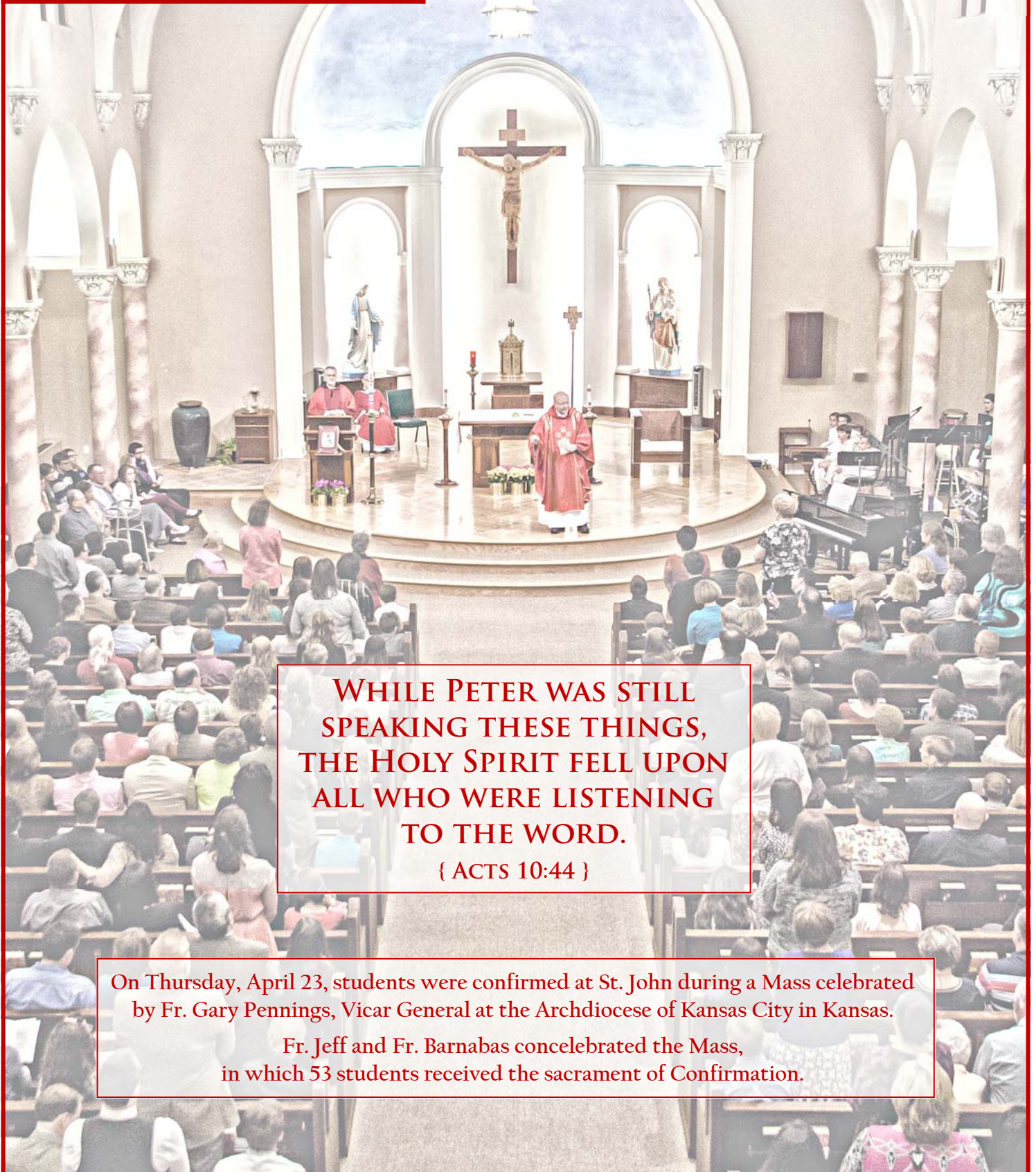


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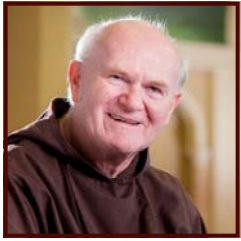
**WHILE PETER WAS STILL
SPEAKING THESE THINGS,
THE HOLY SPIRIT FELL UPON
ALL WHO WERE LISTENING
TO THE WORD.**

{ ACTS 10:44 }

On Thursday, April 23, students were confirmed at St. John during a Mass celebrated by Fr. Gary Pennings, Vicar General at the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

Fr. Jeff and Fr. Barnabas concelebrated the Mass, in which 53 students received the sacrament of Confirmation.

BREAD to Offer



GOD'S GOODNESS AT WORK

By Fr. Michael Scully, OFM, Cap.

There is a saying that has come into our English idiom in various forms. The sayings all revolve around the thought of allowing God to be in charge of our lives. That saying? "You want to make God laugh? Tell God your plans." Jesus reminds us in the Gospel of Luke we should not worry about our lives because just as the birds and flowers, God will take care of us.

You and I have known that, but especially I have known it in my life as a priest and pastor. When you know something to be true—but then have to live out that something—we begin to truly understand Jesus' saying and just how difficult it can be.

I am in the process of living out what Jesus promises—God will take care of us no matter what. Many people are in the same boat that I am—sudden accidents, the discovery of cancer, sudden deaths, sudden changes in the family, unexpected pain and so forth.

Many of you have asked about what I went through. It is simple to say, but something else to live out: I was going up some steps, the banister gave out, and I ended up hitting a replaced hip full force and also hurting my shoulder. Now, I'm in the process of recovery after yet another hip replacement and all that means. The important fact is that I am living out what I know to be true. God will continue to take care of us even though God is "writing straight with crooked lines."

My problem, as many people who have these sudden things happen to them, is the problem of living out the faith. God's plan is always a good plan, even though it does not seem like it. A person of faith will thank God for what God has done and honestly be satisfied that the outcome is what God wants, and therefore something to "rejoice" in.

Perhaps the problem comes out in two ways. First, we do not really believe it. We believe in God, to be sure, but we cannot bring ourselves to believe that God continually takes care of the millions of people who populate this earth. And secondly, even if we do believe that God will take care of us, we want God to take care of us a little better—that is, the way we think things should be.

The answer lies in developing an approach to life that centers on the belief that things will unfold as God intends. We pray every day with the belief that God is God and "can do anything," even to the point of helping every one of us as a beneficent provider. And yes, some doors in the real world will close, and close with finality never to be opened again, but others will open, and different good paths will happen. It means truly accepting the old adage of "letting go and letting God." That is, we have to learn to trust deeply in the grace of God at work in our lives and serenely let go of things that we cannot change at the present time. Our lives are more than what we think they are. They are God's creation and God's goodness in progress.

Thanks to all of you who continue to wish me a speedy and full recovery. I truly appreciate it, and I am trying to work with the medical people to bring it about. Always continuing to work with God's will, I will return!

Fr. Mike

ST. JOHN PLANNING STUDY

For the past few months, parish leaders have been planning for phase II of the master plan for our church and school facilities. Preliminary plans call for construction of a full size gymnasium to serve our school and parish, office space for parish staff, and a multi-purpose meeting and gathering space. Before we make any decisions regarding the next phase of this plan, we would like to hear from you.

Beginning Monday, we are conducting a comprehensive survey of the entire parish. This planning study will enable us to determine potential support for the projects listed. If we, as a faith community choose to move forward, the planning study will also provide us with information to identify prospective campaign leaders and to establish a realistic campaign goal.

You will all receive information about the project and be asked to share your thoughts regarding the prioritization of our needs and the feasibility of conducting a major fundraising effort. The Steier Group, our development firm, will compile this information and present it to our parish leadership. At that time, we will make an informed decision regarding the next step in the implementation of our master plan.

This process is extremely important and each and every school and parish family is encouraged to participate. Your input is valuable as we plan for the future of St. John Community. - Fr. Jeff

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Dear St. John Parish family, we have come upon that time for a parish pastoral council membership change. Three members will be rotating off of the council and will be replaced by three new members. I would like to ask you to nominate someone you feel would serve this ministry well.

The purpose of the pastoral council is to advise the pastor as to the needs of the parish in the areas of spiritual growth, evangelization, and social concerns, in light of our parish mission statement, which appears in the bulletin and parish website. The council also provides advice on practical matters such as property and maintenance. Once a year, the council also meets with a representative from the various parish committees and ministries. The council meets on the evening of the third Tuesday of the month, with the exception of one month during the summer.

If you know someone who would be a good candidate for the pastoral parish council, please call the parish office or send an email to me with the name of the person. I will then contact that person and, without identifying you, will ask that person if they would be willing to serve on the council. Once we have nominations, we will ask all of you vote for your choice by ballot. Thanks!

- Fr. Jeff

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

FRIARY OPEN HOUSE

As part of the Year of Consecrated Life, we Capuchin Friars will be hosting an open house on **Sunday, May 31st from 2:00 – 8:00 pm**, at St. Conrad Friary, **745 Tennessee Street** (northwest corner of 8th and Tennessee).

All are invited to attend! Your visit will include a tour of the first and second floors of the friary, including the chapel. We also will have snacks and refreshments. Hope to see you!

- Fr. Jeff

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is collecting funds for disaster relief in Nepal and surrounding regions following the April 25th earthquake that left thousands dead and displaced tens of thousands more.

During next weekend's Masses we will be taking up a second collection for the people of Nepal recovering from the earthquake.

FIESTA COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a Fiesta Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 13th at 7pm in the Church Basement/Social Hall. If you are interested in joining the committee, then please contact Frank Lemus with at questions at **(785) 691-8769** or by email flemusjr@sbcglobal.net.

LINK THANK YOU!

On April 30 we served 167 meals at LINK. Thank you to all of the volunteers and the people who supplied food for making this happen.

The next opportunity for St. John to help with LINK will be **Tuesday, June 30**. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins!

HOLY ROSARY RALLY

Celebrate Mother's Day with our Blessed Mother Mary! The May Holy Rosary Rally in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima will be held on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10**, from 3:00-4:15 p.m. at The Church of the Ascension, 9510 W 127th St. Overland Park, KS 66213.

We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular.

For driving instructions or future dates for the Kansas City monthly Holy Rosary rallies, visit:

www.rosaryrallieskc.org

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QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

Meets every **Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** in St. John's Church. The Queen of Peace Prayer Group is committed to responding to the Blessed Mother's call at Medjugorje to pray from the heart to bring about her plan for peace in the world.

The hour includes the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone welcome.

WOMEN SAINTS

WomenSaints Prayer and Reflection Group

We seek to deepen our walk with God and nurture each other through prayer, meditation, journaling and reflection on the lives and writings of the saints. We meet the first and third Tuesday at 7pm. Our next meeting is May 19 in the St. Bosco room. No home study and if you have questions, please contact Debi Bradley at (517) 474-5076 or Beth Fox at (785) 840-5561.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 14, 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Kansas City

If you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary in the year 2015 and would like to take part in the Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration, please call the Marriage & Family Life Office of the Archdiocese at **(913) 721-1579 ext.149** and leave your name, address, phone number and wedding date as soon as possible.

The Archdiocesan Marriage & Family Life Office will send each couple a formal invitation from Archbishop Naumann.

CHRIST'S PEACE HOUSE OF PRAYER

Christ's Peace House of Prayer on St. Isidore's feast day, Friday, May 15, will have a Mass and blessing for all the families, farms, and businesses of the rural communities of the Archdiocese. Mass will be at noon followed by a blessing. A simple lunch will follow and the chance to tour the grounds. Please send us the names of your families, farms and businesses so we can bless them by name. If you are interested, please contact us at info@christspeace.com or **(913) 773-8255** so we can meal plan.

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
Christine Bial
Deacon Leo Bistak
Bre Emery
Donald Erker
Scott Fox
Edna Holmes, mother of Lois Mersmann
Janie Holt
Jack Hope
Pete Louis James
Mary James
Chrlotte Julianne Johnson, granddaughter of Fred and Lois Mersmann
Peter Masters, nephew of Susan Tabor
Dan Menke, son of Steve & Barb Menke
Mildred Mittleton
Richard Ramirez, Jr.
Mark Salomon
Michael Schurer, son of Mick Schurer
Gerald Simon
Susan Tabor
Delores Tharp
Johnny Thatcher, brother of Dee Jerome
Ruth Theising

FIESTA PRIZES NEEDED

Do you have any little toys, books, kits, knick-knacks, or other items you can donate to the prize table at the Fiesta children's games?

If so, please contact Nora Murphy:

(785) 331-0421

nora7@sbcglobal.net



MINISTERS: MAY 16-17

Lectors

Saturday
 4:30pm L1: P Graves; L2: S Ohlmacher

Sunday
 7am L1: C Winkelbauer; L2: B Kish
 8:30am L1: L Sheppard; L2: J Huss
 10:30am L1: J Gripka; L2: F St. Ines
 5pm L1: B Walter; L2: Charlie D.

Cantors

Saturday
 4:30pm A Mauler

Sunday
 7am K Colson
 8:30am N Burkhart

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday
 4:30pm L Seidl, D Weigel, L Arnold
 B Brill, D Depenbusch, J Halderman

Sunday
 7am B Harmon, M Heath, K Meyer
 8:30am J Huss, M Ice, S Jahn, C Johnson
 T Kempf, B Kessler, K Kohnke
 10:30am J Evers, T Gabrielson, S Galarza Liu
 C Garcia, S Goodwin, P Gripka, P Lyon
 5pm N Jones, M LeGresley, C Malone
 A McCabe, S Murray, D Schmidt

Altar Servers

Saturday
 4:30pm J Krones, G Ohlmacher

Sunday
 7am Volunteers
 8:30am A Walters, N Smith
 10:30am P Keating, L Keating, B Babbitt
 5pm O Schmidt, L Schmidt

MASSES: MAY 11-17

Monday
 7:30am Ron Willis†

Tuesday
 7:30am Emory Corrigan†

Wednesday
 7:30am Kenneth Caldwell†

Thursday
 7:30am Connie Garcia & Family†

Friday
 7:30am Ron Willis†

Saturday
 8am Ron Willis†
 4:30pm Pauline Hayest†

Sunday
 7:00am Ron Willis†
 8:30am Bernice Sickinger†
 10:30am Nate Weiselman†
 1:00pm (Spanish) For St. John Parish
 5:00pm James Hunter M.D.†

WEEKLY GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2014
 through June 30, 2015

Information below
 reflects donations received

July 1, 2014 through **May 3, 2015**

Budgeted weekly amount \$30,576.93
 Average weekly amount **\$27,124.79**
 Budgeted YTD \$1,345,384.92
 Actual YTD **\$1,193,490.54**
 Net Shortage **\$152,399.88**

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

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 in the parish office at (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: **June 3, June 10, June 17 and June 24**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be Thursday, May 14. 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. Our 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.

Knights Host the Rosary at St. John

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!



ST. JOHN SCHOOL

THE LATEST NEWS

DILLONS GROCERY REWARDS

St. John received its first Dillons Rewards check for \$992.95

To participate, go to: www.dillons.com/communityrewards, and 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.

This fundraiser replaces the Dillons Grocery Cards, which are no longer available for purchase—so sign up today to benefit St. John!

DONATION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Students may donate their used school supplies to the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist on the last day of school. We will have donation boxes available for the students.

The sisters send the supplies to missionaries around the world including countries in Africa and Pine Ridge, North Dakota. Many of the children who receive these supplies do not have basic school supplies.



Students, be sure to check out these great opportunities for you this summer!

**SUMMER TRIP FORMS
DUE NOW!!**

HIGH SCHOOL

- Help Coordinate Vacation Bible School (June 8-12)
- Steubenville of the Rockies Conference (June 19-23)
- Prayer and Action: Atchison (July 12-17)
- Pinterest Nights (Wednesday nights this summer)
- Apologetics Dinners (Monday nights this summer)

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- Help Coordinate Vacation Bible School (June 8-12)
- One Big Love (June 26-28)

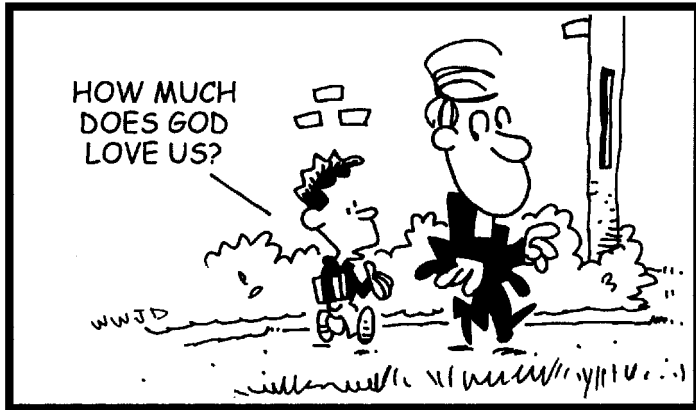
More information: www.saint-johns.net/youth



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.

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



St. John Parish Recycling Program

Last year, the St. John Earth Care Committee debuted the parish recycling program. At that first event, about 30 pounds of recycleables were saved from the landfill - including a 6 foot stack of plastic cups!

What else was there? Soda boxes, water bottles, aluminum foil, plastic containers, and aluminum cans - all recycleable through the City of Lawrence Single Stream Recycling program.

Are you planning a parish event, but are not sure how to organize recycling? Let us know!

The Earth Care Committee is here to help! Email your questions or comments to Kris at kriskohnke@yahoo.com.



**COME EXPLORE
ST. JOHN SCHOOL!**

VISIT ONLINE: WWW.SAINT-JOHNS.NET/SCHOOL
CALL: (785) 843-9511 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO
SCHEDULE A TOUR FOR YOU AND YOUR STUDENT!

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).

10 de Mayo de 2015

6° Domingo de Pascua

El próximo domingo estaremos celebrando la Ascensión del Señor. Hoy estamos celebrando el Sexto Domingo de Pascua. El tiempo pasa rápido, pero la Iglesia permanece siempre alerta y atenta para servirnos y presentarnos el testamento de Jesús. El Evangelio de San Juan nos narra el discurso de Jesús al final de la Última Cena: "Permanezcan en mi amor". Ahora bien, en la actualidad decimos que nos amamos, pero muchas veces actuamos contrario al amor. Parece que la palabra "amor" está muy desgastada. Nos agobia la guerra, el hambre, la violencia y otras cosas más. Hemos usado de mal manera la palabra amor, que ya hasta la hemos devaluado. Dios nos pide que sirvamos al hermano en necesidad. El amor a Dios y el amor al prójimo van de la mano. Y para descubrir ese amor hay que captar la entrega de Jesús.

La maldad obstaculiza el amor y la fuente del amor, que es Dios. Examinemos nuestras acciones para que no vayamos nosotros a ser obstáculos del amor de Dios para mis hermanos y hermanas. Esta semana tomemos tiempo para reflexionar sobre nuestra forma de amar a la familia, amigos y compañeros de trabajo, sabiendo que debemos de ser imitadores de Jesús. Debemos de ejercitar el amor en todas nuestras circunstancias de la vida diaria. La caridad es urgente: el mundo sufre y aliviarlo es nuestra responsabilidad. Jesús nos lo explica así: "Les he dicho esto para que mi alegría esté en ustedes y su alegría sea plena".

1ST CONFERENCIA ANUAL DIOCESANA DE JOVENES HISPANOS ADULTOS

CHOSEN BY LOVE

Fecha: Viernes Mayo 29th, 2015

Hora: 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Lugar: El Centro Católico – 20 West 9th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105.

Costo: \$25 por persona o \$40 por pareja en pre-venta y \$30 por persona o \$45 por pareja en la entrada del evento. Incluye comidas y refrescos.

Quiénes pueden participar?

Jóvenes Hispanos Adultos, 19 a 33 años, pueden registrarse online o en la parroquia.

Contacto: Edith Montes – emontes@diocesekcsj.org o 816.482.6906 / 816. 714.2350

Website: <http://ministerio.diocese-kcsj.org/>
link: jóvenes hispanos.

La Santa Misa será celebrada a las 7:00 pm por el Padre Jorge Andrés Moreno en el Centro Católico – Capilla Nuestra Señora de Éfeso.