



CATHERBATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

CALL TO SHARE

The response of our parishioners to this year's Archbishop's Call to Share has been so generous to date. The Archbishop's Call to Share funds over 40 ministries of the Archdiocese, serving parishes and individuals all over Northeast Kansas. Please give prayerful consideration to how you can respond as Jesus' disciple by filling out your pledge card and returning it to the collection next weekend. Please give generously to support the ministries of the Church in Northeast Kansas!

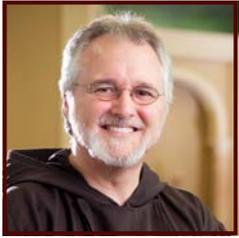
RESERVOIR ADORATION

Come spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament this Wednesday evening, February 3, from 7:00-8:00 pm in the church.

Pray in song, pray in silence, come alone, bring your family, bring a friend. Reconciliation will also be available in the Padre Pio chapel.

JANUARY 31, 2016 · FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BREAD to Offer



QUALITY IN EDUCATION, QUALITY IN FAITH

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.

In Bread to Offer last year for Catholic Schools Week I gave a little anecdote about a student's reply to my question during the school Mass about what can they do with money they received at Christmas. I recounted how amazed I was that the first student to reply said that she could give the money to someone who needed it. I then went on to say that it is during instances like this that it becomes clear to me that St. John School provides, not just a quality education, but a quality Catholic education.

It has been a year since that little exchange took place during a homily at our Thursday morning school Mass. Throughout this past year, in my visits in the classroom and with the middle and high school St. John youth, I have observed a consistency in our students' knowledge of their Catholic faith, not only in the knowledge about the faith, but also with regard to putting their faith into practice. I am not suggesting that every student knows everything about their faith, or that most students know all they need to know about their Catholic faith. What has impressed me, though, is how many of our students "get it" when it comes to their faith. They are receiving the information about their faith, but they also realize the relational aspect of their faith. Their relationship with Jesus is at the heart of their faith life. They know that he is the reason for our faith and for the Church. And so, the students also understand the service/charity component of their faith because they know that we are called to live the way that Jesus taught – by loving God and our neighbor. St. John school provides plenty of opportunities for outreach and service to our neighbor. Virtues are highlighted throughout the school year and there are opportunities for pilgrimages and prayer activities which help to nurture the students' love for God.

St. John students' faith development is facilitated by our religion teachers who have an ability to transmit the faith in effective ways and they themselves are models of how to live the Catholic faith. Yet, much of what our students know about their faith comes from all of you who are parents of St. John students. Your kids can have the best teachers, materials, and opportunities for their faith formation while at school, but if their homes lack at least a minimal faith environment and parental support, religion teachers can have a weak and sometimes nonexistent foundation upon which to build the students' faith formation and development. The school staff, youth group leaders, and I deeply appreciate all that you do to facilitate your child's faith formation.

A quality education coupled with a strong faith education and formation are crucial elements that make a good Catholic education. We honor St. John School and all Catholic schools today as we observe Catholic Schools Week.

- Fr. Jeff

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
Thursday: 7am, 10am

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

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: It's time to stop everything, pause a little, and consider God's invitation,

Verse to Live: "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly. {Jn 10:10}"

Question to Consider: What area of your life will benefit most from accepting God's invitation to rediscover Jesus?

Prayer: Jesus, thank you for all the times you have invited me to rediscover you and your message. Help me not to squander this opportunity.

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!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 31 through February 5

Parish Mass: Sunday, January 31

St. John students will participate in the 11:00 parish Mass. We invite all school parents and friends to show your spirit by wearing St. John shirts.

Open House and Science Fair - Thursday, February 4

All are welcome to attend the St. John Open House and Science Fair. All the classrooms will be open for parents to view student work and projects.

Please invite your friends that are interested in enrolling at St. John!

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.

UPCOMING SCOUT MASS

We will be celebrating Scout Sunday on **February 7th** at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All scouts are encouraged to attend!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a blood drive for the Community Blood Center on **Saturday, February 6**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the St. John Church Basement.

Our goal: **25 PINTS**

But we have room for up to: **44 DONORS**

Please help us meet and exceed our goal on Saturday, February 6! To make an appointment online, visit:

esavealifenow.org

and use **Sponsor Code: knightsCouncil1372**. For additional details contact Kevin Oneslager at (785) 843-0109 or dd18@kansas-kofc.org.

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.

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

GROCERY CARDS & TRASH BAGS

February 6-7

**Padre Pio Chapel @ North Entrance
after all Masses except 2pm**

Purchase Hy-Vee gift cards and Hy-Vee donates 6% back to St. John School. Sold in \$50 or \$100 increments.

Purchase Checkers gift cards and Checkers donates 6% back to the school. Sold in \$10 increments.

Purchase Merc gift cards and the Merc donates 6% back to the school. Gift card good on all purchases at the Merc. Sold in \$50 increments.

Dillons stores have replaced their gift card program with Community Rewards. Go to www.dillons.com/communityrewards, register your Plus Shopper's Card number, and designate St. John School #29296.

PLEASE PAY BY CHECK OR CASH. Credit cards will be accepted, but reduce our overall profit. Make checks out to "St. John School."

Submit the form below BEFORE Mass to expedite your order. Your order will be ready to pick up after Mass.

Or Pre-Order Online: www.saint-johns.net/grocery

PRE-ORDER FORM

Name:

Phone:

GROCERY CARDS

Store	Amount	# of Cards
Hy-Vee	\$100	<input type="text"/>
Hy-Vee	\$50	<input type="text"/>
Checkers	\$100	<input type="text"/>
Checkers	\$50	<input type="text"/>
Checkers	\$10	<input type="text"/>
Merc	\$50	<input type="text"/>

Hy-Vee \$50 Coupon Book	Amount	# of Books
	\$5	<input type="text"/>

TRASH BAGS

Color	Size	Bags/Roll	Amt.	# of Rolls
White	18 gal.	60	\$12	<input type="text"/>
Black	30 gal.	40	\$12	<input type="text"/>
Yellow	39 gal.	20	\$12	<input type="text"/>
Blue	55 gal.	15	\$12	<input type="text"/>

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.

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

Teresa Schwartz

Mary Kay Seidl

MINISTERS: FEBRUARY 6-7

Lectors

Saturday

4:30pmL1: R Entwistle; L2: J Snyder

Sunday

7am L1: T Dowd Kelne; L2: B Kish
8:30amL1: L Sheppard; L2: F Sta. Ines
11:00am L1: M Menendez L2: J Gipka
5pm L1: D Koger L2: M Williams

Cantors

Saturday

4:30pm A Mauler

Sunday

7am K Colson & B Ennis
8:30amJ Krones

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday

4:30pmB Johnson, J Koster, J McGraw
..... L Reimond, MA Roesner, L Seidl

Sunday

7am B Harmon, M Heath, B Menke
8:30amB Kessler, K Kohnke, K Ostrander
..... Y Ruder, L Scott,
..... M Steichen, B Volz
11:00am B DeWitt, C&D Ehrlich, J Evers,
..... T Gabrielson, S Galarza Liu, S Goodwin
5pm N Jones, M LeGresley, C Malone
..... A McCabe, S Murray, T Reznicek

Altar Servers

Saturday

4:30pmG Ohlmacher, B Rowland

Sunday

7am Volunteers
8:30am Boy Scouts
11:00amB Babbit, B Wilkerson, E Bellerive
5pmB Diers, K Oneslager

MASSES: FEBRUARY 1-7

Monday

7:30am.....Russell Nau†

Tuesday

7:30am.....Joe Chu†

Wednesday

7:30am.....Melania Thomas†

Thursday

7:30am..... Osborne-O'Connor Families†

Friday

7:30am..... Sally Rowell†

Saturday

8:00am.....Children in Foster Care
4:30pm Xavier Kenney

Sunday

7:00am..... Witold Grzymala-Busset†
8:30am..... Rachel Lemus
11:00am..... St. John Parish
2:00pm (Spanish) Demetrio Trujillo†
5:00pm Tom Simon†

WEEKLY GIVING

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

Information below
reflects donations received
July 1, 2015 through January 17, 2016.

Budgeted weekly amount \$30,692.31
Average weekly amount..... **\$28,838.48**
Budgeted YTD..... \$890,076.99
Actual YTD **\$836,315.95**
Net Shortage \$53,761.04

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!





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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 31 de enero de 2016

Domingo: Jr 1, 4-5. 17-19/Sal 71, 1-6. 15-17/1 Cor 12, 31--13, 13 o 13, 4-13/Lc 4, 21-30
 Lunes: 2 Sm 15, 13-14. 30; 16, 5-13/Sal 3, 2-7/Mc 5, 1-20
 Martes: Mal 3, 1-4/Sal 24, 7-10/Heb 2, 14-18/Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22-32
 Miércoles: 2 Sm 24, 2. 9-17/Sal 32, 1-2. 5-7/Mc 6, 1-6
 Jueves: 1 Re 2, 1-4. 10-12/1 Cr 29, 10-12/Mc 6, 7-13
 Viernes: Eclo 47, 2-11/Sal 18, 31. 47. 50-51/Mc 6, 14-29
 Sábado: 1 Re 3, 4-13/Sal 119, 9-14/Mc 6, 30-34
 Domingo siguiente: 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

31 de enero de 2016

4º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Las lecturas de este domingo nos ayudan a comprender que Dios es el que lo sabe todo de nosotros nos conoce hasta el fondo de nuestro corazón. También se nos recuerda nuestra vocación de profetas. Dios tiene un proyecto para cada uno de nosotros. Como en el caso de Jeremías en la primera lectura. Como Jesús mismo lo demostró en la sinagoga de su pueblo. Y como nos lo explica Pablo anunciando la importancia del amor en nuestra vocación de cristianos. En la actualidad la sociedad sufre de la enfermedad de crisis emocionales, de tensiones a causa de que la persona no se siente aceptada y cree que nació por casualidad olvidándose que alguien nos ha pensado desde la eternidad. Dios no se equivoca, estamos aquí para mejorar y cooperar por un mundo mejor.

"Desde antes de formarte en el seno materno, te conozco; desde antes de que nacieras, te consagré como profeta para las naciones" (Jer 1, 4). Lo demás es lo de menos hay que ser positivos y personas de esperanza en toda circunstancia. No podemos ignorar ni echar en saco roto la misión que Dios nos confía. En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús nos da ejemplo al reconocerse como profeta y vive y actúa como tal. ¿Eres consciente de la misión que Dios te ha encomendado? ¿Luchas con esfuerzo verdadero por seguir la vocación que Dios te ha encomendado? Padre o madre de familia, sacerdote, o religioso, hombres y mujeres estamos llamados a llevar la gracia del Señor. No seamos como los nazarenos que solo tenían curiosidad y su fe en Jesús andaba muy lejos de él.

4º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Nadie es profeta en su tierra". El Evangelio de hoy es continuación de la narración del domingo pasado. El lugar es la sinagoga de Nazaret. Jesús toma y lee el pasaje del Profeta Isaías concerniente al profeta ungido de Dios y declarado hoy. Es decir ya no había más tiempo, Jesús estaba entre nosotros, encarnado en nuestra historia y en nuestra vida. Es por esa razón que les era tan difícil a los de su pueblo el ver en él a ese gran profeta. Quizá su problema también consistía en dejar a Jesús hacer sus milagros solamente en su pueblo de Nazaret y beneficiarse ellos. Ellos querían ver más milagros ahí en su pueblo.

Muchas veces el egoísmo nos ciega y no vemos lo bueno que nos rodea. En este caso Jesús se estaba presentando ante ellos los de su pueblo querido. ¿Te ha pasado algo semejante ante tu familia, o amigos? Haces cosas buenas y no las reconocen. ¿Cómo actúas, cuál es tu respuesta? Las cosas buenas que hacemos no vienen de nosotros, debemos de reconocer que vienen de Dios. Los buenos profetas no se creen de su popularidad ni abusan de su autoridad. Por el contrario son humildes sinceros y honestos. ¿Quiénes son los profetas de nuestro tiempo? ¿Puedes pensar y mencionar algunos? ¿Cuáles son los elementos más importantes de este Evangelio? San Pablo nos da una ayudadita para entender y ser buenos profetas en la sociedad de hoy. El elemento más importante debe ser el amor. Amor en la familia, en la comunidad y en nuestro ministerio.