



**ST JOHN**  
THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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"I GIVE YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT:  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER.  
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU,  
SO YOU ALSO SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER.  
THIS IS HOW ALL WILL KNOW  
THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES,  
IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER."

- JN 13:34-35

**APRIL 24, 2016**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Weekend Mass Schedule:** Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am, 2:00pm (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-12:00pm, 7:00-8:00pm; Saturday 3:00-4:00pm

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## UPDATES

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.

There are a couple of updates to bring to your attention. First, Veronica Hamer, our parish office administrative assistant, will be leaving that job. Monday, April 25th, is her last day with us. Though this announcement may seem sudden, this past winter, Veronica requested to step down from her job to allow her family and her more time for some exciting changes in their lives: Veronica and her husband will be adopting three sibling children. They are very excited about this and have been making plans for how they would change their lives for this new venture. Veronica originally asked to finish here this coming summer. However, the adoption process requires a significant amount of time in the processing of their request. Therefore, Veronica asked to step down from her position this month. The parish and staff of St. John wish Veronica and her husband Michael many blessings as they and their three sons prepare to open their arms to those three precious gifts from God!

The administrative assistant position will become a two part-time job position. Veronica has been training two ladies who will be coming in her place. The staff welcomes Meg Milburn to the morning 8:30 – 12:30 shift. Meg has been an administrative assistant to Linda Alexander in St. John School office. Meg graciously accepted my request for her to come over to the parish office. Of course, I did not do this without first consulting our school principal, Pat Newton. The parish staff also welcomes Patty Guadian to the 12:30 – 5:00 (4:00 on Fridays) shift. Patty retired from her job with the State of Kansas and, right at the time Veronica asked to step down, sent an email to us asking if there might be a position in administration in which she might be of help to the parish. The timing was such that our business manager Cris Denning and I thought that we should interview both Patty and Meg. The two of them begin this coming Monday, April 25th. Veronica will spend her last day with us accompanying Meg and Patty.

Lastly, you have seen updates in our online parish newsletter and in the bulletin regarding our Capital Campaign and building project. The in-pew extension appeal gained another \$200,000 in pledges and the \$50,000 matching gift from that generous anonymous donor amounted to an additional \$150,000 (including the gift). We are now at \$2.61 million in pledges! Your generosity has been amazing and inspiring! We will continue seeking pledges and grants for another month and then close out the official request for pledges. This does not preclude any pledges that people might want to make in the coming months. We are gaining on our goal of \$3.3 million. If we continue to receive pledges and grants at the present rate, we believe that we can break ground next winter!

- Fr. Jeff

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

Please join us for St. John Café every Sunday between the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. St. John Café is an opportunity to have time in fellowship with your fellow parishioners in a relaxed environment with good coffee, pastries, and engaging conversation on the Catholic faith moderated by one of the parish priests. You can ask all those burning questions!

**St. John Café is every Sunday from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. in the St. Bosco Room**, located in the lower level of the school (unless noted in the bulletin or weekly email). You can drop in any time and all are welcome (bring your kids)! Invite your friends!

**Do I have to come every session?** Although we would love for you to do so...  
No, you can come and go as it is convenient for your life.  
Each session is something new!

**Who should go?** All are welcome (including small children)!

**What is the format?** **First 15 minutes:** Fellowship, coffee, and pastries  
**After That:** Q&A about the topic of your choice or designated topic

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



# WELCOME TO 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.

### Simon Parish Center

Mailing Address ..... 1229 Vermont  
 ..... Lawrence, KS 66044  
 Phone ..... (785) 843-0109  
 Hours ..... Mon-Thur: 8:30am-5pm  
 ..... Fri: 8:30am-4pm

### Weekend Masses

Saturday ..... 4:30pm  
 Sunday ..... 7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am, 5pm

### Weekend Spanish Mass

Sunday ..... 2:00pm

### Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday ..... 7:30am  
 Saturday ..... 8:00am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday ..... 11:00am-12:00pm  
 ..... 7:00-8:00pm  
 Saturday ..... 3:00-4:00pm  
 ..... and by appointment

**Adoration** .... Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday,  
 6:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. in the Padre Pio Chapel.  
 (no adoration 11am-1pm on Mon and Fri during Lent)

**Bulletin Deadline.** Submit info by noon on Thursday to [bulletin@saint-johns.net](mailto:bulletin@saint-johns.net) ten days prior to the bulletin you wish info to appear. Please submit text electronically (via computer/email) as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.

**Advertise in the Bulletin.** Revenue from ads is what makes the bulletin possible at no cost to our parish. Please support your bulletin advertisers. For information on advertising, call **Lindsay Meyer**:

(913) 568-1570  
 Lmeyer@4LPI.com  
 www.SeekAndFind.com

**Space for Church Ministries.** Ministries are 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 9:45am-10:45am. 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 (times vary). 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.

**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 on various Wednesdays and Sundays throughout the year. See [www.saint-johns.net/youth](http://www.saint-johns.net/youth) or contact 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 Grand Knight Kevin Oneslager at (785) 840-9406.

**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 Janet Huss at 785-393-4878 if you have any questions.

## Parish Staff

Pastor ..... Fr. Jeff Ernst  
 Associate Pastor ..... Fr. Barnabas Eichor  
 In Residence ..... Fr. Mike Scully  
 Business Manager ..... Cris Denning  
 Catecismo en español ..... María Mota  
 Choir/Music/Liturgy ..... Lisa Roush  
 Stewardship Director ..... Samantha Romero  
 Maintenance ..... Jeff Jenicke  
 Administrative Assistant ..... Veronica Hamer  
 RCIA ..... Michael Podrebarac  
 Religious Ed, Director ..... Pat Newton  
 Religious Ed, Assistant ..... Lois Mersmann  
 Technology ..... Karen Dixon  
 Pastoral Assistant/Events Calendar ..... Ellen Sickinger  
 Youth Minister ..... Jennifer Meitl Conrad  
 Website & Bulletin ..... Pete Haack

**St. John School** ..... Mrs. Pat Newton, Principal  
 1208 Kentucky St.  
 (785) 843-9511  
[www.saint-johns.net/school](http://www.saint-johns.net/school)

**Catholic Charities** ..... Nickie Daneke  
 1247 Kentucky St. (785) 856-2694

**Rummage House** ..... 13th & Kentucky.  
 Shop our second hand store of used items at discount prices. Shopping Hours:  
 Wed. 11am-3pm Thurs. 1pm-4pm  
 Sat. 8:30am-12:30pm

**Centro Hispano** ..... Lydia Diebolt  
 (785) 843-2039

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

For those adults baptized as Catholics but who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, Archbishop Naumann will be conferring the sacrament at a special evening Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, in Kansas City.

To prepare those interested, four sessions will be offered in the St. John church basement on Monday evenings from 7-8 p.m. The dates for the sessions are April 18 and 25 and May 2 and 9. Attendance is required for any adults wishing to receive the sacrament this year from Archbishop Naumann.

Contact Michael Podrebarac at [liturgy@archkck.org](mailto:liturgy@archkck.org) with any questions or concerns, and to enroll for the sessions.

## ST. JOHN RUMMAGE HOUSE

The Saint John Rummage House is run by volunteers from the Saint John Community and is in need of new volunteers to help keep the ministry thriving. Volunteers work both during store hours and behind the scenes when the store is closed.

Sorting crews work Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. The store is open Wednesdays 11-3, Thursdays 1-4, and Saturdays 8:30-12:30. We could use volunteers to fill any of these positions, but are especially in need of volunteers for Thursday afternoons, one or two Thursdays per month.

If you are interested in helping the parish community with this ministry, please email Lee Ann Hartwick ([Hartwick@saint-johns.net](mailto:Hartwick@saint-johns.net)) for more information.

## LIVING IN LOVE RETREAT

**"We felt like we did when we were first married!"**

See why over 700 couples in the Archdiocese have experienced the "Living in Love" retreat. Sign up now for the next "Living in Love" retreat held at Mater Dei Parish, Topeka, KS, June 11-12, 2016. Register online:

[www.archkck.org/LivingInLove](http://www.archkck.org/LivingInLove)

or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the archdiocese at (913) 647-0345 for information.

## MARRIAGE MINUTE

In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers us eternal happiness, and the doorway to access this eternal life is Mercy. The following is from this year's Good Friday Homily at St. Peter's Basilica given by Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, and it sheds great light on the dignity of the family.

"There is only one thing that can truly save the world, mercy! The mercy of God for human beings and the mercy of human beings for each other. In particular, it can save the most precious and fragile thing in the world at this time, marriage and the family."

In the family, we have the unique and important opportunity to practice mercy every day. Forgiveness, patience, kindness, service, discipline, and affirmation are simple ways that we express Mercy to one another within the family. Each time we do this, we make God's mercy visible in the world.

## RCIA ENRICHMENT DAY

**A Tour Through the Rites**

The Liturgy Office and the Office of Evangelization will be offering a RCIA Enrichment Day - A Tour through the Rites, presented by Father Andrew Strobl and Michael Podrebarac for RCIA directors and teams, Saturday, June 18, 2016, at Savior Pastoral Center from 9am – 12pm. Please save the date! Registration details forthcoming.



### Wednesday Mornings—Now Meeting!

*That Man is You!* is an interactive, multimedia men's program focused upon the development of authentic male leadership.

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

## ATTENTION WOMEN 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

## ST. MONICA'S PRAYER GROUP

This group meets at Noon-12:45pm St. John Church on Mondays. The group prays the rosary for the intention of children and for special intentions. A special prayer for cancer victims included.

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

## 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.

## REDISCOVER JESUS: WEEKLY REFLECTION

*Each week we will be posting the reflection items from a chapter of the book Rediscover Jesus here, on our website, and on our Facebook page. Bear these items in mind as you go through your week! (If you do not have a copy of the book, you can pick one up for free at the parish office.)*

**Point to Ponder:** Suffering transforms us in unimaginable ways.

**Verse to Live:** "We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance and endurance produces character, and character produces hope. {Romans 5:3-4}"

**Question to Consider:** Are you willing to suffer a little in order to grow spiritually?

**Prayer:** Jesus, teach me to embrace the unavoidable suffering of life, and keep me ever mindful of those who suffer more than I do.



## CELEBRATE MARIA MOTA!

**Sunday, April 24, 2:00 p.m. Mass  
Reception to Follow**

Please join us in congratulating Maria Mota for 35 years of consecrated life! The celebration on April 24 will begin with Mass at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow Mass in the church basement. Everybody is invited! If you plan on attending the reception, please also consider bringing a food item to share.

## FROM PRISON TO FREEDOM

**A Talk by Exoneree Floyd Bledsoe**

Come hear from Floyd Bledsoe, who was recently exonerated of a 1999 Jefferson County murder after spending 15 years in prison. He will be sharing his story of wrongful conviction and his personal journey of forgiveness. This event is sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee as a Jubilee of Mercy activity. All are welcome!

Date: **Saturday, May 21** Time: **7:00 p.m.**

Location: **Parish Basement**

## ARCHDIOCESAN 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The invitations for the Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration at Church of the Nativity, June 5, will be mailed soon. If you have additional couples to be included, please let us know as soon as possible.

Please email [flifsec@archkck.org](mailto:flifsec@archkck.org) or call Mary Anne at (913) 647-0345. Thank you.

## NFP TEACHER PROGRAM

**Are you interested in teaching NFP?**

The Office of Marriage and Family Life of the Catholic Diocese of Wichita announces a very exciting opportunity for training new FertilityCare Practitioners. The FertilityCare Services Practitioner Education Program: Education Phase I, June 4 – 11, 2016 and Education Phase II, December 4 -10, 2016. The FertilityCare PRACTITIONER Program prepares students to teach the CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare System. The program was developed through the Pope Paul VI Institute in Omaha, Nebraska, according to basic education principles utilized in allied health courses. Please contact Becky Knapp in the Office at 316-685-5240 or visit the website for more details:

[catholicdioceseofwichita.org/mfl](http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/mfl)

## POLSKI DAY

The 32nd annual Polski Day Celebration will be held at All Saints Parish, Kansas City, Kansas, on Saturday, May 7th, 2016. A parade, polka bands and dancing, Polish food, Polka Mass and Polish items for sale are all part of this grand day. New volunteers are always a welcomed addition to help staff this fun event!

Donations are greatly appreciated and information for the event can be found on the website:

[www.polskiday.com](http://www.polskiday.com)

The profits from the event help preserve this historic church and parish grounds. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Cathy Kolenda-Smith at (913) 721-0081.

## DONNELLY COLLEGE

This spring, consider summer or fall courses at Donnelly College — your Archdiocesan college since 1949. Contact our Admissions team today to schedule a visit of our Kansas City, Kansas campus!

Learn more and set up your visit:

- Email: [admissions@donnelly.edu](mailto:admissions@donnelly.edu)
- 608 N. 18th Street, KCK 66102
- Call: (913) 621-8706

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

**"I place much of my hope for the future  
in marriage encounter." —St. John Paul II**

Your honeymoon was a special time. Wherever you went, the things you saw and did were secondary. Just being together was most important. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has the same focus. The weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. The next Weekends in Kansas City are May 13-15, 2016 and Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2016 For more information or to apply, please visit our website:

[www.wwme4youandme.org](http://www.wwme4youandme.org)

or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman at (816) 741-4066 or email them at [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net)

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Mission statement:

*The mission of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world.*

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**Pregnancy Counseling and Adoption**

Pregnancy Counseling and Adoption is the founding program of Catholic Charities that continues today. Confidential pregnancy support services are available free of charge to all those facing an unintended pregnancy regardless of marital status, age, race or faith. For those who have longed to adopt a child, Catholic Charities is a leader in nationally accredited adoption services providing the expertise, experience and honest answers throughout the adoptive experience. For more information, contact Heather Roberts at (913) 433-2063 or [hroberts@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:hroberts@catholiccharitiesks.org)

### Catholic Community Hospice

Catholic Community Hospice, a ministry of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, is the only hospice in the Greater Kansas City area specifically sanctioned by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann. Our hospice services are provided by a trained, Catholic Patient Care Team and are not only framed by the Catholic Ethical and Religious Directives, but are woven through and through with a commitment to each patient's Catholicity. If you or a loved one is facing a terminal illness and would like to learn more about compassionate, end-of-life care in the privacy of your own home or nursing facility, please call us at (913) 621-5090 or visit: [catholiccommunityhospice.com](http://catholiccommunityhospice.com)

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# SAINT JOHN YOUTH

## SENIOR AWARDS

Senior Awards are granted to students of our parish who have shown exemplary involvement during their time in high school. Awardees are discerned through a blind application process, and are given to students who best exemplify the mission of the youth program at St. John:

*St. John the Evangelist Youth Ministry seeks to foster in each student a personal and living relationship with Christ and His Church. In pursuit of this goal, St. John strives to integrate students grades 6-12 into the life of the St. John Parish, the Lawrence community, and the greater global community. This is accomplished through a three-pronged programming model focusing on spiritual growth, social awareness, and service opportunities.*

To find more information on the scholarship program, please visit our website at [www.saint-johns.net/youth](http://www.saint-johns.net/youth)

## OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

The Outstanding Senior Award is presented to the senior that shows well-rounded personal growth in all three areas of development: spiritual, service, and social. The student earning this award is an active participant in Parish events and youth activities, is a leader in ministries at St. John, and holds true to the tenants of the Catholic faith, sharing his/her faith with peers and adults alike.



### This Year's Outstanding Senior Award Recipient: **KIRSTEN BASKA**

Kirsten has been an active member of her community, and is a light to all who know her. Her faith in Christ and His Church is the foundation of her life, and her love for Jesus has been apparent through her service to others. At Free State, she has served with the Random Acts of Kindness group, spreading joy and love to her fellow classmates and peers. She was also actively involved in IPS, yoga club, and Student Council. At St. John she has selflessly served at Vacation Bible School, fundraising events, overnight retreats, and the Middle School ROCK. Kirsten has attended various mission trips and pilgrimages, always recommitting herself to a life of daily prayer and Christian living upon returning home. She has given many hope and joy in her testimonies, and those that know her are blessed to experience the love of Christ! Kirsten will be attending Emporia State University to seek a degree in elementary education.

## COMMUNITY AWARD

The Community Award is distributed to the senior who has shown a commitment to inviting others into a relationship with Jesus and who has shown dedication to the St. John Youth community through participation and evangelism.

### This Year's Community Award Recipient: **OLIVIA BOLDRIDGE**

Olivia has been an active member of both the St. John and Lawrence communities during her four years in high school. From serving the Church in the craft room at Vacation Bible School, helping with the face painting table at the Fiesta, or leading middle school retreats, she has shown her commitment to her parish community in a beautiful way. She has attended multiple spiritual retreats and experiences with the St. John Youth Group, has worked to build a relationship with Jesus, and is constantly busy giving of her time and talents to others. At school, she has been involved with the swim team, National Honor Society, and the Renaissance Committee. Her health internship, combined with a love of science and biology, has led her to study pre-natal nursing and genetic disorders at Missouri State University in the fall, where she will continue to spread the beautiful message about LIFE through her interest in helping babies and moms thrive in all they do!



# RESERVOIR ADORATION

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & MUSIC AT ST. JOHN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>  
7-8PM

CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE IN THE PADRE PIO CHAPEL

(This is the last Reservoir Adoration scheduled until next school year)



*"The temple is the place where the community goes to pray, to praise the Lord, to give thanks, but above all to adore: the Lord is adored in the temple.*

*And this is the most important point.*

*The songs, the rites, they are all beautiful...*

*however, adoration is what is most important: the whole community together look at the altar*

*where the sacrifice is celebrated and adore."* *-Pope Francis*



## DAILY ADORATION IN THE PADRE PIO CHAPEL

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 6AM—10PM

The Padre Pio Chapel is located inside the north entrance of St. John Church. It is open for anybody to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament during these hours. If you can schedule a weekly hour, please email Brandon Volz at: [mrbrandonvolz@gmail.com](mailto:mrbrandonvolz@gmail.com)



## SCHEDULE A WEEKLY ADORATION HOUR

Though it is not necessary to schedule a time to visit the Padre Pio chapel for adoration, this ministry does depend on volunteers to be present with the Holy Eucharist at all available hours. Please consider adding an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to your weekly schedule. We currently need adorers for the following times:

Monday: 7:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

Friday: 7:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.

If you can schedule a weekly hour, please email Brandon Volz at: [mrbrandonvolz@gmail.com](mailto:mrbrandonvolz@gmail.com)

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

**Wednesdays:** 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 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)

## 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.

**Jerry Albertson**  
**Matthew Arellano**  
**Samantha Bell**  
**Katie Benton**  
**Mariele Berthold**  
**Remi Brown**  
**Dale Brueggeman**, husband of Debbie Filkins  
**Chris Crandon**  
**Don Erker**  
**Terry Hadl**  
**Jenny Hernandez**  
**Judy Hill**  
**Lily Hollister**, niece of Tom Kellogg  
**Bob Holek**  
**Nancy Hubble**, wife of Tom Kellogg  
**Susan Jones**, sister of Patti Fisher  
**Diana Mathhews**  
**Phillip McCarthy**  
**Marianne Fabac Means**  
**Dee Myers**  
**Julie Patterson**, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter  
**Max Polson**  
**Fred Posch**  
**Dorothy Purdy**  
**Marlene Richard**  
**Tony Romero**  
**Eli Rohrbaugh**  
**Mark Salamans**  
**Michael Schurer**, son of Mick Schurer  
**Mary Kay Seidl**  
**Sydney Tann**  
**Ruth Theising**  
**Shannon Tuckwin-Rolland**  
**John Woods**

## MINISTERS: APR 30-MAY 1

### Lectors

**Saturday**  
 4:30pm .....L1: D Rogers; L2: B Augusto

**Sunday**  
 7:00am ..... L1: C Winkelbauer; L2: C Zebas  
 8:30am..... L1: E Dvorske; L2: W Smith  
 11:00am ..... L1: T Edgecomb; L2: J O'Brien  
 5:00pm ..... L1: R Bunner; L2: B Walter

### Cantors

**Saturday**  
 4:30pm .....A Mauler

**Sunday**  
 7:00am .....K Colson & B Ennis  
 8:30am ..... J Krones

### Eucharistic Ministers

**Saturday**  
 4:30pm .....D Weigel, L Arnold, B Brill  
 ..... D Depenbusch, D Guth, K Guth

**Sunday**  
 7:00am.....M Heath, B Menke, B Osborne  
 8:30am..... K Ostrander, Y Ruder, L Scott,  
 ..... M Steichen, B Volz, J Dvorske, D Foster  
 11:00am ..... C Buchheister, B DeWitt  
 .....C&D Ehrlich, J Evers  
 ..... T Gabrielson, S Goodwin  
 5:00pm ..... L Brey, S File, N Jones  
 ..... M LeGresley, C Malone, A McCabe

### Altar Servers

**Saturday**  
 4:30pm ..... B Thomas, P Price

**Sunday**  
 7:00am ..... Volunteers  
 8:30am .....S Liu, C Peltier  
 11:00am ..... L Keating, P Keating, K Oneslager  
 5:00pm ..... B Diers, R Diers

## MASSES: APRIL 18-24

**Monday**  
 7:30am .....Robert Temm†

**Tuesday**  
 7:30am .....John Winkler†

**Wednesday**  
 7:30am .....Mary Seidl

**Thursday**  
 7:30am .....Ervin & MaryAnn Huslig†

**Friday**  
 7:30am .....Tom Bello†

**Saturday**  
 8:00am ..... June Newell†  
 4:30pm ..... Gerald Simon

**Sunday**  
 7:00am ..... Amador Vicario Antonio  
 8:30am ..... Intentions of Pope Francis  
 11:00am ..... St. John Parish  
 2:00pm (Spanish) ..... Miguel Eudoxio Garcia†  
 5:00pm ..... The Enevoldsen Family

## WEEKLY GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2015  
 through June 30, 2016

Information below  
 reflects donations received  
 July 1, 2015 through April 17, 2016.

Budgeted weekly amount ..... \$30,692.31  
 Average weekly amount ..... **\$28,333.07**  
 Budgeted YTD ..... \$1,258,384.71  
 Actual YTD ..... **\$1,161,655.89**  
 Net Shortage..... \$96,728.82

## 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)

## MAY CROWNING

We will have a May Crowning on May 1 at the 11am Mass. If you would like your children to be part of the processional please contact Samantha Romero at [sromero@saint-johns.net](mailto:sromero@saint-johns.net) or (785) 843-0109. Please indicate how many children and their ages.

Following the 11am Mass there will be cake and punch served in celebration of the month of Mary! All are welcome!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be Thursday, May 12. Social and dinner, provided by the Knights, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Location is the basement of St. John Church. Our council meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

Anybody interested in becoming a Knight should contact Grand Knight Kevin Oneslager at (785) 840-9406.

On the first Friday of each month, the Knights host a rosary in St. John Church at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend!





# FOCUS ON THE WORD

## Everyday Stewardship

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

## Kids: Sharing the Gospel

I met Brother Mickey McGrath, OSFS, when I was in college. He was my art history teacher. He was pretty young then, so he was also strangely enough in my circle of friends. It was great having him as a teacher, even if I wasn't the best art history student. However, what I did learn from him was less about history and more about the power of creativity. He doesn't teach in a college setting anymore, but he does paint and draw much like we eat and drink; that is, constantly. He leads retreats dealing with aspects of art and creativity and is a speaker in heavy demand. But what strikes me the most about his life now is where he lives: Camden, New Jersey.

He lives in an area known for crime and poverty, in the most violent city in New Jersey. He creates beauty each day in an area where many find only ugliness. In the midst of tragedy and hate, he gives a witness of beauty and love. It is easy to bring more beauty into that which is already beautiful. It is the using of God's gifts and the decision to co-create with God in the face of the distortion and perversion of life that is more difficult. It is allowing God to use you to make things new.

What gifts have been given to you so that God can work through you to make all things new? Have you only used those gifts in a manner that was easy and cost very little of you? How wonderful is it that God should choose you to give such gifts! Don't just show your gifts to those who already love you, but show them to those who need to see them the most. Through you and your gifts, those in need will see that indeed, God's dwelling is with the human race.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." When people watch us, do they know that we are the disciples of Jesus?

As Christians, we are called to do more than love the Lord. We are called to be his witnesses in the world by loving others as well. In today's Gospel reading, he gave us a new commandment, "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Anyone, everyone, should be able to look at us and see this love in action. If we are not witnesses to this love, then we are falling short of our mission.

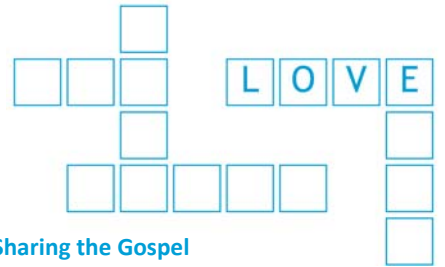
So, how did Jesus love us? Selflessly. His love was never motivated by personal gain. On the contrary, he often suffered for us, and not just on the cross. He faced rejection and animosity for loving those who were considered "unlovable" in his culture. He lived a life of poverty and simplicity, never focused on amassing things for himself, but always willing to give of himself. This is the love we are called to imitate.

The task can feel daunting. We are not perfect people, and being witnesses to Christ-like love can strike us as a lofty challenge. Of course, it's easier to be selfless and generous with people who love us in return, or with those who stir our compassion. But to be consistent witnesses to loving one another in all circumstances--like Jesus does for us--that takes it to another level. Thankfully, however, Jesus doesn't expect us to do this on our own. He promises us his Spirit to live in us and love through us. Through our baptism, we have his Spirit dwelling in our hearts, along with the supernatural gifts of faith, hope, and love. May we make these gifts flourish.

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Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You must love each other.



### Sharing the Gospel

Jesus gave his disciples a new rule. He told them they had to love each other, just like he loved them. What did Jesus mean? Jesus was very patient with his friends. He forgave his friends when they let him down. Jesus comforted his friends when they were afraid. Most of all he helped them grow closer to God.

### Prayer

Dear God, help me to love my friends like Jesus did.

### Mission for the Week

I will follow Jesus and forgive those who have hurt me.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/  
Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
- Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/  
Mk 16:15-20
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13, 21/  
Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/  
Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1-3, 5/  
Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/  
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

## 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



## 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.

## 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**.

## MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA

¿Te gusta cantar? ¿Tocas algún instrumento musical, o te gustaría aprender? Ven a practicar con nosotros, comunícate al **(785) 218-1511**.

## CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO

A las 8 de la noche rezamos el Santo Rosario, para pedir por nuestras necesidades y por los que amamos; también si alguno de sus parientes fallece podemos hacer el novenario, nos vemos los lunes en LA CAPILLA DEL PADRE PIO, frente a las veladoras.

## PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR

Cada primer sábado del mes de 6:00 a 9:00 de la noche, sin niños, llamar antes para anotar su asistencia.

## RECICLAGE

Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parroquia, por un mundo mas limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota. Gracias.

## 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.

### Las lecturas de la semana del 24 de abril de 2016

Domingo: Hch 14, 21-27/Sal 145, 8-13/Ap 21, 1-5/  
Jn 13, 31-33. 34-35  
Lunes: 1 Pe 5, 5-14/Sal 89, 2-3. 6-7. 16-17/Mc 16, 15-20  
Martes: Hch 14, 19-28/Sal 145, 10-13. 21/Jn 14, 27-31  
Miércoles: Hch 15, 1-6/Sal 122, 1-5/Jn 15, 1-8  
Jueves: Hch 15, 7-21/Sal 96, 1-3. 10/Jn 15, 9-11  
Viernes: Hch 15, 22-31/Sal 57, 8-10. 12/Jn 15, 12-17  
Sábado: Hch 16, 1-10/Sal 100, 1-3. 5/Jn 15, 18-21  
Domingo siguiente: Hch 15, 1-2. 22-29/Sal 67, 2-3. 5-6. 8/  
Ap 21, 10-14. 22-23/Jn 14, 23-29

**24 de abril de 2016**

**5º Domingo de Pascua**

El Evangelio del domingo pasado nos invitaba a escuchar la voz del Buen Pastor y ahora se nos da el mandamiento del amor. Estamos en el inicio de la despedida de Jesús. Parece como si continuáramos leyendo el Evangelio del Jueves Santo. Jesús nos habla directo y a la vez a todas las generaciones por venir. Y nos ofrece el mandamiento nuevo. "Les doy un mandamiento nuevo: que se amen los unos a los otros, como yo los he amado; y por este amor reconocerán todos que ustedes son mis discípulos" (Jn 1, 34-35).

¿Cómo son reconocidos los discípulos de Cristo? De seguro no por la medalla que llevas colgada al cuello, ni por los rosarios y novenas que rezas, ni porque vayas a misa todos los días. Estas acciones de hecho están bien. Pero un discípulo debe ser reconocido por el amor que tenga a los otros. Por el apoyo dado a esa persona inmigrante que acaba de llegar al país, por la visita a un enfermo que no tiene su familia cerca. Es decir, "Que se amen los unos a los otros, como yo los he amado". Ahora se habla de la Nueva Evangelización en las comunidades parroquiales, muchas actividades pastorales han surgido, cambios radicales que a veces duelen. Todos nos emocionamos por lo bien que se lleva este proceso de la evangelización. Pero ¿nos hemos fijado en el amor, el respeto entre comunidades multiculturales que a veces son ignoradas y, lo que es peor, marginadas? Pidamos al Señor que llevemos a cabo el mandamiento nuevo del amor en nuestras actividades pastorales. ¡Que así sea!

**5º Domingo de Pascua**

Las lecturas de este domingo me hacen pensar en todas las personas que realizan su ministerio en las parroquias, y que cada año al iniciar el ciclo escolar se dan a la tarea de invitar a nuevas personas para que les ayuden a llevar a cabo la evangelización y la catequesis en sus comunidades. "Invitamos", "deseamos" y "queremos" son las palabras que hacen eco en los anuncios dominicales. Ahora nos podemos imaginar a Pablo y a Bernabé haciendo la primera evangelización así como nosotros hoy día: ellos llamaban a las personas a reunirse para anunciar la buena nueva de Jesús resucitado. Pero perseverar en la fe puede ser difícil. Por lo tanto, asistir a las reuniones parroquiales es importante en nuestro ministerio, aunque nos cueste trabajo hacerlo.

El Reino de Dios es para todos y debemos de estar convencidos de esto. En la jornada encontraremos cosas difíciles, pero la invitación es clara: debemos perseverar en la fe. Es por eso que el Evangelio de San Juan da comienzo con el pasaje de la Última Cena. ¿Por qué si estamos casi al final de la Pascua hablamos de la Pasión? Sencillamente, Jesús nos recuerda que para llegar al triunfo debemos de recorrer el camino de la cruz. Y para enfatizar la cruz tenemos que entender el significado del amor. Por eso el mandamiento nuevo es dado a los discípulos, así como a nosotros ahora. El lavarnos los pies unos a otros significa el comunicarnos y comprendernos mejor, traicionarnos menos, ser fieles en el matrimonio, dar tiempo de calidad a la familia, etcétera. Solamente así llegaremos a ser vivo el mensaje de Jesús de amarnos unos a otros tal como él nos ama. ¿Lo haremos?