
10:30am J&N Otter, P Peterson, S Stewart
..... D Thimmesch, L Tiffany, T Towle
5pm C Malone, A McCabe, S Murray
..... D Schmidt, L&J Weeks

Altar Servers

Saturday

4:30pm D Turner, E Grob-French

Sunday

7am Volunteers
8:30am T Kempf, T Kempf
10:30am B Smith, L Edgecomb, A Lang
5pm L Schmidt, O Schmidt

WEEKLY GIVING

Collection for the weekend of February 7-8

\$18,798.35

Fiscal year total (7/1/14-2/8/15):

\$870,766.84

If you would like an easier way to manage your giving to St. John, consider Online Giving. Contact Cris at **(785) 843-0109** for details.

ST. JOHN CAFÉ

Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the St. Bosco Room of St. John School.

All are invited!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life – This Lent, February 18th to March 29th, you're invited to join 40 Days For Life volunteers in prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We will peacefully pray at 4840 College Blvd. in Leawood every day from 7AM to 5PM. For information, contact: Wendy at 40daysforlifekc@gmail.com or visit: www.40daysforlife.com/overlandpark

MASSES: FEB 23—MAR 1

Monday

7:30am Locks DeBord†

Tuesday

7:30am Jerimy Siess†

Wednesday

7:30am John Siess†

Thursday

7:30am Craig Durland†

Friday

7:30am Charlie Summerville†

Saturday

8am Dorothy Wingeback†

4:30pm Lidia Raczek†

Sunday

7:00am Marion Barrett†

8:30am Val Romero†

10:30am Bonnie Nabower†

1:00pm (Spanish) For the Parish

5:00pm Martin Thomas Gardner

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

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

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

Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence.

Can you tell us more about the connections between these events?

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated.

Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house.

In order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning "goodbye to meat," or Mardi Gras, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday." The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern for the poor. What are you doing for the poor this Lent?

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First Sunday of Lent

"And he remained in the desert for forty days." Lent is meant to be like our journey into the desert. Just as Jesus spent these days fighting with temptation and ultimately building up his spiritual strength, we too are called to spend the next forty days doing battle with the things that tempt us. We are invited during this holy season to grow in self-discipline by giving something up for Lent. The long-standing Christian practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are also important elements of this spiritual battle.

When we pray, we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, thereby squeezing out any spirit of selfishness or evil that threatens to control our hearts. When we fast, we exercise the virtue of temperance, or self-control. This virtue is of tremendous value when we are tempted to indulge our bodily senses in ways that are not healthy or holy. And almsgiving--when it is truly generous--also strengthens us spiritually by shifting our gaze to the needs of others, even to the point of making a personal sacrifice.

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus "was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him." What a contrast! The brutal, vicious, bloodthirsty beasts and the pristine, heavenly angels were both there at the same time: each with radically different intentions. And so it is with us. Our reality is also marked by the contrast between the brutality and vice of sin and the grace and goodness of faith. During Lent, we acknowledge the battle between good and evil within our own souls and do what we can to stir up a victory for goodness. This season of purification can help each of us to become a better, holier, and therefore happier person. May we make good use of this, our journey into the desert.

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Kids: Sharing the Gospel



Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel, Jesus spent forty days in the desert. Jesus stayed close to God, and he followed God's directions every day of his life. When Satan came to test Jesus he was ready. Jesus passed every test beautifully. He said "No" to temptation. When you write spelling words over and over, it is easier to remember them. If you are learning a new language, it helps to make flash cards to practice with. Once you memorize all your words, taking the test is pretty easy. The more you read the Bible and do what God asks in his word, the easier it will be for you to pass Satan's tests, too.

Mission for the Week

Memorize Proverbs 1:3, "You will learn what is right and honest and fair." Practice writing it and saying it every day, until you know this verse by heart.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
 Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



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 parróquia, 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 Argentine 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

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).

22 de Febrero de 2015

1er Domingo de Cuaresma

Aunque oficialmente la Cuaresma dio comienzo el pasado Miércoles de Ceniza, hay que tener presente en nuestra reflexión litúrgica que para muchos feligreses la Eucaristía de este domingo es su primera celebración cuaresmal. Por esta razón es bueno hacer énfasis en la invitación de Jesús de creer en la Buena Nueva de arrepentirnos y llevar a cabo una conversión desde el fondo del corazón. Nuestro compromiso de Cuaresma no es tan solo hacer obras penitenciales, que sí nos ayudan, pero que sin fe y confianza en Jesús, quedan vanas. La Cuaresma es un tiempo para comenzar de nuevo y llegar a la conclusión de darnos cuenta de que somos invitados a una conversión sincera: "Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio".

Los Evangelios del tiempo de Cuaresma son un camino seguro para acercarnos al Señor. Sin embargo, muchas veces nosotros atrofiarnos ese camino por no tener claro el cómo hacerlo. Pero existen palabras simples que nos pueden ayudar si cada día nos preguntamos: ¿Dónde encontrar a Dios? En el sacramento de la reconciliación, en el abrazo sincero de perdonar al cónyuge, en la mano amiga que me acepta como soy. ¿Para qué? Para ser perdonados, para encontrar la paz y la tranquilidad, para dar comienzo a una nueva forma de vivir. ¿Cómo? Ya sin ningún rencor y sin resentimientos de toda la vida, volviendo a la casa del Padre como lo hizo el hijo pródigo, haciendo un plan mejor de vida y estableciendo prioridades nuevas. ¡Ánimo! ¡Dios nos espera en esta Cuaresma!



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Lecturas para la semana del 22 de febrero de 2015

Domingo: Gn 9, 8-15/1 Pe 3, 18-22/Mc 1, 12-15
Lunes: Lv 19, 1-2. 11-18/Mt 25, 31-46
Martes: Is 55, 10-11/Mt 6, 7-15
Miércoles: Jon 3, 1-10/Lc 11, 29-32
Jueves: Est 4, 17n. p-r. aa-bb. gg-hh
Viernes: Ez 18, 21-28/Mt 5, 20-26
Sábado: Dt 26, 16-19/Mt 5, 43-48

Domingo siguiente: Gn 22, 1-2. 9-13. 15-18/
Rom 8, 31-34/Mc 9, 2-10