



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37



Recently you received a letter from Archbishop Naumann asking for your generous support of the Archbishop's Call to Share. The 2015 ACTS theme "No Act of Love is Lost" reminds us that our simple acts of love have far reaching effects.

Your gift to the Archbishop's Call to Share is such an act, and helps bring the love of Jesus to every corner of Northeast Kansas. Please give prayerful consideration to how you can respond as Jesus' disciple by filling out your pledge card and returning it to the collection next weekend.

Our parish goal is \$83,979. Please give generously to support the ministries of the Church in Northeast Kansas!



JANUARY 18, 2015 • SECOND 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.



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, 843-9511 or newton@saint-johns.net. We will schedule a time for you to visit the school and discuss options and opportunities.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

St. John Parish will provide partial scholarships of \$1,750 for 2 families in the parish to attend World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia September 22-27, 2015.

If you are interested in applying for this partial scholarship please email Samantha Romero at sromero@saint-johns.net or call (785) 843-0109 and provide her your name, phone and email address.

The deadline for submitting an application is Friday, January 16 by the end of the business day. The names of the 2 families will be drawn the morning of Monday, January 19 by Fr. Jeff. If selected you will be contacted by the end of the business day on January 19.

To learn more about the World Meeting of Families, follow the link on our homepage at:

www.saint-johns.net

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 cocktails) 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!

FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Parents of all children preparing to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion, during the 2014-2015 school year, should attend the First Reconciliation parent meeting, in the church basement, **Thursday, January 22, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.** Fr. Jeff will facilitate the parent meeting. Parents only, please.

First Reconciliation for children in the school and Traditional R.E. program will be in the church **Tuesday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m.** Children preparing for First Reconciliation in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will receive the sacrament during the First Communion Retreat.

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week is January 25-31, 2015. On Sunday, January 25, St. John students will participate in the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Following Mass there will be a school information table in the church basement to provide details to families interested in St. John School. Everyone is invited to join us for cookies!

We are looking for volunteers to help clean. The church sees a lot of traffic, especially on weekends, and it takes some time and TLC to keep it clean. If you are interested in helping out with this ministry, please come to an informational meeting on **Saturday, January 24 at 9:00 a.m.** in the church. Thank you!

If you are interested in helping but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Nancy Jones: (913) 908-7284.



BREAD to Offer



ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN

By Fr. Barnabas Eichor, OFM, Cap.

He was born Mark Roy or Rey in 1577 in Sigmaringen, a town in modern day Germany. He studied law and philosophy at the University of Freiburg. Roy subsequently taught philosophy at this university, ultimately earning the degree of Doctor of Law. During his time as a student he did not drink wine and wore a hair shirt. He was known for his modesty, meekness and chastity.

In 1604, Roy accompanied, as a mentor, three young gentlemen on their travels through the principle parts of Europe. During six years of travel he attended Mass frequently. In every town they came to, he visited hospitals and churches, passed several hours on his knees in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, and was generous to the poor, sometimes giving them the very clothes off his back.

Upon his return, he practiced law as a counselor where he became known as the "poor man's lawyer." Disenchanted with the evils associated with his profession, he was determined to enter religious life as a member of the Capuchin Friars.

As soon as Roy, now "Fidelis," finished his course in theology, he was immediately employed in preaching and in hearing confessions. Many Calvinists heard his preaching and began to return to the Church. The Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith commissioned Fidelis to preach in eastern Switzerland. Eight other Capuchin friars were to be his assistants, and they labored in this mission under his direction. The Calvinists of that territory, being incensed at his success in converting their fellow Calvinists, loudly threatened Fidelis' life, and he prepared himself for martyrdom.

On April 24, 1622, Fidelis was preaching under protection of some Austrian imperial soldiers in the Church at Seewis with the aim to reconvert the people of Seewis to Catholicism. During the sermon, his listeners were called "to arms" by the Calvinist agitators outside the church. Fidelis had been persuaded by the remaining Catholics to immediately flee with the Austrian troops out of Seewis, which he did, but then returned alone. On his way back he was confronted by 20 Calvinist soldiers who demanded unsuccessfully that he renounce the Catholic faith, and when he refused, they subsequently murdered him.

His last words were, "I am sent to you to confute, not embrace your heresy. The Catholic religion is the faith of all ages, I fear not death." After the stroke of a backsword Fidelis continued, " Pardon my enemies, O Lord: blinded by passion they know not what they do. Lord Jesus have mercy on me. Mary Mother of God, succor me!"

Let us all ask St. Fidelis to pray for us that will all have his same faith and courage.

-Fr. Barnabas

FOCUS ON THE WORD

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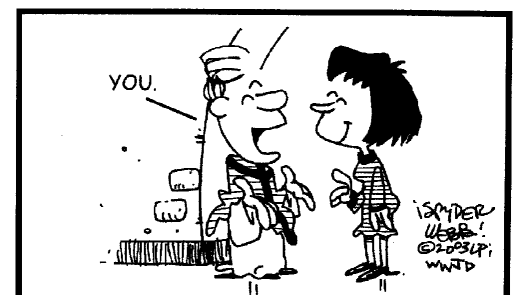
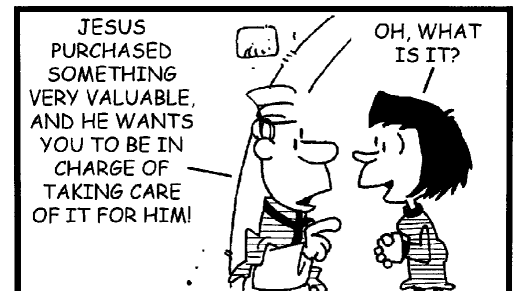
"What are you looking for?" When Jesus asked the two disciples this question, they didn't give an answer. Instead, they asked another question: "Where are you staying?" Obviously these men were interested in learning more about Jesus. They wanted to accompany him and be in his presence. They decided to spend the whole day with him. But they were not quite ready to reveal what they were really looking for.

Remember that at the time, these men were disciples of John the Baptist. They had heard John announce the coming of the Christ, but they didn't know yet who he was. John's followers were certainly looking for something: the Messiah. Most likely, these men were interested in seeing for themselves whether or not this Jesus was the one they had been waiting for.

Apparently, he was. Andrew was convinced by that daylong encounter with Jesus. In the verse that follows today's Gospel, we learn that "He first found his own brother Simon and told him, 'We have found the Messiah'" (Jn 1:41). What a joy this must have been for Andrew! He found what he was looking for. Indeed, the joy was so great that he couldn't wait to share the good news.

When we, like Andrew, take time to "spend the day" with Jesus, getting to know who he really is through our daily prayer, then the happiness we experience will naturally overflow to others. The process may begin with questions about who Jesus is; that's only natural. But once we find what we are looking for, we can do what Andrew did by sharing the joy of the discovery with our own brothers, sisters, neighbors, and friends right here at home.

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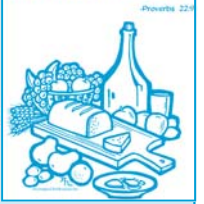
ST. JOHN LINK ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015

Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (LINK) is located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, and provides nutritious meals to 150 people in need. Our parish helps LINK by rotating with other Lawrence churches to furnish food and volunteers.

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Email _____ Evening Phone _____

Those who are
generous are blessed,
for they share their
bread with the poor.



FOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Chili - 11 batches of Chili. Each batch needs to feed 15 people. No need to bring it in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your meal and volunteers will remove it immediately, you can take your pan/pot, and you are done.

- I can make one batch I can make two batches

Mac & Cheese - One batch of macaroni and cheese. Batch needs to feed 15 people. No need to bring it in a disposable pan.

- I can bring 1 batch

Salad - Be creative. Bring enough to serve 13 people.

- I can bring one salad I can bring two salads

Salad Dressing - We need 4 bottles: 2 French and 2 Ranch

- I can bring 2 bottles of French I can bring 2 bottles of Ranch

Milk - We need 10 gallons of 2% milk.

- I can bring 1 gallon I can bring 2 gallons I can bring 3 gallons

Crackers - Boxes of crackers are needed.

- I can bring two boxes I can bring three boxes

Bananas - 125 bananas needed. When you sign up to bring bananas, we ask that you bring 15 bananas.

- I can bring 15 bananas I can bring 30 bananas

Bread - 5 loaves of wheat bread, 5 loaves of white bread are needed.

- I can bring 2 loaves of wheat I can bring 5 loaves of wheat I can bring 2 loaves of white I can bring 5 loaves of white

Margarine - We need 45oz of margarine.

- I will bring 45oz of margarine

Shredded Cheddar Cheese - We need 5lb of cheese.

- I can bring 1lb of cheese I can bring 2lb of cheese

Fritos - We need 3 large bags.

- I can bring 1 bag I can bring 2 bags

Return this form in collection plate or Parish Office by Monday, January 26, or contact: mcmurray@sunflower.com

Bring ALL items to the LINK kitchen located at

First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky St. on December 30, between 12:00—12:30 p.m.

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Servers - 9 volunteers needed. There are two shifts available.

- 11:30am-2:00pm — prep work and serving
 12:45pm-2:30pm — serving and clean up

Help in the Kitchen - 5 volunteers needed. There are two types of jobs available.

- 12:30pm-3:00pm — dish washing
 12:30pm-3:00pm — gopher/multi-tasker

Questions? Contact Vicki McMurray, mcmurray@sunflower.com

Cannot help with this LINK?
That's okay because there is
another opportunity coming
on Tuesday, March 31st.

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

Doug Belles, cousin 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

Mildred Mittleton

Ernie Potts

Josephine M. Ramirez

Special Intentions of Tiffany

Sawyer Winson

POSTPARTUM NFP CLASS

Couple to Couple League Announces Postpartum Natural Family Planning Class

The Couple to Couple League (CCL), one of the largest providers of Natural Family Planning (NFP) services in the United States, announces a class with a Postpartum Student Guide on the return of fertility after childbirth. Other than the cost of the workbook, this supplemental class is free for all current members of CCL who have taken or are concurrently taking a CCL course or home study. Other couples who are interested in the class may register for a complete CCL course or home study.

This class in using the Sympto-Thermal Method (STM) of NFP during the postpartum period takes place in Room 208 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, 1208 Kentucky St., Lawrence, KS, on **Wednesday, January 28, at 6:30 p.m.** For more info about this or other CCL classes in the metro area, call Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015 or CCL of Kansas City at (913) 894-3558. Online pre-registration for the class is required at: www.ccli.org.

MINISTERS: JAN. 24-25

Lectors

Saturday

4:30pm L1: A Sellet, L2: S Ohlmacher

Sunday

7am L1: Bernie K, L2: T Dowd

8:30am L1: L Sheppard, L2: S Smith

10:30am St. John School Students

5pm L1: M D'Souza, L2: B Walter

Cantors

Saturday

4:30pm L Koster

Sunday

7am K Colson

8:30am J Krones

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday

4:30pm ... J McGraw, D McGreevy, L Reimond

..... MA Roesner, L Seidl, D Weigel

Sunday

7am S & J Grzymala-Buse, B Harmon

8:30am M Springer, J Dvorske, M Ice,

..... E Grob-Creasey, D Hoss, J Huss, S Jahn

10:30am N & J Otter, D Shobe, S Stewart

..... D Thimmesch, L Tiffany, P Peterson

5pm S File, N Jones, N Volz, M LeGresley,

..... A McCabe, C Malone

Altar Servers

Saturday

4:30pm E Fair, P Price

Sunday

7am Volunteers

8:30am A Walters, C Peltier

10:30am B Smith, L Edgcomb, C Finkeldei

5pm Youth Mass

WEEKLY GIVING

Collection for the weekend of Jan. 10-11

\$17,944.52

Fiscal year total (7/1/14-1/11/15):

\$783,817.52

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

MASSES: JANUARY 19-25

Monday

7:30am Maurice Wustefeld†

Tuesday

7:30am Christina Lee

Wednesday

7:30am Charles and Anna Laskowski†

Thursday

7:30am Anna Cieniala†

Friday

7:30am Yoshi (Mori) Jahnt†

Saturday

8am Jim O'Toole†

4:30pm Mildred Brill†

Sunday

7:00am Fr. Vincent Chu†

8:30am Ernie Potts

10:30am Benedict Lee

1:00pm (Spanish) For the Parish

5:00pm Christina Yoon

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.

DINING FOR WOMEN

The Lawrence Dining for Women chapter will meet for dinner on **Tuesday, January 20th at 6pm in the Villas clubhouse**. The Villas clubhouse address is 5630 Villa Drive.

Dining for Women is a dinner giving circle. We "dine in" together once a month or so, each bringing a dish to share and our "dining out" dollars are sent to international programs empowering women and girls. It is a wonderful way to meet other women in the community while supporting a critical cause. Our second fall dinner will be February 17th.

Join us for **this month's program: Equipping and Empowering Female Leaders in Jordan**. Bring a friend and join us for incredible food and fellowship as we change the world one dinner at a time!

To learn more about this month's program or our organization go to diningforwomen.org or contact Ann Chapman at (785) 865-6876 or achap@ku.edu.

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).

18 de Enero de 2015

2º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El domingo pasado celebramos el bautismo del Señor. En el Evangelio de hoy Juan indica a sus discípulos quien era Jesús: "Este es el Cordero de Dios". Bastó eso para que los discípulos lo siguieran y pasaran el día con Jesús. Llamada o vocación, como desees llamarle, pero lo cierto es que Dios nos llama a todos y en todos los tiempos. Así lo experimentó Samuel mil años antes de Cristo, así como los primeros discípulos después del bautismo de Jesús. Si leemos la Biblia con atención, nos daremos cuenta de que Dios ha llamado a personas de todas las edades y condiciones. Es decir, llama a pobres y ricos por igual. El dilema es la respuesta. Unas personas responden rápidamente y otras necesitan más tiempo. ¿Tú cómo respondes?

La vocación tiene cuatro puntos clave. El primero es el llamado. El segundo es el encuentro. "[Jesús] se volvió hacia ellos, y viendo que lo seguían, les preguntó: '¿Qué buscan?'" La vocación tiene una estructura de relación personal entre Dios y cada uno. Así ha sido en todos los tiempos. Jesús facilita el encuentro. "¿Dónde vives, Rabí?" "Vengan a ver". El tercer momento es el seguimiento. Es decir, debe haber un proceso vocacional --o seguimiento libre-- donde exista una responsabilidad de relación permanente con él. El cuarto punto es la misión. Dios nos llama, y si existe una respuesta inmediatamente, confía la misión. "Deja tu país, a tu parentela y la casa de tu padre" (Gn 12, 1). Jesús nos llama hoy a ser sus discípulos. ¿Cómo respondemos? Puede existir el llamado a ser esposos fieles, consagrarse al sacerdocio o vida religiosa, o vivir como laicos comprometidos. Por último, ¿cómo respondemos al llamado de la fe?



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Lecturas para la semana del 18 de enero de 2015

Domingo: 1 Sm 3, 3-10. 19/1 Cor 6, 13-15. 17-20/Jn 1, 35-42

Lunes: Heb 5, 1-10/Mc 2, 18-22

Martes: Heb 6, 10-20/Mc 2, 23-28

Miércoles: Heb 7, 1-3. 15-17/Mc 3, 1-6

Jueves: Heb 7, 23--8, 6/Mc 3, 7-12

Viernes: Heb 8, 6-13/Mc 3, 13-19

Sábado: Heb 9, 2-3. 11-14/Mc 3, 20-21

Domingo siguiente: Jon 3, 1-5. 10/1 Cor 7, 29-31/Mc 1, 14-20

Question & Answer

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Epiphany means "manifestation" or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.



How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?



Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

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The Epiphany of the Lord

"They departed for their country by another way."

Things were different now. An encounter with the baby Jesus changed the Magi. Before finding the child, they had made a secret alliance with a worldly king, Herod. But after seeing this infant resting in the arms of Mary, their allegiance shifted. Now they became servants of the little Lord Jesus. They had a kind of conversion through their encounter with Christ, and they knew that they could no longer serve the whims of a wicked ruler.

We call this Sunday "Epiphany" because that's what the three wise men had: an epiphany, a moment of realizing the truth about God. In this moment these three men--kings that they were--"prostrated themselves and did?homage" to the King of Kings. Then they went home by a different route, undoubtedly as different men. Now, their own authority as worldly leaders took on a new character. Now, they were men who served a power greater than themselves. As it was prophesied in the Old Testament reading from Isaiah, even kings would walk by the "shining radiance" of the Lord.

Let us ask ourselves today how the Epiphany of the Lord can redirect us. What worldly allegiances have we made that need to be changed? Are we servants of our neighbors' good opinion or of the power of money? Are we secretly aligned with popularity or prestige? No matter what "rules" our hearts, we are invited to change our direction. We are invited to encounter the little Lord Jesus and offer ourselves to his gentle and loving guidance. After all, his is a kingship of concern for us. As today's psalm says, this King "shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him."

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Kids: Sharing the Gospel



Sharing the Gospel

Jigsaw puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God's promises, did their homework, and followed the star. When all of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.

Prayer

God, thank you for all the people who helped me find Jesus.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the people who help you learn more about Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22--4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
 Next Sunday: Is 55:1-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7/
 1 Jn 5:1-9 or Acts 10:34-38/
 Mk 1:7-11

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EPIPHANY



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.

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 Wed. 11am-3pm Thurs. 1pm-4pm
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