

MAY 1, 2016
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Student artwork on display at the St. John School Fine Arts Evening.



**THE FRANCISCAN
JOURNEY**

Tuesday, May 3rd, 7:00 p.m.
See page 7 for details.

**RESERVOIR
ADORATION**

Wednesday, May 4th, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
See page 6 for details.

On Thursday, April 21, St. John School hosted its Fine Arts Evening. Original artwork from students in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade was on display—with many pieces for sale—along with flowers, vegetables and herbs grown by the St. John School Green Team. You can see more images from this wonderful evening at: www.saint-johns.net/school

BREAD to Offer



IN SERVICE OF THE LORD AND HIS CHURCH

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.

At the 2:00 Mass last Sunday, we celebrated Maria Mota's 35th anniversary of profession as a lay member of the Society of St. Paul. Two Paulist priests from Mexico celebrated the 2:00 Sunday Mass for Maria on her special day, Fr. Mario from Mexico City and Fr. Carlos from Guadalajara. During the Mass, Maria publicly renewed her commitment to the Society. Maria sees her Paulist vocation and mission as evangelization through catechesis and faith formation. She has been indispensable here at St. John as she meets with and instructs Spanish-speaking youth, adults, engaged couples, and quinceaneras in their faith development and maturity. Maria is very close to the Hispanic community in our parish, referring to them as "her brothers and sisters." She loves them very much and desires that they continue to deepen their faith commitment to our Lord. Maria herself has a deep and personal faith relationship with Jesus, whom she refers to as "mi honey." While Maria loves all our parish staff, she is especially fond of those staff with whom she has worked for many years: Lois, Lisa, Cris, and Jen, whom she refers to as "Jennie." They assist Maria with organization of catechesis programs, trips to the airport, obtaining airline tickets, and they provide emotional and prayer support to her as her sisters in Jesus. Maria is in constant communication with the Hispanic people (and she is adept at texting!). In all of these ways, Maria is a true member of the Society of St. Paul. The Society of St. Paul was founded in 1914 by Fr. James Alberione to bring the Gospel to people through the media. The Paulists are still known for their media publications and productions. In particular, they bring papal encyclicals and other church documents to us in a simple format. At the time of Fr. Alberione's death in 1971, their society numbered 7,000. Today, the Paulist Fathers, Sisters, and lay members number more than 10,000. Congratulations and many blessings on your anniversary, Maria!

I would like to bring to your attention another religious vocation in our parish, that of Jonathan Fox, a St. John Parishioner, alumnus of St. John School, and a seminarian at Conception Seminary in Conception, Missouri. Jonathan is completing his two years of philosophical studies and will graduate on Saturday, May 14th. After working this summer with Prayer and Action, and a trip to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland with Archbishop Naumann, Jonathan will move on to theology studies for the priesthood at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis. I had a nice visit with Jonathan at Conception this past week. He is doing very well and is ahead of schedule, with all but one of his papers already finished. He will have exams the week of May 9th – 13th. Please keep Jonathan in your prayers.

If you are aware of a young person who seems to be a good candidate for the priesthood, sisterhood, or brotherhood, pray for that person and encourage him or her to consider a vocation to the religious life and/or priesthood. Sometimes it takes just a gentle nudge from someone to motivate a person in that direction. You never know, Jesus may be using you as he used Andrew to get Simon Peter to meet Jesus!

- Fr. Jeff

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

Please join us for St. John Café every Sunday between the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. St. John Café is an opportunity to have time in fellowship with your fellow parishioners in a relaxed environment with good coffee, pastries, and engaging conversation on the Catholic faith moderated by one of the parish priests. You can ask all those burning questions!

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

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

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

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

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



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
 Hours Mon-Thur: 8:30am-5pm
 Fri: 8:30am-4pm

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

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 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 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.

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 9:45am-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. 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 (times vary). 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.

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 on various Wednesdays and Sundays throughout the year. See 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 Eichor
 In Residence Fr. Mike Scully
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 Patty Gudian (afternoons)
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 Religious Ed, Director Pat Newton
 Religious Ed, Assistant Lois Mersmann
 Technology Karen Dixon
 Pastoral Assistant/Events Calendar Ellen Sickinger
 Youth Minister Jennifer Meitl Conrad
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 1208 Kentucky St. (785) 843-9511
www.saint-johns.net/school

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 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

GROCERY CARDS & TRASH BAGS

May 7-8

**Padre Pio Chapel @ North Entrance
after all Masses except 2pm and 5pm**

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.**

PRE-ORDER FORM

Name:

Phone:

GROCERY CARDS

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

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 interested please contact Samantha Romero at sromero@saint-johns.net or (785) 843-0109.

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

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.

The hour includes the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone welcome.

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: Whenever you are tempted to judge someone, turn your attention to seeing that person as a child of God.

Verse to Live: "Who are you to judge your neighbor?"
{James 4:12}

Question to Consider: How will your key relationships improve if they are free from judgment?

Prayer: Jesus, make me aware just before I am about to fall into judging someone, and give me the grace to stop myself.

FROM PRISON TO FREEDOM

A Talk by Exoneree Floyd Bledsoe

Come hear from Floyd Bledsoe, who was recently exonerated of a 1999 Jefferson County murder after spending 15 years in prison. He will be sharing his story of wrongful conviction and his personal journey of forgiveness. This event is sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee as a Jubilee of Mercy activity. All are welcome!

Date: **Saturday, May 21** Time: **7:00 p.m.**

Location: **Parish Basement**

ARCHDIOCESAN 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The invitations for the Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration at Church of the Nativity, June 5, will be mailed soon. If you have additional couples to be included, please let us know as soon as possible.

Please email flifsec@archkck.org or call Mary Anne at (913) 647-0345. Thank you.

NFP TEACHER PROGRAM

Are you interested in teaching NFP?

The Office of Marriage and Family Life of the Catholic Diocese of Wichita announces a very exciting opportunity for training new FertilityCare Practitioners. The FertilityCare Services Practitioner Education Program: Education Phase I, June 4 – 11, 2016 and Education Phase II, December 4 -10, 2016. The FertilityCare PRACTITIONER Program prepares students to teach the CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare System. The program was developed through the Pope Paul VI Institute in Omaha, Nebraska, according to basic education principles utilized in allied health courses. Please contact Becky Knapp in the Office at 316-685-5240 or visit the website for more details:

catholicdioceseofwichita.org/mfl

POLSKI DAY

The 32nd annual Polski Day Celebration will be held at All Saints Parish, Kansas City, Kansas, on Saturday, May 7th, 2016. A parade, polka bands and dancing, Polish food, Polka Mass and Polish items for sale are all part of this grand day. New volunteers are always a welcomed addition to help staff this fun event!

Donations are greatly appreciated and information for the event can be found on the website:

www.polskiday.com

The profits from the event help preserve this historic church and parish grounds. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Cathy Kolenda-Smith at (913) 721-0081.

FREE PARTY TABLEWARE KITS

Are you planning a casual gathering that involves food any time soon? St. John has two party tableware kits that can be checked out to use at your block parties, BBQs, family reunions, potlucks, graduation & birthday parties and other gatherings.

Each kit contains 20 reusable plastic plates and cups, metal silverware and cloth napkins. These kits will save you the expense of buying disposable tableware and save our landfills at the same time! To reserve the kit, contact Erin Schmidt at erinanddave@yahoo.com or (785)813-5169.

DONNELLY COLLEGE

This spring, consider summer or fall courses at Donnelly College — your Archdiocesan college since 1949. Contact our Admissions team today to schedule a visit of our Kansas City, Kansas campus!

Learn more and set up your visit:

- Email: admissions@donnelly.edu
- 608 N. 18th Street, KCK 66102
- Call: (913) 621-8706

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"I place much of my hope for the future in marriage encounter." —St. John Paul II

Your honeymoon was a special time. Wherever you went, the things you saw and did were secondary. Just being together was most important. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has the same focus. The weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. The next Weekends in Kansas City are May 13-15, 2016 and Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2016 For more information or to apply, please visit our website:

www.wwme4youandme.org

or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman at (816) 741-4066 or email them at tonybarbz@prodigy.net

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Mission statement:

The mission of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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 or hroberts@catholiccharitiesks.org

Catholic Community Hospice

Catholic Community Hospice, a ministry of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, is the only hospice in the Greater Kansas City area specifically sanctioned by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann. Our hospice services are provided by a trained, Catholic Patient Care Team and are not only framed by the Catholic Ethical and Religious Directives, but are woven through and through with a commitment to each patient's Catholicity. If you or a loved one is facing a terminal illness and would like to learn more about compassionate, end-of-life care in the privacy of your own home or nursing facility, please call us at (913) 621-5090 or visit: catholiccommunityhospice.com


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RESERVOIR ADORATION

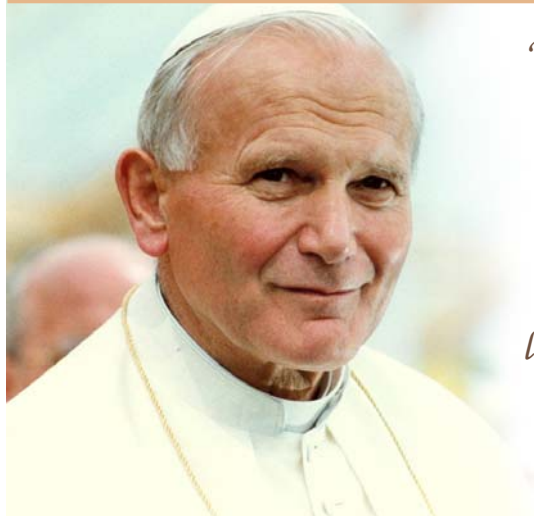
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & MUSIC AT ST. JOHN CHURCH

THIS WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH

7-8PM

CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE IN THE PADRE PIO CHAPEL

(This is the last Reservoir Adoration scheduled until next school year)



*“Yes, dear brothers and sisters,
our Christian communities must become genuine
“schools” of prayer, where the meeting with Christ
is expressed not just in imploring help
but also in thanksgiving, praise, adoration, contemplation,
listening and ardent devotion,
until the heart truly “falls in love”.*

-Saint Pope John Paul II



DAILY ADORATION IN THE PADRE PIO CHAPEL

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 6AM—10PM

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

SCHEDULE A WEEKLY ADORATION HOUR

Though it is not necessary to schedule a time to visit the Padre Pio chapel for adoration, this ministry does depend on volunteers to be present with the Holy Eucharist at all available hours. Please consider adding an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to your weekly schedule. We currently need adorers for the following times:

Monday: 7:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
Friday: 7:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.

If you can schedule a weekly hour, please email Brandon Volz at: mrbrandonvolz@gmail.com

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Come receive the sacrament of reconciliation in the Padre Pio chapel during the following times:

Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Or by appointment - Call (785) 843-0109 to schedule one,
or email: frjeff@saint-johns.net or frbarnabas@saint-johns.net

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

There will be Anointing of the Sick in the church after the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass on April 30 and all Masses on Sunday, May 1.



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 at (785) 331-0421, or email nora7@sbcglobal.net.

FIESTA MEETING

There will be a Fiesta meeting on **Wednesday, May 11th starting at 7pm** in the school library at St. John School. Contact Frank Lemus with any questions at (785) 691-8769 or flemusjr@sbcglobal.net.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

For those adults baptized as Catholics but who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, Archbishop Naumann will be conferring the sacrament at a special evening Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, in Kansas City.

To prepare those interested, four sessions will be offered in the St. John church basement on Monday evenings from 7-8 p.m. The dates for the sessions are April 18 and 25 and May 2 and 9. Attendance is required for any adults wishing to receive the sacrament this year from Archbishop Naumann.

Contact Michael Podrebarac at liturgy@archkck.org with any questions or concerns, and to enroll for the sessions.

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) for more information.

MARRIAGE MINUTE

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the promise that the Holy Spirit will come to teach us and remind us of everything that Jesus taught us. Because of this promise, Jesus consoles us and says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." In other words, as we learn from the Holy Spirit, we are strengthened in hope.

One way to learn from the Holy Spirit is to listen to the Pope. Recently, Pope Francis published a new document entitled, "**The Joy of Love**" on the dignity of marriage and family life. Papal documents can be intimidating, but the Pope has a very simple writing style. Consider reading it together as a married couple. Chapters 4 and 5 would be a great place to start for engaged and married couples to reflect on the dignity of the married relationship and the importance of parenting.

To download the document, go to vatican.va and click on "English," and the option to download the document will appear.

SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL ACTION

By Scott Anderson

Who Is Dorothy Day?

Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker movement was born November 8, 1897 in Brooklyn, NY.

As a young woman, she lived a Bohemian existence in New York. Following a failed love affair which ended in her having an abortion, she wallowed in despair. Her attraction to the Catholic Church began around this time. Eventually, she found a new love and became pregnant again. This time she kept the child but her common-law husband had no use for religion or fatherhood and they parted. Dorothy had her child baptized in the Catholic Church, followed soon by her own baptism.

Her lifelong concern for the poor was now joined to Christ's admonition to love everyone, however humble. In 1933 she founded the Catholic Worker newspaper "for those who are huddling in shelters trying to escape the rain, for those who are walking the streets in the all but futile search for work, for those who think that there is no hope for the future, no recognition of their plight."

She established "houses of hospitality" where food, clothing, and shelter would be offered to those in need. Hospitality houses spread throughout the country until the beginning of World War II.

Dorothy was a pacifist, a highly unpopular view after the attack on Pearl Harbor. She continued her activism in the struggle for peace and civil rights for the rest of her life. In the mid-seventies, her heart began to fail and she battled ill health until her death on November 9, 1980 at the age of 83.

At the center of Dorothy's beliefs were the words of Christ and her love of the Church as His body. She was a radical and believed that Jesus called on us to love radically. She did not just hand out food, clothing, and shelter. She gave of herself to all those she could, whether mentally ill or deficient, however unpleasant their personality or hygiene, the addicted and the criminal.

She was often reviled as a Communist but she made light of this: "If you feed the poor, you're a saint. If you ask why they're poor, you're a Communist." She believed in "a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us"

As for sainthood, she often said "Don't call me a saint. I don't want to be dismissed that easily." She felt we were all called to be saints saying, "Anyone can do this work, whoever or wherever you are." Her cause for canonization has been opened by the Church and she thus has been designated by Pope Francis as a Servant Of God.



the FRANCISCAN Journey

This **Tuesday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m.**, Fr. Mike will continue teaching his ongoing course on Franciscan living. The class will meet in **Room 205 of St. John School.**

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

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

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.

Jerry Albertson
Matthew Arellano
Samantha Bell
Katie Benton
Mariele Berthold
Remi Brown
Dale Brueggeman, husband of Debbie Filkins
Chris Crandon
Don Erker
Terry Hadl
Jenny Hernandez
Judy Hill
Lily Hollister, niece of Tom Kellogg
Bob Holek
Nancy Hubble, wife of Tom Kellogg
Susan Jones, sister of Patti Fisher
Diana Mathews
Phillip McCarthy
Marianne Fabac Means
Dee Myers
Julie Patterson, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter
Max Polson
Fred Posch
Dorothy Purdy
Marlene Richard
Tony Romero
Eli Rohrbaugh
Mark Salamans
Lillie Savage, grandniece of Stephanie Stewart
Michael Schurer, son of Mick Schurer
Mary Kay Seidl
Sydney Tann
Ruth Theising
Shannon Tuckwin-Rolland
John Woods

MINISTERS: MAY 7-8

Lectors

Saturday
 4:30pm L1: R Entwistle; L2: J Snyder

Sunday
 7:00am L1: B Kish; L2: C Winkelbauer
 8:30am L1: L Leroux-Smith; L2: F St. Ines
 11:00am L1: J Gripka; L2: C Dominguez
 5:00pm L1: M D'Souza; L2: D Koger

Cantors

Saturday
 4:30pm L Koster

Sunday
 7:00am J Kroner
 8:30am T Noll

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Sunday
 7:00am L Wustefeld, S&J Grzymala-Busse
 8:30am E Grob-Creasey, S Galarza Liu
 D Hoss, J Huss, M Ice
 S Jahn, C Johnson
 11:00am P Gripka, D&J&T Gungelman
 P Lyon, J Mercier, C Nieto-Boor
 5:00pm S Murray, T Reznicek, D Schmidt
 J Weeks, D Wulf-Walter, N Albrecht

Altar Servers

Saturday
 4:30pm G Ohlmacher, Volunteer

Sunday
 7:00am N Hope, J Hope
 8:30am A Augustine, A Augustine
 11:00am F Kramer, E Bellerive, C Finkeldei
 5:00pm L Schmidt, O Schmidt

MASSES: MAY 2-8

Monday
 7:30am James Richard Eichor†

Tuesday
 7:30am Norbert Smitts†

Wednesday
 7:30am John Francis Head†

Thursday
 7:30am Osborn-O'Connor Family†

Friday
 7:30am Stephen Peter & Nicholas Peter†

Saturday
 8:00am Stanislaw Andrzejewska
 4:30pm Fred & Theresa Zillner†

Sunday
 7:00am Maureen Osborne†
 8:30am Mary Ann Huslig†
 11:00am St. John Parish
 2:00pm (Spanish) Maria Mercedes Vidal†
 5:00pm Don Erker

WEEKLY GIVING

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

Information below
 reflects donations received
 July 1, 2015 through April 24, 2016.

Budgeted weekly amount \$30,692.31
 Average weekly amount **\$27,967.55**
 Budgeted YTD \$1,289,077.02
 Actual YTD **\$1,174,637.18**
 Net Shortage \$114,439.84

RESERVING SPACE

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

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

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

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

MEALS FOR THE FRIARS

The Capuchins are looking for volunteers who can cook meals for the six friars in Lawrence. If interested, please contact the St. John parish office at (785) 843-0109. Meals are currently needed for Wednesdays in May and June!

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, May 12. 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!



Everyday Stewardship

6th Sunday of Easter

Kids: Sharing the Gospel

I found a list online entitled "101 Ways to Show You Love Somebody." It was produced as a project in secondary schools somewhere in the United Kingdom, and was apparently inspired by a similar list and project in Iowa. The ideas have to do with romantic love, but most could be showing anyone close to you that you care. Some ideas involve food (#33, bake a cake), some ideas strike me as a little much (#44, cut each other's toenails), and some are simple yet profound (#51, trust one another). But just to read through the list of all 101 ideas makes you realize that not only are there so many ways to show someone love, but that we sometimes miss many fundamental ways of doing so.

We as humans, too often, turn love into something extraordinary and larger than life, when the most extraordinary thing about love is that is so very ordinary. Love permeates the lives of those who choose to devote themselves to it. It doesn't have to be about the big events. It is about the smaller everyday happenings, like #11 on the list, which is "spend time together." Anyone can buy a big present or make a big dinner, but only a true lover sees opportunities for love in the mundane and ordinary.

Jesus said, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." What are you doing to show your love for Jesus? How do you keep his word? The answer lies in what you do every day, not just on a Sunday or a holy day. Trusting in him and just spending time with him are ideas that made the list. Simple but more profound and life-changing than most realize.

Of course you want the list! Enjoy (www.priory.com/paeds/101%20ways.htm) and begin actively loving others and God in so many ways today!

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Can we hear Jesus saying these words to us? It's often easier for us to imagine the apostles hearing this consoling command and following it, than to think of it really applying to us. After all, Jesus was standing right there with them. Can he really expect US, two thousand years later, not to be troubled by the cares of life? But the fact is that the gift Jesus was giving to his disciples, he has also given to us: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name."

Jesus told them that peace would be theirs, and it can also be ours. Peace is, in fact, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, along with love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. These fruits don't come from us. They aren't just for people with certain cheery personalities. These fruits come from God straight into our souls through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. Through our baptism and confirmation, Jesus gives us the gift of his Spirit. And then his peace, and so many other gifts can truly become ours if we open our hearts to them.

This is a reality that we can contemplate whenever worry or anxiety strike. Whatever may be disturbing our inner peace—whether it be a family feud, some kind of physical suffering, or a difficult decision to make at work or school—we can take comfort in knowing that we can find peace even in the midst of the problem. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you," Jesus says. But he continues, "Not as the world gives do I give it to you." In other words, God doesn't promise to take away the struggle in an instant. But he does promise to give us his peace even in the midst of life's trials and tribulations.

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Sharing the Gospel

Jesus wants you to love him so much that you will always do what he asks. Jesus knows that if you put God first, you will have peace. Instead of wanting more toys, you will be happy to share them. Instead of wanting to get your own way, you will enjoy taking turns. You will feel good helping other people.

Prayer

Dear God, change my heart so that I want to put you and other people first.

Mission for the Week

I will invite a friend over to play. I will share and take turns.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/ Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1-6, 9/ Jn 15:26--16:4a
Tuesday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-5/Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/ Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday:	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/ Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 or Eph 1:17-23/ Lk 24:46-53

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



LEVÁNTATE CATÓLICO

Escuche 24 horas cada día la Radio Católica por medio de Internet. Entre en el portal de "Levántate Católico" y pulse donde dice "en vivo". Este programa es un proyecto de la Parroquia de Our Lady of Unity del barrio Argentine en KCK. Recientemente el Sr. Arzobispo bendijo las instalaciones de la radio y dio su apoyo y felicitaciones invitando a los hispanos de la Arquidiócesis a conectarse.

PROYECTO RAQUEL & JOSE

Este programa es de apoyo y sanación para toda persona que sufre trastornos emocionales y de fe a causa del aborto, la muerte de un ser querido, violencia doméstica, enfermedad, etc... Para mayor información llame a las personas de contacto arriba mencionadas o a la Hna. María Orozco, asesora del programa, al **(913) 281-6644**.

Para las parroquias de Johnson County: los lunes de 7:00-9:00 pm en la Iglesia de Holy Cross, Overland Park, KS, contacto: **Ludys (913) 748-1836**.

Para las parroquias de Wyandotte County: los martes de 7:00-9:00pm en las oficinas del Ministerio Hispano, 2215 Parallel Ave., KCK, contacto **Ismelda Marroquín (913) 244-7145**.

MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA

¿Te gusta cantar? ¿Tocas algún instrumento musical, o te gustaría aprender? Ven a practicar con nosotros, comunícate al **(785) 218-1511**.

CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO

A las 8 de la noche rezamos el Santo Rosario, para pedir por nuestras necesidades y por los que amamos; también si alguno de sus parientes fallece podemos hacer el novenario, nos vemos los lunes en LA CAPILLA DEL PADRE PIO, frente a las veladoras.

PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR

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

RECICLAGE

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

Las lecturas de la semana del 1 de mayo de 2016

Domingo: Hch 15, 1-2. 22-29/Sal 67, 2-3. 5-6. 8/Ap 21, 10-14. 22-23/Jn 14, 23-29
 Lunes: Hch 16, 11-15/Sal 149, 1-6. 9/Jn 15, 26--16, 4
 Martes: 1 Cor 15, 1-8/Sal 19, 2-5/Jn 14, 6-14
 Miércoles: Hch 17, 15. 22--18, 1/Sal 148, 1-2. 11-14/Jn 16, 12-15
 Jueves: Hch 18, 1-8/Jn 16, 16-20
 Viernes: Hch 18, 9-18/Sal 47, 2-7/Jn 16, 20-23
 Sábado: Hch 18, 23-28/Sal 47, 2-3. 8-10/Jn 16, 23-28
 Domingo siguiente: Ascensión: Hch 1, 1-11/Sal 47, 2-3. 6-9/
 Heb 9, 24-28; 10, 19-23 o Ef 1, 17-23/Lc 24, 46-53

1 de mayo de 2016

6° Domingo de Pascua

Estamos avanzando en el camino de la Pascua y nos estamos aproximando a la fiesta de Pentecostés. San Juan nos dice que es el Espíritu Santo el que nos hará recordar todo lo que Cristo nos dijo --palabra por palabra serán esclarecidas las enseñanzas del Evangelio. En la lectura de hoy por ejemplo: Jesús nos brinda su paz la cual es muy distinta a la que da el mundo. "Les doy mi paz, les dejo la paz. No se la doy como la da el mundo" (Jn 14, 27). La paz que Jesús nos ofrece tiene tres dimensiones. La primera es que se experimente una conciencia clara y libertad en las decisiones personales y comunitarias, seguida de un sentido fuerte de solidaridad en favor de los otros para el bien común y por último obediencia incondicional a la voluntad de Dios.

¿Has experimentado esta paz? ¿Cuál dimensión de la paz debes trabajar en ti? La paz en el sentido bíblico es un don, un regalo de Dios que contiene todo el bien posible. Jesús da el regalo de la paz a sus discípulos como herencia y es nuestro deber seguir construyendo la paz en base a esa herencia. Los cristianos estamos llamados en el mundo para vivir y ser paz, para seguir creyendo que ésta existe. En dos domingos estaremos celebrando la venida del Espíritu Santo; será el tiempo de pedir sus dones, de pedirle que nos ayude a crecer en la fe, a ver más claro lo que Dios desea de nuestra vida. Recordemos que la presencia del Espíritu en la Iglesia continuará hasta que Cristo venga glorioso.

6° Domingo de Pascua

Durante el tiempo de Pascua los cristianos tenemos la oportunidad de conocer y entender nuestras raíces. Es un tiempo de catequesis fuerte cuando podemos explorar cómo la Iglesia pensaba en sus inicios. Hoy, por ejemplo, la lectura del Libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles nos dispone a ver la acción misionera de la Iglesia hacia otras naciones. Los apóstoles tuvieron que enfrentar la pregunta de cómo los nuevos creyentes llegarían ser oficialmente seguidores de Cristo. La Iglesia llamó a un concilio que llamamos de Jerusalén. El Espíritu de Dios trabajó verdaderamente en las primeras comunidades cristianas, tanto como trabaja ahora en nosotros para ser miembros activos en la Iglesia.

No cabe la menor duda que si nos dejamos guiar por el Espíritu Santo seremos siempre personas comprometidas en el servicio y el amor hacia con los demás, especialmente en términos de hacer justicia en nuestra sociedad. ¿Cómo hacerlo? Jesús nos da la clave: sencillamente guardando su palabra en el corazón, primero, y luego poniéndola en práctica. De esta forma él pondrá su morada en nosotros, junto con el Padre del cielo. Así, les aseguro, todo será más fácil: vivir y convivir en familia, vecinos y comunidad, llegando a ser presente el amor de Cristo. Los miembros de las primeras comunidades cristianas nos brindan el ejemplo de cómo podemos seguir siendo Iglesia peregrina y misionera. Cristo nos da su paz; lo de más llega por añadidura. Es difícil, lo sé. Sin embargo, mediante el regalo de la paz y el amor de Dios no podemos hacer menos que tratar de ser mejores.