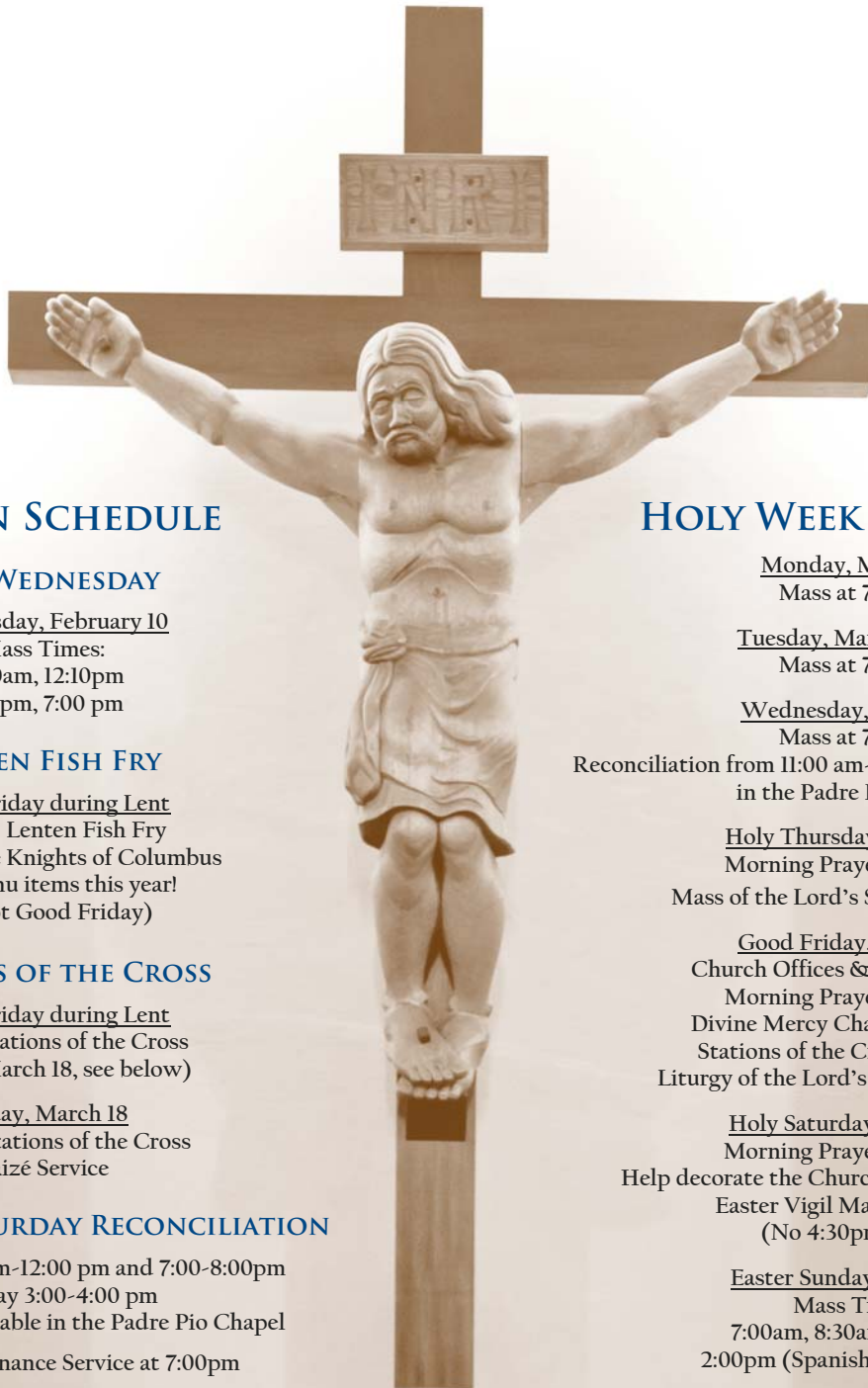




FEBRUARY 7, 2016
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 10

Mass Times:
7:00am, 12:10pm
5:15pm, 7:00 pm

LENTEN FISH FRY

Every Friday during Lent
4:00pm Lenten Fish Fry
hosted by the Knights of Columbus
New menu items this year!
(except Good Friday)

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

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

WEDNESDAY/SATURDAY RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 11:00 am-12:00 pm and 7:00-8:00pm

Saturday 3:00-4:00 pm

Reconciliation available in the Padre Pio Chapel

February 17: Penance Service at 7:00pm

Live Your Faith

Saturday, March 19th 8:00am Mass
Conference 9:00am-4:00pm

GUS LLOYD
CATHOLIC *Apologetics*



Gus Lloyd, the exciting and engaging host of "Seize the Day" on Sirius XM 129: The Catholic Channel, is coming to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Olpe, Kansas for the "Live your Faith" - A Day of Spiritual Awakening. His topic for the day will be "Living Magnetic Christianity."

Gus will speak to us on KNOWING and LIVING our FAITH. Gus has written *A Minute in the Church, Vols I, II*, and most recently *A Minute in the Church: The Mass*, as well as *Magnetic Christianity: Using Your God-Given Gifts to Build the Kingdom*. Come and learn how to live as a witness to your faith in Christ with Magnetic Christianity!

THIS IS A FREE EVENT with lunch provided. However, a love offering will be taken.

Advance registration is requested by March 15th. Email your name, number of attendees and phone number to st.joseph_olpe@yahoo.com or call Brian & Kay Schmidt @ 620-475-3767
Conference held at K of C building, 212 Iowa, Olpe, KS (just south of church)

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR GUS SPEAK & MAKE OUR FAITH MAGNETIC!

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, 7pm, 9pm
Tuesday: 7am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 4pm, 5pm, 9pm
Thursday: 7am, 10am
Friday: 7am, 11am, 4pm, 7pm, 9pm

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

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: Right now you have an incredible opportunity to get to know Jesus better.

Verse to Live: "I came into the world to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." (Jn 18:38)

Question to Consider: Have you ever really explored the Jesus question?

Prayer: Jesus, teach me to never stop seeking you. Help me to seek you in every relationship, place, and situation.

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 9 & 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.

If you buy online, you can support St. John School (for free!) by buying through 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 7pm-8:30pm. Jennifer Meitl Conrad or Lois Mersmann for info, 843.0109.

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

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

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

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

Parish Staff

Pastor..... Fr. Jeff Ernst
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 Youth Minister Jennifer Meitl Conrad
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 Shop our second hand store of used items at discount prices. Shopping Hours:
 Wed. 11am-3pm Thurs. 1pm-4pm
 Sat. 8:30am-12:30pm

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

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.

You are cordially invited to the
ST. JOHN VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION
Mass and Dinner

When: February 13, 2016

Where: St. John School lower level Bosco Room

What time: Dinner immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Mass, which will have a special blessing for our volunteers!

Who is invited: Anyone who is involved with any of our ministries or who has helped our school or parish!

Please join us for dinner, drinks, and time with your fellow parish family members as we celebrate you and all you do for our parish community. RSVP to Samantha Romero at sromero@saint-johns.net or by phone at (785) 843-0109 by February 9, 2016.

ST. JOHN MEXICAN FIESTA MEETING

There will be a Fiesta meeting on **Thursday, February 11**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Bosco Room in St. John School. Contact Frank Lemus with any questions at (785) 691-8769 or flemusjr@sbcglobal.net.

RALLY FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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

The Catholic Bishops of Kansas and others concerned about the future of religious freedom in Kansas, will be hosting a Rally for Religious Freedom inside the Kansas State Capitol Building in the 2nd Floor Rotunda. A large turnout is needed to demonstrate to Kansas lawmakers that support for religious freedom in Kansas is strong. Let's make this as successful as the rally in 2012, which garnered national attention and was broadcast live on EWTN.

Free parking at the Kansas Expocentre and round-trip shuttle to and from the Capitol is available from 10:30 A.M until 2:00 P.M. We will have outstanding speakers including Ryan Anderson of the Heritage Foundation. For more information please visit www.kscathconf.org

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.

ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO SHARE

Please be generous to the Archbishop's Call to Share. ACTS unites all 105 parishes of the Archdiocese so that together we can bring the mercy of Jesus to every corner of Northeast Kansas. Your contribution is one way to serve as Christ's disciple and to participate in the saving work begun by Jesus.

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL ACTION

Mercy as a Tenet of Good Environmental Stewardship

By Susan Tabor, Social Concerns and Earth Care Committees

I participate in a faith-sharing group which meets weekly and is taking this entire Jubilee Year of Mercy to study mercy. Last week, it struck me: I haven't seen anything yet that connects mercy with good environmental stewardship. I may have been looking in the wrong places, but good environmental stewardship is not something that we generally see associated with exercising the virtue of mercy.

Our sister Mother Earth is afforded praise in The Canticle of the Creatures by Francis of Assisi. The Canticle is also printed in the early portion of Pope Francis's Laudato Si encyclical. If we view our earth relationally, as this Canticle and encyclical invite us to do, then we begin to see connections to mercy. Who needs water to nourish the trees and flowers the earth produces? Our sister Mother Earth does; she also is ill and needs to be healed from the violence she has received for centuries which is destroying and depleting her natural resources.

She has become captive to large corporations who misuse her resources and pollute her waters; she is captive and needs to be freed. Water resources are becoming depleted; she is thirsty. Her soil has become so polluted and that she is having difficulty producing enough food for her inhabitants to eat; she is hungry.

Our earth is suffering and needs each of us to advocate and to live in ways that show respect for our earth and that will help restore/heal her wounds.

Studying Laudato Si is a good place to start. The social concerns and earth care committees here at St. John also often collaborate in their efforts to advocate and promote awareness and good day-to-day earth-friendly practices.

If you have questions and to become more involved, please contact Kris Kohnke for earth care committee questions at:

kriscohnke@yahoo.com

or Susan Tabor with social concerns committee questions at:

souljourner@sbcglobal.net or stabor@saint-johns.net

During Lent and throughout the rest of the year, we ask that you remember our earth in your prayers and daily practices of mercy and good stewardship. Thank you!

AUDIO BOOK AVAILABLE

Rediscover Jesus, the book our parish is studying together, is now also available in recorded format. If you are in need of this or another alternative format so that you can participate in the parish book study, please contact Susan Tabor on her cell at (785) 865-9949 or via email at

souljourner@sbcglobal.net or

stabor@saint-johns.net

St. John Youth Ministry Parent Programs

Featuring
Rick Mumford



February 21, 2016

**St. John School, St. Bosco Room
Open to All Adults!**

Schedule:

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

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

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.

Who is invited?

Parishioners, parents, and adults
interested in the lives of our youth!

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

Upcoming High School 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 Events

February 10: "The Season of Lent" 5-6pm St. Bosco

On this Ash Wednesday, come and learn more about how to enter fully into the season of Lent by fasting, praying, and giving alms. Led by Brandon Volz, you won't wanna miss this awesome night of reflection and prayer!

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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!

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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?

PALM BURNING FOR ASHES

Bring in your old palms today!

Ash Wednesday is approaching, and we will use your old palms to make ashes for this year's Masses. Please leave your old palms on the tables in the main entrance of the church. Palm burning will take place on **Monday, February 8**, so be sure to bring any palms before then.

Thank you!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Wednesday, February 10

7:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m.

5:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

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

Elaine Galliard, mother of Dorothy Malsbury

Pam Hadl

Pamela Heath

Jenny Hernandez

Bob Holek

Nancy Hubble, wife of Tom Kellogg

Susan Jones, sister of Patti Fisher

Julie Patterson, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter

Max Polson

Marlene Richard

Tony Romero

Eli Rohrbaugh

Mary Kay Seidl

MINISTERS: FEB. 13-14

Lectors

Contact: Sean Smith
seanj@ku.edu

Cantors

Saturday

4:30pm K Steinbacher

Sunday

7am M Steichen

8:30am A Koster

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday

4:30pm D Weigel, L Arnold, B Brill

..... D Depenbusch, D Guth, K Guth

Sunday

7am B Osborne, L Wustefeld, B Harmon

8:30am J Dvorske, D Foster, E Grob-Creasey

..... D Hoss, J Huss, M Ice, S Jahn

11:00am P Gripka, D&J&T Gungelman

..... P Lyon, J Mercier, C Nieto-Boor

5pm D Schmidt, L&J Weeks

..... D Wulf-Walter, N Albrecht, L Brey

Altar Servers

Saturday

4:30pm J Krones, B Thomas

Sunday

7am Volunteers

8:30am EF Smith, A Augustine, A Augustine

11:00am C Finkeldei, G Malin, H Hummel

5pm L Schmidt, O Schmidt

MASSES: FEBRUARY 8-14

Monday

7:30am Leo Nordhus†

Tuesday

7:30am Nora Nordhus†

Ash Wednesday

7:00am Jim O'Toole†

12:10pm For God's Mercy and Healing

5:15pm For Peace

7:00pm St. John Parish

Thursday

7:30am Ervin & MaryAnn Huslig†

Friday

7:30am Sally Rowell†

Saturday

8:00am Fr. Cyprian Nordhus†

4:30pm Clem Zillner†

Sunday

7:00am Jim O' Toole†

8:30am Val Romero†

11:00am St. John Parish

2:00pm (Spanish) Demetrio Trujillo†

5:00pm Sr. Trinatius Nordust†

WEEKLY GIVING

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

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

Budgeted weekly amount \$30,692.31

Average weekly amount **\$28,517.92**

Budgeted YTD \$920,769.30

Actual YTD **\$855,537.84**

Net Shortage \$65,231.46

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**.

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, February 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 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

Don't you feel inspired when you hear a good conversion story? I know I do. Especially tales of how people overcame addiction or despair to find satisfaction in the presence of God. It's the whole meaning of the hymn, "Amazing Grace": "I once was lost but now I'm found. Was blind, but now I see." The action there is from God, for it is he who finds us. He is the Good Shepherd who left the ninety-nine to find that one lamb who could never find its way on its own. It is through grace that we can even turn at all, and it is grace that will lead us home.

That grace appears when we give ourselves over to God completely. We give God our whole heart, mind, and soul and he turns that which was broken into something beautiful. I love St. Paul's statement of faith: "But by the grace of God I am what I am." Before that grace, Paul persecuted the followers of Jesus, and without that grace, he would have continued to live his evil life. To those who cannot understand how someone so horrible and full of sin can become a saint, his statement, in a way, alludes to the fact that he can't believe it either.

When we, as disciples of Jesus, decide to live a stewardship way of life, it only becomes transformational when we offer everything to him. No one is saying you are living a life like the old Saul and you need to turn to Jesus. Hopefully you have already turned to him. But have you really let go of it all? Do you still think in terms of what is for God and what is for you? Whatever you still hold onto is worthless compared to the grace offered to you for giving it up. Don't hold out any longer, for grace will lead you home.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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5th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him." Just when business was finally booming, Simon and Company closed up shop. The timing was strange, really. After a lifetime of fishing to make a living, these men had just hauled in so many fish that "their nets were tearing" and "the boats were in danger of sinking." Just imagine the profit on the other side of this night's work! Just imagine how their reputation would have grown. How easy it would have been to go out and buy a new fleet of boats and to upgrade their stash of nets. Most likely for the first time, wealth was within reach.

And yet, just then, Simon, James, and John left their boats on the shore and followed Jesus in the task of "catching men." This is astonishing. Not only did they give up their sudden monetary success, they gave up EVERYTHING. In a moment's time, these men radically altered their life, their plans, their future, and their fortune. And civilization has never been the same since.

Thanks in large part to the courage of these first apostles, and of their successors the bishops, and of all the faithful men and women religious throughout history who have "left everything and followed him," our church has continued to flourish and our culture has been greatly enhanced. Those of us who are members of the laity are likewise called to follow Christ, of course. The tremendous sacrifices that priests and religious sisters make should inspire us, and remind us that serving Christ-at any cost-is worth it. Their lives stand as a powerful witness indeed. Today, let us pause to thank God for these men and women and to ask his blessing on them all.

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Kids: Sharing the Gospel



Sharing the Gospel

Jesus was powerful enough to control the fish in the sea! Peter caught no fish by himself one night. With Jesus' help, Peter caught more fish than his boat could carry. When Peter saw what Jesus did, he was afraid. How would you feel?

Prayer

Dear God, your power is so amazing!

Something to Draw

Draw fish swimming into Peter's net.

Mission for the Week

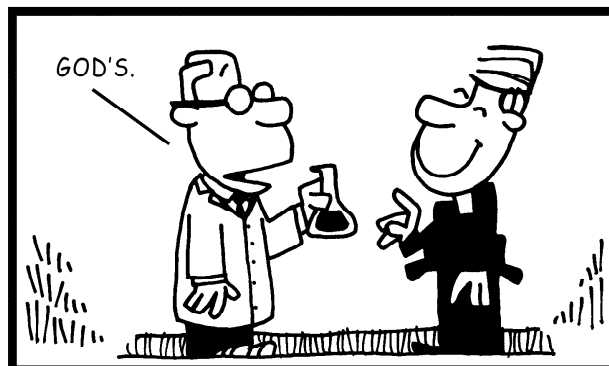
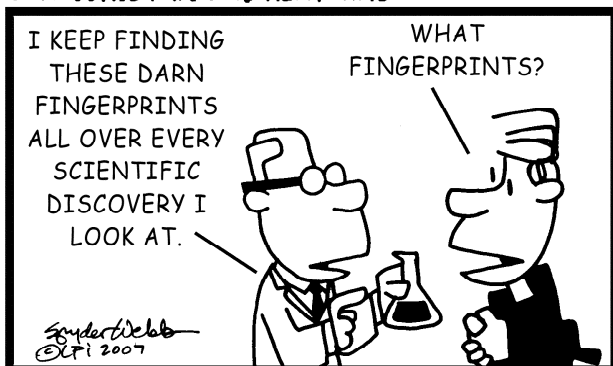
With your parents, try turning on a lamp while it isn't plugged in. It doesn't work, does it? That's how we need to be plugged in to God, to do his work. Without him, what we try will never work.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-5, 7-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 10-11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



7 de febrero de 2016

5º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Jesús le pide a Pedro llevar la barca mar adentro para pescar. Ir más allá de lo que se tiene planeado para encontrar lo inesperado, lo que no se espera encontrar. Para Pedro la sorpresa de los peces que fueron tantos que la red casi se rompía, lo dejó perplejo y a la vez le afirmó su vocación de apóstol de Jesucristo. Confianza en Dios a toda prueba aunque no se sepa ni cuándo ni dónde será la pregunta de lanzar la red para pescar. Seguir la voluntad de Dios cuesta, cumplir su mandato de proclamar el Reino lleva su afán. Hay que tomar decisión y partido o estoy con Jesús o en contra de él. ¿Cuántas veces en mi vida he dicho: "Aquí estoy Señor, envíame"? ¿Cuántas veces en mi jornada he dejado todo para seguir al Señor?

Un verdadero encuentro con Dios no deja a la persona como estaba antes. Es más consciente de sus responsabilidades y compromisos. Fíjate en los protagonistas de las lecturas. A Isaías con la visión de la gloria Dios le cambia el panorama completamente y responde: "Aquí estoy, Señor, envíame" (Is 6, 8). Pedro y sus compañeros al encuentro de Jesús: "Pero, confiado en tu palabra, echaré las redes" (Lc 4, 5). Estos hechos nos relatan verdaderos momentos de vocacionales. El compromiso es seguir a Jesús anunciando su obra de salvación. No hay que perder tiempo, descubramos dónde nos llama el Señor. Dios sabe nuestras limitaciones, pero, con su gracia, se puede todo. Pidamos al Señor que nos ayude a captar el mensaje que debemos transmitir y hacerlo con el testimonio de nuestra vida. ¡Que así sea!

5º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Puede pasar en cualquier lugar en cualquier momento y a cualquiera de nosotros. Al Profeta Isaías le pasó en un servicio religioso en el templo, en medio del incienso inspirado en un ritual sorprendente. Para ciertos pescadores galileos fue cuando ellos en un día normal echaban las redes para la pesca. Para San Pablo fue en un momento de coraje extremo contra el nuevo movimiento de los seguidores de Jesús, ya que tenía la firme determinación de seguir con la tradición judía. El llamado a la misión nos puede sorprender en cualquier momento acompañado de la gracia transformadora de Dios. ¿En qué momento de nuestra vida hemos sentido esta gracia transformadora de Dios? ¿La hemos seguido inmediatamente o le ponemos peros?

Lo que siempre pasa cuando experimentamos el llamado de Dios para llevar a cabo su misión es que su amor y gracia son tan grandes que nos sobrepasan. Es entonces cuando vemos que nuestro pecado queda cubierto con su misericordia. El Profeta Isaías le dice a Dios: "¡Ay de mí!, estoy perdido, porque soy un hombre de labios impuros". Y San Pablo ante Dios se siente el último de todos y como un aborto. El ministerio que realizamos nunca depende de nosotros sino de la gracia de Dios. Y si nos enfocamos en nuestras debilidades nunca llevaremos a cabo el trabajo de Dios. Es por eso que uno de los serafines voló hacia Isaías tocándole sus labios e indicándole que su pecado ha sido perdonado. ¿Cuándo y en qué momento de nuestra existencia hemos sido tocados con la gracia de Dios? ¿Qué obstáculos tenemos?



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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.

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Las lecturas de la semana del 7 de febrero de 2016

Domingo: Is 6, 1-2. 3-8/Sal 138, 1-5. 7-8/1 Cor 15, 1-11 o 15, 3-8. 11/Lc 5, 1-11
 Lunes: 1 Re 8, 1-7. 9-13/Sal 132, 6-10/Mc 6, 53-56
 Martes: 1 Re 8, 22-23. 27-30/Sal 84, 3-5. 10-11/Mc 7, 1-13
 Miércoles: Jl 2, 12-18/2 Cor 5, 20--6, 2/Sal 51, 3-6. 12-14. 17/Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18
 Jueves: Dt 30, 15-20/Sal 1, 1-4. 6/Lc 9, 22-25
 Viernes: Is 58, 1-9/Sal 51, 3-6. 18-19/Mt 9, 14-15
 Sábado: Is 58, 9-14/Sal 86, 1-6/Lc 5, 27-32
 Domingo siguiente: Dt 26, 4-10/Sal 91, 1-2. 10-15/Rom 10, 8-13/Lc 4, 1-13