

Conditions of Discipleship  
 en he said to all, "If anyone  
 and take up his cross and follow  
 me. 24\* For whoever loves his  
 life will lose it, but whoever  
 loses his life for my sake will  
 profit is there for one to gain the  
 world yet lose or forfeit himself,  
 ever is ashamed of me and of  
 my Father who is in heaven."

10, 5-7.  
 10, 10-11;  
 Acts 13, 51.  
 Mt 14, 1-12;  
 Mk 6, 14-29.  
 9, 19; Mt 16,  
 14; Mk 8, 28.  
 23, 8.  
 Mt 14, 13-21;  
 Mk 6, 30-44;  
 Jn 6, 1-14.  
 2 Kgs 4, 42-  
 44.  
 22, 19; 24,  
 30-31; Acts 2,  
 42; 20, 11;  
 27, 35.  
 Mt 16, 13-20;

Mk 8, 27-30.  
 19: 9, 7-8.  
 22: 24, 7-26; Mt  
 16, 21; 20,  
 18-19; Mk 8,  
 31; 10, 33-34.  
 23-27: Mt 16, 24-28;  
 Mk 8, 34-9,  
 1.  
 23: 14, 27; Mt 10,  
 38.  
 24: 17, 33; Mt 10,  
 39; Jn 12, 25.  
 26: 12, 9; Mt 10,  
 33; 2 Tm 2,  
 12.

the dust from your feet: see the note on Mt  
 his section in which Luke gathers together inci-  
 cus on the identity of Jesus is introduced by a  
 Herod is made to ask in this gospel: "Who  
 about whom I hear such things?" (9). In sub-  
 codes. Luke's question, "Who is the Son of  
 send's question, "Who is the Son of God?"  
 send and who provides for the needs of

ashamed of when  
 and in the glory of the Father and  
 the holy angels. 27 Truly I say to you,  
 there are some standing here who will  
 not taste death until they see the king-  
 dom of God."

**The Transfiguration of Jesus. †**  
 About eight days after he said this,  
 Peter, John, and James and  
 went up a mountain to pray. 29 While  
 his face changed in ap-  
 pearance and his clothing became  
 dazzling white. 30 † And behold, two men  
 were conversing with him, Moses and  
 Elijah, 31 † who appeared in glory and  
 spoke of his exodus that he was going  
 to accomplish in Jerusalem. 32\* † Peter  
 and his companions had been overcome  
 by sleep, but becoming fully awake,  
 they saw his glory and the two men  
 standing with him. 33 † As they were  
 about to part from him, Peter said to  
 Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are  
 here; let us make three tents, one for  
 you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."  
 But he did not know what he was saying.  
 34 † While he was still speaking, a cloud  
 came and cast a shadow over them, and  
 they became frightened when they en-  
 tered the cloud. 35\* † Then from the  
 cloud came a voice that said, "This is  
 my chosen Son; listen to him." 36 † After  
 the voice had spoken, Jesus was found  
 alone. They fell silent and did not at  
 that time tell anyone what they had  
 seen.

**The Healing of a Boy with a Demon. †**  
 37\* On the next day, when they came  
 down from the mountain, a large crowd  
 followed him. There was a man in the  
 crowd who cried out, "Teacher, I beseech

FEBRUARY 21, 2016 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



## RECOMMITMENT WEEKEND

# MARCH 5&6

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. John Parish,

I would like to update you with wonderful news from our *Preserving our Past...Building our Future!* Capital Campaign.

Recently we were awarded a gift of \$100,000 from the Loretto Foundation! We are truly blessed to receive this generous donation as we continue our crusade to raise the funding needed to improve our campus with additions such as, a new school gymnasium and renovated parish offices. Volunteers remain active in pursuit of the final dollars needed to reach goal.

I am deeply grateful for all the support we have received. Without it, we would not be so close to goal and our continued commitment to build our little portion of God's kingdom. We now have \$2,121,205.00. raised for our projects, however, despite the sacrifice of many, and the hard work of our volunteers, **we remain shy of our \$3.3 million Celebration Goal.**

I believe we would all like to see our parish reach that goal. Too many people have sacrificed their time and financial resources placing us on the cusp of success. The finish is out there. We need to run to it.

So to help us the rest of the way, I am asking if you would be willing to add two years to your pledge. I understand that this would be an additional sacrifice for you, but I believe that it is good for the parish, the school, and St. John's future.

In the Masses on the weekend of March 5 and 6 we will celebrate Recommitment Weekend. We will set aside time to distribute cards on which you may extend your pledge. I am graciously inviting you to join me in recommitting yourself to the campaign by extending your campaign commitment. This would also be an opportunity for any who have not yet made a pledge to do so.

If you have questions, or wish to discuss this with me further, please reach me at your convenience. Working together, as a family in faith, we will reach our goals

Once again, thank you for your consideration.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Jeffrey A. Ernst, OFM Cap.,  
Pastor

Preserving our Past... Building our Future!



# the FRANCISCAN Journey



On **Tuesday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m.**, Fr. Mike will have another installment of his ongoing course on Franciscan living. The class will meet in the Church Basement.

This course will deepen your understanding of Franciscan thought and how elements of Franciscan thought can be applied to decision making and actions we perform in our day-to-day living. You will gain a deeper understanding concerning how the teachings of Francis of Assisi of the 13th century have relevance for us today and why his teachings have survived for 800 years.

Come learn how the example of St. Francis has impacted the lives of fellow parishioners as you study and grow together in your appreciation of St. Francis and what his example can offer you. The hour long presentation will include input from Fr. Mike, time for discussion, and close with a short prayer service.

Anyone interested in pursuing a Secular Franciscan vocation is also invited to attend.

## 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**

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](mailto:mrbrandonvolz@gmail.com)

*Note: During Lent, there will be no adoration on Mondays and Fridays from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., as there will be reconciliation in the chapel.*

## 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:** Knowing *about* Jesus is not the same as knowing Jesus.

**Verse to Live:** "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect." {Romans 12:12}

**Question to Consider:** Do you really have a good reason not to take Jesus at his word?

## 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](http://amazon.com).

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

## TAIZÉ SERVICES IN LAWRENCE

Many people deepen their prayer lives during Lent, and Taizé offers a weekly prayer opportunity. This Lent's Taizé services will be held Sunday, Feb. 28, at First Baptist Church; on Friday, March 4, at First United Methodist Church at its downtown location; and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church hosts on March 11.

**On March 18, the Lenten services conclude at St. John the Evangelist Church, with the popular Taizé Stations of the Cross.**

All of the services start at 6 p.m.

For more information or to receive Taizé emails, contact Judith Galas at [judithcgalas@gmail.com](mailto:judithcgalas@gmail.com). Bookmarks listing all services and their locations are available in the church's information area.

## 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

The Holy Father has suggested that during the Jubilee Year the season of Lent should be "lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy."

In Lawrence, the St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center will be participating in the 24 Hours for the Lord initiative on the Friday and Saturday preceding the Fourth Sunday of Lent. This event will afford people an opportunity for intense prayer and enables "people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy."

To sign up for an hour (or more!) of adoration throughout this period that begins Friday, March 4th, with Mass at 12:10 p.m., visit the following url:

[tinyurl.com/24hours4theLord](http://tinyurl.com/24hours4theLord)

## 2016 ST. JOHN MEXICAN FIESTA SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships are offered to qualifying students of Mexican descent from the Lawrence Catholic community who wish to pursue or continue a higher education either at a college, technical or trade school. Applicants must complete the financial assistance application form that is available at the St. John Parish office or by contacting Michael Ramirez at 843-3801 or [ramirezmarj@hotmail.com](mailto:ramirezmarj@hotmail.com).

These forms must be completed and returned to the St. John Church office by April 4th, 2016.

# 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](mailto: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!

## CATHOLIC MEDIA ARCHKCK

**Journey through Lent  
(with the Apostles of the Interior Life)  
on your phone and tablet!**

Enhance your spiritual journey through this Lent and into Easter on your smartphone or tablet. Pray along with the Apostles of the Interior Life during this season. These exclusive reflections can only be found on our "Catholic Media ArchKCK" app or online at the Digital Media Center at:

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

Get notifications helpful for prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Download "Catholic Media ArchKCK" from the iTunes, Google Play or Windows Phone stores. This Free App is made available by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in KS.

## MARRIAGE MINUTE

Have you ever wondered about the impact your family can make on history? There is limitless potential for how our family tree will affect the future. It is easy to get caught up in the monotony of everyday life, but the truth is that small daily decisions impact the course of history. In this week's reading from Genesis, God takes Abraham and challenges him to lift his gaze to the heavens and see the stars. God's promise to Abraham is that his children will be as numerous as the stars in the sky. Abraham had the grace to look beyond the monotony of his current struggles, open himself to God's way of doing things, and commit to trusting God with the future of his existence. That trust changed history.

More than the accumulation of wealth, Abraham was rewarded for his faith with the legacy of generations of faith. We have that same potential to impact the world. In America, we think in terms of leaving an inheritance to our children. This is not a bad thing, but it is far more powerful to leave an inheritance of faith that can be passed along for generations. Every time we bring our children to Mass, say night prayers with them, give them a blessing before they head off to school in the morning, or explain to our children about why we passionately give our money to charitable causes, we make a deposit in their bank of faith that they will in turn pass on to their own children someday. Intentional decisions made today bear fruit tomorrow.

For marriage enrichment opportunities, check out:

[www.archkck.org/family](http://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](mailto: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 #youididnotmakethat 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](http://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](http://www.archkck.org/popcak2016)

## 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  
11:00 am-1:00 pm

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

Fridays  
11:00 am-1:00 pm

Saturdays  
3:00-4:00 pm

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

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 21  
Mass at 7:30am

Tuesday, March 22  
Mass at 7:30am  
Seder Meal at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23  
Mass at 7:30am  
Reconciliation from 11:00 am-1:00 pm  
and 6:00-8:00pm  
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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Parent Program This Weekend!

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

This 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

### 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!

### Philosophical Discussions with Tim!

February 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.

### 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

### 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?

### Philosophical Discussions with Tim!

February 25; 7-8:30pm

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



# ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

Schedule a tour for you and your student with Mrs. Pat Newton, Principal

[newton@saint-johns.net](mailto:newton@saint-johns.net)

## 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 coming soon.

## St. John Garage Sale

Start saving your "treasures" for the annual St. John Garage Sale on April 1 and 2!

## 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**  
**Terry Hadl**  
**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**

## SEDER MEAL

Please join us for a St. John Seder Meal on **March 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

All are welcome. Please bring a can or two of food for a donation.

There will be a treasure hunt for the kids.

Please call the office (785) 843-0109 to make your reservation!

## MINISTERS: FEB. 27-28

### Lectors

**Saturday**  
 4:30pm ..... L1: M Mauler; L2: D Rogers

**Sunday**  
 7am .....L1: T Dowd Kelne; L2: C Winkelbauer  
 8:30am .....L1: D Carlin; L2: K Kohnke  
 11:00am ..... L1: T Edgecomb; L2: F Sta. Ines  
 5pm ..... L1: M D'Souza; L2: C Dominguez

### Cantors

**Saturday**  
 4:30pm .....L Koster

**Sunday**  
 7am ..... M Steichen  
 8:30am .....L Koster

### Eucharistic Ministers

**Saturday**  
 4:30pm ..... L Reimond, MA Roesner, L Seidl  
 ..... D Weigel, L Arnold, B Brill

**Sunday**  
 7am..... B Menke, B Osborne, L Wustefeld  
 8:30am ..... M Steichen, B Volz, J Dvorske  
 .....D Foster, E Grob-Creasey, D Hoss, J Huss  
 11:00am..... T Towle, N Allensworth  
 ..... B Baska, B Bermudez, C Bial  
 ..... D Bradley, A Brill  
 5pm ..... T Reznicek, D Schmidt, L&J Weeks  
 ..... D Wulf-Walter, N Albrecht

### Altar Servers

**Saturday**  
 4:30pm ..... B Rowland, J Krones

**Sunday**  
 7am .....Volunteers  
 8:30am .....N Smith, C Stone  
 11:00am ..... F Kramer, E Bial, S Liu  
 5pm ..... L Schmidt, O Schmidt

## MASSES: FEBRUARY 22-28

**Monday**  
 7:30am ..... Bertha Tangeman†

**Tuesday**  
 7:30am .....Sally Rowell†

**Wednesday**  
 7:30am ..... Harry L. Erickson†

**Thursday**  
 7:30am ..... Mori Jahnt†

**Friday**  
 7:30am ..... Special Intention of Martha Hamm

**Saturday**  
 8:00am .....Victoria Romero†  
 4:30pm ..... Pauline Hayes†

**Sunday**  
 7:00am .... deceased members of the Tulley Family†  
 8:30am ..... Val Romero†  
 11:00am ..... Special Intention of Martha Hamm  
 2:00pm (Spanish) ..... St. John Parish  
 5:00pm ..... Ruth Theising

## WEEKLY GIVING

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

Information below  
 reflects donations received  
 July 1, 2015 through February 14, 2016.

Budgeted weekly amount .....\$30,692.31  
 Average weekly amount .....**\$28,663.14**  
 Budgeted YTD .....\$982,153.92  
 Actual YTD .....**\$917,220.49**  
 Net Shortage.....\$64,933.43

## RESERVING SPACE

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

**(785) 843-0109** [esickinger@saint-johns.net](mailto:esickinger@saint-johns.net)

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

**(785) 843-9511** [alexander@saint-johns.net](mailto:alexander@saint-johns.net)

## MEALS FOR THE FRIARS

The Capuchins are looking for volunteers who can cook meals for the six friars in Lawrence. If interested, please contact Veronica Hamer 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

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

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

## Everyday Stewardship

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

## Kids: Sharing the Gospel

I remember when I was younger, being on a retreat and praying alone in a chapel for the successful talk a friend was giving at the same time. What was different on this day was I decided to pray the psalms aloud since no one else was there to judge either my singing ability or my mode of prayer. For about thirty minutes I sang aloud, one psalm after another. Towards the end of my prayer time, I felt a very strong presence of God. There is much more to the story, but suffice to say that it was an experience that made me break down into tears and one that I will never forget. God had broken through my ordinary life and was present to me in a way that was extraordinary.

I often tell people that one reason I love being Catholic is that for us the supernatural is really the natural. We believe bread and wine become Jesus Christ, we understand the supernatural reality of all the sacraments, and we hopefully are never surprised when we see the powerful results of prayer. There should be no separation between our ordinary lives in the natural world and the elements of the supernatural world.

When the apostles see Moses and Elijah before them in this week's Gospel from Luke, they want to immediately pitch tents for them to stay. That is a pretty natural response to the supernatural. What would your response be to seeing Moses and Elijah? Fear? Confusion? Hospitality?

Being prayerful is a primary characteristic of an Everyday Steward. The goal is to make our entire day a prayer and to allow God into every moment. The more we practice this type of prayer, the more the supernatural and the natural blend. We become more open to being used by God for his glory. And who knows, the chance may increase that one day we might just say without surprise, "Hello, Moses and Elijah! Would you like something to drink?"

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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"Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory." Today's Gospel records the event we call the Transfiguration of the Lord. In this miraculous moment, Jesus' divine nature was revealed clearly to Peter, James and John. Often, we think only in terms of what happened to Jesus: "his face changed" and "his clothing became dazzling white" and he began a supernatural conversation with two ancient prophets. But that was only half of the story. The other part is what happened to the men.

They were able to witness this revelation of Jesus only because they were "fully awake." Had they stayed sleeping, they would have missed out. They would not have had this astonishing insight into the glory of their friend and Master. It's an obvious point but one that may need more attention than we'd care to admit. Of course we have to be "awake" in order to absorb the fullness of our faith. If we are not tuned in, not attentive, not exerting any effort, then we are certainly going to miss out. But the fact is that we don't always realize we are falling asleep.

Just as Peter, James, and John were "overcome" with sleep, we too can slip into this state without necessarily realizing it's happening. Spiritually speaking, we can become numb or lazy and slowly fade away from the fervor of authentic faith. This is why the church, in her wisdom, gives us the season of Lent. During these weeks, we strive to purify ourselves by attacking the sins and selfishness that make us spiritual sleepwalkers. This is the time to refocus, to clear away the cobwebs and to become "fully awake." Ultimately, we pray that these efforts will allow us to truly see "his glory" come Eastertide.

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### Sharing the Gospel

One night when Jesus prayed, Jesus showed Peter, James and John what he would look like in heaven. Jesus' face changed and his clothes glowed brightly. Jesus even talked to Moses and Elijah, who had gone to heaven many years earlier. Jesus was different. He was from God!

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, I can hardly wait to see what you really look like in heaven.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus with bright, glowing clothes.

### Mission for the Week

Find something that glows in the dark. As you see it in a dark room, imagine how brightly Jesus must have glowed.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/  
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/  
Mt 20:17-28

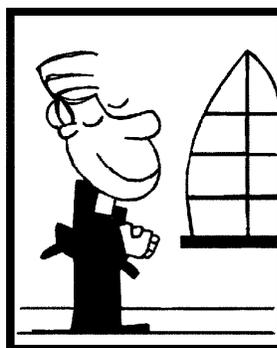
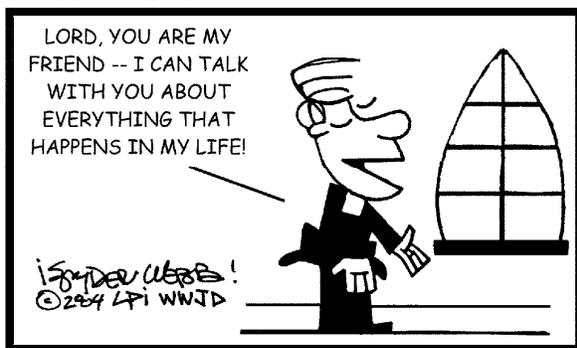
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/  
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

### 2ND 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 21 de febrero de 2016

Domingo: Gn 15, 5-12. 17-18/Sal 27, 1. 7-9. 13-14/Flp 3, 17-4, 1 o 3, 20-4, 1/Lc 9, 28-36

Lunes: 1 Pe 5, 1-4/Sal 23, 1-6/Mt 16, 13-19

Martes: Is 1, 10. 16-20/Sal 50, 8-9. 16-17. 21. 23/Mt 23, 1-12

Miércoles: Jr 18, 18-20/Sal 31, 5-6. 14-16/Mt 20, 17-28

Jueves: Jr 17, 5-10/Sal 1, 1-4. 6/Lc 16, 19-31

Viernes: Gn 37, 3-4. 12-13. 17-28/Sal 105, 16-21/Mt 21,33-43.45-46

Sábado: Miq 7, 14-15. 18-20/Sal 103, 1-4. 9-12/Lc 15, 1-3. 11-32

Domingo siguiente: Ex 3, 1-8. 13-15/Sal 103, 1-4. 6-8. 11/ 1 Cor 10, 1-6. 10-12/Lc 13, 1-9

21 de febrero de 2016

2º Domingo de Cuaresma

Como cada Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma, el punto central de la celebración litúrgica es la Transfiguración del Señor, que prepara el camino, el paso, hacia la Pascua. Jesús invita a Pedro, Santiago y Juan y sube al monte a orar. Estando en oración Jesús se transfigura. Para hacer oración, debemos de recogernos, de retirarnos; es un momento que pide recogimiento e intimidad. Jesús prepara a sus discípulos para ello sin embargo ellos respondieron de acuerdo a sus posibilidades de entendimiento y comprensión de la gloria de Dios. Ellos reconocieron esa gloria de Dios en Jesús hasta después de su resurrección. La Iglesia nos invita en esta Cuaresma a practicar el ejercicio ascético de la oración, es lo que se recomendaba a todos los creyentes el pasado Miércoles de Ceniza. ¡Ayuno, oración y dar limosna!

¿Estoy preparado para mi encuentro con Dios por medio de la oración? ¿Puedo decir como Pedro que es bueno estar en la presencia de Dios? ¿Es bueno esto para mí? ¿Qué transformación es necesaria para mi crecimiento espiritual? Dios nos da la respuesta inmediatamente. "Este es mi Hijo, mi escogido; escúchenlo" (Lc 9, 35). El punto clave al que debemos estar atentos es la voz de Dios que sale desde la nube y que manifiesta la identidad y reconocimiento de Jesús como Hijo de Dios. Y el mandato de escucharlo. Para los discípulos nos dice el Evangelio que guardaron silencio por aquellos días y no contaron nada a nadie de lo que habían visto. Pero intuyen de alguna manera que aquello es bueno. ¿Qué cosas buenas encuentras en tu parroquia durante la Cuaresma que te ayudan a reconocer a Jesús como Hijo de Dios? ¿Dónde está la presencia de Dios?

2º Domingo de Cuaresma

Admiramos a los jóvenes soldados que van a la guerra, a los misioneros y misioneras que dejan su tierra natal para entregar su vida defendiendo y ayudando a otras personas a salir adelante. Pero a la vez nos preguntamos. ¿Por qué lo hacen? ¿Qué los motiva a llevar a cabo sus ideales? En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús ha escogido esto. Llevar a cabo su ideal de dar su vida por cada uno de nosotros. En la versión de San Lucas el cual escuchamos cada segundo domingo de Cuaresma, muestra detalles únicos relatándonos con más claridad que fue lo realmente pasó en la Transfiguración.

Este episodio es muy importante. La cara de la libertad por medio de la Transfiguración será pronto un hecho en la cruz. Algo pasó en la montaña que ayudó a Jesús a entender cuál sería el siguiente paso en su misión. Lucas mismo nos hace notar que cuando Jesús subió a la montaña con Pedro, Santiago y Juan su propósito era orar. La clave de la naturaleza de la oración de Jesús viene en el contenido de la conversación entre Jesús, Moisés y Elías. Ellos hablaban de lo que iba a suceder en Jerusalén. Durante este tiempo de discernimiento y oración tan intensa, Jesús tuvo signos seguros de que era guiado por Dios en su decisión. La nube como presencia de Dios con los Israelitas cuando caminaban por el desierto, dos mensajeros del cielo llenaban la presencia divina y la voz que surge del cielo hace que Jesús tenga fortaleza en lo que ha escogido. ¡Animo, Jesús está con nosotros en nuestras decisiones!