



ST JOHN
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am, 2:00pm (Spanish Mass), 5:00pm. **Website:** www.sjevangelist.com

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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SPIRITUAL RENOVATION

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.

Some more news regarding our parish expansion project “Preserving Our Past . . . Building Our Future!” A few weeks ago I mentioned in this bulletin that we appeared before the City of Lawrence Historical Commission with our project – specifically the moving of the convent and construction of a regulation-size gym in its place – and that we were given unanimous approval from that commission. Two weeks ago we appeared before the City of Lawrence again regarding a variance – specifically to be allowed to construct the gym up to the sidewalk on the west side (at the corner of 12th and Kentucky) and to construct the gym in the area of the parking lot north of the convent. Again, we were given unanimous approval to move forward with our plan. The next step is the building permit which we hope to acquire in short time. It looks as though we may begin to excavate for the basement of the convent in mid to late October and to move the convent into its new space in November – weather permitting, of course! We hope to begin construction of the new gym in January.

Regarding continued maintenance and repairs to our church, you may have noticed that the kneelers feel a little more comfortable. A group of very dedicated people purchased the material and themselves re-covered all but twelve rows of kneelers in the church (more material is on order for those 12 remaining rows). You might imagine the time that would be required for such a project. I will forego mentioning their names this time as I think they would prefer that. Still, I want to thank those who assisted with this project – you are all so committed to keeping our church beautiful!

We hoped to have the organ pipes returned to their places by this weekend. At the writing of this article on Monday evening, that was yet to be accomplished. The patching and painting of the water damaged areas of the choir loft is completed and the entire choir loft area, including the ceiling, has been freshly painted. One of our dedicated beautification committee members hand-washed the inside of the rose window in the choir loft – no easy task given the precarious positioning of the ladder on top of the organ pipe air boxes!

Early in his conversion, St. Francis was praying before a crucifix in an ancient, deteriorating church. From the crucifix, Francis heard a voice which said, “Francis, go repair my church which, as you can see, is falling into ruins.” Francis interpreted those words literally and rebuilt three churches in the Umbrian valley of Assisi: Our Lady of the Angels, San Damiano, and San Pietro. It wasn’t until later that he realized the message was to be understood figuratively for the entire Roman Catholic Church, which had just completed the Fourth Lateran Council – a council of reform. The Lord was calling Francis to help rebuild the spiritual life of the Church, which he undertook in the form of his newly-founded Order of Friars Minor. Francis and his devout follower, St. Clare, would both work very hard to help the Popes of the time to reconstruct the spiritual life of the Catholic Church. It is my hope that, the repairs in our church as well as the building construction that will begin in the not too distant future, will serve as a metaphor for the continued spiritual growth and “repair” of our parish. We have many opportunities to help make that happen. Christ Renews His Parish, Eucharistic Adoration, Justice Matters, St. John Youth Group, Family Faith Formation, religious education, our various prayer groups, and the many services to the poor such as the Rummage House, Centro Hispano, and Catholic Charities, are just a few of the many opportunities for the continued spiritual development of our parish.

- Fr. Jeff

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 RETREATS

**Men's Retreat
Weekend:
August 27-28**



**Women's Retreat
Weekend:
September 10-11**

Christ Renews His Parish is a spiritual renewal process that 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. There is an opportunity for Men on August 27th and 28th and Women on September 10th and 11th.

Your registration form is in the back of this bulletin! Please contact Jake Weeks at jakeandlaura@sunflower.com with any questions or see the CRHP webpage for more information or to register online:

sjevangelist.com/crhp

SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Our own local Catholic Charities is located across from the Rummage House at 1247 Kentucky. In addition to other client services, a modest food pantry is on site. Donations to the food pantry are welcome, and can be dropped on the shelf marked "Catholic Charities" on the back porch of the Simon Parish Center.

Foods with lots of protein are especially valued. Fresh food items, like meat and fruit, can be dropped off during business hours at Catholic Charities. Non-food items are very much needed, too: e.g., dish soap, diapers, razors, and feminine hygiene products. For more information, call Catholic Charities at **(785) 856-2694**.

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.

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, email Lee Ann Hartwick (Hartwick@saint-johns.net) for more info.

Calling All Young Adults!

We are in the beginnings of a young adult ministry, and would love your input! Contact Jen Conrad if you want in on the planning meeting: conrad@saint-johns.net or text **785-766-6189**.

We are hopeful to host our first prayer/happy hour event on Wednesday, September 14, from 7:00—9:00pm, so be on the lookout for details!

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.

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. 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**.

REDISCOVER JESUS

CHAPTER 31: MAN'S WAYS AND GOD'S WAYS

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: God has a better way of doing things.

Verse to Live: "The human mind may devise many plans, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established." {Proverbs 19:21}

Question to Consider: What is one practical example of how God is inviting you to let go of *your* way and open yourself up to *his* way?

Prayer: Lord, teach me to value your way of doing things above all other ways.

2016-17 Religious Education

at St. John

A Message from Jennifer Meitl-Conrad, Youth Director



Hello all!

I can't believe it is already time for our yearly youth update! Currently, I am finishing up my last few weeks of maternity leave with our second baby, and will be back in full swing before you know it. This weekend is RE registration weekend, and I am so excited to give you a quick update about where we have been this last year, and where we are headed in this new school year!

As I prayed about the coming year, I began to reflect on the real purpose of youth ministry: what are we doing in our program and why are we doing it? Simply put, all of the programming, service events, socials, and catechesis are aimed at one thing: helping students and families ENCOUNTER the Lord Jesus Christ. Apart from Him, nothing else matters. I always recommend that the students "take it to Jesus on the cross" when they are struggling with a big life change, a Church teaching, or a rocky friendship. It is through Him—His suffering, death, and resurrection—that we can find meaning in our struggles and find the peace that God promised to us hundreds of times in the Bible!

Last year was a year of change for our middle school program, and we are excited to announce that the main facets of that program will remain the same. We took your feedback, and the middle school students will meet more consistently from 6:30-8pm on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year. Last year, the Confirmation program successfully transitioned to a family/sponsor formation program, following the lead of our Archdiocesan recommendations, and again, we learned a lot from your feedback. I am confident that this year's family formation centered Confirmation program held on Sunday afternoons will be better than ever!

High school discipleship groups continue to be the main way students are engaging with our high school youth ministry program, and our amazing core team of a dozen adults minister to over 50 students in this way. These students and core team members meet bi-monthly to engage in faith formation as well as hold each other accountable to lives of prayer and Christian life. We also gather together as a large group multiple times per month for fellowship and social justice activities, growing in faith and friendship!

Overall, the students of our parish continue to amaze and inspire me! As a collective body, they have served others selflessly, offering over 1600 hours of service in your homes, in our parish, and in our community. Whether through personal endeavors or organized group efforts like One Big Love, they have been the hands and feet of Christ to all around.

In praying about this year, we as a core team are excited to bring all of these experiences to the feet of Jesus, inviting each student of our parish to truly ENCOUNTER Christ and invite Him into your life. We would love to see all of you students out there at our fall events, even if you have never been before. Reach out to us and step out in faith, just as Jesus has called each and every one of us to do! Jeff Cramer and Amy Hill will be spearheading the high school program through the end of September, so please contact one of them to get plugged in to the awesome things our program has to offer! Our middle school program begins in the middle of September, so keep your eye on the bulletin for more details on what's coming up!

Parishioners, what can you do to help? First and foremost, we need your prayers. Prayers for the students as they are encountering a culture of death, of narcissism, of materialism. Secondly, we are in need of Holy adults and college students to help us lead our middle school students and families through the Confirmation process and their middle school years. If you have ever sat through one of my pulpit talks before and thought, "maybe that could be me?", then now is the time to say YES to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Check with Amy and/or Jeff after the Masses this weekend about how to get signed up to help—there IS a place for you on the team and I can't wait to meet you and embark on this exciting journey of faith with you!

This year, I challenge you ALL to join the youth of our parish in "taking it to Jesus," join us to ENCOUNTER the Lord Jesus Christ in new and exciting ways! Through service, sacrifice, and praise, may we all strive to be the light of Christ to the world!

In Him,

Jennifer Meitl-Conrad

Youth Director

St. John the Evangelist Parish

IN MEMORIAM

BURNEY DEONIER SHANE LOPEZ

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**
- Craig Bogley**, husband of Judy Carpenter
- Remi Brown**
- Dale Brueggeman**, husband of Debbie Filkins
- John Carlos**
- Chris Crandon**
- 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 27-28

Lectors

- Saturday**
4:30pm L1: M Hobbs; L2: S Ohlmacher
- Sunday**
7:00am L1: C Zebas; L2: C Winkelbauer
8:30am L1: L Leroux-Smith; L2: J Robinson
11:00am L1: C Domingues; L2: S Tabor
5:00pm L1: M Williams; L2: D Koger

Cantors

- Saturday**
4:30pm K Beisner
- Sunday**
7:00am K Colson & B Ennis
8:30am J Krones

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday**
4:30pm L Reimond, MA Roesner, L Seidl
..... D Weigel, L Arnold, B Brill
- Sunday**
7:00am B Harmon, M Heath, B Menke
8:30am K Ostrander, Y Ruder, L Scott
..... M Steichen, B Volz, J Dvorske, D Foster
11:00am S Goodwin, P Gripka, P Lyon
..... D, T&J Gunselman, J Mercier
5:00pm L Brey, S File, N Jones
..... M LeGresley, C Malone, A McCabe

Altar Servers

- Saturday**
4:30pm G Ohlmacher, S Wondrack
- Sunday**
7:00am Volunteers
8:30am C Stone, T Kempf
11:00am L Keating, P Keating
5:00pm L Schmidt, O Schmidt

MASSES: AUGUST 22-28

- Monday**
7:30am Benedict Lee & Family
- Tuesday**
7:30am .. Children in Need of Adoptive Families
- Wednesday**
7:30am Arnold & Elvira Seidl†
- Thursday**
7:30am Helen Sheppard
- Friday**
7:30am An Increase in Vocations
- Saturday**
8am J. Robert Fluker†
4:30pm Jim Hane†
- Sunday**
7:00am Wilma Winkelbauer†
8:30am Valentin Romero†
11:00am Shane Lopez†
2:00pm (Spanish) St. John Parish
5:00pm Don Erker

WEEKLY GIVING

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

Information below
reflects donations received
July 1, 2015 through August 7 2016.

Budgeted weekly amount	\$27,403.84
Average weekly amount.....	\$22,830.47
Budgeted YTD.....	\$164,423.04
Actual YTD.....	\$136,982.86
Net Shortage	\$27,440.18

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 11. 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!

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 **(785) 843-0109** or via her cell phone at **(785) 865-9949**. We look forward to serving you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

His Hands, the ministry to our parishioners who are elderly or who live with disability, is in great need of people to help with housework. If you have some time and would be willing to help an elderly parishioner with housework, please contact Susan Tabor, His Hands service coordinator at **(785) 865-9949** or via email at souljourner@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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

ST. JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS

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CYO SPORTS NEWS

The 2016-17 school year is fast approaching, and that means CYO activities will be beginning soon. At St. John, volleyball will be offered in the fall for girls, cross country will be offered in the fall for boys and girls, basketball will be offered during the winter for both boys and girls, and Track & Soccer will be offered in the spring for boys and girls. This is a parish-wide activity, so any parish children in 3rd through 8th grade may participate.

Each participant needs to be registered with the CYO of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties Organization. In order to do this, each parent will need to go to their website:

www.cyojwa.org

(there is a link to this site on the school website)

Once on this site, proceed to the registration page and register your child for the sport that they wish to participate in this fall. All payments will be made on this website. There is a \$40 registration fee, as well as a similar fee for each sport.

Each participant must have a completed Pre-participation Physical Evaluation Form from a doctor on file with the CYO office in order to participate. Parents are responsible for scheduling their child for a physical with their family doctor or other medical establishment that provides sports physicals for kids. This is new this year, and is a requirement for participation.

If you are interested in being either a head coach or assistant coach for one of St. John's volleyball teams, please contact Chris English by e-mail (cenglish@tckansas.com) or phone **(785-766-7793)** as soon as possible. Experience is not necessary; you just need to bring a positive attitude and desire to help our parish children become better people.

Please contact Chris English (contact info listed above) with any further questions or concerns.

PREGNANCY COUNSELING/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 Donda at **(913) 433-2063** or dmclaughlin@catholiccharitiesks.org

MARRIAGE MINUTE

Do your children ever give you grief because you love them enough to discipline them? Even though they do not agree or understand, we know we owe it to them to offer them the gift of discipline. Although, it is sometimes easier to let behaviors slide because we know our effort to discipline will take time and effort.

This same principle is how God our Father treats all of His children. We hear in this Sunday's second reading, "For whom the Lord loves He disciplines." God's love for His children is constant and never tiring. If we want to parent like God, we must be constant in our loving

discipline for the sake of our children's growth.

This week:

1. Pray for the grace to be constant in discipline.
2. When you do discipline your children, act out of kindness and reassure them of your deep love.

That Man Is You!

That Man Is You (TMIY) is gearing up for another wonderful year of meeting on Wednesday mornings. This year's program is The Spirit of Nazareth and is designed for those wishing to take the next step on how to discern God's will in their lives and grow their spiritual life closer to what God intends.

We meet starting **Wednesday, September 14th** from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Please give strong consideration to joining a great group of men every Wednesday morning for fellowship and reflection. We look forward to another great year!

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

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

St. John's Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ministry needs assistants for their program. If interested in this ministry, contact Lois in the parish office at **(785) 843-0109** or lmersmann@saint-johns.net. All assistants 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**.

"HEALING OF NATIONS" TAIZÉ SERVICE

Come and pray for the world at a "For the Healing of the Nations" Taizé service on **Friday, Aug. 26**, at Plymouth Congregational Church at 6 pm.

Participants will gather around a large map of the world and through traditional Taizé music and call and response prayer will hold up the nations of the world for special healing. Nations are in crisis; let the pleas of our hearts help bring peace to our world.

If you would like more information, contact Judith Galas:

judithgalas@gmail.com

MEALS FOR THE FRIARS

The Capuchins are looking for volunteers who can cook meals for the six friars in Lawrence. If interested, please contact the parish office at **(785) 843-0109**. Meals needed for Wednesdays in September!

Bring meals to the Simon Parish Center at St. John by 4:00pm. Fr. Jeff will take the dinner home to the friary.

SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL ACTION

By **Connie Finnegan, Social Concerns Committee**

Unexpected hardships hit every family. A drunk driver caused our family to spend one year in and out of the hospital several years ago. Our young children ages five, eight, and twelve adapted to many life changes. We were blessed to have the strong support of family, church and friends throughout that year of our struggle.

Many families do not have support of any kind. Family Promise gives temporary support to struggling homeless families in our Lawrence community. Professional counseling is offered for education, job skills, money management, health, and any needed guidance for families.

Saint John's Family Promise volunteers help three evenings with dinner, hosting, and overnight sleeping in Corpus Christi church during one week four times a year. Along with Corpus Christi volunteers, our team offers hospitality, Christian love and sometimes fun to families who need empathy, caring and sometimes some comic relief. The Family Promise rotation with many Lawrence churches can accommodate up to fourteen people or four families at one time.

Volunteers provide the evening meal, and/or host throughout the evening, stay overnight (two people per overnight) and/or participate in a new Call to Community (C. to C.) program which pairs community families with Family Promise guest families to walk alongside a family and provide periodic mentoring over a year's time.

Hosting can be a great family activity and can provide an experience that both parents and their children can talk about and while also learning about basic discipleship.

This weekend there will be a Family Promise volunteer drive. You may sign up at either entrance of the church or in the church basement.

Saint John's original volunteer group began helping in 2008. Many of our volunteers are older or have moved away. We are in great need of new Family Promise volunteers. A training session will be offered by Family Promise Executive Director Dana Ortiz in August or September this year.

More information about Family Promise training will follow in our bulletin. Call or email with any questions; Susan Tabor, (785) 841-3875, souljourner@sbcglobal.net OR Connie Finnegan (785) 865-4002, concorri@gmail.com

We hope you will join us in helping to make a real difference in the lives of homeless families in our Lawrence community!

A NOTE ABOUT GROCERY CARD SALES

Dillons Grocery have ended their gift card program and replaced it with Community Rewards. To participate, go to www.dillons.com/communityrewards, register your Plus Shopper's Card number, and designate **St. John School #29296**. It only takes a minute.

Once you are registered, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to St. John School.

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Direct URL: smile.amazon.com/ch/48-0930227

(link also available at sjevangelist.com/school/fundraisers)

2016-2017 School Year

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Fun Run:

Friday, September 16

PTO presents a fun evening of food and exercise. Walk or run the route used by our Marathon Club in South Park and then join us for one of Dorothy Malsbury's dinners of chicken sandwiches, corn dogs, chips, and popsicles. (Beer and wine available for adults.) Students may count the Fun Run for Marathon Club miles.



Would you like to know more about St. John Catholic School?

Visit online at sjevangelist.com/school or call (785) 843-9511 for more information and to schedule a tour for you and your student!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE PADRE PIO CHAPEL

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, 6AM—9PM

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



SAINT JOHN YOUTH

FALL OPENING EVENTS:

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 this weekend, August 20-21! See our website for the permission form at sjevangelist.com/youth for all the dates and times! 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

Adults, come join our youth ministry team!

Young-at-heart adults needed to help form our middle school students and Confirmation candidates!
College students and young adults are especially welcome and needed
in the faith journey of our young people. Wanna help out?

Follow the steps below to get started:

- 1) Text Jen at 785-766-6189 to meet and discern where you fit in the program.
- 2) Save the dates for our youth ministry training sessions. The first is on September 11, from 9:30am-12noon. Join us in St. John School (lower level, and to the right in the library) for a lively discussion about our youth today, an overview of the youth program at St. John, and a special time of prayer for the teens that we will serve. Also save the date for September 14, from 6:30-8pm, where we will have a logistics meeting to hammer out the final details of serving.
- 3) Start praying for the youth of our parish daily!

FROM AROUND THE *Archdiocese*

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

**Married couples, do you want to rekindle that love
you had on your wedding day?**

"Before our Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, all Jim and I ever talked about was kids, his job, the house and money. I wondered what happened to the couple that talked on the phone for hours after being together all day during our courtship. On our Weekend we rediscovered that couple!"

The next Weekend in Kansas City is Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2016

For more information or to apply, please visit our website:

www.wwme4youandme.org

or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, **816-741-4066**

or email 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.

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 Good Shepherd Parish, Shawnee, KS, September 17-18, 2016.

Register online at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at **913-647-0345** for information.

HEALING FROM DIVORCE

*Are you a Catholic who is going through
or has gone through the pain of divorce?*

Two parishes are hosting separate program series entitled "The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide" created by Rose Sweet. The 10-week program features 30-minute DVD shows each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more. DVD lessons feature Rose Sweet, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Father Mitch Pacwa, Father Donald Calloway and more! Whether you were divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone.

This popular series begins at Prince of Peace Church on Tuesday, September 9, and runs every Tuesday for eleven weeks. Class is from 6:00 to 7:30pm in the Marian Room in the Prince of Peace School Building. The address is 16000 West 143rd St., Olathe, KS 66062. Class size is limited! Enrollment is \$50.00. For more info and to enroll, call Julie Knoche at **(913) 710-7083** or Anne Anderson at **(913) 208-9675**.

St. Patrick's in KCK is also offering this program beginning on September 15. Please call the office, **(913) 299-3370** or send an email tsmith@archkcks.org to register and for information on ordering your workbook (\$15).

MOTHER TERESA CANONIZATION

On September 4, 2016, Blessed Mother Teresa will be canonized Saint Teresa of Calcutta, as the Church celebrates her profound legacy and declares with joy her sainthood before the world. So now is a great time to plan how your parish can celebrate and commemorate this saint of our lifetime.

CRS has developed a number of resources to help communities learn about and model Mother Teresa's service to "the poorest of the poor."

Please visit crs.org/mother-teresa for:

- A prayer (in English and Spanish)
- A handout about Mother Teresa's story and legacy (in English and Spanish)
- An intergenerational parish activity that is a great way to kick off the ministry year in the fall
- Videos of CRS staff and others sharing reflections about Mother Teresa (coming soon)

CRS also will be sharing stories and videos on the CRS.org website and through social media as her canonization approaches.

COPING WITH LIFE ALONE

Peer-to-Peer Grief Support

"Coping with Life Alone®" is a Beginning Experience® grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce, or separation move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope.

Upcoming Program Dates in Lawrence:

Lawrence, KS – beginning August 23, and will run for 7 consecutive Tuesday evenings, at Corpus Christi Parish, 6001 Bob Billings Pkwy. Contact Jerry (785-766-6497), for information and registration.

YOUNG ADULT GRIEF COUNSELING

The Grief Journey, a young adult grief support ministry group, meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at Holy Spirit Parish in Overland Park. This new ministry will cover "The 4 Stages of Grief." The group is designed for young adults (ages 18-40) that have lost a loved one.

If you are interested in participating, know someone that could benefit from this ministry or would like to help in facilitating, you can contact Marcus Kain at marcusk16@hotmail.com or **(913) 634-7870** for additional information.

New participants are always welcome.

NOW SHOWING: BEN-HUR

In the closing months of the Year of Mercy and when themes of forgiveness and reconciliation are so timely in our society, we encourage you and your family to see the inspiring and new telling of Ben-Hur, now showing in local theaters.

This faith-affirming film draws the audience into the times when the men and women of Judea came to know Jesus, first as a man, then as something far greater, and in a way that makes the film's characters' times of doubt and affirmation not unlike moments many of us may have known. Rated PG-13. For more information and movie trailer visit:

benhurmovie.com

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.

CRISTO RENUEVA SU PARROQUIA EN LA IGLESIA DE SAN JUAN EVANGELISTA

¡Esta es tu invitación!

Indica a cual retiro quieres asistir:

- Retiro para los hombres (27-28 de agosto de 2016) Retiro para las mujeres (10-11 de septiembre de 2016)

Nombre: _____ Apellido: _____ Apodo (para el nombre de la etiqueta): _____

Dirección: _____ Ciudad/Estado/Código postal: _____

Teléfono de Casa: _____ Correo Electrónico: _____

¿Eres un miembro registrado en la parroquia de San Juan? (encierra uno) No Sí

¿Tienes alergia alguna comida o necesitas alguna dieta especial? (encierra uno) No Sí, Estos son: _____

¿Requiere otro alojamiento especial? (encierra uno) No Sí, Estos son: _____

Contacto de Emergencia #1 Nombre completo: _____ Relación: _____

Numero de Teléfono de su Casa: _____ Numero de Teléfono Alterno: _____

Contacto de Emergencia #2 Nombre Completo: _____ Relación: _____

Numero de Teléfono de su Casa: _____ Numero de Teléfono Alterno: _____

Preguntas o Comentarios: _____

Regresa esta forma en la canasta de las ofrendas o por correo a la oficina de la parroquia:

St. John Church, 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044

Primero en llegar, Primero en ser servido. Solamente 25 Lugares están disponibles. ¡Regístrate lo más pronto posible!

Por Favor contacta a Cris Denning con cualquier pregunta: cdenning@saint-johns.net, (785) 843-0109.

Para uso de la oficina solamente:	Fecha que se Recibió. _____	# Para el Retiro deseado _____
Fecha Confirmada _____	Iniciales _____	Carta Confirmada _____

Preguntas que frecuentemente se hacen:

- ¿Qué es CRHP? "Cristo Renueva su parroquia" es un proceso de renovación espiritual que reúne a los miembros de la parroquia – sacerdotes, religiosos y laicos – Para experimentar la conversión personal y la de la comunidad cristiana en el entorno de su propia parroquia. Para la renovación y crecimiento de la vida espiritual. Es dirigido por un equipo de feligreses adecuadamente Formados en la oración y el amor e instruido en el contenido del proceso total fue desarrollado en el año 1969 y ha sido experimentado por cientos de parroquias en todo el país.
- ¿Qué ocurre durante el fin de semana? La mayoría se pregunta, "Pero no puedes explicarte; Tienes que vivir esta experiencia." Esta es tu invitación para que la vivas. Ven y disfruta de 30 horas el fin de semana cristo renueva su parroquia. Este incluye actividades en grupo, Discusión, oración, reflexión acerca de los sacramentos. Seguido de temas como: Cuidado amoroso del Padre hacia nosotros, Renovación, Escrituras, Eucaristía, Reconciliación, Discipulado y lo que la vida cristiana es en si.
- ¿Dónde y cuándo es el retiro del fin de semana? Tenemos el retiro para los Hombres y el de las mujeres en diferentes fines de semana.
- ¿Cuánto tiempo dura? Empieza a las 7:30 am el sábado y termina el domingo a las 5pm.
- ¿Quién puede venir? Cualquiera que tenga 19 años en Adelante, Católica, que este registrado como miembro de la parroquia de St. John está invitada.
- ¿Tengo dudas acerca de la persona que me está haciendo la invitación? Esta es tu invitación. Dependiendo de ti para hacer tu propia decisión. No te sientas presionado reza para una guía es importante. Si tú sientes que cristo a través del Espíritu Santo te está llamando. ¡ACEPTA Y VEN!
- ¿Qué tal acerca de la confesión? Tendremos servicio de reconciliación que concluye con la confesión para aquellas personas que deseen hacerlo.
- ¿Qué tal acerca de la Misa? La Celebración de la Eucaristía ese en la Iglesia la cual es solamente para las personas que están participando en el retiro del fin de semana.
- ¿Dónde duermen las personas? El alojamiento para dormir es en las aulas de la Escuela de la Parroquia se recomienda que traigas tu colchón de aire, Sabanas, cobijas, almohada etc. ¡El Servicio será excelente ya que tú misma te podrás hacer tu propia cama!
- ¿Qué tal acerca de las comidas? Ofrecemos comidas calientes y porciones amplias.
- ¿Cómo debo vestirme? Casual y con ropa muy cómoda pantalones de mezclilla o pantaloneras es lo más común, el domingo puedes usar el mejor atuendo.
- ¿Puedo pagar el costo del retiro del fin de semana? Una donación de \$35 dólares es sugerida.
- ¿Le gustaría asistir al retiro del fin de semana pero tiene problemas de salud? Háganos saber en esta misma forma si necesita algún alojamiento especial, alguna persona encargada del retiro la contactara a usted.
- ¿Me tengo que poner de pie y hablar enfrente de las personas? Si usted no desea hacerlo no lo hará.
- Todavía no estoy segura. ¿Cómo puedo yo saber si necesito la renovación? Como cristianos nosotros somos llamados a renovar nuestra fe y relación con Cristo continuamente, como Parroquia somos llamados a renovar nuestra Comunidad de ser Iglesia para otros. No te preocupes al sentir renuencia para participar ven y mira! Que es lo que tienes que perder?
- ¿Cómo puedo registrarme? las formas de invitación para registrarse están en la parte de la entrada de Iglesia y en la Oficina de la Parroquia. Las aplicaciones serán aceptadas la primera en llegar Primera en ser atendida.

CRISTO RENUEVA SU PARROQUIA

Regresa la forma a la izquierda en la canasta de las ofrendas o por correo a la oficina de la parroquia:

St. John Church, 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044

Visita sjevangelist.com/crhp para más información.



Cristo Renueva su Parroquia

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.

CLASE PREBAUTISMAL

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.

Las lecturas de la semana del 21 de agosto de 2016

Domingo: Is 66, 18-21/Sal 117, 1-2/Heb 12, 5-7. 11-13/Lc 13, 22-30
 Lunes: 2 Tes 1, 1-5. 11-12/Sal 96, 1-5/Mt 23, 13-22
 Martes: 2 Tes 2, 1-3. 14-17/Sal 96, 10-13/Mt 23, 23-26
 Miércoles: Ap 21, 9-14/Sal 145, 10-13. 17-18/Jn 1, 45-51
 Jueves: 1 Cor 1, 1-9/Sal 145, 2-7/Mt 24, 42-51
 Viernes: 1 Cor 1, 17-25/Sal 33, 1-2. 4-5. 10-11/Mt 25, 1-13
 Sábado: 1 Cor 1, 26-31/Sal 33, 12-13. 18-21/Mt 25, 14-30
 Domingo siguiente: Ecl 3, 17-18. 20. 28-29/Sal 68, 4-7. 10-11/
 Heb 12, 18-19. 22-24/Lc 14, 1. 7-14

21 de agosto de 2016

21er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Para entender el Evangelio y vivirlo debemos de tener un corazón puro y una mente abierta. La cerrazón de cabeza no lleva a ningún lado; hay que abrir el corazón a su palabra. Esto es lo que Isaías trataba de hacerle entender a la gente de su tiempo: "De entre ellos escogeré sacerdotes y levitas" (Is 66, 21). La lección puede ser aprovechada hoy en la comunidad de creyentes al aceptar sacerdotes de toda raza, color y de diferentes culturas para servir en nuestras parroquias. También es un verdadero gozo el poder colaborar y trabajar juntos con otras culturas y tradiciones.

El texto del Evangelio por el otro lado inicia con una pregunta que hacen los discípulos a Jesús. "¿Es verdad que son pocos los que se salvan?" La pregunta viene por la tendencia del pensamiento religioso de la época de Jesús. Según algunos se salvarían todos los hebreos que participaban del reino futuro, según otros solo los que observaban la ley. Jesús rompe el esquema y da respuesta para todos. No basta con ser religioso y fiel a las propias tradiciones, o cumplir con algunos preceptos. Lo único para Jesús es que haya un esfuerzo sincero en atravesar la puerta angosta. Es decir, no perder tanto tiempo en nuestras devociones e ideas religiosas, más bien pidamos que Dios nos dé fuerza de su Espíritu, para que superemos con valentía cristiana las pruebas que nos da la vida. Porque no vaya a ser que ni veamos esa puerta angosta entretenidos en otras cosas vanas de la vida. Ojo, recuerda: "Los que ahora son los últimos, serán los primeros; y los que ahora son los primeros, serán los últimos" (Lc 13, 30).

21er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Siempre me ha sorprendido cuando personas de otras denominaciones me dicen cuantas personas se salvaran y cuantas otras se perderán. ¿Cómo lo saben? ¿De dónde han sacado los datos? ¿Qué parte de la Biblia lo dice? ¡Sorpresa! Si atendemos bien al mensaje del Evangelio de este domingo nos daremos cuenta de que a la pregunta hecha a Jesús de "¿es verdad que pocos se salvan?" Jesús no brinda una respuesta directa, sino que responde enfocando a la persona a su realidad personal. Pone de ejemplo la puerta angosta, que significa la entrada al Reino, la opción por el Evangelio y la opción por Jesús mismo y sus enseñanzas. A Dios no le interesan estadísticas. A Dios le interesan corazones apasionados por su mensaje y vidas coherentes comprometidas con el Reino.

¿Cómo está nuestro compromiso personal, familiar y comunitario? ¿Refleja la puerta de la que habla Jesús, en la que a veces todos necesitamos una empujadita para entrar? Ya dentro es necesario tomar medidas concretas para resolver los malos entendidos, competencia sin límites, ignorancia y tantas otras cosas que nos alejan del Señor. Mientras estemos en la casa del Señor en la Comunión, la misión es una actividad amorosa y no simplemente una comida. El vivir dentro del Reino de Dios adheridos a Jesús conlleva hacer buenas obras. La sociedad necesita que mostremos que la caridad es la que nos lleva a la puerta. Por lo tanto, no basta con ser buenos algunas veces. La puerta nos llama a la conversión constante, no de balde. El Papa Emérito Benedicto XVI nos invita a vivir la fe entrando por la puerta de la fe.

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, 5:00pm

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

AdorationMonday, 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 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.

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, click "Opportunities" and print a "New Parishioner Information Form." Contact the parish office, 843.0109.

Mass Stipend. Schedule Masses in honor of occasions or people. Suggested donation is \$10. We also have Mass cards. Contact the parish office 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.

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, 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, 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. Contact Lois Mersmann, 843.0109, lmersmann@saint-johns.net.

Religious Ed. Children 3 yrs of age – 8th grade are invited to RE class. Traditional RE class for 4 yr olds-5th 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. 13th St. 2nd 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, select "For Your Faith" and "Religious Education" for detailed info, forms or contact Lois Mersmann, 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 8th graders. Classes meet on various Wednesdays and Sundays throughout the year. See 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 Darin Denning at (785) 760-0788

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.

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FOCUS ON THE WORD

Weekly Reflection

State fairs are famous for their many contests. The best cow, the best pig, the best sheep are hailed as "Grand Champions." The best cake, the best raspberry jam, the finest pickles, and the most delectable pie are awarded blue ribbons. Cheese and butter, honey and maple syrup, fruits and vegetables, agricultural products of all kinds win prizes of distinction based on criteria for their category. Handcrafted items are also entered into competition, and ribbons won displayed on the home mantle. While almost anyone can enter one of these contests, there is only one blue ribbon, only one grand champion.

In Sunday's Gospel we hear Jesus respond to a question posed to him about the number who will be saved. One of the tenets of our faith concerns the universal salvific will of God, that is, God wants everyone to be saved. But God has also given humankind free will, meaning that people have a choice in accepting God's invitation to salvation. For those of us who are believers, it can be difficult to comprehend that someone would not want to enjoy eternal life. But that is a choice that God offers, and the Gospel this Sunday reinforces the idea that being saved is more than just a casual acquaintance with Jesus.

Like a competition at the state fair, there are criteria for entering the kingdom of God. They are not mysterious. There is not some secret code that we need to know. What is needed is clearly spelled out just like the rules for entering a pie or jar of canned peaches. We need to love God. We need to listen to his word. We need to be compassionate toward others. We need to love our neighbor. The difference between these criteria and entering a state fair contest is that there is always more than one grand champion in the Christian life. Everyone who follows faithfully gets a blue ribbon.

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." For Jesus' original audience, this reference was meant for those Jews who presumed their salvation while judging others as being unworthy of entering the kingdom of God. Jesus was always quick to teach that believing in him was what mattered, not membership in a certain class or a particular religious circle. Therefore, some of the (last) Gentiles who professed faith in Jesus were ready to enter the kingdom before some of the (first) Jews who rejected the Messiah.

But we should not assume that this Gospel was only for those people in that time and place. Today, there is perhaps a different stratum of first and last. In our Christian era, we can be tempted to have the same presumptuous attitude that afflicted too many of the Jewish contemporaries of Christ. We can think that our salvation is assured just because we bear the title Christian. Likewise, we can fall prey to the idea that we are somehow better or more deserving of Christ's mercy than those who do not "belong" to our Church. This simply isn't true. God's mercy is available to everyone who humbly recognizes one's need for it. The minute we become complacent or overconfident, we close ourselves off to the gift of mercy God offers to the repentant sinner.

Jesus tells us today that we must "strive to enter through the narrow gate." This means that we must not take the easy road of presumption, assuming that we are in good shape because we look like most of the people around us. On the contrary, Jesus calls us to take the more challenging road of real repentance in order to "recline at table in the kingdom of God."

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Kids: Sharing the Gospel



Sharing the Gospel

Heaven will be wonderful. People from all over the world will be there to enjoy God's friendship. No matter how small you feel now, you will always be important to God in heaven. Once you accept the gift of love from Jesus, you will want to change your life. You will want to spend time with God, and you will want to show love to other people. Then you can look forward to heaven.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to do all that I can to grow closer to you.

Mission for the Week

Pray to God with your family, and ask God to change your hearts so that you love him more than anything else.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
- Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-5/Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10-13/Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
- Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-21/Mt 25:14-30
- Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

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