



**JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES:
"I HAVE COME TO SET
THE EARTH ON FIRE,
AND HOW I WISH
IT WERE ALREADY BLAZING!**

- LK 12:49



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

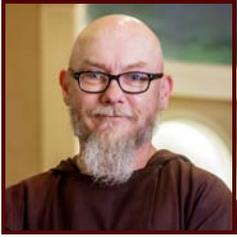
AUGUST 14, 2016

Beginning Monday, August 15, St. John Parish will resume normal (non-summer) hours of operation:

Simon Parish Center Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-5:00pm; Friday 8:30am-4:00pm; (closed weekends)

Church Entrance Hours: Monday-Friday: 6:00am-9:00pm; Saturday: 7:00am-6:00pm; Sunday: 6:00am-7:00pm

BREAD to Offer



THE "OUR FATHER," PART 2

By Fr. Barnabas Eichor, OFM, Cap.

Jesus is clear that it is the "blessed" are those who pray the "Our Father." The blessed are those who have seen in Jesus what the Father wills. And the Father wills that Jesus and his followers would pray that the Father's will be done. Those who pray the "Our Father" do so knowing that the father's will is not complete among them, as they too must learn to pray for forgiveness. To pray that God's will be done is to pray that our wills will be schooled to desire that God's will be done. Our fallen wills, the will of the world, will nail Jesus to the cross. But God, through his grace, has defeated our willfulness, making it possible for us to pray that God's will be done on earth.

That is why we should not ask for more than our daily bread. Only on the basis of the work of Christ is it possible for us to ask for no more than our daily bread. Jesus has given his followers all they need in order to learn to depend on one another on a daily basis. Without the community that Jesus called into existence, we are tempted to hoard and store up resources in a vain attempt to insure safety and security. Of course, our effort to live without risk not only results in injustice, but it also makes our lives anxious, fearing that we never have enough (Matthew 6:19-21). In truth, we can never have enough if what we want is the bread that the devil offered Jesus. But Jesus is good news to the poor (11:4), for he has brought into existence a people who ask for no more than their daily bread.

A community of people capable of living daily is also a community that can forgive as well as be forgiven our debts. To be taught to pray is to be taught to beg. To be taught to beg requires that we recognize our status as debtors. This makes us wonder if we really want to pray that our debts be forgiven as we have forgiven our debtors. In truth, we find it easier to forgive than to be forgiven. We do so because so much of life is spent trying to avoid acknowledging we owe anyone anything. Yet to be a follower of Jesus—to learn to pray this prayer—means that we must first learn that we are forgiven. To learn to be forgiven is no easy lesson, desiring as we do to be our own master, if not creator. But to be a disciple of Jesus demands that we recognize that our life is a gift which requires—if we are to live in a manner appropriate to our being a creature—our willingness to accept forgiveness with joy.

The willingness to be forgiven, which may require that I have an "enemy" tell me who I am, is the only way for reconciliation to begin. To pray "in this way," therefore, is to become a citizen of God's kingdom of forgiveness. To learn to have our sins forgiven, indeed to learn that we are sinners in need of forgiveness, is to become part of the Kingdom of God. If we do not learn to forgive then we will not be forgiven, nor will we be part of the new reality, the new people, brought into existence by Jesus. To forgive and to be forgiven is not some crude exchange or bargain to "get on with life," but rather to participate in a political alternative that ends our attempts to secure our existence through possessions and violence.

Learning to pray the "Our Father" is to become part of the Lord's struggle with the powers of this world. In the last petition of the prayer, however, Jesus asks that we not be brought to the time of trial and that we be rescued from the evil one. Jesus has told us that his followers may well be persecuted, but we can survive whatever trials we may face because he has already faced those trials. Through this prayer the Lord's followers will know how to persist in the face of opposition and persecution because they have been taught how to pray.

—Fr. Barnabas

WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT: A New Class with Fr. Barnabas

This coming fall Fr. Barnabas will be offering a series of classes on the women in the New Testament. It will be an opportunity to learn more about several important characters in the New Testament who often get overlooked: the women who were with the Lord during his earthly ministry. The most prominent of these women is, of course, Mary, and the class will go through the church's understanding of Mary in Scripture and Tradition using John Paul II's encyclical, "Redemptoris Mater."

As the class progresses into looking at the lives of other women who served as powerful examples of Christ in the New Testament, material will be drawn from the book, *Women of the New Testament*, by scripture scholar Camille Fronk Olson.

"Redemptoris Mater" can be downloaded for free from our website.: sjevangelist.com

The classes will be Tuesday evenings in the church basement from 7:00—8:30 pm, beginning Tuesday, August 30th.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH AT ST. JOHN CHURCH

This is your invitation!

Mark which retreat you want to attend: Men's Retreat (August 27-28, 2016) Women's Retreat (September 10-11, 2016)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Nickname (for name tag): _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Are you a registered member of St. John? (circle one) No Yes

Do you have food allergies or special dietary needs? (circle one) No Yes, they are: _____

Do you require any other special accommodations? (circle one) No Yes, they are: _____

Emergency Contact #1 Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact #2 Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Questions or Comments: _____

Return form to the collection plate or mail/return to parish office: **St. John Church, 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044.**

First come, first serve. Only 25 spaces available, so register soon!

Please contact Jake Weeks with any questions: jakeandlaura@sunflower.com

For Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____ # for desired retreat _____ Confirmed Date _____ Initials _____ Confirm Letter _____

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is CRHP? "Christ Renews His Parish" is a spiritual renewal process which calls together the members of the parish – priests, religious, laity – to experience personal conversion and Christian community in the environment of their own parish. It is completely oriented to the parish in order to give both the individual and the parish an opportunity for renewal and growth in the spiritual life. It is led by a team of parishioners properly formed in prayer and love and instructed in the content of the total process. It was developed in 1969 and has been experienced by hundreds of parishes across the country.

2. What happens during the weekend? Most say, "You can't explain what happens; you have to experience it." This is your invitation to the experience. You will enjoy the 30-hour Christ Renews His Parish Weekend. This includes group activities and discussions, prayer and sacraments together, and reflections by fellow parishioners on such subjects as: Father's loving care for us, Renewal, Scripture, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Discipleship, and what Christian Life is all about.

3. Where and when is the retreat weekend? There are retreats for Men and retreats for Women on different weekends.

4. How long will it last? Begins 7:30am on Saturday and ends Sunday by 5pm.

5. Who may come? Anyone 19 years or older, Catholic, and who is a registered member of St. John Church is invited.

6. I'm doubtful. Who will invite me? This is your invitation. It is up to you to make up your own mind. You are not being pressured. Praying for guidance is important. If you feel that Christ, through the Holy Spirit is calling you, COME!

7. What about Confession? There is a Reconciliation Service that concludes with confession for those who desire it.

8. What about Mass? The Eucharistic Celebration is in the church, which is reserved for the participants of the weekend.

9. Where do people sleep? Sleeping accommodations are at St. John Catholic School. It is recommended that you bring a air mattress. Service is excellent, since you make your own bed and provide whatever linens, pillows, blankets, sleeping bags etc.

10. What about meals? Hot meals are served. The food is excellent and the portions ample.

11. What is the uniform of the day? Casual and comfortable clothes. Blue jeans and track suits are the usual. No extra "Sunday best" attire is expected.

12. Can I afford the price of the weekend? Suggested donation \$35.

13. I'd like to attend the weekend, but I have a health problem. Mention that you have a special need on this form. A person from the Retreat Team will contact you.

14. I can't get up and talk in front of people. Will I have to? You will not be asked to get up and talk.

15. I'm still not sure. How do I know if I need renewal? As Christians we are called to continually renew our faith and our relationship with Christ. As a parish we are called to continually renew our community, to experience "being church for others". Do not worry about your preconceived reluctance to participate. Come and see. What do you have to lose?

16. How do I register? Invitation Registration forms are available at the back of Church and in the Parish Office. Applications are accepted on a "first come, first served" basis.

EXPLAINING THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary is celebrated on August 15, and Mass at St. John will be held at the normal daily Mass time, 7:30 a.m.

In 1950, Pope Pius XII, in his encyclical *Munificentissimus Deus*, dogmatically defined the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In his teaching he states that "at the end of her earthly course, Mary was assumed into heavenly glory, body and soul." He also wrote that it was not new doctrine he was defining, but rather formalizing the revelation given us through the Apostles. Interesting to note is that the encyclical simply speaks of the end of her life and does not talk about her death. The Church leaves it to pious opinion and does not have a defined position on if or how Mary died.



NEEDED: ADULTS TO SHARE THEIR FAITH

This fall we will need several teachers for our Traditional Religious Education program. It's not too early to be thinking about serving St. John parish in this way. Classes meet from **9:45 to 10:45 a.m. on Sundays during the school year.**

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in teaching and sharing the Catholic faith with the children of our parish, please contact Lois Mersmann, lmersmann@saint-johns.net or (785) 843-0109 or Pat Newton, newton@saint-johns.net or (785) 843-9511.

All teachers need to be Virtus trained or agree to attend a Virtus session before September 11.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for people to help with a new Hospitality Committee. The mission of the St. John Hospitality Committee is to make every new and current parishioner feel that they are part of a warm, supportive and hospitable community where "all are welcome."

The Hospitality ministry will help coordinate fellowship events, welcome new people to the parish, welcome new Catholics to the faith, greet people as they come into Mass, and also to help with St. John Café on Sunday mornings. The commitment is as large or small as you would like it to become. If interested please contact Samantha Romero at: sromero@saint-johns.net or (785) 843-0109.

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 is welcome.

ST. MONICA'S PRAYER GROUP

This prayer group meets every Monday at 12:00 noon in the Padre Pio Chapel to pray for our children and grandchildren. In addition to the prayers to St. Monica, we pray the rosary and other prayers for special intentions. Everyone is welcome!

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

PIZZA WITH THE PADRES

New Parishioner Dinner

August 20, 5:30pm in the St. Bosco Room
(lower level of the school)

Are you new to St. John parish? If you are a new parishioner who has not attended one of our New Parishioner dinners please plan on joining us on Saturday, August 20, at 5:30pm. Your entire family is welcome for dinner, fellowship and the opportunity to get to know St. John parish a little better. We would love to see you there!

If you have any questions or to RSVP please contact Samantha Romero at sromero@saint-johns.net or (785) 843-0109.

PLAN NOW FOR THE YARD SALE!

A yard sale is planned for Saturday, September 24, at 705 Mississippi St. Please sort through your belongings and set aside things you could donate to the yard sale.

Proceeds will benefit our local Catholic Charities, and the money will help clients with the cost of city bus transportation. Call Nora Murphy at (785) 331-0421, or e-mail nora7@sbcglobal.net for more info or to volunteer to help.

WOMEN'S PRAYER & REFLECTION GROUP

Women's Prayer and Reflection Group meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month to be prayerfully inspired by Biblical women and the third Tuesday of the month to be inspired by Women Saints.

Join us any time, no preparation necessary. We will meet in St John's school library. If interested contact: Beth Fox (785) 840-5561 or Sophia Compton (785) 727-5784.

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 from 11-3, the 1st and 4th Thursday of the month from 1-4, and Saturdays from 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.

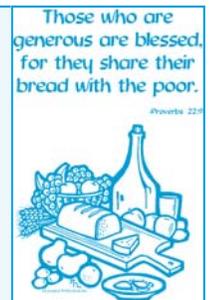
If you are interested in helping the parish community with this ministry, stop by the Rummage House during open hours and let us know!

ST. JOHN LINK ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 30TH

Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (LINK) is located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, and provides nutritious meals to 150 people in need. Our parish helps LINK by rotating with other Lawrence churches to furnish food and volunteers.

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Email _____ Evening Phone _____



FOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Chicken and Noodle Casserole - 11 casseroles needed. Make casserole to feed 15 people. No need to bring in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your casserole, volunteers remove the casserole immediately, take your pan, and you are done.

- I can make one casserole I can make two casseroles

Vegetarian Casserole - 1 vegetarian casserole needed. Make casserole to feed 8 people. No need to bring in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your casserole, volunteers remove the casserole immediately, take your pan, and you are done.

- I can make one casserole

Bread - 4 loaves of wheat bread, 4 loaves of white bread are needed.

- I can bring 2 loaves of wheat I can bring 4 loaves of wheat I can bring 2 loaves of white I can bring 4 loaves of white

Bananas - 120 bananas needed. When you sign up to bring bananas, we ask that you bring 15 bananas.

- I can bring 15 bananas I can bring 30 bananas

Peaches - 3 industrial size cans of peaches needed. Large cans can be purchased in the large food section of the grocery store.

- I can bring one can I can bring two cans I can bring three cans

Watermelon - Whole watermelons, they do not have to be sliced.

- I can bring one watermelon I can bring two watermelons

Homegrown Tomatoes - Fresh from your garden or a friend's garden!

- I can bring (about) a dozen tomatoes

Corn - Large cans of corn needed.

- I can bring one can I can bring two cans I can bring three cans

Salad - 6 lettuce salads needed. Be creative. When you bring salad, use 3 heads of lettuce or bring 3 large bags of premixed lettuce.

- I can make one salad I can make two salads

Salad Dressing - Ranch and Italian salad dressing. We need 4 bottles total.

- I can bring 2 bottles of Ranch I can bring 2 bottles of Italian

Milk - We need 10 gallons of 2% milk.

- I can bring 1 gallon I can bring 2 gallons I can bring 3 gallons

Return this form in collection plate or Parish Office, or contact: mcmurray@sunflower.com

Bring items to the LINK kitchen located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, on August 30 between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Servers - 9 volunteers needed. There are two shifts available.

- 11:30am-2pm — prep work and serving
 12:45pm-2:30pm — serving and clean up

Help in the Kitchen - 5 volunteers needed. There are two types of jobs available.

- 12:30pm-3pm — dish washing
 12:30pm-3pm — gopher/multi-tasker

Questions? Vicki McMurray, mcmurray@sunflower.com

Can't help with this LINK
this time around? That's
okay because St. John
serves again soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Preschool Information Night:

Thursday, August 18, 7:00pm

Preschool parents are invited to attend (Parents/Guardians only). Other adults who will be picking up/dropping off students are also encouraged to attend. We will meet in the St. Bosco Room on the lower level of the school. Parents will meet Mrs. Shimanek, Preschool Director, and learn about procedures, expectations, and goals. There will be a few forms to complete. Preschool begins August 22. Tuesday/Thursday classes begin August 23. Morning sessions are 8:15-11:05am, afternoon sessions are 12:35-3:25pm.

Middle School Locker Party:

Thursday, August 18, 5:00-6:00pm

Middle School students will receive their locker combination and have a chance to practice their combination locks and decorate the interior of their lockers if they choose to. Decorations are limited to the inside of the locker. NO TAPE OR ADHESIVES ARE ALLOWED. Magnets are permissible. Students will also receive their individual middle school schedules, including their electives. Parents are invited. Middle school sweatshirts and t-shirts will be available for purchase that evening.

Parent Information Night:

Thursday, September 1, from 7:00-9:00pm

Parents of kindergarten through fifth grade students are invited to Parent Information Night on Thursday, September 1, from 7:00-9:00pm. Parents will have the opportunity to visit classrooms and learn about classroom expectations and curriculum.

Middle School Parent Information Night:

Thursday, September 8, from 7:00-9:00pm

Parents of middle school students are invited to an Information Night for middle school on Thursday, September 8, from 7:00-9:00pm.



MARRIAGE MINUTE

Have you ever been the butt of family jokes because you attend Mass faithfully, make countercultural parenting decisions or have "too many" kids? If your faith has ever made you unpopular, you're experiencing what Jesus describes in the Gospel this week. Sometimes our faith becomes a dividing line between us and family, and this can make us feel torn or even guilty for causing the disruption.

We need to remember that Jesus is calling us to authentic unity with our loved ones, and unity ultimately comes from Him. It may seem as if our getting serious about faith caused the problem, but really we are just the first to take a step toward authentic unity.

Like Christ himself, we can help to bring our loved ones along through our silent, loving witness and by offering the pain of being misunderstood for the conversion of our loved ones.

REDISCOVER JESUS CHAPTER 30: BLIND SPOTS

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: We all have blind spots.

Verse to Live: "Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?" {Matthew 7:3}

Question to Consider: How are your blind spots affecting your relationships?

Prayer: Lord, take the blindness from my eyes so that I can see people, situations, and myself as you do.

ST. JOHN'S OKTOBERFEST Annual Logo Design Contest

The Oktoberfest will soon be here on Saturday, September 24, 2016, and this year we will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the very first Oktoberfest at St. John!! To commemorate, we have selected a special 20 oz. ceramic stein to sell at the Oktoberfest and now we need a special logo design to go with it! Calling all artists, designers, and creative people to join in our logo design contest! The winning design must say "St. John's", "Oktoberfest", and "2016". We would love to see a full-color design for our poster, but only 4 colors will be printed on the mugs.

The lucky winner will receive reserved seating and parking at the Oktoberfest, 2 mugs filled with 1 drink of your choice, and dinner for two!

Submit your designs denshobe@yahoo.com or turn them in at the Simon Parish Center. The contest ends **Wednesday, August 17th**. If you have any questions please contact Ellen Shobe at (785) 979-9670. Prost!!





SAINT JOHN YOUTH

FALL OPENING EVENTS:

Back to School BASH!

August 14, 6:30-8:30pm; St. Bosco Room, St. John School

All high school students welcome for this night of games, fellowship, and fun! Students will reconnect with fellow students and youth group leaders and see what the year has in store.

Discipleship Discernment Night

August 21, 6:30-8:30pm; St. Bosco Room, St. John School

PARENTS NEEDED at this event! Parents: please report to St. John church at 6:30pm for a short informational meeting with Fr. Jeff and a youth group leader. During this time your student will be prepping in the St. Bosco room for an evening of discernment and adoration.

Discipleship Groups Meet

August 28, 6:30-8:30pm; St. Bosco Room, St. John School

Have your student come and get to know all the youth group leaders for the upcoming year! This will be an eventful night with fun and surprises!

2016-2017 YOUTH REGISTRATION

Registration Weekend

2016-2017 Registration Weekend High School Youth Groups will happen August 20-21, but programming **starts for freshmen students as early as August 7!** See our website for the permission form at sjevangelist.com/youth for all the dates and times! Or see the attached form. Fill out your form after one of the Masses on August 20-21, OR print it off and mail it/drop it off at the Parish Center at 1229 Vermont Street.

PRAIRIE STAR UNDER THE STARS:

Fall Retreat at Prairie Star Ranch!

September 24-25; 8:45am leave; 10am return time

Join us out at Prairie Star for the ropes courses, power pole, archery, and MORE! This will be a great time of fellowship and prayer; we hope that you will be able to join us! Camping under the stars will be amazing--if you have a tent, let us know! Meet at St. John on September 24 at 8:45am to leave, and then return to St. John at 10am on Sunday. (Students will also have the opportunity to meet their families out at Prairie Star as well for their Family Day that is happening on September 25.) Registration information can be found on our website at sjevangelist.com/youth.

learn more: sjevangelist.com/youth



ST. CONRAD FRIARY CHAPEL

Thank you to all who have donated money for the renovation of the second floor chapel at the St. Conrad Friary. If you feel moved in your heart to help us with the remaining renovation and furnishing costs, your donation would be greatly appreciated. Thank You!

Renovation expenses \$12,000

HIS HANDS MINISTRY

Are you an older parishioner or a parishioner who lives with a disability who could use some assistance? Do you know of someone in the parish who is elderly and/or who lives with a disability and could use some assistance? If so, His Hands can help.

We have volunteers who can provide transportation, respite care, light housekeeping, mending, cooking after surgery or other medical situation that would limit someone temporarily and handyman help. His Hands can also provide information and referral services if they are needed, or if other services in the community would be able to help as well.

For help and further information, please contact the His Hands service coordinator, Susan Tabor. She may be reached through the church office at 843-0109 or via her cell phone at 865-9949. We look forward to serving you!

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

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. - 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

frbarnabas@saint-johns.net

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SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL ACTION

By Tony Schmidt, Social Concerns Committee

Climate change is not easily seen as inspirational but are we guilty of just not wanting to think about it? In his Encyclical Laudato Si, Pope Francis shows us how we should begin to think and talk about the issue.

“An admirable generosity is shown by persons who respond to environmental limitations.” - Chapter 4 Integral Ecology, III. Ecology of Daily Life. How could we respond to this observation? What lifestyle changes might be considered admirable generosity?

In July at their Secular Franciscan Quinquennial in St. Louis, Brother Keith Douglass Warner OFM remarked. “Have you ever thought about how St. Francis feels looking down from heaven on Pope Francis? Don’t you think he is feeling overwhelming joy? Do you share that joy? I hope you do!”

The Franciscan philosophy of nature is of the relationship between God, humanity, and nature. Integral ecology means developing – and living out – a relational and holistic worldview - protecting the planet and a flourishing human family. Does this seem to be a philosophy whose time has come?

“What kind of world do we want to leave? What is the purpose of our life in this world?” – Chapter 4 Integral Ecology, V. Justice Between Generations. St Augustine claimed that beauty is a name for God, and Laudato Si mentions the spiritual dimension of beauty 26 times. We need to ask; Is God’s creation solely for this generation’s profit and pleasure?

“The mindset which leaves no room for sincere concern for the environment is the same mindset which lacks concern for the most vulnerable.” - Chapter 5 Lines of Approach and Action, IV. Politics and Economics in Dialogue for Human Fulfillment. Does carelessly burning fossil fuel add misery to those countries with large populations of poor and defenseless people? Does this behavior display the love Jesus taught us? Saint Francis and Pope Francis show us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace. When we use the word “environment” in the US we generally assume that does not include questions of human wellbeing. It is humbling to hear that in response to the threat of climate change many people in Indonesia have stopped using their gasoline powered bicycles. Is American exceptionalism incompatible with a Franciscan worldview?

“The majority of people living on our planet profess to be believers, and they need to dialogue with each other and with science on these issues.” - Chapter 5 Lines of Approach and Action, V. Religions in Dialogue with Science. When we are unwilling to educate ourselves, our attitudes become the product of special interests. Is dumping ever more CO2 into the atmosphere under the pretense that other countries are worse than us - a legitimate mindset?

“Will we be remembered as one of the most irresponsible periods in history or for having generously shouldered our grave responsibilities?” - Chapter 5 Lines of Approach and Action, I. Dialogue on the Environment in the International Community. We need both of our valuable political parties to come together on this top national and international issue. St John the Evangelist Social Concerns Committee meets monthly at 1204 Kentucky in the former Convent, Just north of St. John School. . You are invited to join us to discuss this important topic as well as other vital social concerns. There is much we can do.

Contact me at tschmidt@eaglecom.net or Susan Tabor at souljourner@sbcglobal.net for details.

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, brother of Bernadette West
Grace Austin
Gayla Barnes
Benjamin and Annie, relatives of Theresa Wells
Craig Bogley, husband of Judy Carpenter
Remi Brown
Dale Brueggeman, husband of Debbie Filkins
John Carlos
Chris Crandon
Burney Deonier, brother-in-law of Lois Mersmann
Karen Dunn, mother of Meg Milburn
Marianne Fabac Means
Buddy Hadl
Jim Freund
Terry Hadl
Sophia Hamilton, daughter of Alex and Sheri Hamilton
Judy Hill
Bob Holek
Lily Hollister, niece of Tom Kellogg
Nancy Hubble, wife of Tom Kellogg
Susan Jones, sister of Patti Fisher
Barb Marden
Leo Nau
Rudy Oberzan, brother of John Oberzan
Theophilus Obiefule
Julie Patterson, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter
CB Riling
Mark Salaman
Michael Schurer, son of Mick Schurer
Julia Scott, friend of Monica Cordova
Gerald Simon
Tony Soper
Ruth Thesing
Angelica Villa
Greg Walker, brother of Ted Walker
Ted Walker

MINISTERS: AUGUST 20-21

Lectors

Contact: Sean Smith
 seanj@ku.edu

Cantors

Saturday
 4:30pm J Graves
Sunday
 7:00am M Steichen
 8:30am K Gibb

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday
 4:30pm .. J Halderman, L Heiserman, A Hewitt
 B Johnson, J Koster, J McGraw
Sunday
 7:00am L Wustefeld, J&S Grzymala-Busse
 8:30am J Huss, M Ice, S Jahn
 C Johnson, T Kempf, B Kessler, K Kohnke
 11:00am A Brill, C Buchheister, B DeWitt
 C&D Ehrlich, J Evers, T Gabrielson
 5:00pm T Reznicek, D&E Schmidt
 J Weeks, D Wulf-Walter, N Albrecht

Altar Servers

Saturday
 4:30pm J Krones, B Thomas
Sunday
 7:00am N Hope, N Hope
 8:30am C Peltier, N Smith
 11:00am G Malin, E Bial
 5:00pm B Diers, R Diers

MASSES: AUGUST 15-21

Monday
 7:30am Leo Krones†
Tuesday
 7:30am Harry Morton†
Wednesday
 7:30am Ervin Huslig†
Thursday
 7:30am Lawrence Kim†
Friday
 7:30am Mary & Pete James†
Saturday
 8am Charles & Ann Laskowski†
 4:30pm St. John School Alumni
Sunday
 7:00am Edmund & Betty Mechavich†
 8:30am Joann Male†
 11:00am Maxine Haller†
 2:00pm (Spanish) St. John Parish
 5:00pm Urban Simon†

WEEKLY GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2016
 through June 30, 2017

Information below
 reflects donations received
 July 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016.

Budgeted weekly amount	\$27,403.84
Average weekly amount.....	\$23,775.17
Budgeted YTD.....	\$137,019.20
Actual YTD.....	\$118,875.86
Net Shortage	\$18,143.34

JOIN THE ST. JOHN PRAYER CHAIN

The power of prayer is truly an amazing thing and something all parishioners at St. John can do to help those among us in need of God's divine mercy. Please join our prayer chain to lend your voices and thoughts for those in need.

For more information contact Lois Mersmann at lmersmann@saint-johns.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be Thursday, September 8. 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 2nd Thursday of each month.

Anybody interested in becoming a Knight should contact Grand Knight Darin Denning at (785) 760-0788.

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!



CLASE PREBAUTISMAL en BLESSED SACRAMENT:

La clase pre-bautismal es **cada segundo sábado del mes** en un salón del Ministerio Hispano. Es obligatorio registrarse primero en la oficina parroquial llamando a Jessie al tel. 913 321 1958.

Próximo retiro de 15era:

20 y 21 de Agosto en la parroquia de Santa María y San Antonio. Llamar al Ministerio Hispano para registrarse.



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 14 de agosto de 2016

Domingo: Jr 38, 4-6. 8-10/Sal 40, 2-4. 18/Heb 12, 1-4/Lc 12, 49-53
 Lunes: Vigilia: 1 Cr 15, 3-4. 15-16; 16, 1-2/Sal 132, 6-7. 9-10.
 13-14/1 Cor 15, 54-57/Lc 11, 27-28
 Misa del día: Ap 11, 19; 12, 1-6. 10/Sal 45, 10-12. 16/
 1 Cor 15, 20-27/Lc 1, 39-56
 Martes: Ez 28, 1-10/Dt 32, 26-28. 30. 35-36/Mt 19, 23-30
 Miércoles: Ez 34, 1-11/Sal 23, 1-6/Mt 20, 1-16
 Jueves: Ez 36, 23-28/Sal 51, 12-15. 18-19/Mt 22, 1-14
 Viernes: Ez 37, 1-14/Sal 107, 2-9/Mt 22, 34-40
 Sábado: Ez 43, 1-7/Sal 85, 9-14/Mt 23, 1-12
 Domingo siguiente: Is 66, 18-21/Sal 117, 1-2/Heb 12, 5-7. 11-13/
 Lc 13, 22-30

14 de agosto de 2016

20° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El Evangelio de hoy tiene un tono muy fuerte. Las palabras de Jesús desconciertan tanto en su tiempo como en el nuestro. "He venido a traer fuego a la tierra y ¡cuánto desearía que ya estuviera ardiendo!" (Lc 12, 49). Estas palabras nos pueden poner en desconcierto y se deben de explicar. Ya que de otra forma se pueden formar malentendidos. ¿Qué significa el que Jesús trae fuego y división entre nosotros? La respuesta es que todo es cuestión de fe y que ésta no es decorativa en la vida del cristiano. Va más allá, es elegir a Dios como el centro de toda actividad, sabiendo que Dios es toda misericordia, fidelidad y vida dada en su Hijo Jesús.

El Papa Francisco, nos dice que. "Jesús es nuestra paz, nuestra reconciliación. Pero esta paz no es la paz de los sepulcros, no es neutralidad, Jesús no trae neutralidad, esta paz no es una componenda a cualquier precio. Seguir a Jesús comporta renunciar al mal, al egoísmo y elegir el bien, la verdad, la justicia, incluso cuando esto requiere sacrificio y renuncia a los propios intereses" (Ángelus de 18 de agosto de 2013). Al hacer la lucha de vivir estos consejos que el Papa Francisco nos brinda, debemos estar seguros de que vamos a luchar. Porque esto sí trae división aun en las relaciones más cercanas. La sociedad actual está dividida por la necesidad de paz; existe mucha violencia y ahí en esa vida de incertidumbre no se puede tener la paz de practicar y vivir la fe. ¡La fe y la violencia no se llevan! En cambio la fe y la fortaleza de espíritu van juntas. Pidamos al Señor que nos haga instrumentos fuertes de paz.

20° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Es urgente que los bautizados tomemos posturas de compromiso y hagamos de este mundo algo digno de vivir en paz. El fuego del que habla el Señor es el fuego que purifica y transforma, arranca las divisiones y enciende en la tierra el fuego del amor. Hoy se nos reta a dejar la fe incolora e insípida. Busquemos la fe que transforma a la persona desde el fondo de su ser, no la que la mantiene adormecida y frustrada. Es tiempo de evaluar nuestros actos y de ser diferentes. El Evangelio nos ayuda a enfocar nuestra visión y nuestro corazón hacia el Reino de Dios.

Me imagino que los oyentes del tiempo de Jesús se quedaron sin hablar así como nosotros ahora. Jesús, el Príncipe de la Paz, hablando de fuego, divisiones, contrariedades y enfrentamientos. San Lucas nos trata de explicar y nos presenta a un Jesús profético cuyo ministerio demanda una respuesta personal y radical, no cristianos a medias. Es muy clara la experiencia de división familiar cuando el o la joven se decide a seguir a Jesús en el sacerdocio o la vida religiosa. Los padres alegan tener mejores planes para sus hijos o hijas. ¡Jesús es signo de contradicción! Así lo profetizó el anciano Simeón. Seguirlo y serle fiel siempre traerá contrariedades para los que viven posturas cómodas. La vida cristiana exige luchas. El salmo 27:14 nos motiva a vencer las divisiones. "Ármate de valor y fortaleza y en el Señor confía". ¿Qué haremos para ser portadores de paz ante las divisiones que nos rodean?

Explaining the Assumption

(The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary is celebrated on August 15, and Mass at St. John will be at the normal daily Mass time, 7:30 a.m.)

In 1950, Pope Pius XII, in his encyclical *Munificentissimus Deus*, dogmatically defined the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In his teaching he states that "at the end of her earthly course, Mary was assumed into heavenly glory, body and soul." He also wrote that it was not new doctrine he was defining, but rather formalizing the revelation given us through the Apostles. Interesting to note is that the encyclical simply speaks of the end of her life and does not talk about her death. The Church leaves it to pious opinion and does not have a defined position on if or how Mary died.

What lessons should I learn from the Assumption of Mary?

A friend recently discovered the joys of golfing. He bought a set of clubs, all the right equipment and learned the rules of the game. But he could never quite hit the ball far enough or straight enough. One day he had had enough and decided to take a few lessons. He discovered that what he was doing was wrong, and after mimicking a good swing over and over again, he finally hit the ball better.

Holiness is much the same way. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God's will, living each day with confidence in God's mercy and love. At the Nativity, in the public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: "the virgin Mother of God was taken up into heaven to be the beginning and the pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of hope and comfort for your people on their pilgrim way."

It is this pattern of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God's grace that call us to an ever greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches.

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

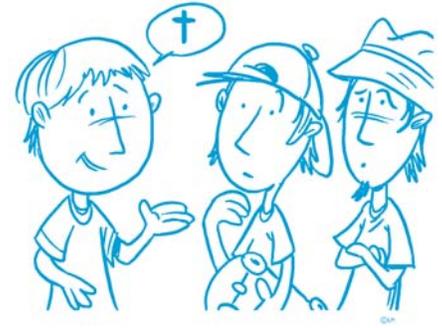
"From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." What a sad image Jesus paints in today's Gospel. Causing family strife--fathers against sons and mothers against daughters--is not the effect we like to imagine Jesus having on people. But as he says today, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." The fact is, and always has been, that not everyone chooses to follow Christ. This causes conflict.

Perhaps it is most tragic when this tension takes place within families. When certain members of the family desire to live a full Christian life, to follow the commandments and worship God as he asks, this can be irritating at best and infuriating at worst to other family members who want nothing to do with Jesus or his church. But faith must persist in spite of domestic turmoil. Following Jesus is the ultimate good; preserving peace is secondary. In a sense, today's Gospel gives faithful Christians permission to move forward in their faith even if it doesn't make everybody happy.

However, all of this needs to be understood in the light of Jesus' desire to bring peace. He often used the greeting, "Peace be with you," and clearly promised peace to his disciples. Today's Gospel should not be taken to mean that Jesus desires division. Rather, he is acknowledging the fact that division will inevitably result as people declare their differing allegiances. But thankfully, when we align ourselves with Christ, we are also uniting ourselves to the One who can restore peace even in the midst of conflict. So when we see turmoil arise, let's call upon the power of the true Prince of Peace.

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Kids: Sharing the Gospel



Sharing the Gospel

When you talk about Jesus, you will probably get a strong reaction from people. Some people love Jesus with their whole heart, and their lives really show it. Other people don't want to follow Jesus, and talking about him may even make them angry. Families and friends can be torn apart by that anger. No matter what, stay close to Jesus, and he will stay close to you.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, help me to stay close to you always.

Mission for the Week

Be very loving when you tell others about Jesus.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/ Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday: <i>Vigil:</i>	1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/ Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/ 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
	<i>Day:</i> Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36/ Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/ Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7a/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/ Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

