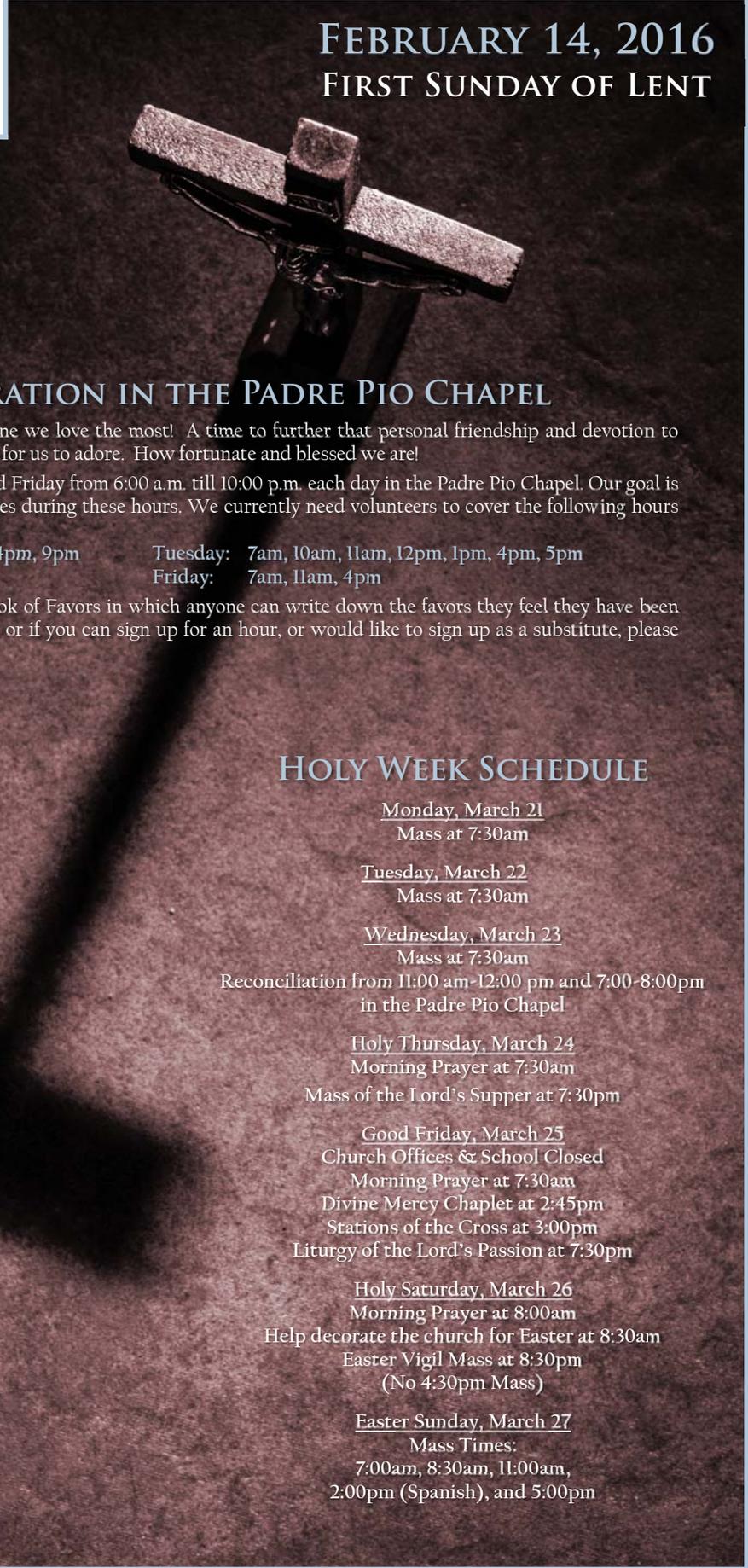


FEBRUARY 14, 2016
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE PADRE PIO CHAPEL

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

Adoration is available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 6:00 a.m. till 10:00 p.m. each day in the Padre Pio Chapel. Our goal is to have someone present with the Eucharist at all times during these hours. We currently need volunteers to cover the following hours (starting times listed):

Monday: 7am, 8am, 1pm, 3pm, 4pm, 9pm Tuesday: 7am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 4pm, 5pm
Thursday: 7am, 10am Friday: 7am, 11am, 4pm

Outside the Padre Pio Chapel you will now find a Book of Favors in which anyone can write down the favors they feel they have been granted through adoration. If you have any questions, or if you can sign up for an hour, or would like to sign up as a substitute, please contact Brandon Volz: mrbrandonvolz@gmail.com

LENTEN SCHEDULE

LENTEN FISH FRY

Every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday)
5:00pm Lenten Fish Fry
hosted by the Knights of Columbus
New menu items this year!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent
5:15pm Stations of the Cross
(Except March 18, see below)

Friday, March 18
6:00pm Stations of the Cross
Taizé Service

RECONCILIATION

Mondays & Fridays
11:00 am-1:00 pm

Wednesdays
11:00 am-1:00 pm and 6:00-8:00pm

Saturdays
3:00-4:00 pm

Reconciliation available in the Padre Pio Chapel,
Inside the north entrance of the church.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

February 17, 7:00pm in the church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 21
Mass at 7:30am

Tuesday, March 22
Mass at 7:30am

Wednesday, March 23
Mass at 7:30am

Reconciliation from 11:00 am-12:00 pm and 7:00-8:00pm
in the Padre Pio Chapel

Holy Thursday, March 24
Morning Prayer at 7:30am
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm

Good Friday, March 25
Church Offices & School Closed
Morning Prayer at 7:30am
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2:45pm
Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7:30pm

Holy Saturday, March 26
Morning Prayer at 8:00am
Help decorate the church for Easter at 8:30am
Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30pm
(No 4:30pm Mass)

Easter Sunday, March 27
Mass Times:
7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am,
2:00pm (Spanish), and 5:00pm

BREAD to Offer



ASH WEDNESDAY & THE TIME OF LENT

By Fr. Barnabas Eichor, OFM, Cap.

We Catholics are preparing to enter the Lenten season. We have much in the world to reflect on this year including abortion, poverty, violence, warfare and a host of other issues. These are all major issues that challenge us Christians in the world today. But all these worldly issues are also encountered in our own lives within the space of the human heart and in the deepest place of our human being: the soul. Lent is a time to reflect on our personal participation in such major things through the more subtle inner attitudes, thoughts, and daily actions that often go unnoticed by us and by others.

Are we upset by violence? Then we must recognize the anger in our own soul, and bring it to the Cross of Christ so that inner peace might be reborn within. Are we upset by abortion and the manipulation of human life—we should be—but it also challenges us to recognize the manipulation and need to control others in our own lives. Are we upset by the breakdown of traditional marriage? The cause of that in our society is the failure of people to see Jesus as the bridegroom of their souls. We too must look then and recognize that our relationships with others come from our fundamental relationship with Christ and to ask ourselves where and in what ways is that relationship imperfect within ourselves as well.

Only when these things are in order in our own lives can we expect to have any positive effect on the greater social issues of our time. As Jesus says, "If you are faithful in the little things, you will be given the great. (Lk 16:10)" Lent is a time to take account of such things.

On Ash Wednesday Catholics receive ashes as a sign of the beginning of Lent, a time of fasting, penance, and more intense prayer before the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. These ashes have great significance, as does the whole season of Lent. Fasting and any other penances we choose during Lent are a Biblical sign of a willingness and effort to change our hearts, minds and behavior in a way more conformable to Christ. These ascetical practices cut through our superficial self-images and challenge us to go deeper into the core of our being. There we discover who we really are in terms of our strengths and weaknesses of character, and what the depth of our conformity to Christ really is.

The ashes are made from the palms used on Passion Sunday from the previous year. These harken back to the crowds welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem amid cries of "Hosanna," or "save us now." These same crowds would soon cry "crucify him." Pontius Pilate tries to release Jesus from the capital punishment for which he sees no basis in His conduct under Roman law. Yet, in the end he succumbs to the cry of the crowd and has Jesus crucified.

This is why we have the yearly penitential season of Lent. Without penance and conversion we are—and remain—the people in the crowd. We are merely admirers of the Lord, not disciples conformed to him, who when things get difficult forsake and contradict him. We burn the palm leaves and sign our foreheads with the cross to show our intention of rejecting being mere members of the crowd, and our intention to conform ourselves to him and to the Cross.

- Fr. Barnabas

REDISCOVER JESUS: WEEKLY REFLECTION

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

Point to Ponder: Jesus is speaking directly to you in the Gospels.

Verse to Live: "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life."
{Jn 14:6}

Question to Consider: What's holding you back from believing in Jesus completely?

Prayer: Lord, Jesus, I trust in you.

A NEW CLASS WITH FR. BARNABAS

How to Share and Explain Your Faith with Family, Friends, and Others

Please join Fr. Barnabas for this free, ongoing class throughout the spring season. Classes meet from 7:00—8:30 p.m. in the church basement on the following Tuesday evenings:

February 23 March 8
April 12 & 26 May 10

The book for this class, *Catholic Answers to Protestant Questions*, by Father John J. Pasquini is available at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

If you buy online, you can support St. John School (for free!) by buying through [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and designating St. John School as your organization. The school will receive 5% back on any purchases you make!

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

St. John the Evangelist, a Catholic Capuchin Franciscan Parish, welcomes all who are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and proclaims His Gospel through prayer, worship, His Word, the sacraments, and each other.

Members, inspired by the Holy Spirit through faith formation and spiritual renewal, witness to the Gospel in lives of justice and charity, build up families and children through education, hospitality and fellowship, and serve those in need with compassion and commitment.

Simon Parish Center

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

Weekend Masses

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

Weekend Spanish Mass

Sunday..... 2:00pm

Weekday Masses

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

Vermont Towers Mass (1101 Vermont)

4th Thursday of the month 1:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 11:00am-1:00pm, 7:00-8:00pm
 Saturday 3pm-4pm and by appointment

Adoration

.... Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday,
 6:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. in the Padre Pio Chapel.

Bulletin Deadline. Submit info by noon on Thursday to phaack@saint-johns.net 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 Veronica Hamer, 843.0109.

Mass Stipend. Schedule Masses in honor of occasions or people. Suggested donation is \$10. We also have Mass cards. Contact Veronica Hamer, Assistant Administrator, at 843.0109.

Becoming Catholic. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the Church's process to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. For some, this process completes their Christian initiation, as they were baptized in another Christian community, and seek full communion with the Catholic Church. Questions? Michael Podrebarac, 913.647.0330 liturgy@archkck.org.

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 9:15am-10:15am. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd class is for children 3–12 yrs old and meet various days and times in the houses located at 200 and 202 W. 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 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. 8th graders prepare for Confirmation. 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. No baptisms in Lent.

Anointing of the Sick. If you are having major surgery or are seriously ill and want to receive the grace and healing of the Anointing of the Sick, contact the Simon Parish Center. The hospital does not notify St. John when one is hospitalized.

Funerals. Contact the Simon Parish Center for funeral arrangements. Dinner provided. For cemetery plot information call John Chavez at (785) 842-5602.

Communion to Homebound. Those who cannot attend Mass due to illness or age and want to receive Communion need to contact the Parish Center. Eucharistic Ministers can bring Communion to the hospitalized, homebound, and nursing home residents.

Confirmation. For 8th graders. Classes meet Wednesdays in the school. Jennifer Meitl Conrad or Lois Mersmann for info, 843.0109.

First Reconciliation/First Communion. Children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion are prepared in religion classes at St. John School, Sunday morning Traditional Religious Educations and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Marriage. Contact Ellen Sickinger at the Simon Parish Center to schedule a meeting with Fr. Jeff or Fr. Barnabas a minimum of 6 months prior to wedding date. No weddings in Lent or Advent.

Joining the Knights of Columbus. Our St. John Knights of Columbus Council 1372 invite all Catholic men to join. The Knights host parish breakfasts, chili feeds, etc. Membership \$28yr. Contact Grand Knight Kevin Oneslager at (785) 840-9406.

Joining Daughters of Isabella. The Daughters of Isabella is a charitable organization of Catholic women founded on the principal of its motto: Unity, Friendship and Charity. Membership is open to all Catholic women, ages 16 and over. Contact Janet Huss at 785-393-4878 if you have any questions.

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 Shop our second hand store of used items at discount prices. Shopping Hours:
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 Sat. 8:30am-12:30pm

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CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH AT ST. JOHN CHURCH

This is your invitation!

Mark which retreat you want to attend: Men's Retreat (February 27-28, 2016) Women's Retreat (March 5-6, 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 Cris Denning with any questions: cdenning@saint-johns.net, (785) 843-0109.

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.

—FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE—

ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO SHARE

Your pledge is appreciated! As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a proportionate gift to the Archbishop's Call to Share. Our archdiocesan family is truly an extension of our parish life. We are grateful to those who take part in this effort!

Thank you for your generous gifts in support of the ministries of the Church in Northeast Kansas!

RALLY FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

February 17: Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Rally for Religious Freedom: February 17: Noon - 1 PM. The Catholic Bishops of Kansas and others will be hosting a Rally for Religious Freedom inside the Kansas State Capitol Building, in the 2nd Floor Rotunda area. A large turnout is needed to demonstrate to Kansas lawmakers that support for religious freedom in Kansas is strong. Speakers include Ryan Anderson of the Heritage Foundation, one of the "Houston Five" pastors whose sermons were subpoenaed, the owner of a flower shop being prosecuted for declining to participate in a same-sex wedding ceremony, the President of the March for Life, and Governor Sam Brownback.

FREE PARKING for the Rally for Religious Freedom has been moved to Judicial Center Lot 4. At the corner of Topeka Blvd. and 12th Street, this lot is within walking distance of the Capitol. Limited hourly-rate parking garage spaces are also available nearby. Please consult www.kscathconf.org and the Kansas Catholic Conference Facebook page for maps. Remember that all rally participants must pass through security at the 8th Ave. and Van Buren Visitor's Entrance so arrive early.

MARRIAGE MINUTE

This year the first Sunday of Lent falls on Valentine's Day. While prayer, fasting and almsgiving don't seem particularly romantic, there is actually a significant tie-in. In today's Gospel, Jesus is tempted by Satan to put temporal things such as money and power before his relationship with the Father. Isn't that what gets in the way of us feeling "in love" in our marriages? Long hours at work crowd out time together. Stress about bills makes us snap at each other. A desire to be right drives a wedge between us. We don't mean it, but sometimes these things get in the way of the fundamental truth that we are a man and woman in love. If this is our situation, what if we decided to rethink Lent this year? What if we skipped giving up chocolate and instead tried to do something we know would make our spouse feel more loved? Here are some ideas:

- Skip lunch out at work and buy flowers with the money.
- Fast from criticism.
- Suggest a date night (out or in) that includes your spouse's favorite activity.
- Make an effort to correct a habit that irritates your spouse.
- Be home by six for dinner.
- Set a specific time to pray for or with your spouse.

For marriage enrichment opportunities, check out:

www.archkck.org/family

JUNIOR HIGH RALLY

February 28, 2016 at Prairie Star Ranch from 9am-4pm

This year's theme is "Soul on Fire" featuring Steve Angrisano and Mikey Needleman Band. This will be a confirmation focused rally. Cost is \$22 per person (lunch included). \$25 at the door. For more information please contact the Youth Office at youthadmin@archkck.org.

With this year's theme we are offering a few different opportunities for young people to be actively involved in setting their hearts on fire for Jesus. First we'd like to invite your Jr. High young people in School of Religion, Youth Ministry or Catholic Schools to submit a 2-3 min video sharing how they're setting their parish, friends or families on fire for the Jesus. We are offering \$300 for 1st place, \$200 for 2nd place and \$100 for 3rd. This money will be sent to the parish to be used for their parish youth programs. Please sign attached photo release form for use to promote this year's and next year's rally.

Secondly, who can create the best t-shirt design for the theme "Soul on Fire?" Winner will be awarded a \$75 gift card to your local pizza stop for a pizza night.

Lastly, with social media playing a part in a lot that we do we couldn't have a contest without including the best Jr. High Rally hashtags!! Twitter is the new Facebook nowadays. I've seen some pretty amazing hashtags over the last several months. Ever think about Trinitarian tweets? What if each person of the Trinity had a twitter account? Let's imagine iPhones existed in 18 A.D. and Jesus wakes up in the morning, rolls over and says, "Oh my me! Check that out!" Posts a picture with of the sunrise #Nazareth #sunrise #sobeautiful #oms (oh my self). God the Father retweets #creationcreds #youdidnotmakethat and then, of course, the Holy Spirit gets in on the action and he's like #alreadythoughtofthat #onemindproblems #don'tseeanybirdsinthat picture. Now for some of you who understand tweets those are just a few examples. What we'd like your group to do is create a hashtag for #soulonfire.

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 at Sacred Heart Parish in Emporia, April 2-3, 2016. Register online at:

www.archkck.org/LivingInLove

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

DAY OF MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Day of Enrichment for Married and Engaged Couples

Saturday, February 27, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at Savior Pastoral Center

Is it possible to raise moral kids in today's world? Yes! Come and explore the practical tools you can use to increase the chances that your children will own your faith and moral values. For Better ...Forever! Come hear about "GIFT," the four factors that can help any married couple experience a truly joyful, passionate, grace-filled relationship.

Cost: \$25.00 per individual or \$35.00 per couple.

To register: www.archkck.org/popcak2016

ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

Schedule a tour for you and your student with Mrs. Pat Newton, Principal
newton@saint-johns.net

Virtue of the Month: Justice

This month we are learning about the virtue of justice. Justice is the act of doing things that are fair so there is a solution that benefits everyone around you. You speak out against bullying, cheating, and lying and are quick to include others who seem to be left out. You are a natural leader and are a positive influence on those around you to do the right thing and follow the rules.

Book Drive sponsored by the St. John Student Council

St. John Student Council is sponsoring a Book Drive **during the week of February 22**. Please consider donating a new or gently used children's books. The books will be distributed by United Way of Douglas County to children in need. Donations can be brought to the main office in St. John School.

Save the Date: Trivia Night!

St. John Trivia Night will be Friday, April 8th. Mark your calendars now and start studying up! More information will be coming soon.



Take Action: Car Idling!

Dear Saint John Families,

Girl Scout Troop 7602 has been working on their *Get Moving! It's Your Planet-Love It!* journey. We are doing our "take action" project on car idling. Car idling is when you are stopped with your car running. We learned this is bad for the earth because 10 minutes of idling = 1 pound of carbon dioxide which is the primary contributor to global warming. It is also bad for your health because air pollution is linked to asthma attacks, lung disease, and cancer.

Car idling for 10 minutes uses the same amount of gas as driving 20 miles. If you stopped idling 10 minutes a day, you would save \$30 a year. If every US driver stopped idling for 10 minutes a day, we would save 3.8 MILLION gallons of gas a day!

Here are some places and situations where you could stop idling if you will be paused for more than 10 seconds: school pick-up, convenience stores, stores/parking lots, drive thru or Sonic, drop-off or pick-ups at friends' houses, banks, airports, and morning warm-up (Today's electronic engines do not need to warm up and the engine will warm twice as fast while being driven).

Visit iturnitoff.com to take a pledge and to learn more. Please share with friends and family!

Thank you,

Troop 7602 (Eliza, Carlee, Cambill, Anna, Grace, Sofia, Mara, Audreanna)

ST. JOHN YOUTH GROUP

Questions? Contact Jen at conrad@saint-johns.net

Upcoming Parent Program

Walking with Teens in Their Need, with guest speaker Rick Mumford

Sunday, February 21; St. Bosco, SJ School, beginning at 2pm.



2:05pm—Teenage Abandonment in the United States;

3:15pm—Walking with Teens in their Needs: Calling on Christ

Who is invited? Parishioners, parents, and adults interested in the lives of our youth!

Rick Mumford, regional area associate director of Young Life, has been serving as a youth worker for over twenty-five years in a variety of youth ministry settings including Young Life. He earned his M.A. in Youth Ministry and Counseling in 1994 from Denver Seminary and is passionate about introducing kids to Jesus and helping them become lifelong disciples who, in turn, make disciples. Rick has been married to Amy for 23 years and Mumford has sons. Three of them, in fact. Come and hear Rick talk about the importance of walking with our teens in all areas of their life.

Upcoming High School Youth Group Events

Discipleship Groups Meet

Week of February 14; Various locations and times this week

Please pray for the adult leaders of the teens' groups; may the Holy Spirit guide them in wisdom and charity. Holy Spirit, come!

Manic Drive Performance

February 17, doors open at 6:30pm, show starts at 7pm, Christ Community Church

Come and enjoy this high-energy show put on by Manic Drive. They've got it all: lights, sound, the love of JESUS, and you won't wanna miss this great evening of praise. This ecumenical event is sponsored by the Lawrence Youth Network, a network of youth ministries here in Lawrence. All middle school and high school students are welcome.

Check them out on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7-T2UQ0cvM

Philosophical Discussions with Tim!

February 18, 25; 7-8:30pm

Come and join us as we enter into Lent by asking the deep questions of our faith. Led by Tim Chaptman with degrees in philosophy and religious studies, these sessions are sure to get you thinking about the big questions of life and how our Catholic faith fits into your worldview.

Trivia Party!

February 21, 6:30-8:30pm, St. Bosco, SJ School

Come one, come all, for fellowship and TRIVIA! Prizes include Chipotle gift cards, iTunes gift cards, and the like. You won't wanna miss this team challenge, brought to you by your awesome core team members! :) See you then!

Discipleship Groups Meet

Week of February 28; Various locations and times this week

Please pray for the St. John staff who provide support to the youth programs as St. John.

Upcoming Middle School Youth Group Events

Manic Drive Performance

February 17, doors open at 6:30pm, show starts at 7pm, Christ Community Church

***See description above in the high school section—this is for both groups!

Service: Baby, baby baby!, scheduled for February 17 from 3:45-5pm –

THIS AFTERNOON WILL BE CANCELLED; See above for event this day!

This event will be postponed due to the Manic Drive event happening this evening. All middle school students and high school students are welcome to attend this awesome event!

Philosophical Discussions with Tim!

February 18, 25; 7-8:30pm

***See description above in the high school section—this is for both groups!

February 24: “Jesus as Center of my Life” 5-6pm St. Bosco

How can we as Christian people seek to make Jesus the Center of all that we do? What does it mean to be Christian? How can we make Christ a priority in our daily lives and not just on Sundays?

Visit:
www.saint-johns.net/youth
for more info!

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.

Matthew Arellano

Remi Brown

Dale Brueggeman, husband of Debbie Filkins

Martha Cares

Don Erker

Elaine Galliard, mother of Dorothy Malsbury

Pamela Heath

Jenny Hernandez

Jean Hogan

Bob Holek

Nancy Hubble, wife of Tom Kellogg

Susan Jones, sister of Patti Fisher

Dee Myers

Julie Patterson, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter

Max Polson

Dorothy Purdy

Marlene Richard

Tony Romero

Eli Rohrbaugh

Mark Salamans

Michael Schurer, son of Mick Schurer

Mary Kay Seidl

Ruth Theising

MINISTERS: FEB. 20-21

Lectors

Contact: Sean Smith
seanj@ku.edu

Cantors

Saturday

4:30pm J Graves

Sunday

7am K Colson

8:30am K Gibb

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday

4:30pm ... J Halderman, L Heiserman, A Hewitt
..... B Johnson, J Koster, J McGraw

Sunday

7am S&J Grzymala-Busse, M Heath

8:30am C Johnson, T Kempf, B Kessler

..... K Kohnke, K Ostrander, Y Ruder, L Scott

11:00am J&N Otter, D Shobe

..... P Smith, S Stewart, D Thimmesch

..... L Tiffany

5pm S File, N Jones, M LeGresley

..... C Malone, A McCabe, S Murray

Altar Servers

Saturday

4:30pm E Fair, L Fair

Sunday

7am N Hope, J Hope

8:30am D Turner, JJ Smith

11:00am P Price, M Green, J Green

5pm B Diers, K Oneslager

MASSES: FEBRUARY 15-21

Monday

7:30am Melania & Karol Thomas†

Tuesday

7:30am Fr. Michael Scully

Wednesday

7:00am Children in Foster Care

Thursday

7:30am Sally Rowell†

Friday

7:30am Mary James†

Saturday

8:00am Celine Chu†

4:30pm Gerald Simon†

Sunday

7:00am Stephen Sapp†

8:30am Ramon Romero†

11:00am Hurting Families

2:00pm (Spanish) Demetrio Trujillo†

5:00pm St. John Parish

WEEKLY GIVING

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

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

Budgeted weekly amount \$30,692.31

Average weekly amount **\$28,238.71**

Budgeted YTD \$951,461.61

Actual YTD **\$875,400.18**

Net Shortage \$76,061.43

HIS HANDS MINISTRY

His Hands, our parish's ministry to our parishioners who are elderly or who live with disability, is looking for people who would be willing to transport someone to 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass and back home afterwards. If you can help, please contact Susan Tabor, the service coordinator through the church office or on her cell at **(785) 865-9949**.

RESERVING SPACE

Parishioners, if you would like to reserve a location on the St. John Church for an event or meeting, you must contact Ellen Sickinger:

(785) 843-0109 esickinger@saint-johns.net

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

(785) 843-9511 alexander@saint-johns.net

MEALS FOR THE FRIARS

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

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be Thursday, March 10. 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 Kevin Oneslager at (785) 840-9406.

On the first Friday of each month, the Knights host a rosary in St. John Church at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend! The Knights are also currently hosting a pro-life baby shower in the north entrance of the church. Please bring donations of baby items to help families in need!



FOCUS ON THE WORD

Everyday Stewardship

1st Sunday of Lent

Kids: Sharing the Gospel

We can look at the lives of teenagers in today's world and sometimes wonder how they can ever survive. Due to technology and the constant drone of mass media, young people are under constant attack by forces that are anything but Christian. Of course, if we are honest, it isn't just the young that are susceptible to these temptations, for any age can be caught off guard and fall into a trap where he or she then wonders, "Why did I do that?" You can imagine then how someone with less maturity and life experience can easily be deceived by the culture.

Jesus was fully human and fully divine. The humanity in him certainly understood the allure of temptation. While he was in the desert, Satan tried all he could to shake Jesus from his principles. But at no time did Jesus lose his composure and give in to temptation. He was constantly mindful of his surroundings, his adversary, and who he was and who he was not.

Being mindful is a primary characteristic of an Everyday Steward. When we are ever aware of the forces surrounding us, both good and bad, and when we are constantly listening and looking for God interacting with us, we are able to respond to God's call in daily life. We can also see evil for its true self and not be taken in by it. Whether we are young or old, to be aware of and living in the present, without the baggage of the past and without fear of the future, will allow us to stay true to ourselves and to Jesus. We will be able to give of ourselves freely without concern for what the culture might say. That is good news. Let us help each other and especially the young people in our lives, to be more mindful.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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"The devil said to him... 'All this will be yours, if you worship me.'" Jesus faced temptation, like we all do. His forty-day fast in the desert wasn't full of supernatural consolation and delight. He was subject to "every temptation" and when the forty days were over, "he was hungry." In other words, he was human. Jesus' divine nature didn't cancel out his human nature. He faced struggles just like we do--both physical and spiritual--in his body and his soul.

As we see in today's Gospel, the strategy Jesus used to fight these physical and spiritual battles was to immerse himself in God's word. To silence the devil during this fast, Jesus quoted Scripture. He rooted himself in these eternal truths, relying upon them in his moments of trial. And these sacred words had a dramatic effect. Every time Satan tried to seduce him with a new promise, Jesus responded with a Bible verse. And each time, Satan was silenced and had to try a new angle. Finally, when all the devilish angles had been tried, "the devil departed from him for a time." Jesus won the victory using the weapon of God's word.

As we enter into the season of Lent, we can be armed in the same way. We now embark upon a battle against our own pride, sloth, and greed as we commit to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Ultimately, we are working to put God first, instead of bowing down to our selfishness and our desire for comfort. The devil would like nothing more than to see us "worship" him in these ways. But, instead, let's be equipped to proclaim--and to live--the words Jesus himself used: "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."

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Sharing the Gospel

Jesus was powerful, and the devil knew it. Jesus could have used the power he had selfishly, to get whatever he wanted - food, land to rule, or even angels to come running. Instead, Jesus chose to save his power to do what God wanted.

Prayer

Dear God, help me not to be selfish. Help me to be more like Jesus.

Something to Draw

Draw Jesus praying to God in the desert.

Mission for the Week

God has given you special talents to share with others. If you enjoy drawing, make a picture for someone else. If you enjoy singing, sing songs that make God smile.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/
Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/L
k 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/
Phil 3:17--4:1 or 3:20--4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

1st SUNDAY OF LENT





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PRÓXIMO RETIRO DE CONVALIDACIÓN

Marzo 5-6, 2016 en el Ministerio Hispano. Por favor registrar las parejas con la forma apropiada en español y pagar los \$60 una semana antes del retiro.

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.

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.

Las lecturas de la semana del 14 de febrero de 2016

Domingo: Dt 26, 4-10/Sal 91, 1-2. 10-15/Rom 10, 8-13/Lc 4, 1-13
 Lunes: Lv 19, 1-2. 11-18/Sal 19, 8-10. 15/Mt 25, 31-46
 Martes: Is 55, 10-11/Sal 34, 4-7. 16-19/Mt 6, 7-15
 Miércoles: Jon 3, 1-10/Sal 51, 3-4. 12-13. 18-19/Lc 11, 29-32
 Jueves: Est 4, 17n. p-r. aa-bb. gg-hh/Sal 138, 1-3. 7-8/Mt 7, 7-12
 Viernes: Ez 18, 21-28/Sal 130, 1-8/Mt 5, 20-26
 Sábado: Dt 26, 16-19/Sal 119, 1-2. 4-5. 7-8/Mt 5, 43-48
 Domingo siguiente: Gn 15, 5-12. 17-18/Sal 27, 1. 7-9. 13-14/

14 de febrero de 2016

1er Domingo de Cuaresma

Cuaresma es un tiempo que nos prepara para la transformación, los símbolos y los signos que viviremos en las liturgias ayudarán a ver el significado de esta conversión. Pero, en orden de prepararnos para la transformación y conversión debemos volver a Dios. Esto no será fácil, se debe estar consciente de ello, aquellos que lo intenten algunas veces misteriosamente serán atraídos por el mal. A esto se le llama tentación. Lo vivió el pueblo de Israel al atravesar el desierto, en su desvío y sufrimiento volvió a Dios para continuar su jornada hacia la libertad. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús es presentado por Lucas resistiendo a la tentación. Jesús responde a ella con respuestas de la sagrada Escritura. ¿Cómo respondes a las tentaciones? ¿Qué pasaje de la sagrada Escritura te ayuda a volver a Dios una y otra vez?

El hecho es que los pasajes citados por Jesús en la sagrada Escritura vienen del tiempo en que los Israelitas sufrían en el desierto y Dios escuchó sus lamentos. Jesús en su tiempo hizo lo mismo, predicando el Reino de Dios e invitando a volver a Dios por medio de la conversión. Dejar el pecado cuesta, cambiar actitudes y comportamientos es difícil, pero con Dios todo es posible. El sacramento de la reconciliación nos ayuda a volver a Dios una y otra vez. Ser cristiano significa seguimiento y para lograrlo debemos seguir a Jesús como puerta de entrada hacia la vigilia pascual. Con el Miércoles de Ceniza dio comienzo la Cuaresma y en este primer domingo Jesús nos indica el camino del cómo se rechaza la tentación. Cimentados, confiados y activos en la palabra de Dios no debemos de temer.

1er Domingo de Cuaresma

Estamos ya en el primer domingo de Cuaresma, el tiempo para buscar a Dios en los desiertos de nuestra vida ha llegado. Hemos pasado por muchas situaciones dolorosas, de sufrimiento de muerte y de terror en muchas circunstancias. Escuchamos las historias de diferentes personas que nos preguntan lo siguiente. ¿Dónde está Dios? ¿Estaba Dios en los asesinatos del cine en la Ciudad de Aurora? ¿Está Dios en las guerras y en la violencia familiar? ¿Cómo reconocemos la voz amorosa de Dios en esos momentos de desolación? El Señor Jesús nos muestra ahora como él también tuvo momentos de dificultad.

Regresaba del Jordán, después de haber sido bautizado por Juan Bautista y haber escuchado la voz del Padre que se complacía con su Hijo amado. El contraste entre este pasaje en la vida histórica de Jesús y las tentaciones en el desierto son un momento difícil. Las dudas llegaron sobre Jesús. ¿La experiencia en el Jordán era para confiar? ¿Era realmente amado por Dios? ¿Si Dios es todo amor por qué existe la injusticia en el mundo? Las lecturas de hoy nos guían para entrar en el profundo misterio del sufrimiento. En el Evangelio vemos como Jesús confía plenamente en la palabra de Dios, para llevar a cabo su misión de salvarnos. La Sagrada Escritura nos habilita a reconocer la voz auténtica de Dios para rechazar el mal. Tal y como lo hizo Jesús al ser tentado por el mal en el desierto. Entonces, cabe que nos preguntemos lo siguiente. ¿Qué pasaje de la Escritura mantenemos en nuestra boca y en nuestro corazón? ¿Debemos de pedir a Dios fe!