



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. Everyone is invited!

YOUTH GROUP

High School Mardi Gras Party

High school students, join us for a Mardi Gras party next **Sunday, February 15**, as we sneak in one more celebration before the beginning of Lent.

Games, music, food, prizes, and more. The party starts in the St. Bosco Room of St. John School at 6:30 p.m. and will last until around 8:30 p.m. All high school students are invited!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is **February 18th**.
Mass times at St. John will be:

7:00 a.m.

12:10 p.m.

5:15 p.m.

7:00 p.m.



Your pledge is appreciated! As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a proportionate gift to the Archbishop's Call to Share. Our archdiocesan family is truly an extension of our parish life. We are grateful to those who take part in this effort!

Our parish goal is \$87,553. Thank you for your generous gifts in support of the ministries of the Church in Northeast Kansas!

Visit www.calltoshare.org for more info!



FEBRUARY 8, 2015 · FIFTH 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



LIFE: A PARTNERSHIP WITH CHRIST

By Fr. Barnabas Eichor, OFM, Cap.

Our Lord has invited each of us to "come and see" what our God is like. You have received an urgent invitation to strive for the perfection of His Heavenly Father. Unfortunately, this invitation seems to frighten most of us because we are afraid we have to go it alone. Nothing could be further from the truth—for God intends that your life should be a partnership with Christ.

There is no greater drama in life than the quest of a soul for God. This quest is not a lonely, one-sided affair. Our blessed Lord expects to play a very intimate part in your life drama. Life is worth living because it is a Partnership with our Savior. Life does not have to be lonely, because you do not walk alone.

Let's take a close look at this Partnership. A partnership is defined as "an association of persons joined together for a certain purpose." The purpose is to achieve the perfect love of God, and the associates in this spiritual project are you and the Eternal Son of God. This is not merely a pious thought, but is rather an inspiring theological truth

The partnership began on the day of your Baptism. By this sacrament, our Lord expressed his desire to be your life associate. When He established his dwelling in your soul, he was not content to be simply the guest of your soul. He was anxious to become, as it were, your other self, guiding and inspiring your every action, and changing you into an image of Himself.

This business of "putting on Christ" is not an easy job, for each of us has a kind of spiritual "split-personality." On the one hand we enjoy this vital partnership with our Lord, while on the other we suffer the constant temptations arising from our self-centeredness. We are blessed with many spiritual gifts resulting from this partnership, yet we are afflicted with the downward pull of the world, the flesh and the devil. However, we do not wage this battle alone, because the Lord is always with us. There is not a single moment of your life when He is not carrying you in His mind and heart.

The greatest proof that your life is truly a partnership with Christ is found in the Eucharist. In this Sacrament, he makes a complete presentation of himself to you. In it He also invites you to make a wholehearted offering of yourself and your life. Here, more than anyone else, your two lives are fused and united in a sacred action that is the high tide of this partnership.

You should meditate frequently on these truths. Your life is indeed a partnership with Christ. He does wish to share in each of its joys and sorrows, its triumphs and its defeats, its work and its play. Truly, you never walk alone!

The amazing truth is that the son of God, who first lived His life for you, now wishes to relive his life in you. You are born to this Christ-life in Baptism. You are encouraged gradually to grow in Christ. And you are expected to share His suffering in life to some degree and thus to merit a share of His glorified life. You should be convinced of the absolute readiness of our Lord to share everything he has with you. And you should invite him to enter into every phase of your everyday life!

-Fr. Barnabas

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.)



A NOTE FROM FR. JEFF

Dear Brothers and Sisters, with the help of the parish finance council, pastoral council, and parish staff, I have decided to put the parish property at **1301 Vermont St.** (the former youth house) on the market. There is no longer a compelling need to keep that property and the money used in the payment of insurance and utilities, as well as from the sale of the house, can be used for our parish budget needs.

The property will be for sale beginning next week. - Fr. Jeff

UPCOMING CLASSES WITH FR. MIKE

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

Catholicism 101

**Thursday, February 19, 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.

Parish Staff

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(785) 843-9511
www.saint-johns.net/school

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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.

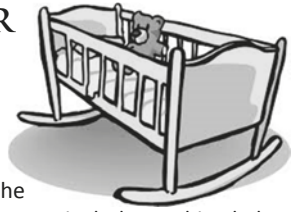
St. John is excited to offer a new opportunity for students that are homeschooled. We invite students in homeschools to join our school for a portion of the day or week. Partial enrollment is available for a maximum of two hours per day. Parents and students may enroll for one or several classes offered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

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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

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

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

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.

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

JUSTICE *Matters*

This is a general update on the research conducted
by Justice Matters Working Groups.

MENTAL HEALTH

Last week, we calculated the number of serious mental health disorders through the help of the Kansas Health Foundation, toured the Douglas County Jail, and visited with Douglas County Sheriff McGovern. According to the Kansas Health Foundation mental health calculator, the prevalence of serious mental illness every 12 months in Douglas County includes an estimated:

- 6,401 cases of major depression
- 2,952 cases of bipolar disorder
- 463 cases of schizophrenia
- 9,457 cases of anxiety disorder
- Total of 19,273 cases of severe mental illness

Our committee continues to explore early intervention among adolescents exhibiting severe mental illnesses, general mental health needs vs. services available in Lawrence, the proposed jail expansion, and the role of police and EMTs as first responders to mental health episodes. This week, we will start to research cutting edge mental health models in other cities.

CHILDREN

What do chronic bronchitis, obesity, suicide, major depression, and teenage pregnancy all have in common? The seeds for these outcomes were planted in childhood, according to the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study. The ACE study screened its participants for 10 different adverse experiences in childhood, ranging from physical/sexual abuse or neglect to having a parent who suffered from mental illness. Children with 4 or more of these specific traumas are:

- 390% more likely to have emphysema or chronic bronchitis
- 240% more likely to contract a sexually transmitted disease
- 2x more likely to be smokers, 12x more likely to attempt suicide, 7x more likely to be alcoholic, and 10x more likely to have injected street drugs.

Our committee continues to explore this study and how other cities have used ACE screening to strengthen families and prevent trauma. This week, we hope to get a better picture of early childhood interventions through Healthy Families and gather data from behavioral health assessments conducted by elementary school teachers in our community.

HOUSING

Last week, we visited with Mike Brouwer, Douglas County Jail Re-Entry Director and Joan Schultz, Executive Director of the Willow Domestic Violence Shelter in Lawrence. We learned about the lack of transitional housing, particularly for women fleeing abusive relationships.

Transitional Housing Facts:

- Unlike the Lawrence Community Shelter, transitional housing provides longer-term (12-24 months) housing for those needing safe and supportive environments as they stabilize their lives and finances after major, life-altering events.
- The Willow Domestic Violence Shelter can house 29 women for usually a period of 30 days. Joan Schultz asserted that the lack of transitional housing options is a major factor in women returning to an abusive relationship. The average domestic violence victim will return to an abusive relationship 7 times before finally making the break.

Our committee continues to explore the need for transitional housing as well as housing affordability, substandard housing, and predatory lease agreements. In the coming weeks, we hope to learn from city inspectors, tenant counselors, attorneys at KU Legal Services, and the Lawrence Landlord Association.

Please mark your calendar: our Solutions Briefing is April 15th at 6:45 pm at the Lawrence Free Methodist Church. All Justice Network Members are expected to attend in preparation for the Nehemiah Action Assembly on May 7, 2015 where we will bring forward specific proposals to our city's leaders.

www.justicemattersinkansas.org

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH AT ST. JOHN CHURCH

This is your invitation!

Mark which retreat you want to attend: Men's Retreat (Feb. 21 & 22, 2015) Women's Retreat (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.

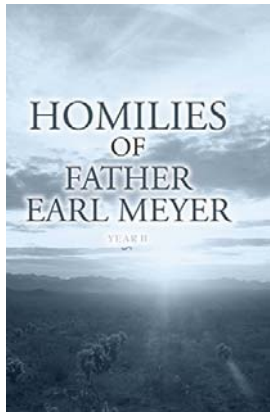
15. I'm still not sure. How do I know if I need renewal? As Christians we are called to continually renew our faith and our relationship with Christ. As a parish we are called to continually renew our community, to experience "being church for others". Do not worry about your preconceived reluctance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

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 Grocery stores are phasing out their gift card program and replacing it with Community Rewards.

To participate, go to www.dillons.com/communityrewards, register your Plus Shopper's Card number, and designate **St. John School #29296**. It only takes a minute.

Once you are registered, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to St. John School.

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



Sunday, February 15th, 2015

6pm-8pm

Corpus Christi Church,
6001 Bob Billings Parkway

A free concert featuring the choirs of First Baptist,
Corpus Christi, First United Methodist,
First Presbyterian, Good Shepherd Lutheran,
First Christian, St. John the Evangelist,
& Peace Mennonite



A goodwill offering will follow the final performance.

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

Donald Erker

Sr. Maureen Fagan, sister of Paula Peterson

Maxine Haller, mother of Susan Tabor

Debbie Heath

Gene Hieman

Edna Holmes, mother of Lois Mersmann

Dan Menke, son of Steve & Barb Menke

Mildred Mittleton

Ernie Potts

Dorothy Purdy

Mark Salomon

Gerald Simon

Ruth Theising

Special Intentions of **Tiffany**

Ron Willis

Sawyer Winson

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. 14-15

Lectors

Contact: Sean Smith
seanj@ku.edu

Cantors

Saturday

4:30pm K Beisner

Sunday

7am M Steichen

8:30am T Noll

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday

4:30pm L Reimond, M Roesner, L Seidl,
..... D Weigel, L Arnold, B Brill

Sunday

7am S&J Grzymala-Busse, M Heath

8:30am Boy Scouts

10:30am S Galarza Liu, P Gripka, P Lyon,

..... E Major, W McGuinness,

..... C Garcia, S Goodwin

5pm C Malone, S Murray, D Schmidt,

..... J Weeks, L Weeks, D Wulf-Walter

Altar Servers

Saturday

4:30pm B Thomas, E Fair

Sunday

7am.....Volunteers

8:30am.....Boy Scouts

10:30am.....A Grace, E Bial, F Kramer

5pm B Diers, K Oneslager

WEEKLY GIVING

Collection for the weekend of Jan. 31-Feb. 1

\$17,237.68

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

\$855,679.49

OFFICE NEWS

The Simon Parish Center will be closed on **Thursday, February 19**, as the parish staff will be on retreat. Normal hours will resume on Friday, February 20.

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. 9-15

Monday

7:30am Fr. Henry Deters†

Tuesday

7:30am Jim O'Toole†

Wednesday

7:30am Arlin Parish†

Thursday

7:30am Jennifer Kohler†

Friday

7:30am Johnny Johnson†

Saturday

8am Jim O'Toole†

4:30pm Raymond Ayala†

Sunday

7:00am Melania & Karol Thomas†

8:30am Danny Wells†

10:30am Thomas Lee

1:00pm (Spanish) Familia Marcial Diaz

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

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

FOCUS ON THE WORD

Question & Answer

During a CCD faculty workshop, we played a game that tested our knowledge of Catholic trivia.

I was surprised to hear that Friday is still a day of abstinence. Is that true?

If so, why do we eat meat?

It is easy to assume that the practices and customs of our local parish are exactly the same as the rest of the church. Celebrations of saints, penitential practices, the ways we worship, and other specific practices that are part of our parish identity may be unique. So are the reasons and explanations behind them. Reading what the church officially teaches or practices can be very interesting.

Church law and practice is universal, but some things can be changed or modified by a conference of bishops with Rome's approval. Abstaining from meat is a good example. Canon 1251 says, "Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities." The bishops in the USA obtained permission from Rome to do penitential and charitable works in place of abstinence on Fridays. Friday should still maintain its penitential character through our personal sacrifices and good works. Our personal practices are not limited or defined by church law.



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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

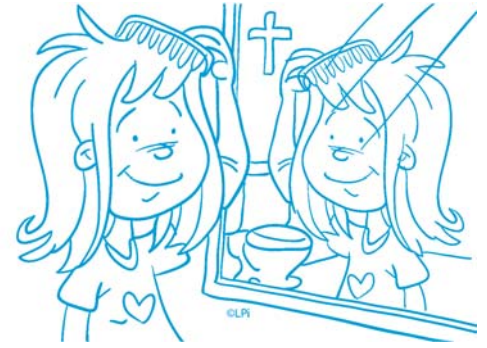
"Then the fever left her and she waited on them." What a day for this woman! She had been confined to bed, burning with a fever, too sick to move around. Then, her son-in-law showed up with his brother, two friends, and a man with a growing reputation for working miracles. With no ceremony, this man came straight over to her, took her hand and helped her to her feet. There was no time to question Jesus' bold action because in an instant, the woman was healed. Whatever he had done had worked!

We can imagine that the appearance of this group of guests at her house caused Simon's mother-in-law some distress; in her illness, she had been unable to offer them the hospitality so important in that culture. But as soon as the fever disappeared, she regained the freedom to properly welcome her visitors. No longer sick, she was able to serve. And that was exactly what she wanted to do. Without hesitation, she began to use her restored health to care for others. And soon enough, her hospitality was extended to new levels because "the whole town was gathered at the door" to see Jesus in action.

How do we use our health? Do we think of it as a gift from God to be put at the service of others? Or do we think of good health as simply our own right? Today's virtuous woman teaches us about a kind of physical generosity. Recognizing that her health had been given to her as a gift, she in turn offered her strength, her ability to stand and walk and work, as a gift to others. What a beautiful way to understand the human body. Instead of focusing on how our bodies can serve us, may we follow the example of this woman who was so quick to attend to the needs of her family, her friends, and her neighbors.

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Kids: Sharing the Gospel



Sharing the Gospel

Think about how you get ready for a busy day. You eat a healthy breakfast. You wash up and brush your teeth. Then you get dressed and comb your hair. There's one more thing you could do to start your day off right. Pray. Find a quiet spot where you can be alone to talk to God. That's what Jesus did.

Prayer

God, help me to start every day with you in prayer.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself praying to God in a quiet place.

Mission for the Week

When you get home, choose a special quiet place where you can talk to God every morning. Tell your family about your special place. They may want to join you in spending quiet time to pray.

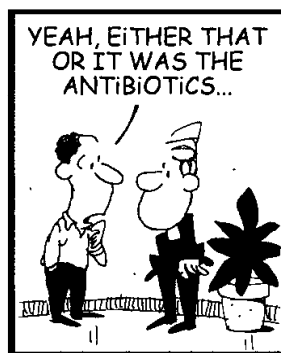
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39
 Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20--2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
 Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/ Mk 1:40-45

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 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

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).

8 de Febrero de 2015

5º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La vida de la sociedad de hoy está colmada de desilusiones y enfermedades. A dondequiera que veamos hay algo que nos conmueve. En la primera lectura el Libro de Job describe la realidad de aquel tiempo y el de ahora. La fatiga, nostalgia y prisa nos rodean: "Recuerda, Señor, que mi vida es un soplo. Mis ojos no volverán a ver la dicha". Para Job la vida es servicio y trata de trabajar duro como un jornalero. Démonos cuenta de que la condición humana tiene como característica el esfuerzo y el sufrimiento. Es necesario trabajar para recibir nuestro salario como recompensa.

Pero hay muchas personas que como Job ni siquiera tienen el consuelo de una recompensa o un salario. El Libro de Job nos enseña que la vida es frágil y quebradiza. Suele parecer que como un soplo, nuestro destino es la muerte. Más, sin embargo, en el Evangelio, Marcos nos muestra a un Jesús ocupado siempre, curando, orando y anunciando la Buena Nueva. El Señor Jesús es el único capaz de curar y de vencer el mal que nos aqueja: "Y [Jesús] recorrió toda Galilea, predicando en las sinagogas y expulsando a los demonios". ¿Qué males tengo? ¿Cuáles deben ser expulsados para que sea yo feliz? Tres aspectos de la vida terrena de Jesús deben tomar nuestra atención. Primero, sanar nuestras heridas físicas y espirituales. Jesús es el médico y desea que sanemos. Segundo es orar: nuestras actividades no nos deben de apartar de la intimidad con Dios. Por último, anunciar y proclamar la Buena Nueva. Pero observemos que si no tenemos las primeras dos, de nada servirá que hagamos la tercera. Hacer bien el trabajo que se nos encomienda significa luchar contra el mal. ¿Entendemos esto?



Lecturas para la semana del 8 de febrero de 2015

Domingo: Job 7, 1-4. 6-7/1 Cor 9, 16-19. 22-23/Mc 1, 29-39
Lunes: Gn 1, 1-19/Mc 6, 53-56
Martes: Gn 1, 20--2, 4/Mc 7, 1-13
Miércoles: Gn 2, 4-9. 15-17/Mc 7, 14-23
Jueves: Gn 2, 18-25/Mc 7, 24-30
Viernes: Gn 3, 1-8/Mc 7, 31-37
Sábado: Gn 3, 9-24/Mc 8, 1-10
Domingo siguiente: Lv 13, 1-2. 44-46/1 Cor 10, 31--11, 1/
Mc 1, 40-45

