



**ST JOHN**  
THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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APRIL 26, 2015  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**“I AM THE TRUE VINE,  
AND MY FATHER IS THE VINE GROWER.  
HE TAKES AWAY EVERY BRANCH IN ME THAT DOES  
NOT BEAR FRUIT, AND  
EVERYONE THAT DOES HE PRUNES  
SO THAT IT BEARS MORE FRUIT.”**

{ JN 15:1-2 }

**Weekend Mass Schedule:** Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 1:00pm (Spanish Mass), 5:00pm. **Website:** [www.saint-johns.net](http://www.saint-johns.net)

**Weekday Mass Schedule:** Monday-Friday 7:30am; Saturday 8:00am. **Reconciliation:** Wednesday 11:00am-1:00pm, 7:00-8:00pm; Saturday 3:00-4:00pm.

# BREAD to Offer

## HOW TO WELCOME CHRIST INTO YOUR HEART

By Fr. Barnabas Eichor, OFM, Cap.



In the quest for Christian perfection, there is one means that is the most effective in achieving this goal. This is the Eucharist, whose special grace is union with Christ through love.

Let us immediately say that the Blessed Sacrament does far more than merely symbolize this union of the soul with Christ—it actually affects it! That is to say it brings it about in a literal way. The Lord wasn't playing with words when he promised; "He who eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood abides in me and I in him." (John 6:57)

This is an amazing and almost unbelievable reality—the Eucharist truly effects a physical union between our bodies and the Sacred Host; it is a union of our souls with the Divinity of Christ—and thus with the Godhead itself.

The special grace of this Eucharistic food then is one that unites and gradually transforms us into Christ—that is, if we allow ourselves to cooperate with the graces given in the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist Christ is always trying to renew our hearts and our minds but too often we resist that Grace and thus remain blind and hard hearted. The sacraments are not magic—they require our openness and effort. An entire volume could be written on the effects of the Eucharist, but its uniting us to Christ and its gradually transforming us into Christ is the one that summarizes all the others.

Theologians tell us that the whole Sacramental System is ordered to the Eucharist as to its consummation and end. This is another way of saying that all the sacraments have as their ultimate purpose union with Christ in charity. And is not this the very goal of our Christian lives?

The conclusion that flows from this truth is obvious. The Blessed Sacrament should be at the very center of our lives, because it contains Christ and the whole power of his Passion. Also we should dispose ourselves as perfectly as possible for this wondrous gift.

In the Eucharist, our Lord comes to you in perfect self-surrender. As your Creator the Lord comes to re-create you. As your Savior he comes to save you. As God's love he comes to put his power, mercy and love at your disposal. He desires to be your life—your way—and your very self!

You should approach the Lord in the same way with perfect surrender. Your faith should tell you what this Sacrament contains and your confidence in the power of this sacrament should be absolutely unlimited. Your humility should expose your spiritual need and your love should beg him to take over yourself and your life.

As you approach Communion, remember that you are about to receive far more than you have the power to give. Just as one Holy Mass can make perfect reparation for what sins have done to God, so also fervent Communion can repair the damage that your sins have done to yourself.

- Fr. Barnabas

## Wake up to a deeper understanding of your faith: ST. JOHN CAFÉ

Please join us on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. and now on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning café will meet every week in the St. Bosco Room (lower level of the school), unless otherwise noted in the bulletin. Our next Wednesday morning café will be on Wednesday, May 6, in the St. Bosco Room.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

ST. BOSCO ROOM

8:30-9:30 A.M.

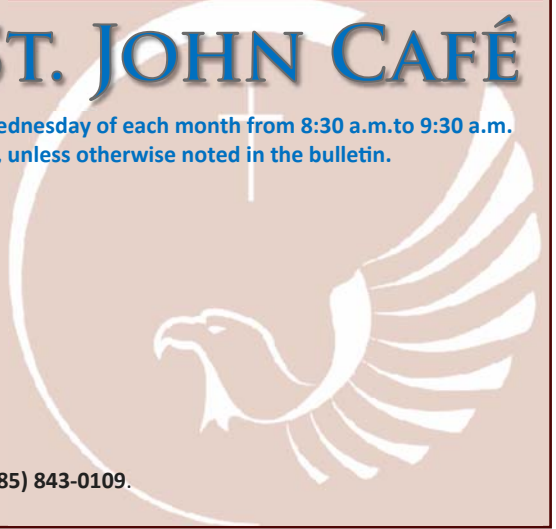
SUNDAY, MAY 3 & 10

ST. BOSCO ROOM

9:15-10:15 A.M.

Each morning discussion comes with breakfast snacks and a bottomless cup of coffee!

If you have any questions please contact Samantha Romero at [sromero@saint-johns.net](mailto:sromero@saint-johns.net) or (785) 843-0109.



# Thank You...

Deacon Leo and I would like to thank all of you for all you have done to make our time at St. John so wonderful. We have met some really fine people here and will miss them always. When we get home to Ohio we will tell them of the kind and friendly people here. You have also made our leaving time and departure memorable!

As you all know, we came here very healthy (for our age)! Then in the blink of an eye (or an aneurism and valve replacement), we became people who needed help rather than people who have worked to help others. After three aorta surgeries, he is not allowed to lift, push, or pull. This made the whole moving process very difficult indeed.

But with the help of many St. John parishioners we were able to leave on time. Thank you to Susan Tabor who coordinated, even from her hospital bed! And to Mary Head, Erin and Dave Schmidt, Connie and David Ehrlich, Warren Frick, Chuck Johnson, Connie and John Finnigan, Jeanne Drumm, Donna Hoffman, and Tim O'Brien who drove, packed, lifted, carried, sorted, and took away unwanted things. These people truly embody the meaning of Church!

Thank you to Fr. Jeff who came several times to visit Lee in the hospital and led the community in a farewell blessing! Many thanks for the gift from the parish for us to start again. And Thank You also for all who came on Sunday to say goodbye. The reception was perfect with much work by Nancy Jones, Cris Denning, and all the behind-the-scenes people. You all will never be forgotten.

*Many blessings, Deacon Leo and Nancy Bistak*

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY HOSPICE



Catholic Community Hospice, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, is the only Catholic faith-based hospice in the Kansas City area. Guided by the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care, we provide compassionate, end-of-life care to support the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients and their families.

If you or a loved one is facing a terminal illness, please call us at **(913) 621-5090** or visit [catholiccommunityhospice.com](http://catholiccommunityhospice.com) to learn more.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

We are seeking volunteers interested in working in the food pantry and with our Bed Spread Project. Morning and afternoon shifts available during business hours. Training is 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 at (785) 233-6300, ext. 1309 or [dwoods@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:dwoods@catholiccharitiesks.org).

## ST. MONICA'S PRAYER GROUP

This group meets from noon to 1:00 each Monday in the Padre Pio Chapel at St. John. The rosary and prayers to St. Monica are prayed for our children and other special intentions.

All parishioners are invited to participate. Come as you are when you can.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is one-on-one time with the One we love the most! A time to further that personal friendship and devotion to Jesus, present in the Eucharist and displayed before us for us to adore. How fortunate and blessed we are!

Adoration is available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 6:00 a.m. till 10:00 p.m. each day in the Padre Pio Chapel. You may come adore at any time (you do not have to sign up for a time slot ahead of time), but scheduling an hour a week helps us insure that someone is present in the chapel at all times.

If you have questions, want to sign up for an hour, or would like to sign up as a substitute, please contact Brandon Volz:

[mrbrandonvolz@gmail.com](mailto:mrbrandonvolz@gmail.com)

## ITEMS NEEDED

Nickie Daneke of Catholic Charities works to give those in need the essentials for daily living. Unfortunately she must turn people away when funds run dry.

Help by donating essentials that she can give away. Body soap, shampoo, laundry soap, toilet paper, feminine products, and deodorant are always needed.

Simply bring any items you can donate to the back porch of the Simon Parish Center and place them on the shelf. **Thank you!**

## 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.

## 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.

**Facebook (School):**  
St. John Catholic School

**Facebook (Church):**  
St John The Evangelist Church

**On Twitter:**  
[@SJEvangelist](https://twitter.com/SJEvangelist)

**On Instagram:**  
[SJEvangelist](https://www.instagram.com/SJEvangelist)

# Justice MATTERS

An interfaith network of 21 participating faith groups working for justice in Lawrence.

Last week's bulletin featured the solution to be proposed on the mental health issue. Following is the proposed solution on affordable housing/homelessness which will be presented to city and county officials at the Nehemiah Action Assembly on Thursday, May 7, at the Lied Center.

## THE SOLUTION

Like 270 cities across the country, we seek the creation of a comprehensive affordable housing policy in Lawrence that will create and preserve affordable housing with initial priority placed on vulnerable populations in need of transitional housing (e.g., women fleeing domestic violence, individuals in mental health and substance abuse recovery, etc.).

This comprehensive affordable housing policy would:

- Secure a dedicated revenue source that meets the current and future affordable housing needs of our city;
- Initially prioritize housing for particularly vulnerable residents in need of transitional housing, and;
- Have the flexibility and stewardship to tackle future affordable housing priorities in our community.

Justice Matters will present solutions regarding mental health and affordable housing at the Justice Matters Nehemiah Action on May 7 at 6:45 pm at the Lied Center. Doors open at 6 pm. All network members are asked to attend and bring three people with you to stand for justice in our community. For tickets, please ask your team member today. Visit [www.justicemattersinkansas.org](http://www.justicemattersinkansas.org) for more information on the research and development of the solutions. Parishioners who have not been contacted may request tickets by calling John and Loretta Chavez at (785) 842-5602 or email Pat Lechtenberg at [plek10berg@aol.com](mailto:plek10berg@aol.com).

## 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](http://www.rosaryrallieskc.org)

## ATTENTION FEMALE SINGERS

**Threshold Choir** is a national women's organization with a local chapter of women from several faiths here in Lawrence. We provide ease and comfort through singing to those on the threshold of living and dying.

We seek to provide a calm, focused presence with gentle voices to various local senior homes and hospices. To join our simple practice sessions, contact Jean Drumm at:

(785) 841-6067

## GROCERY CARDS & TRASH BAGS

May 9-10

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.

**PLEASE PAY BY CHECK OR CASH. Credit cards will be accepted, but reduce our overall profit. Make checks out to "St. John School."**

**Submit the form below BEFORE Mass to expedite your order. Your order will be ready to pick up after Mass.**

Or Pre-Order Online: [www.saint-johns.net/grocery](http://www.saint-johns.net/grocery)

## PRE-ORDER FORM

Name:

Phone:

## GROCERY CARDS

Store	Amount	# of Cards
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Hy-Vee \$50 Coupon Book	Amount	# of Books
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## TRASH BAGS

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## 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**  
**Gene Hieman**  
**Edna Holmes**, mother of Lois Mersmann  
**Janie Holt**  
**Jack Hope**  
**Pete Louis James**  
**Mary James**  
**Peter Masters**, nephew of Susan Tabor  
**Dan Menke**, son of Steve & Barb Menke  
**Mildred Mittleton**  
**Ernie Potts**  
**Dorothy Purdy**  
**Richard Ramirez, Jr.**  
**Mark Salomon**  
**Michael Schurer**, son of Mick Schurer  
**Gerald Simon**  
**Tony Soper**  
**Susan Tabor**  
**Delores Tharp**  
**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](mailto:nora7@sbcglobal.net)



## MINISTERS: MAY 9-10

### Lectors

**Saturday**  
 4:30pm ..... L1: M Mauler; L2: R Entwistle

**Sunday**  
 7am ..... L1: C Zebas; L2: J Brown  
 8:30am ..... L1: S Smith; L2: J Wyatt  
 ..... L1: L Leroux-Smith; L2: M D'Souza  
 5pm ..... L1: R Bunner; L2: M Williams

### Cantors

**Saturday**  
 4:30pm ..... K Beisner

**Sunday**  
 7am ..... K Colson  
 8:30am ..... T Noll

### Eucharistic Ministers

**Saturday**  
 4:30pm ..... B Johnson, J Koster, J McGraw  
 ..... D McGreevy, L Reimond, MA Roesner

**Sunday**  
 7am ..... L Wustefeld, S&J Grzymala-Busse  
 8:30am ..... Y Ruder, L Scott, M Springer  
 ..... M Steichen, J Dvorske, E Grob-Creasey  
 D Hoss  
 10:30am ..... C Bial, D Bradley, A Brill  
 ..... C Buchheister, B DeWitt, C&D Ehrlich  
 5pm ..... L&J Weeks, D Wulf-Walter  
 ..... N Albrecht, L Brey, S File

### Altar Servers

**Saturday**  
 4:30pm ..... E Fair, L Fair

**Sunday**  
 7am ..... Volunteers  
 8:30am ..... T Kempf, T Kempf  
 10:30am ..... C Finkeldej, S Liu, L Edgecomb  
 5pm ..... B Diers, K Oneslager

## MASSES: MAY 4-10

**Monday**  
 7:30am ..... John Hammond†

**Tuesday**  
 7:30am ..... Osborne-O'Connor Family†

**Wednesday**  
 7:30am ..... Julie Joslin†

**Thursday**  
 7:30am ..... Osborne-O'Connor Family†

**Friday**  
 7:30am ..... Maureen Osborne†

**Saturday**  
 8am ..... Fortino Delacruz†  
 4:30pm ..... Pauline Hayest†

**Sunday**  
 7:00am ..... Stanislawa Andrzejewska†  
 8:30am ..... Alma Seiwald†  
 10:30am ..... Mildred Brill†  
 1:00pm (Spanish) ..... Fortino Delacruz†  
 5:00pm ..... For St. John Parish

## WEEKLY GIVING

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

Information below  
 reflects donations received  
 July 1, 2014 through **April 26, 2015**

Budgeted weekly amount ..... \$30,576.93  
 Average weekly amount ..... **\$27,305.84**

Budgeted YTD ..... \$1,314,807.99  
 Actual YTD ..... **\$1,174,151.06**

Net Shortage ..... **\$140,656.93**

## 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](mailto:esickinger@saint-johns.net)

To inquire about space in St. John School, contact Linda Alexander:

**(785) 843-9511** [alexander@saint-johns.net](mailto: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: **May 6, May 13, and May 20**

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

UPCOMING EVENTS: YOU'RE INVITED!

## THE ST. JOHN CARNIVAL

Friday, May 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us Friday, May 8, in the St. John parking lot for an evening of fun for the entire family! We will have games for all ages, play areas for the kiddos, and some classic carnival food.

We look forward to seeing you there!



### PRAYER CHAIN

Our parish has a group of 30 men and women who have volunteered and are committed to pray for your intentions. We are reaching out to additional volunteers to assist with this ministry.

If you would like to join others in this ministry, that you can do from your home, please contact Lois Mersmann at (785) 843-0109 or [lmersmann@saint-johns.net](mailto:lmersmann@saint-johns.net).



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](http://www.saint-johns.net/youth)

## FROM THE OFFICE OF HISPANIC MINISTRY / HISPANIC YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY AREA

Contact: Edith Montes – [emontes@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:emontes@diocesekcsj.org) – (816) 714-2350 or (816) 482-6906

Website: [ministerio.diocese-kcsj.org](http://ministerio.diocese-kcsj.org)

### 1ST ANNUAL DIOCESAN HISPANIC YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE: **CHOSEN BY LOVE**

**Date:** Friday May 29th, 2015

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Place:** The Catholic Center – 20 West 9th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105.

**Cost:** \$25 per person or \$40 per couple when purchased in advance and \$30 per person or \$45 per couple when purchased at the door. It includes meals and refreshments.

#### Who can attend?

Young adults, 19 to 33 years old, can attend and register online or at their PARISH.

#### Additional Information:

Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m., by Father Jorge Andrés Moreno in the Our Lady of Ephesus Chapel at The Catholic Center.

### 3RD ANNUAL DIOCESAN HISPANIC YOUTH CONFERENCE: **CHOSEN BY LOVE**

**Information:** This is an annual, bilingual, diocesan event for young High School age Hispanics, 14 to 18 years old. Through the event, attendees can strengthen their experience with Jesus Christ through talks and workshops on formation, liturgy, prayer and praise, the sacraments, fraternity, and dynamic activities. The goal of the conference is to enrich the faith of young Hispanics as well as their Catholic-cultural identity, and to enable them to explain their faith.

**Date:** Saturday, May 30th, 2015

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Rockhurst University – 1100 Rockhurst Road, Kansas City, MO 64110.

**Cost:** \$25 per person or \$40 per couple when purchased in advance and \$30 per person or \$45 per couple when purchased at the door. It includes meals and refreshments.

#### Who can attend?

High School-aged youth can register at their PARISH. Parent or guardian permission is required.

### TALLER DE PASTORAL JUVENIL FAMILIAS FIAT

**Information:** This is a Hispanic youth ministry initiative aimed at encouraging and involving parents in their children's formation, and at accompanying youths through the confirmation program as well as all of the adolescents in the parish. During the activity, we seek to provide pastoral tools that facilitate comprehension and awareness of parents concerning the evangelization and formation of their children and how to begin to take part in the youth ministry of their parishes. Likewise, we want to provide participants with elements and general guidelines that enrich the communication of faith with youths in their families and later in the community. We also offer information that serves to guide parents in beginning their faith formation, describes available pastoral services, and opportunities for pastoral work in the parish and the diocese, which strengthen La Pastoral en Conjunto.

**Date:** Saturday June 6th, 2015

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** The Catholic Center – 20 West 9th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105

**Cost:** \$15 per person or \$20 per couple when purchased in advance and \$20 per person or \$30 per couple when purchased at the door. It includes meals and refreshments.

#### Who can attend?

Parents of Confirmation students and parents who wish to support Pastoral Juvenil.

**COME EXPLORE  
ST. JOHN SCHOOL!**



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

## Think Climate Change isn't a moral issue?

Consider this statement from Pope Benedict:

"Can we remain indifferent before the problems associated with such realities as climate change, desertification, the deterioration and loss of productivity in vast agricultural areas, the pollution of rivers and aquifers, the loss of biodiversity... and the growing phenomenon of 'environmental refugees?'"



The **Catholic Climate Covenant** provides excellent resources to help understand the Catholic response to climate change - something that church officials have addressed for decades.

Learn more at [catholicclimatecovenant.org](http://catholicclimatecovenant.org).

Interested in doing more locally? Join the St. John Earth Care Committee! Email [kriskohnke@yahoo.com](mailto:kriskohnke@yahoo.com)

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Come receive the sacrament of reconciliation in the Padre Pio chapel during any of the following times:

Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Or by appointment - Call (785) 843-0109 to schedule one, or email:

[frjeff@saint-johns.net](mailto:frjeff@saint-johns.net) or [frbarnabas@saint-johns.net](mailto:frbarnabas@saint-johns.net)

## 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@christspcace.com](mailto:info@christspcace.com) or (913) 773-8255 so we can meal plan.

## 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 5 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.


## THAT MAN IS YOU

*That Man is You!* is an interactive, multimedia men's program focused upon the development of authentic male leadership. Over the course of three years, That Man is You! successively considers men in their relationship to God, to their spouse and to their children.

This program meets in the church basement on Wednesday mornings from 6:00-7:30 a.m. All men are welcome to attend!

For more information on TMIY, visit the website:

[www.thatmanisyou.org](http://www.thatmanisyou.org)



For information about St. John Catholic School, contact Mrs. Pat Newton, Principal, (785) 843-9511 or [newton@saint-johns.net](mailto: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](http://www.saint-johns.net/school)

If you would like to learn more, please contact Mrs. Newton, (785) 843-9511 or [newton@saint-johns.net](mailto:newton@saint-johns.net). We will schedule a time for you to visit the school and discuss options and opportunities.

## REVELATION: A CLASS WITH FR. BARNABAS

**Classes resume August 25!**

Fr. Barnabas's course on the Book of Revelation will resume in August with classes Tuesday evenings and encores on Thursday afternoons.



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

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

## THE LEAVEN NEWSPAPER

If you would like to receive or cancel your subscription to The Leaven, the Catholic newspaper of the Archdiocese, please contact Becky Calvert:

[bcalvert@archkck.org](mailto:bcalvert@archkck.org) or (913) 647-0380

# FOCUS ON THE WORD

## Question & Answer

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## Kids: Sharing the Gospel

**My best friend is Lutheran and is a good Christian. I would like her to be my child's sponsor, but I'm wondering, does she have to be a practicing Catholic?**

The practice of two godparents for an infant's baptism goes back to the time when church law and civil law were one and the same in Europe. If anything did happen to the parents, the custody and well-being of the child became the responsibility of the godparents. Adult baptism required that one have a sponsor from the church who would act as a guide or mentor, in bringing the person to faith.

Today, being a godparent has no legal implications. It is a spiritual matter. But at least one of the godparents must be a practicing Catholic. The other is called a Christian witness. This distinction recognizes the difference between faith and religion. A Christian can be a witness because of their relationship to God (faith), but the Catholic is a mentor in the practice of the religion.

In any event, it is vital that parents give serious consideration to the people they choose to be a child's godparents. That choice should be based on practice of faith, solid moral character and ability to give good example. Too often the choice is left to whose turn it is in the family, or to friends that parents wish to honor or acknowledge in some way. Your choice of godparents is the first lesson of faith you teach your child. Make it count!



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"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you." What a lovely promise! Imagine how satisfying it would be to ask for whatever we wanted and then to see that wish granted. Truly, it would be difficult to think of anyone who would not love to see a promise like this fulfilled. But we know Jesus isn't a genie in a magic lamp sent to indulge every selfish whim. So, what's the catch?

Well, as Jesus puts it in today's Gospel, this promise is extended to those who "remain" in him. He uses the beautiful analogy of the vine and the branches to explain what this means. "A branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine ... I am the vine, you are the branches." The idea here is that we are to be connected to Jesus so closely that our very life, our growth, our actions, indeed even our desires come from him as their source. When we are authentically rooted in Christ, and when his words remain in us, then that cannot help but transform us into people who want what Jesus wants. And when we want what he wants, why wouldn't he give it to us?

This brings to mind a quote from St. Alphonsus Liguori. "In cold and heat, in rain and wind," said this wise doctor of the church, "the soul united to God says: 'I want it to be warm, to be cold, windy, to rain, because God wills it.'" In a similar vein, another doctor of the church, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, said that God has "always given me what I've desired, or rather, He's made me desire what He wanted to give me." This is the secret to constant contentment. No matter what life brings, when we truly desire to embrace God's will, we are bound to be happy.

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### Sharing the Gospel

Put a brand new light bulb in a lamp. Turn the lamp on. It shines brightly. Now, unplug the lamp. The lamp goes dark. It might be a nice lamp. It might have a new light bulb. Yet, without being plugged in to electricity, the lamp cannot shine. In today's Gospel, Jesus is the vine and you are a branch. As long as you are attached to Jesus, your faith can grow fruit like love, kindness and gentleness. If you break away from Jesus, your faith will die, and you will not grow any fruit. Stay plugged in to Jesus, so you can shine. Stay connected to Jesus, so your faith can grow fruit.

### Prayer

God, help me to stay connected to Jesus.

### Mission for the Week

Read Galatians 5:22-23 with your family. Write down the nine different kinds of fruit that will grow from your faith, when you stay connected to Jesus.

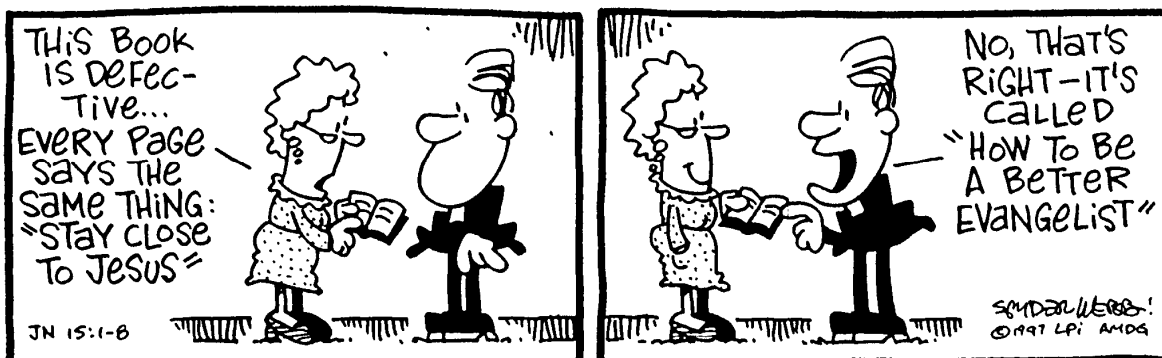
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/  
1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER





## 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).

**3 de Mayo de 2015**

**5° Domingo de Pascua**

Cuando Jesús enseñaba, tomaba como punto de referencia las cosas normales de la vida, tales como la familia y el campo. De igual manera, escogía ejemplos que estaban a la vista de todos. ¡Un gran comunicador! La máxima enseñanza que encontramos en el Evangelio de este Quinto Domingo de Pascua es la siguiente: estamos, mediante nuestro bautismo, unidos a Jesús con un vínculo tan profundo y vital como el sarmiento a la vid. ¡Bendito sea el Señor! Sin él no podemos hacer nada. Nuestra vida es vacía y sin esperanza cuando perdemos la brújula principal. ¿Qué quiso decir Jesús con esta parábola? El dueño de la viña es el Padre y Jesús es el viñador. Entre ambos corre la misma sabia; son ambos una unidad muy íntima.

Nuestro reto como cristianos es permanecer en su amor. Solo de esa manera podremos ser discípulos verdaderamente comprometidos. El fin es dar fruto. Como consecuencia de la fidelidad al viñador tendremos como respuesta la generosidad de Dios: "Si permanecen en mí y mis palabras permanecen en ustedes, pidan lo que quieran y se les concederá". Como resultado, Dios será glorificado en sus seguidores, así como dentro del abundante fruto que darán en su vida y ministerio. El camino ya está iniciado. Y como dice el dicho, jobras son amores y no buenas razones! Es tiempo de expresar nuestra fe con frutos verdaderos. Solo con obras demostraremos que creemos en Jesús y que su muerte y resurrección no han sido en vano. Entonces, dejemos de crear barreras entre nosotros. Permitamos que Dios sea quien nos dé una podadita a nuestras inseguridades y miedos. ¿Lo haremos?

## 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.

#### Quienes 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.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:Lmeyer@4LPI.com)  
[www.SeekAndFind.com](http://www.SeekAndFind.com)

**Space for Church Ministries.** Ministries are required 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](mailto: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.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.virtus.org). Contact Lois Mersmann, 843.0109, [lmersmann@saint-johns.net](mailto:lmersmann@saint-johns.net).

**Religious Ed.** Children 3 yrs of age – 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to RE class. Traditional RE class for 4 yr olds-5<sup>th</sup> 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. 13<sup>th</sup> St. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders prepare for First Reconciliation and First Communion. 6th, 7th and 8th grade Middle School students meet in the St. Bosco room, in the school, for Youth Night (aka The ROCK). The ROCK meets on Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> graders prepare for Confirmation. All classes meet Sept-May. See [www.saint-johns.net](http://www.saint-johns.net), select "For Your Faith" and "Religious Education" for detailed info, forms or contact Lois Mersmann, [lmersmann@saint-johns.net](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Jeff or Fr. Barnabas 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](mailto:duaneboor1@msn.com).

**Joining Daughters of Isabella.** The Daughters of Isabella is a charitable organization of Catholic women founded on the principal of its motto: Unity, Friendship and Charity. Membership is open to all Catholic women, ages 16 and over. Contact Michelle Lowrance at 785-691-6091 if you have any questions.

## Parish Staff

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