



MARCH 8, 2015 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

RECONCILIATION

During Lent, Reconciliation will be available:

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

Saturdays: 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

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

Friday Fish Fry:
5:00-8:00 p.m. in the church basement

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

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

ST. JOHN CAFÉ

Come have a morning snack and have your faith questions answered! All are welcome, 9:15-10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the St. Bosco Room of the school.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

There will be Anointing of the Sick in the church after all Masses this weekend (except Saturday's 8:00 a.m. Mass).

Find more Lenten resources at:
www.saint-johns.net/lent

Announcing Mrs. Johnson's Retirement

Mrs. Pat Johnson has announced her retirement at the end of this school year. She came to our school in 2000 when I hired her to open the Corpus Christi kindergarten. At that time we were building the Corpus Christi Campus of The Lawrence Catholic School. In 2006, after the split of The Lawrence Catholic School, Mrs. Johnson came to St. John School and opened our first ever preschool. She and her husband, Vic, spent many hours fixing up the little house that transformed into our preschool. After lots of painting, cleaning, and repairing, it became the charming preschool it is today. Pat has been a wonderful addition to our great St. John community. We will miss her!
—Pat Newton

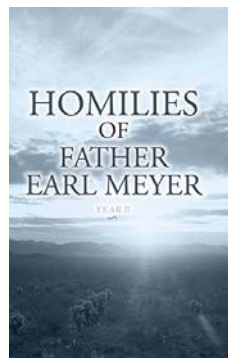


Prayers for Candidates

As we move closer to Holy Week and Easter, please keep in prayer those who are preparing to enter the church at the Easter Vigil.

George Diepenbrock is preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Those who are preparing to enter into Full Communion with the church and who will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil are **Dee Kirkpatrick, Carrie Mills, David Nutt, Brian Powell, Linda Roggenkamp, and Scotty Wenzel.**



HOMILIES OF FR. EARL MEYER

We now have more copies of Fr. Earl's books of homilies for both Year A and Year B. 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)

REVELATION: A CLASS WITH FR. BARNABAS

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

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

Fr. Barnabas will be teaching a course on Revelation on Tuesdays during the winter/spring (with encore sessions on Fridays) in the church basement.



This class is open to anybody interested in learning more about the Book of Revelation and its role in our Catholic Faith.

The class will use the book *Coming Soon* by Michael Barber. Please register for the class by contacting Veronica Hamer in the office at (785) 843-0109.

(note: no class this week, March 10!)

UPCOMING CLASSES WITH FR. MIKE

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

Catholicism 101

Thursday, March 12, Church Basement 7:00 p.m.

Catholicism 101 classes will continue on every following Thursday evening throughout Lent.

All are welcome!



BEYOND RECYCLING: A LENTEN JOURNEY

—CLIMATE CHANGE—

Climate change: what is happening to the temperatures, the air quality, the species all around us? Is nature alone changing or are the disconnected efforts of 21st century human lifestyles and wants exacerbating the climate in which we live? Pope Francis is increasingly focusing on the connections between our actions and climate change. Join the St. John's Earth Care Committee and make the Catholic connection with climate change!

Join the St. John's Earth Care Committee for fellowship and discussion on **March 13 at 6:00 p.m.** in the School Library (lower level of the school). The St. John Earth Care Committee inspires, educates, and engages parishioners to care for God's creation. Guided by Catholic environmental teachings, the Earth Care Committee focuses on reducing waste, reusing materials, recycling, and conserving resources to promote environmental awareness throughout the parish community and beyond.

We invite you to join us for fellowship, service, and fun as responsible stewards of God's creation. Email Kris Kohnke at kriskohnke@yahoo.com for more information. All are welcome!

FIRST COMMUNION

The First Communion parent meeting (for parents of second grade children preparing for the sacrament at St. John school or in the second grade Traditional Religious Education class) will be held in the church Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. Parents only, please!

If your child was not baptized at St. John church and you have not submitted a copy of the baptismal certificate to the school office or the Religious Education office, please bring a copy to the parent meeting.

Children enrolled in the second grade classes at St. John school and the Traditional Religious Education program will receive their First Communion on Saturday, April 18. Masses are scheduled for 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. More information will be available at the parent meeting, March 11.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, April 10, at St. John School

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

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

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

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

SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

2ND ANNUAL PARISH
GARAGE SALE!



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:

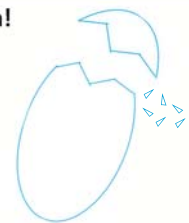
www.saint-johns.net/school

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.

EGGS NEEDED FOR FIESTA!

Start saving your eggshells for the Fiesta!

Please follow the directions below and be sure to wash the eggshell out. Feel free to decorate, fill & cap them if you'd like. Bring them to the back porch of the Parish Center and leave on the shelf marked Fiesta. If you need confetti or have any questions call (785) 979-3671.



Thank you to all who have donated confetti eggs in the past. This is one of the most profitable items at the Fiesta, the more we have the better!

This year's Fiesta will be June 26 & 27. Mark your calendar.

- 1) Crack the egg on the small end of the egg.
- 2) Wash the shell and air dry.
- 3) Place eggs in egg carton and leave on the back porch of the Simon Parish Center.
- 4) Write "Fiesta" on the egg carton.

FRIDAY FISH FRY



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

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



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

David Bell

Judy Davis, sister of Susan Tabor

Donald Erker

Sr. Maureen Fagan, sister of Paula Peterson

Scott Fox

Debbie Heath

Gene Hieman

Edna Holmes, mother of Lois Mersmann

Peter Masters, nephew of Susan Tabor

Dan Menke, son of Steve & Barb Menke

Mildred Mittleton

Ernie Potts

Dorothy Purdy

Richard Ramirez, Jr.

Mark Salomon

Gerald Simon

Delores Tharp

Ruth Theising

Ron Willis

SEDER MEAL

There will be a Seder Meal on **Tuesday, March 31st at 6:30 p.m.** in the church basement. All are welcome. The price of admission is a non-perishable food item. Please call Veronica Hamer at the parish office to make your reservations: (785) 843-0109.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

We are seeking volunteers interested in working in the food pantry and with our new Bed Spread Project. Morning and afternoon shifts available during business hours and training provided. We are also seeking donations for our Bed Spread Project. Most needed items include: full and twin beds, bedding, towels, and children's books. Stop by our office at 234 South Kansas Avenue. Interested in volunteering or have questions? Contact Dylan Woods: **(785) 233-6300** ext. 1309, dwoods@catholiccharitiesks.org

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

First Communion extra sessions for children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be held on the following Thursdays: March 12, March 26, April 2 and April 9. These sessions will meet from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Atrium house at 200 W. 13th St. The children preparing for First Communion should attend all extra sessions as well as their regular Atrium session.

First Communion parent sessions will meet in the Atrium house at 202 W. 13th St. on the same days and time (listed above). Parents should plan to attend the first parent session to get more information about the retreat and have any questions answered.

MINISTERS: MARCH 14-15

Lectors

Saturday

4:30pm L1: A Sellet, L2: B Augusto

Sunday

7am L1: C Zebas, L2: J Snyder

8:30am L1: J Wyatt, L2: K Kohnke

10:30am L1: C Ehrlich, L2: C Bial

5pm L1: K Ames-Stratton, L2: D Weber

Cantors

Saturday

4:30pm K Gibb

Sunday

7am M Steichen

8:30am N Burkhart

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday

4:30pm D Guth, K Guth, L Heiserman

..... A Hewitt, B Johnson, J Koster

Sunday

7am M Heath, K Meyer, B Osborne

8:30am S Jahn, C Johnson, T Kempf

..... B Kessler, K Kohnke,

..... K Ostrander, Y Ruder

10:30am B DeWitt, C&D Ehrlich, J Evers

..... T Gabrielson, S Galarza Liu, C Garcia

5pm C Malone, A McCabe, S Murray

..... D Schmidt, N&B Volz

Altar Servers

Contact: Sue Ohlmacher
skohlmac@sunflower.com

MASSES: MARCH 9-15

Monday

7:30am Eileen Shaughnessy†

Tuesday

7:30am Russell Naut†

Wednesday

7:30am Mary Kilkert†

Thursday

7:30am Jim Dray†

Friday

7:30am Maxine McCabria†

Saturday

8am Pete Synder†

4:30pm Marion Barrett†

Sunday

7:00am Marion & Archie Hawkins†

8:30am Val Romero†

10:30am Bonnie Nabower†

1:00pm (Spanish) For the Parish

5:00pm Don Porter†

PRAYER SERVICE

Prayer Service in Remembrance of Blessed Archbishop Oscar Romero

Please join the social concerns committee as we remember the life of Blessed Oscar Romero with a prayer service in the church on **Tuesday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m.**

Oscar Romero served as Archbishop of El Salvador at a time during which the government of El Salvador was taking land from farmers and using it for their own means, which were often corrupt. He was assassinated while elevating the host at a Mass at a hospital on March 24, 1980.

Come learn more about his life and hear excerpts from homilies he gave to encourage the people of El Salvador in that difficult time in El Salvadoran history.

ST. JOHN CAFÉ

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

All are invited!

OFFICE HELP NEEDED

A volunteer is needed to cover the front desk in the parish office on Tuesday, March 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and on Thursday, March 19th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you can help, please contact Veronica by phone at (785) 843-0109. Thank you!

Question & Answer

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer.

Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.



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Third Sunday of Lent

"While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing." How we would love to see those signs! How easy it would be for us to believe if we too could witness Jesus healing the sick, feeding the multitudes, calming the storm. It's tempting to imagine that faith was a simple thing back in those days. We might be inclined to think that we don't have the same benefits as those first believers, and so faith is harder in our day and age. But is it, really?

In truth, we have an advantage that none of those people had: two thousand years of Church history! Two millennia of faithful, prayerful Christians believing in Jesus and spreading the Gospel; the collective witness of the saints--many of whom have also worked "signs" in Jesus' name; the effects of the Church on culture and the world through its schools, its hospitals, its spiritual movements, and religious institutions; the unbroken line of apostolic succession that traces back to the time of Christ. Just the fact alone that the Church is still alive and well in spite of all of its sinful members ought to be miracle enough for us.

But even with all of this testimony, it's important to remember that seeing signs and believing in Jesus are not the same thing. Even those who witnessed Jesus' miracles had to take the next step by choosing to accept him as their Lord. Ultimately, all of these convincing details are not the point. The point is to encounter Jesus on a personal level. The signs may open the door to bring us closer to him, but it's up to us to walk through that door. May we walk so as to come "to believe the Scripture."

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Kids: Sharing the Gospel



Sharing the Gospel

Imagine coming to your church to pray. All around your church, you see people selling animals. It smells like a barn. The animals are loud. The people are shouting. You cannot even pray with all the noise and activity going on around you. That is what Jesus found in today's Gospel. It broke his heart and made Jesus angry. God's house is not supposed to be turned into a barn or a store. It should be special place where people can meet with God and talk to him. Jesus cleaned out his Father's house. He turned it back into a place of prayer.

Mission for the Week

Read John 2:13-25 with your family. Ask God to help you keep your church clean. Church should never be a store or a barn. It should be a special place to pray.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

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3D SUNDAY OF LENT



ROSARIO

Cada Lunes: 8:00 p.m.

Por nuestras necesidades y por las de quien amamos.
Ven, te espero, cada lunes en la iglesia.



PLATICAS PRE-BAUTISMALES

Platicas para bautizar son cada 1er Sábado del mes.

Hora: 6:00pm a 9:00pm, En la escuela parroquial. **No traer niños.**

RECICLAGE

Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu 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

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 Marzo de 2015

3er Domingo de Cuaresma

A mediados de la Cuaresma se nos presenta una lectura sobre los diez mandamientos. Pero, ¿para qué escucharlos? ¿Qué nos indica el Señor mediante esta lectura? Todos por lo menos los escuchamos y aprendimos al hacer nuestra primera Comunión. Sin embargo, no es lo mismo escucharlos o leerlos que ponerlos en práctica en nuestra vida. Por medio de ellos Dios da a conocer a su pueblo lo que pretende y lo que espera de ellos y de nosotros, si es que deseamos aceptar una alianza con Dios. Lo que pasó en el Monte Sinaí es para nosotros una luz para comprender lo sucedido con la venida de Jesús. Dios siempre manifiesta su amor y preocupación por los seres humanos. Pero al enviar a su Hijo nos revela, en plenitud, su amor.

La alianza del Sinaí, la cruz y la Resurrección, ¿qué semejanza tienen? Sencillamente el que comprendamos el por qué Jesús no tolera que el templo, casa de su Padre, se convierta en cueva de ladrones y cambistas. Es decir, ya la humanidad estaba comprometida a responder lo revelado por Dios. ¿Cómo responderemos al llamado de Dios en este domingo? ¿Qué debe Jesús echar fuera de mi vida? El participar fielmente en la Eucaristía puede iluminar nuestros corazones y darnos la fuerza necesaria para comprender su mensaje y dar una respuesta positiva. Se trata de hacer obras buenas, para que al vernos, la gente crea en el mensaje de Jesús. Reflexionemos en las palabras finales del Evangelio: "Mientras estuvo en Jerusalén para las fiestas de Pascua, muchos creyeron en él, al ver los prodigios que hacía". ¡Quédate, Señor, en mí!



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Lecturas para la semana del 8 de marzo de 2015

Domingo: Ex 20, 1-17 o 20, 1-3. 7-8. 12-17/1 Cor 1, 22-25/ Jn 2, 13-25

Lunes: 2 Re 5, 1-15/Lc 4, 24-30

Martes: Dn 3, 25. 34-43/Mt 18, 21-35

Miércoles: Dt 4, 1. 5-9/Mt 5, 17-19

Jueves: Jr 7, 23-28/Lc 11, 14-23

Viernes: Os 14, 2-10/Mc 12, 28-34

Sábado: Os 6, 1-6/Lc 18, 9-14

Domingo siguiente: 2 Cr 36, 14-16. 19-23/Ef 2, 4-10/Jn 3, 14-21