

**JUNE 12, 2016** 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016

This week over 100 elementary school students attended VBS at St. John. This year's theme: **Parachute with the Angels!**

The week-long program was organized by Pat Newton, Lois Mersmann and Jen Meitl Conrad, and carried out with the help of 42 middle school and high school volunteers who help plan and lead activities for groups of students in various rooms throughout St. John School. You can see a full gallery of VBS images online at: [www.saint-johns.net](http://www.saint-johns.net)



# BREAD to Offer



## SCHEDULE CHANGES AND A BIG THANK YOU!

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.

As you have heard and seen in recent announcements, we will be locking the church doors, including the Padre Pio chapel, after morning Mass on days when the parish office is closed. This includes the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday), Christmas, New Year's Day, and any other days to be announced. Last Memorial Day, sometime between the hours of 11:30 am and 10:00 pm, the candle donation boxes and the poor box were vandalized. The sacristy door was pried open but nothing was removed from that space. All of the cupboard doors where the servers vest were open as well as the sliding doors to the closets in the sacristy hallway, but neither was anything removed from those areas. I was in the office that day after the cemetery blessing from 11:00 am until 11:30 am and I returned again that evening at approximately 7:30 pm. I was here until 10:00 pm when I went to lock the church and turn off the lights, and discovered the vandalism. The church was open on Memorial Day as it always is every day of the year between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm.

When the Simon Parish Center is open, various staff members and I make frequent trips between the office and the church. Our custodians also are here on days when the office is open. All of this helps to provide a more secure environment for individuals who pray in the church and in the Padre Pio chapel. That security increases even more when St. John School is in session. Of course, we would want to prevent, in the best way that we can, any further vandalism in the church. Yet, I am concerned more for the safety of those who pray in the Padre Pio chapel. They can feel trapped when there is no other activity between the church and the office or school, especially if someone in temporal need were to approach a lone person in the chapel as did recently happen.

The church will continue to remain open most days of the year, but sadly, we are forced to keep it closed on holidays and other days throughout the year when the office is closed, especially when St. John School is not in session. Our parish prides itself on welcome and hospitality. Locking the church seems to fly directly in the face of that. Yet, in the end, it is for the safety of our parishioners and other visitors, all of whom we want otherwise to continue to feel welcomed.

On a different note, I would like to thank those of you who made a contribution toward the Capuchins' new chapel at St. Conrad Friary. In the bulletin two weeks ago, I listed the costs for various items for the new chapel. Someone already has covered the cost of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The image is a newer rendition of the Virgin of Guadalupe "written" (icons are not considered paintings) by Brother Pachomius Meade, a monk at Conception Abbey in northwest Missouri. Two other parishioners have covered the cost for the chapel crucifix. Several other donors have made contributions to the general cost of the renovation of the room that has become the new chapel. THANK YOU to those who have contributed! The friars continue to seek your help – we still have the cost of the area rug (for noise abatement as well as aesthetics) at \$900, the chairs with kneelers at \$2,975, and the cost of the room renovation which now stands at \$14,600. If you decide to help us out with any of these items, you can make your check payable to "Capuchin Friars" or "St. Conrad Friary" and send it directly to us (address provided in parish office) or simply bring it to the parish office. You also can mark it and drop it in the collection basket on Sunday. Thanks!

- Fr. Jeff

## 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.)*

### CHAPTER 22: BEYOND TWEAKING

**Point to Ponder:** The butterfly emerges from the cocoon; it is a beautiful transformation.

**Verse to Live:** "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything become new!" {2 Corinthians 5:17}

**Question to Consider:** What will be the hardest thing about letting God transform you and your life?

**Prayer:** Jesus, keep the desire for transformation alive in my heart.

## MARRIAGE MINUTE

Often the worst part about an argument with our spouse is the pain we inflict afterwards. We grow the original hurt by rehashing it and adding to it, allowing doubt to creep in. Are we even still in love?

Part of this pain can be avoided by realizing that in a fallen world, spouses will hurt one another, but it does not have to result in permanent division. We are reminded in the Catechism, "what therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder" (1614). So, we expect sin, but don't let it divide us. How?

Forgiveness is the answer. Jesus says in this Sunday's Gospel, "But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Forgiveness humbles us. It makes us more compassionate. In short, it makes our relationship stronger. So while we shouldn't sin on purpose, we also shouldn't panic when we do. Instead, we should make reconciliation our most urgent task.

# WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH!

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

### Simon Parish Center

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

### Weekend Masses

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

### Weekend Spanish Mass

Sunday ..... 2:00pm

### Weekday Masses

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday ..... 11:00am-12:00pm  
..... 7:00-8:00pm  
Saturday ..... 3:00-4:00pm  
..... and by appointment

**Adoration**.... Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday,  
6:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. in the Padre Pio Chapel.  
(no adoration 11am-1pm on Mon and Fri during Lent)

**Bulletin Deadline.** Submit info by noon on Thursday to [bulletin@saint-johns.net](mailto:bulletin@saint-johns.net) ten days prior to the bulletin you wish info to appear. Please submit text electronically (via computer/email) as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.

**Advertise in the Bulletin.** Revenue from ads is what makes the bulletin possible at no cost to our parish. Please support your bulletin advertisers. For information on advertising, call **Lindsay Meyer**:

(913) 568-1570  
[Lmeyer@4LPI.com](mailto:Lmeyer@4LPI.com)  
[www.SeekAndFind.com](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.saint-johns.net), click "Opportunities" and print a "New Parishioner Information Form." Contact the parish office, 843.0109.

**Mass Stipend.** Schedule Masses in honor of occasions or people. Suggested donation is \$10. We also have Mass cards. Contact the parish office at 843.0109.

**Becoming Catholic.** Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the Church's process to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. For some, this process completes their Christian initiation, as they were baptized in another Christian community, and seek full communion with the Catholic Church. Questions? Michael Podrebarac, 913.647.0330 [liturgy@archkck.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.virtus.org). Contact Lois Mersmann, 843.0109, [lmersmann@saint-johns.net](mailto:lmersmann@saint-johns.net).

**Religious Ed.** Children 3 yrs of age – 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to RE class. Traditional RE class for 4 yr olds-5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the school building on Sunday 9:45am-10:45am. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd class is for children 3-12 yrs old and meet various days and times in the houses located at 200 and 202 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders prepare for First Reconciliation and First Communion. 6th, 7th and 8th grade Middle School students meet in the St. Bosco room, in the school, for Youth Night (aka The ROCK). The ROCK meets on Wednesdays (times vary). All classes meet Sept-May. See [www.saint-johns.net](http://www.saint-johns.net), select "For Your Faith" and "Religious Education" for detailed info, forms or contact Lois Mersmann, [lmersmann@saint-johns.net](mailto:lmersmann@saint-johns.net), 843-0109.

**Baptism.** Contact the Simon Parish Center to arrange for Baptism Preparation.

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

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

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

**Confirmation.** For 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Classes meet on various Wednesdays and Sundays throughout the year. See [www.saint-johns.net/youth](http://www.saint-johns.net/youth) or contact Jennifer Meitl Conrad or Lois Mersmann for info, 843.0109.

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

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

**Joining the Knights of Columbus.** Our St. John Knights of Columbus Council 1372 invite all Catholic men to join. The Knights host parish breakfasts, chili feeds, etc. Membership \$28yr. Contact Grand Knight 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  
Associate Pastor..... Fr. Barnabas Scurly  
In Residence..... Fr. Mike Eichler  
Business Manager .....Cris Denning  
Catecismo en español .....María Mota  
Choir/Music/Liturgy ..... Lisa Roush  
Stewardship Director ..... Samantha Romero  
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..... Patty Guadian (afternoons)  
RCIA ..... Michael Podrebarac  
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Religious Ed, Assistant..... Lois Mersmann  
Technology..... Karen Dixon  
Pastoral Assistant/Events Calendar..... Ellen Sickinger  
Youth Minister ..... Jennifer Meitl Conrad  
Bulletin & Multimedia ..... Pete Haack

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1208 Kentucky St. (785) 843-9511  
[www.saint-johns.net/school](http://www.saint-johns.net/school)

**Catholic Charities**..... Nickie Daneke  
1247 Kentucky St. (785) 856-2694

**Rummage House** ..... 13th & Kentucky.  
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

Thank you to all who have attended the St. John Café on Sunday mornings this year! We hope this time has helped you grow closer to other parishioners and learn more about your Faith. The Café is taking a break for the summer, and will return in the fall, beginning Sunday, September 18. See you then!



## ST. JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS

### Pastoral Council

Frank Lemus, chair	Nancy Jones	Richard Ramos
Mary Menendez	Sean Smith	Nancy Albrecht
Brian Walter	Tony Kempf	Bob Trepinski

### Finance Council

Brad Finkeldei, chair	Teresa Kempf	Brian Green
Vince Romero	Tony Kempf, liaison from Pastoral Council	

## WOMEN'S PRAYER AND REFLECTION GROUP

Women's Prayer and Reflection Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month to study Biblical women and the third Tuesday of the month to study Women Saints. Join us any time, no preparation necessary. We will meet in the parish office during the summer at 7pm. If interested contact:

Beth Fox (785) 840-5561 or Sophia Compton (785) 727-5784

## ST. MONICA'S PRAYER GROUP

This group meets at Noon-12:45pm St. John Church on Mondays. The group prays the rosary for the intention of children and for special intentions. A special prayer for cancer victims included.

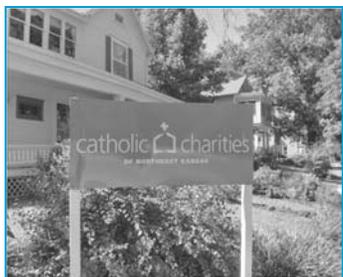
All parishioners are invited to participate. Come as you are. Come when you can.

## QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

Meets every **Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** in St. John's Church. The Queen of Peace Prayer Group is committed to responding to the Blessed Mother's call at Medjugorje to pray from the heart to bring about her plan for peace in the world. Everyone is welcome.

## SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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



Foods with lots of protein are especially valued. Fresh food items, like meat and fruit, can be dropped off during business hours

at Catholic Charities. Non-food items are very much needed, too: e.g., dish soap, diapers, razors, and feminine hygiene products. For more information, call Catholic Charities at (785) 856-2694.

**SAINT JOHN  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

## COME EXPLORE ST. JOHN SCHOOL!

VISIT ONLINE: [WWW.SAINT-JOHNS.NET/SCHOOL](http://WWW.SAINT-JOHNS.NET/SCHOOL)  
CALL: (785) 843-9511 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO  
SCHEDULE A TOUR FOR YOU AND YOUR STUDENT!

## ST. JOHN HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for people to help with a new Hospitality Committee. The mission of the St. John Hospitality Committee is to make every new and current parishioner feel that they are part of a warm, supportive and hospitable community where "all are welcome."

The Hospitality ministry will help coordinate fellowship events, welcome new people to the parish, welcome new Catholics to the faith, greet people as they come into Mass, and also to help with St. John Café on Sunday mornings. The commitment is as large or small that you would like for it to become. If you are interested, please contact Samantha Romero at [sromero@saint-johns.net](mailto:sromero@saint-johns.net) or (785) 843-0109.

## ST. JOHN RUMMAGE HOUSE

The Saint John Rummage House is run by volunteers from the Saint John Community and is in need of new volunteers to help keep the ministry thriving. Volunteers work both during store hours and behind the scenes when the store is closed.

Sorting crews work Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. The store is open Wednesdays 11-3, Thursdays 1-4, and Saturdays 8:30-12:30. We could use volunteers to fill any of these positions, but are especially in need of volunteers for Thursday afternoons, one or two Thursdays per month.

If you are interested in helping the parish community with this ministry, please email Lee Ann Hartwick ([Hartwick@saint-johns.net](mailto:Hartwick@saint-johns.net)) for more information.

## ATTENTION WOMEN SINGERS

**Threshold Choir** is a national women's organization with a local chapter of women from several faiths here in Lawrence. We provide ease and comfort through singing to those on the threshold of living and dying.

We seek to provide a calm, focused presence with gentle voices to various local senior homes and hospices. To join our simple practice sessions, contact Jean Drumm at (785) 841-6067.

## CHURCH ENTRANCE SUMMER HOURS

In the interest of security and with the lack of activity due to St. John School being on summer break, St. John Church will observe different hours when the doors will be open.

### Summer Hours for Church Entrances:

**Monday – Thursday:** 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

**Friday:** Closed after 7:30 AM Mass

**Saturday:** Open 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

**Sunday:** Open 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Closed on July 4th, 2016

In August, when school is back in session and meetings/school activities begin to resume, we will revert back to a more open schedule. We continually strive to keep our church safe.



### Pregnancy Counseling and Adoption

Pregnancy Counseling and Adoption is the founding program of Catholic Charities that continues today. Confidential pregnancy support services are available free of charge to all those facing an unintended pregnancy regardless of marital status, age, race or faith. For those who have longed to adopt a child, Catholic Charities is a leader in nationally accredited adoption services providing the expertise, experience and honest answers throughout the adoptive experience. For more information, contact Heather Roberts at:

**(913) 433-2063**

[hroberts@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:hroberts@catholiccharitiesks.org)

### Friendly Visitors Program

Do you know of a senior in need of companionship? Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas' Friendly Visitors program pairs homebound seniors with compassionate volunteers.

Carefully screened and trained, volunteers are available to make daily phone calls to check on a senior's well-being or as a medication reminder, visit weekly to combat loneliness or provide transportation to medical appointments or the grocery store (as available).

Services are offered at no charge in Johnson County, Leavenworth, Topeka and Emporia. For more information about these services or to become a volunteer, contact Betsy Holzworth:

**(913)433-2000**

[bholzworth@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:bholzworth@catholiccharitiesks.org)

### Volunteer Drivers Needed During Business Hours In Johnson and Wyandotte Counties

We are seeking volunteers interested in driving Catholic Charities trucks during business hours to pick up thrift store donations and to deliver pallets of food to our pantries. Lifting would be required. For more information please contact Michelle Carlstedt:

**(913) 433-2080**

[mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL ACTION

**By Scott Anderson, Social Concerns Committee**

*In light of the recent death of Father Daniel Berrigan, the social concerns committee thought it fitting to offer here a snapshot of his life.*

Daniel Berrigan was born in Virginia, MN on May 9, 1921, one of six sons. His father was physically abusive to his mother. Violence was routine and as he grew older and saw how their neighbors lived, he was astonished to learn "that wives and husbands were not natural enemies."

From his early youth, he formed a deep attachment to the Church and joined the Jesuits straight out of high school. He was ordained a priest in 1952 and was sent to France where he was impressed by the "worker priests" and their vision of a Church which engaged with ordinary people. He was further influenced by priests and lay people in Eastern Europe. Their churches survived on the margins of Communist society and had developed an activism that dated from the experiences of the Nazi concentration camps.

In 1963, Daniel and his brother Philip founded the Catholic Peace Fellowship to oppose the Vietnam War. This was followed by successive interfaith coalitions with Protestants and Jews. Fr. Berrigan was arrested for the first of many times on October 22, 1967 at a Pentagon protest. In January 1968, he and two other peace activists travelled to Hanoi to receive three American prisoners of war from the North Vietnamese government. On their first night, he and the others were packed into a shelter as the city was pounded by bombs. He never forgot the frightened children he saw that night.

This helped motivate his most famous act of dissidence. On May 17, 1968, Daniel, Philip, and other activists burned draft files at the Selective Service office in Catonsville, MD. They were convicted and sentenced to two years imprisonment. While free on bail, they both went underground. Daniel was at large for five months, giving lectures and writing articles opposing the war until he was apprehended.

In September 1980, the brothers committed another act of civil disobedience, damaging warheads and pouring blood on files at a nuclear facility in Pennsylvania. They were convicted and incarcerated once again. In all, Daniel would spend seven years of his life in prison for advocating peace. He never stopped protesting against war, corporate greed, capital punishment, and abortion: "I see an 'interlocking directorate' of death that binds the whole culture...A decent society should no more have an abortion clinic than the Pentagon."

For Father Daniel, all things came together in Jesus and he consistently advocated for the nonviolence commanded by Christ in the gospels: "The only message I have for the world is: We are not allowed to kill innocent people. We are not allowed to be complicit in murder. We are not allowed to be silent while preparations for mass murder proceed in our name, with our money..."

Father Daniel Berrigan died April 30th of this year, cared for by his Jesuit brothers in a simple room in the Bronx.

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(link also available at [www.saint-johns.net](http://www.saint-johns.net))



# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE PADRE PIO CHAPEL

SUMMER HOURS: MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, 6AM—6PM

The Padre Pio Chapel is located inside the north entrance of St. John Church.  
It is open for anybody to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament during these hours.  
If you can schedule a weekly hour, please email Brandon Volz at: [mrbrandonvolz@gmail.com](mailto:mrbrandonvolz@gmail.com)

## ICONS SPOTLIGHT: NEW TV SHOW

World premier of catholic TV show to air in Overland Park

Hosted by Twin Franciscan Friars,  
**ICONS Spotlight** to Air on EWTN in June

On June 9th, Brother Angelus and Father Innocent Montgomery will join the community of the Church of the Ascension for the world premier of ICONS Spotlight, a week before it airs live on EWTN. The three-part mini-series will feature young adults living lives of courageous faith.

"ICONS Spotlight is an opportunity to dive into the hearts of minds of those that are living for Christ," says Brother Angelus Montgomery, "a chance for them to proclaim from the rooftops what Christ has done for them.

The creative team behind ICONS is led by two young Franciscan Friars, twin Brothers Angelus and Innocent Montgomery, CFR (Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, based in Yonkers, New York). The brothers, who call themselves "twin brothers by birth, religious brothers by choice", are passionate about sharing the Gospel and the New Evangelization.

"We're reaching out to younger audiences by showing them how their peers are living the Gospel message in exciting new ways — ways that are relevant to their own time and in their own communities." explains Brother Innocent. "The Gospel is not boring!" he insists, "We want to share that message in ways that honor how compelling Jesus really is!"

Each episode of ICONS Spotlight will feature an interview with a living ICON- someone so infused with the love of God that they simply cannot help but to live their faith impactfully in the world.

"We're excited to offer this premier at the Church of the Ascension. This parish is close to the heart of the Live Greater Foundation and to our family," says Dick Montgomery, Director of the foundation which houses ICONS Media.

To see a preview for ICONS Spotlight visit:

[https://youtu.be/1S8xtY\\_GS9Q](https://youtu.be/1S8xtY_GS9Q)

To register for this free event visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/icons-spotlight-premier-tickets-25422046024>

## UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE BETTER

Christ's Peace will have a retreat on Understanding the Bible Better on Saturday, June 25 to Sunday, June 26. The retreat begins at 9 am Saturday and closes midafternoon on Sunday. There will be 2 or 3 talks each day, daily Eucharistic Adoration and Mass at the local parish. There will be time for private prayer, spiritual reading, reflection and walks in the woods. The cost is \$85 for individuals and \$125 for couples with all meals included in the cost. If you are interested, contact us at [info@christspiece.com](mailto:info@christspiece.com) or 913-773-8255.

## RCIA ENRICHMENT DAY

A Tour Through the Rites

The Liturgy Office and the Office of Evangelization will be offering a RCIA Enrichment Day - A Tour through the Rites, presented by Father Andrew Strobl and Michael Podrebarac for RCIA directors and teams, Saturday, June 18, 2016, at Savior Pastoral Center from 9am – 12pm. Please save the date! Registration details forthcoming.

## PITCHING FOR PRIESTS

Reserve your spot to ride the RYMO bus to the Pitching for Priests game at T-bones Stadium on June 19! Entire families are welcome. Youth must be accompanied by an adult, and adults should be accompanied by some youth! Purchase tickets for the game online (\$10); make reservations for the bus (\$10) via email at: [ruralyouth@archkck.org](mailto:ruralyouth@archkck.org)

What a wonderful way to celebrate Father's Day - a family outing with Dad to support our Fathers!!

## UNFAILING MERCY: MEN'S RETREAT

*"After my abortion I was broken and needed help. I turned to Project Rachel-Project Joseph. It was the best decision I made."*

Our ministry offers a 1 day retreat Unfailing Mercy, to help people who are suffering regret after abortion to find hope, healing and restoration. Private and CONFIDENTIAL. We will be hosting a MEN'S RETREAT on Saturday, June 25 from 8:30am to 5:00pm. To register or find out more information, call 913-621-2199 in KS and 816-591-3804 in MO, or email [projectrachelkc@archkck.org](mailto:projectrachelkc@archkck.org).

## THRIVE! FOR PARENTS

Parents: Are you THRIVING or just SURVIVING?

"THRIVE! For Parents" is a series of six 90 minute workshops that will help you raise healthy, faith-filled kids. This series is a refreshingly practical intersection of brain science and Catholic teaching presented by national speaker, Dr. Laurie Heap, MD. Sessions will be held at Cure' of Ars in Leawood starting June 29th. For more information and to register, go to: [www.archkck.org/THRIVEparents](http://www.archkck.org/THRIVEparents). Contact Brad DuPont with questions (913) 647-0301.

## THE HOMILIES OF FR. EARL MEYER

Year C, the third and final installment of Fr. Earl's collection of homilies, is available now in the parish office for \$10. Pick yours up today, or complete your collection with Years A and B, also available!

Copies are also available electronically at Amazon, and you can benefit St. John Catholic School by going to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and designating it as your organization for all of your online purchases!



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# MEXICAN FIESTA

**JUNE 24 & 25 • LAWRENCE, KANSAS**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The St John's Mexican Fiesta will be Friday, June 24th and Saturday, June 25th. Be sure to sign up to have some fun volunteering!

[www.stjohnsfiesta.com](http://www.stjohnsfiesta.com)

## FIESTA PRIZES NEEDED!

Do you have any little toys, books, kits, knick-knacks, or other items you can donate to the prize table at the Fiesta childrens' games? If so, please contact Nora Murphy:

**(785) 331-0421**

[nora7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nora7@sbcglobal.net)

## HELP BY DONATING DESSERTS

We are asking each parish family to donate 1 cake or 1 pie (not meringue or cream) to the Fiesta. Please bring your desserts to the Church Hall by noon on Saturday June 25th. Thank you!

## COOLERS NEEDED!

We need 20 large coolers. If you are willing to loan a cooler, please leave it in the Church Hall on Thursday, June 23rd and pick up after Fiesta on Sunday, June 26th from the Church Hall. Please place your name on the cooler.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday, June 24: 6:00pm – 11:30pm

**6:00 – 10:00pm**

**Authentic Mexican Food**

**5:00pm**

**Mariachi Girasol**

**6:30pm – 7:30pm**

**St. John's Fiesta Dancers**

**8:00pm – 11:30pm**

**Grupo Picante w/ DJ Ritmo & friends**

**6:00 – 9:00pm**

**Bounce House**

### Saturday, June 25: 6:00pm – 11:30pm

**6:00pm – 10:00pm**

**Authentic Mexican Food**

**6:00pm – 9:00pm**

**Carnival games for kids & bounce house**

**5:30pm**

**Mariachi Mexico**

**6:30pm – 7:30pm**

**St. John's Fiesta Dancers**

**8:00pm – 11:30pm**

**Las Estrellas w/ DJ Ritmo & friends**

# IN MEMORIAM

## JERRY ALBERTSON

### PRAYER LIST

*The "Prayer List" includes the most recent information that the Simon Parish Center has about a parishioner and/or their family member. Contact the Simon Parish Center to request someone for the "Prayer List" and be sure to update the Parish Center monthly regarding their condition or the name will be removed.*

- Frank Acinger**, brother of Bernadette West
- Jerry Albertson**
- Grace Austin**
- Samantha Bell**
- Katie Benton**
- Mariele Berthold**
- Remi Brown**
- Dale Brueggeman**, husband of Debbie Filkins
- Chris Crandon**
- Karen Dunn**, mother of Meg Milburn
- Buddy Hadl**
- Terry Hadl**
- Judy Hill**
- Lily Hollister**, niece of Tom Kellogg
- Bob Holek**
- Nancy Hubble**, wife of Tom Kellogg
- Susan Jones**, sister of Patti Fisher
- Diana Mathhews**
- Phillip McCarthy**
- Marianne Fabac Means**
- Julie Patterson**, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter
- Fred Posch**
- CB Riling**
- Lillie Savage**, grandniece of Stephanie Stewart
- Michael Schurer**, son of Mick Schurer
- Julia Scott**, friend of Monica Cordova
- Sydney Tann**
- John Woods**

### MINISTERS: JUNE 18-19

#### Lectors

Contact: Sean Smith  
seanj@ku.edu

#### Cantors

- Saturday**  
4:30pm ..... Anniversary Choir
- Sunday**  
7:00am ..... K Colson  
8:30am ..... A Mauler

#### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday**  
4:30pm ..... L Reimond, MA Roesner, L Seidl  
..... D Weigel, L Arnold, B Brill
- Sunday**  
7:00am ..... B Osborne, L Wustefeld, B Harmon  
8:30am ..... D Hoss, K Kohnke, K Ostrander  
..... Y Ruder, L Scott, M Steichen, B Volz  
11:00am ..... L Tiffany, T Towle, N Allensworth  
..... B Baska, B Bermudez, C Bial, D Bradley  
5:00pm ..... A McCabe, S Murray, T Reznicek  
..... D&E Schmidt, J Weeks

#### Altar Servers

- Saturday**  
4:30pm ..... J Krones, G Ohlmacher
- Sunday**  
7:00am ..... J Hope, N Hope  
8:30am ..... N Smith, D Turner  
11:00am ..... E Bial, F Kramer  
5:00pm ..... B Diers, R Diers

### MASSES: JUNE 13-19

- Monday**  
7:30am..... Barnaba Lee†
- Tuesday**  
7:30am..... Beth Large†
- Wednesday**  
7:30am..... Albert Nordhust†
- Thursday**  
7:30am..... Charles and Anna Laskowski†
- Friday**  
7:30am..... Grace Austin†
- Saturday**  
8am..... Pete Louis James Jr.†  
4:30pm ..... Helen N. Fluker†
- Sunday**  
7:00am..... St. Johns Parish  
8:30am..... Ervin Huslig†  
10:30am..... Mary and Pete James†  
1:00pm (Spanish) ..... Agripina Mendoza†  
5:00pm ..... Gene Hieman†

### WEEKLY GIVING

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

Information below  
reflects donations received  
July 1, 2015 through June 5, 2016.

Budgeted weekly amount .....	\$30,692.31
Average weekly amount .....	<b>\$27,589.86</b>
Budgeted YTD .....	\$1,473,231.81
Actual YTD .....	<b>\$1,324,313.54</b>
Net Shortage.....	\$148,918.27

### 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 the St. John parish office at **(785) 843-0109**. Meals are currently needed for Wednesdays in June & July!

Bring meals to the Simon Parish Center at St. John by 4:00pm.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be Thursday, July 14. 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!

# FOCUS ON THE WORD

## Everyday Stewardship

It is interesting the number of high school juniors and seniors that start getting involved in many school clubs, civic organizations, and even church activities. Don't get me wrong. The work they do is often greatly needed in the communities in which they spend their time and give of their talent. And I get it, since I have encouraged my own children to get more involved. However, many of these teens were missing in action during the first years of high school. There is one major motivator that gets them going and parents like me pushing: college applications.

Wouldn't it be awesome if more people, regardless of their age, gave of themselves on a more regular and consistent basis? Too many of us need college applications or job resumes as motivation to get involved. What if more people did all these things simply because they had been changed into people that could see themselves living life no other way?

If we are to be crucified with Christ, we should see no other way of living. And our motivation matters, because we can't gain eternal life from giving of ourselves. Only faith in Christ can give us that. We act a certain way because, as Paul said to the Galatians, "Yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me." Good stewardship is not about actions; it is a way of living. You don't give of yourself because it is the right thing to do, but instead because it is what you do.

In the end, the stewardship way of life won't get you into a good college or get you a great job. Also, it won't gain you eternal life. But you will live eternally with God, not because of what you did, but because when God looks he won't see you, he will see Jesus.

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## 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears." This woman gave everything she had to Jesus in her courageous display of public repentance.

The flask of ointment, for starters, was undoubtedly very expensive. To anoint Jesus in this way was to pamper him with a luxury. Thus she honored Jesus with the best gift she could give. But more than this external offering, the woman also "gave" Jesus her tears. She wept for her sins, for the hope of forgiveness, and for the love of Christ. She literally poured herself out before Jesus as she revealed the depths of her soul. Also, to wipe his feet with her hair was to give the gift of her humility. Cleaning someone's feet is a lowly task to begin with; but to use her own hair for the job revealed that she did not think of herself as "too good." Simon the Pharisee, on the other hand, had exactly that problem.

Jesus used the opportunity to distinguish between those who love much, and those who love little. The self-righteous, like Simon, have little room in their hearts for love of others because they are so full of the love of themselves. They feel they have nothing to repent for. This woman, however, acknowledged her weakness humbly and was all the more ready and willing to love.

We, of course, are challenged to be as generous, courageous, and humble as this sinful woman. We are called not to compare our sins to others' that are "worse" than ours, but rather to honestly recognize where we have failed. Then, like this woman, we can show great love to Christ by giving him the very best of what we have.

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## Kids: Sharing the Gospel



### Sharing the Gospel

The woman in today's Gospel was not well-liked in her town. She had made some pretty bad choices, and everybody knew it.

In her heart she knew she had really messed up, and she was truly sorry. With a broken heart, she found Jesus. When Jesus saw the faith in her heart, he forgave her. He gave her the freedom to live a better life.

### Prayer

Dear God, help me to be truly sorry for my sins.

### Mission for the Week

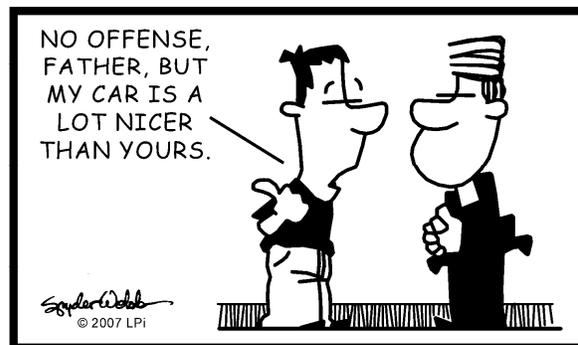
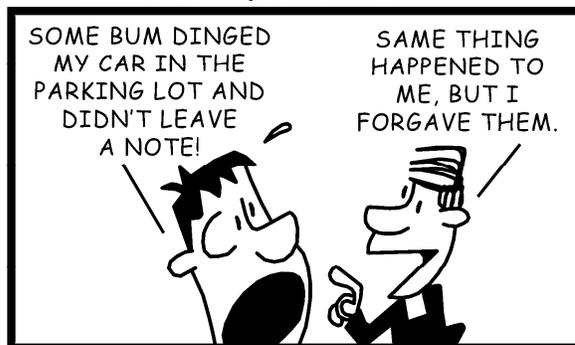
If there is someone in your class who is not well-liked, show God's love by being kind.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11/Gal 2:16, 19-21/Lk 7:36-8:3 or 7:36-50
- Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-7/Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-6, 11, 16/Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20-21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-7/Mt 6:7-15
- Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23
- Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-34/Mt 6:24-34
- Next Sunday: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24

## 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## CLASE PREBAUTISMAL en BLESSED SACRAMENT:

La clase pre-bautismal es **cada segundo sábado del mes** en un salón del Ministerio Hispano. Es obligatorio registrarse primero en la oficina parroquial llamando a Jessie al tel. 913 321 1958.

## "Fortaleciendo los lazos del Matrimonio para unir a nuestra familia" Junio 25 y 26 del 2016:

Déjanos ayudarte a mantener el propósito de tu matrimonio este evento de dos días te dará a tu y a tu pareja el tiempo para dedicarse el uno para el otro en una manera divertida y en ambiente relajado. No importa si has estado casado 2. 12. O 20 años. Vengan preparados para disfrutar y aprender juntos habilidades de comunicación expectativas en su relación, resolución de conflictos y toma de decisiones y mucho más. Habrá también formación para sus jóvenes de 13 a 16 años. \$40 por pareja, \$10cada joven, cuidado de \$5 para cada niño.

Será llevado a cabo en el Centro Familiar de la parroquia de Blessed Sacrament 2215 Parallel Ave KCKS 66104.

## 1er ECCLE REGIONAL "Su Misericordia es Inagotable":

Sábado 2 de Julio del 2016, Sitio: St. Pius X Catholic Church 5500 Woodson Rd Mission, KS 66202:

Los Conferencistas del ECCLE son Padre Jaime Alberto Pérez de Colombia, el Padre Roberto Mena de Guatemala y Francisco Pacho Prieto de Houston. Un ECCLE es un Encuentro de Líderes de la Renovación Carismática Católica Hispana de la región 6. Estamos invitando a todos los que ejercen un ministerio diocesano, o un ministerio más amplio que sólo un Grupo de Oración. Si Ud. cree que hay alguien en su Diócesis que debe ser invitado, favor de llamar a Marisol Villa, para que podamos extender una invitación. El teléfono de Marisol es (913) 522-6385. La Secretaría Juvenil organizará un Taller Juvenil dentro del Programa del ECCLE. Esperamos que cada Diócesis lleve a sus líderes juveniles.

## Escuela de Teología Básica para laicos último año:

El curso termina con la graduación de 20 personas el Julio 11, 2016. ¿Tienen candidatos para el próximo ciclo? Llamen a la Hna Maria Orosco de Ministerio Hispano al 913 634 1480.

## Taller para catequistas:

Julio 20, 27 Agosto 3, 10 con un retiro final el 20 de Agosto 2016. Los catequista que quieran formación pueden llamar a Lety Fernández 913 220 5315 o Judith Breton 913 433 4786 para más informaciones.

## Próximos cursos de VIRTUS:

Los vamos a tener en la parroquia de St. Paul in Olathe. Las fechas son:

**Julio 29 en Ingles 6:00-9:00 pm**

**Julio 30 en Español 8:30 am-12:00 pm**

El cupo es limitado y el párroco tiene que apoyar el candidato. Si tiene preguntas llamen a Karla Melgar.

St. Paul Catholic Church (913) 764-1584 ext.103 [kmelgar@spcatholic.org](mailto:kmelgar@spcatholic.org)

## Próximo retiro de 15era:

20 y 21 de Agosto en la parroquia de Santa María y San Antonio. Llamar al Ministerio Hispano para registrarse.

**12 de junio de 2016**

## **11° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

El Papa Francisco en su pontificado ha insistido mucho en la necesidad que existe en el mundo del perdón, añadiendo que esta necesidad debe ir acompañada de misericordia. El Evangelio de este domingo nos ofrece un retrato característico de Cristo, liberador de la enfermedad, de la muerte y, ahora, liberador del pecado. La experiencia del ser humano es la fragilidad al pecado. La respuesta de Dios al mundo dada por medio de Cristo es el triunfo del amor y del perdón. Las lecturas de hoy son ricas en este misterio, perdonar-amar. David peca y trata de esconder su pecado, poniendo a su servidor, Urías, frente a su enemigo para que muera y así tomar a su mujer. David se arrepiente e inmediatamente escuchamos la respuesta de Dios por medio de Natán. "Dios te perdona tu pecado, no morirás".

¿Cómo aplicamos el perdón de Dios recibido en el sacramento de la reconciliación? ¿Qué respuesta damos a los demás al sentir el perdón de Dios en nuestra vida? Dios es fuente de amor y su respuesta es el perdón. Pidamos al Señor que nos haga conscientes de nuestras faltas, para así llegar a sentir la urgencia de su perdón en nosotros. El mensaje es rico en la misericordia de Dios que libera, ayudando a nacer a una nueva vida. Vivir en otro estilo, buscar sin tregua la ricura de ese Dios que se complace en su Hijo que da la vida por cada persona y que en sus últimos momentos aun le pide al Padre por nosotros: "Padre, perdónalos, porque no saben lo que hacen" (Lc 23, 34).

## **Las lecturas de la semana del 12 de junio de 2016**

Domingo: 2 Sm 12, 7-10. 13/Sal 32, 1-2. 5. 7. 11/Gal 2, 16. 19-21/  
Lc 7, 36-8, 3 o 7, 36-50

Lunes: 1 Re 21, 1-16/Sal 5, 2-7/Mt 5, 38-42

Martes: 1 Re 21, 17-29/Sal 51, 3-6. 11. 16/Mt 5, 43-48

Miércoles: 2 Re 2, 1. 6-14/Sal 31, 20-21. 24/Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18

Jueves: Eclo 48, 1-14/Sal 97, 1-7/Mt 6, 7-15

Viernes: 2 Re 11, 1-4. 9-18. 20/Sal 132, 11-14. 17-18/Mt 6, 19-23

Sábado: 2 Cr 24, 17-25/Sal 89, 4-5. 29-34/Mt 6, 24-34

Domingo siguiente: Zac 12, 10-11; 13, 1/Sal 63, 2-6. 8-9/Gal 3, 26-29/  
Lc 9, 18-24

**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 pos nuestras necesidades y por los que amamos; también si alguno de sus parientes fallece podemos hacer el novenario, nos vemos los lunes en LA CAPILLA DEL PADRE PIO, frente a las veladoras.

**PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR** Cada primer sábado del mes de 6:00 a 9:00 de la noche, sin niños, llamar antes para anotar su asistencia.

**RECICLAGE** Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parroquia, por un mundo mas limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota. Gracias.

**LA FE SE PUEDE ALIMENTAR** Hermano, a veces te sientes triste o con necesidad de Dios, ven yo te puedo acompañar a orar, nos podemos ver en la Iglesia o en la oficina. Estoy para ayudarte. Oro por todos, bendiciones María Mota.