



ST JOHN

THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THEY WERE OVERJOYED AT SEEING THE STAR,
AND ON ENTERING THE HOUSE THEY SAW THE CHILD
WITH MARY HIS MOTHER.

THEY PROSTRATED THEMSELVES AND DID HIM HOMAGE.
THEN THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURES AND OFFERED HIM
GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.

{ MT 2:10-11 }

JANUARY 4, 2015 · THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

REVELATION: *A Class with Fr. Barnabas*



Fr. Barnabas will be teaching a course on Revelation on Tuesdays during the winter/spring (with encore sessions on Fridays) **beginning Tuesday, January 13.**

This class is open to anybody interested in learning more about the Book of Revelation and its role in our Catholic Faith. Please register for the class by contacting Veronica Hamer in the parish office at (785) 843-0109.



The class will use the book *Coming Soon* by Michael Barber. It is currently available on Amazon.com for \$13. You are asked to purchase your own book for the course; however, if you cannot afford the book let Veronica know and she will get one for you.

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THE FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

with Fr. Mike

Come learn how the example of St. Francis has impacted the lives of fellow parishioners as you study and grow together in your appreciation of St. Francis and what his example can offer you. The hour long presentation will include input from Fr. Mike, time for discussion, and close with a short prayer service. Class meets this **Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church basement. All are invited to attend!



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.

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Christmas Break

Traditional RE: All classes resume January 11, 2015 at 9:15 a.m.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium): All sessions resume the week of January 4, 2015.

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.

RECONCILIATION

Come receive the sacrament of reconciliation in the Padre Pio chapel at 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

RESERVING SPACE

Parishioners, if you would like to reserve a location on the St. John campus for an event or meeting, you must first contact Ellen Sickinger:

(785) 843-0109, esickinger@saint-johns.net

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

St. John Parish will provide partial scholarships of \$1750 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

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS, PROFESSIONALS AND SELF EMPLOYED

Liturgical Publications Inc (LPI), our Bulletin publisher, will have Lindsay Meyer, our Bulletin representative, visiting our Church January 12-15 to service our Bulletin. We would like to thank our present advertisers for renewing their ad and thereby continuing their support of our Church. **For those interested in placing a new ad, this is your opportunity.**

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To obtain information about advertising for the new publication year, please contact the Church office or contact Lindsay Meyer directly by phone at (913) 568-1570, or via email at: Lmeyer@4LPI.com. Keep in mind; our advertising sponsors make the Bulletin possible.

MEN'S RETREAT

There are seven places left for the weekend retreat at Benedictine Abbey in Atchison the weekend of **January 23-25**. If you've been thinking about the need or desire to deepen your relationship with God, this is a perfect opportunity for you.

Short presentations will be followed by time for personal reflection and small group discussion. We will participate in the Benedictine daily routine of the Liturgy of the Hours and meals with the monks.

The retreat will begin at 6:00 pm on Friday and conclude at 1:00 pm Sunday. Contact Mike Maude at **(785) 554-8393** or by email at mmaude@develop-net.com for more information or to register.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be Thursday, **January 8**. 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!

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. Dates available are:

Jan. 7, Jan. 14, Jan. 21, Jan. 28

GROCERY CARDS & TRASH BAGS

January 10-11

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

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

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

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

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

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Phone:

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Hy-Vee	\$50	<input type="text"/>
Hy-Vee	\$100	<input type="text"/>
Checkers	\$10	<input type="text"/>
Merc	\$50	<input type="text"/>

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

TRASH BAGS

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

PRAYER LIST

The "Prayer List" includes the most recent information that the Simon Parish Center has about a parishioner and/or their family member. Contact the Simon Parish Center to request someone for the "Prayer List" and be sure to update the Parish Center monthly regarding their condition or the name will be removed.

Frank Acinger

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

Maribel Lister

Diana Matthews

Mildred Mittleton

Matthew Perry, friend of Fred and Lois Mersmann

Ernie Potts

Josephine M. Ramirez

Sawyer Winson

MINISTERS: JAN. 10-11

Lectors

Saturday

4:30pm L1: A Sellet, L2: M Mauler

Sunday

7amL1: Bernie K, L2: M Delaney

8:30amL1: E Dvorske, L2: K Kohnke

10:30am L1: S Tabor, L2: C Bial

5pmL1: M Williams, L2: T Edgecomb

Cantors

Saturday

4:30pmA Mauler

Sunday

7amK Colson

8:30am T Noll

Eucharistic Ministers

Contact: Charlotte Burke
(785) 312-9025
cjcibur@yahoo.com

Altar Servers

Saturday

4:30pmP Price, G Ohlmacher

Sunday

7amJ Hope, N Hope

8:30am C Peltier, N Smith

10:30amL Keating, P Keating, A Grace

5pm L Schmidt, O Schmidt

MASSES: JANUARY 5-11

Monday

7:30am.....For the Parish

Tuesday

7:30am.....Clement Tulley†

Wednesday

7:30am..... Mildred Brill†

Thursday

7:30am..... Osborne/O'Connor Families†

Friday

7:30am.....John & Marie Vu and All Souls†

Saturday

8am..... Becky Hofmann Lloyd

4:30pm..... Val Romero†

Sunday

7:00am..... Keith Garcia†

8:30am.....JoAnn Male†

10:30am.....Thomas Lee

1:00pm (Spanish)For the Parish

5:00pm.....Bradley Simon†

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.com

WEEKLY GIVING

Collection for the week of Dec. 24-28:

\$35,752.86

(including Christmas: \$9,246.86)

Fiscal year total (7/1/14-12/28/14):

\$722,848.94

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...GET HEALTHY!

The New Year is fast approaching and if you are like many getting healthy is on your list! We are excited to announce the **St. John Get Healthy Challenge**, beginning **Saturday, January 10**.

This 12-week challenge is two-fold: for you to get healthy AND it will raise money for St. John school at the same time.

You can choose two ways to participate:

1. Donate a flat fee of \$150 (you can get others to put money towards this or donate the fee yourself)

OR...

2. Pounds pledged-have others pledge a certain dollar amount per pound lost

****With both options you receive:** access to weekly weigh-ins, reduced gym membership at The Summit in downtown Lawrence (just \$20 per month), \$5 boot camp classes with Tracey English, access to a private Facebook group for encouragement throughout the process...

...AND you will get healthy.

There will be additional opportunities for the whole family to have fun and be active together during the 12 weeks hosted by our very own Tracey English (for the children this is just a way of spending time as a family being active)! There will also be motivation prizes given throughout the process. Prizes will be awarded for pounds lost and percentage body fat lost. We will need a minimum of 15 people to participate.

Only adults can participate in the actual challenge although families are encouraged to have fun being active together! All people at St. John are welcome to participate!

If interested in participating please email Tracey English at traceyenglish@gmail.com or contact Samantha Romero at sromero@saint-johns.net or **(785) 843-0109**.

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



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 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

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).

4 de Enero de 2015

La Epifanía del Señor

Muchos regalos y una fiesta que mueve a la solidaridad. La tradición en estos tiempos de Navidad invita a muchas personas de todos los lugares del mundo a la recolección de ropa, juguetes, comida y dinero para dar a los más desfavorecidos. De alguna manera todos participamos en este intercambio de regalos con la familia, amigos y comunidad. Estos detalles de regalar extienden un clima muy especial para nuestra celebración, especialmente para los más pequeños. En nuestro contexto cultural hispano, la fecha de hoy es central. Los Reyes Magos venidos del Oriente nos ayudan a encontrar el mejor regalo para toda la humanidad: ¡Jesús manifestándose al mundo! ¿Mueve este encuentro de celebración nuestro corazón? ¿Qué significa para nosotros, hoy, Jesús?

En el siglo III fue cuando la palabra "Epifanía" se aplicó por primera vez a Jesucristo. Ya para entonces había desaparecido el peligro de ideas paganas de esos tiempos. Fue entonces cuando la Epifanía tuvo para la Iglesia su verdadero significado: "Dios manifiesto a la humanidad". Los magos, en el lenguaje bíblico, representan a un pueblo no judío ni pagano. Es por eso que ellos aceptan a Jesús por todos los pueblos del mundo. Dios se manifestó a ellos por medio de la estrella que los guiaba a Belén. ¿Qué estrellas nos guían hacia Jesús ahora? ¿Son acaso mi esposa o esposo, mis hijos o hijas, mis compañeros de trabajo, mi comunidad? No olvidemos el mensaje central de la Sagrada Escritura es Dios mismo que se manifiesta en Jesucristo. La Eucaristía es para nosotros otra manera de manifestación de su amor. ¡Feliz día de Epifanía!



Lecturas para la semana del 4 de enero de 2015

Domingo: Is 60, 1-6/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12

Lunes: 1 Jn 3, 22-4, 6/Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25

Martes: 1 Jn 4, 7-10/Mc 6, 34-44

Miércoles: 1 Jn 4, 11-18/Mc 6, 45-52

Jueves: 1 Jn 4, 19-5, 4/Lc 4, 14-22

Viernes: 1 Jn 5, 5-13/Lc 5, 12-16

Sábado: 1 Jn 5, 14-21/Jn 3, 22-30

Domingo siguiente: Is 55, 1-11 o Is 42, 1-4. 6-7/1 Jn 5, 1-9 o Hch 10, 34-38/Mc 1, 7-11