

**MAY 8, 2016**  
**THE ASCENSION**  
**OF THE LORD**

**"THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS  
IS TO LIVE MOMENT BY MOMENT  
AND TO THANK GOD  
FOR WHAT HE IS SENDING US  
EVERY DAY IN HIS GOODNESS."**

**— ST. GIANNA MOLLA**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

# BREAD to Offer



## SAINT GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA

By Fr. Barnabas Eichor, OFM, Cap.

Gianna Francesca Beretta was born in Magenta, Italy on October 4, 1922. She was the tenth of thirteen children in her family, only nine of whom survived to adulthood. When she was three, her family moved to Bergamo, and she grew up in the Lombardy region of Italy.

In 1942, Gianna began her study of medicine in Milan. Outside of her schooling, she was very active in the Church. She received a medical diploma in 1949, and opened an office in Mesero, near her hometown of Magenta, where she specialized in pediatrics. Gianna hoped to join her brother, a missionary priest, in Brazil, where she intended to offer her medical expertise in gynecology to poor women. However, her chronic ill health made this impractical, and she continued her practice in Italy.

In December 1954, Gianna met Pietro Molla, an engineer who worked in her office, ten years older than she. They were officially engaged the following April, and they married in September 1955. The couple had three children Pieruigi, born in 1956, Mariolina, in 1957, and Laura, born in 1959. Gianna suffered two miscarriages after the birth of Laura.

In 1961, Gianna was pregnant once again. During the second month, she developed a fibroma on her uterus. After examination, the doctors gave her three choices: an abortion, a complete hysterectomy, or removal of only the fibroma. Though the Catholic Church forbids all direct abortion even when the woman's life is in danger, Catholic teaching would have allowed her to undergo a hysterectomy, which would have resulted in her unborn child's death as an unintended consequence.

Gianna opted for the removal of the fibroma, wanting to preserve her child's life.

After the operation, complications continued throughout her pregnancy. Gianna was quite clear about her wishes, expressing to her family, "this time it will be a difficult delivery, and they may have to save one or the other—I want them to save my baby."

On April 21, 1962, Good Friday of that year, Gianna went to the hospital, where her fourth child, Gianna Emanuela, was successfully delivered via caesarean section. However, Gianna continued to have severe pain, and died of septic peritonitis 7 days after the birth.

Gianna was beatified by Pope John Paul II on April 24th, 1994, and officially canonized a saint on May 16, 2004. Gianna's husband Pietro and their last child, Gianna, were present at the canonization ceremony. The miracle recognized by the Catholic Church to canonize Gianna Molla involved a mother, Elizabeth Comparini, who was 16 weeks pregnant in 2003 and sustained a tear in her placenta that drained her womb of all amniotic fluid. Because a normal term pregnancy is 40 weeks, Comparini was told by her doctors the baby's chance of survival was next to none. Comparini said she prayed to Gianna Molla asking for her intercession, and was able to deliver a healthy baby despite the lack of amniotic fluid.

Saint Gianna is a patron saint for mothers, physicians, and unborn children. Saint Gianna is the inspiration behind the Gianna Center in New York City. It is the first pro-life, Catholic health care center for women in New York.

—Fr. Barnabas

## 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](mailto: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](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  
[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  
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[www.saint-johns.net/school](http://www.saint-johns.net/school)

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**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  
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**SAINT JOHN  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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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!

## 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](mailto:liturgy@archkck.org) with any questions or concerns, and to enroll for the sessions.

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

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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:** Every person is as important and valuable as the person you consider most important and valuable.

**Verse to Live:** "Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy." {Psalm 82:3-4}

**Question to Consider:** What is God saying to you through his teaching today?

**Prayer:** Jesus, open my eyes so I can see every person I encounter each day as you see them.

## A 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. The next class will meet from 7:00—8:30 p.m. in the church basement **this Tuesday evening, May 10.**

The book for this class, *Catholic Answers to Protestant Questions*, by Father John J. Pasquini is available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

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

## SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMP FOR GIRLS

Young women entering sixth, seventh and eighth grades are invited to an energizing Summer Leadership Camp on the beautiful campus of the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica, Atchison, Kansas, June 27 through 29.

Hosted by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth and the Benedictines, this camp features opportunities to share fun, faith and community.

The registration fee of \$125 covers lodging, meals, special activities and a t-shirt for each participant. Partial scholarships are available.

The registration deadline is May 20. Contact Sister Barbara Smith, OSB, at [vocation@mountosb.org](mailto:vocation@mountosb.org) or (913) 426-5275 for more information.

Or visit [www.scls.org](http://www.scls.org) for a brochure with a registration form.

## 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 50<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:flifsec@archkck.org) or call Mary Anne at (913) 647-0345. Thank you.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.wwme4youandme.org)

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

### Financial Mentors and Babysitters needed for Financial Mentoring Program – Hosted at St. Pius

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers interested in our Financial Mentoring Program. This program matches volunteers one-on-one with participants who attend financial budgeting classes. We are also seeking babysitters interested in helping during the budgeting classes. Classes will be held April 26-July 12 on Tuesday evenings. This would be a perfect volunteer opportunity for students. Our financial mentors will start in July and meet with families monthly for about 9 months. For more information on how you can get involved, please contact Michelle Carlstedt at 913.433.2080 or [mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org).

### Volunteers needed to work in the Pantry, Food Distribution Warehouse and Clothing Closet in Kansas City, KS

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Catholic Charities has some great opportunities for you in Kansas City, KS. We are seeking volunteers to work in pantries located at 1708 Steele Rd and 2220 Central Ave. in Kansas City, KS. Morning and afternoon shifts available during business hours and training provided. We are also seeking volunteers interested in working in our clothing closet at 2220 Central Ave. during business hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays and volunteers interested in sorting food and unloading food donations at our warehouse on 1708 Steele Rd. If interested, please contact Michelle Carlstedt at 913.433.2080, or email [mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org).

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OF NORTHEAST KANSAS

*"I make a Holy Hour each day in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All my sisters of the Missionaries of Charity make a daily Holy Hour as well, because we find that through our daily Holy Hour our love for Jesus becomes more intimate, our love for each other more understanding, and our love for the poor more compassionate."*

*"That is why I encourage you to make your Holy Hour through Mary, the cause of our joy, and you may discover that no where on earth are you more welcomed, no where on earth are you more loved, than by Jesus, living and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."*

*"When you look at the crucifix you understand how much Jesus loved you. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you NOW. I beg the Blessed Mother to touch the hearts of all Parish priests that they may have Eucharistic Adoration in their parishes, and that it may spread throughout the entire world!"*

*-Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:frjeff@saint-johns.net) or [frbarnabas@saint-johns.net](mailto:frbarnabas@saint-johns.net)

## 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.

## MARRIAGE MINUTE

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the prayer of Jesus that the Father's love may be in us. Jesus clearly desires that his disciples experience the love of the Father. How do we do this? In the first reading, St. Stephen tells us when he prays, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them," as he was being martyred. St. Stephen is showing us the way to experience the heart of the Father, which is mercy and forgiveness.

The choice of mercy is not an easy one. That is why we need grace active in our life because grace makes forgiveness in the family not just an idealistic goal, but truly a lived reality. Whether it is forgiveness between spouses, between parent and child, between siblings, or forgiveness of a person outside the family, forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door to experience healed relationships and the Father's love.

## CATHOLIC STUDENTS 16 YEARS & OLDER!

**Do you want to earn service hours or extra CASH over Memorial Day weekend?**

**Catholic Cemeteries needs your help!**

\$7.50 per hour

9:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday, Sunday, Monday, May 28-30

There will be a required 45-minute paid training REQUIRED on Friday, May 27, 4:30 pm at the Catholic Cemeteries Office, 9290 Bond, Overland Park, KS. If you are interested in more information, call Diane van Thullenar at (913) 344-7527.

### Job Description:

You will hand out surveys to people entering the cemetery, collect them from those leaving the cemetery, keep track of how many people come through the entrance, act as greeters, and direct those with questions to Catholic Cemeteries employees.

Cemeteries (indicate preference – assigned in order of response to ad):

- Resurrection, 83rd & Quivira in Lenexa (4 workers needed)
- Mt. Calvary, 38th & State Ave in Kansas City, Kansas (4 workers needed)
- Mt. Calvary, 801 SW Westchester Rd in Topeka\* (4 workers needed)

You will be provided with staff t-shirts, lunch, snacks and bottled water.

*\*Monday start time in Topeka only: 10:00 am*



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:flemusjr@sbcglobal.net).

## SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor

The St. John Social Concerns Committee and the Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty are co-sponsoring an event that will take place on **Saturday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.** in our church hall in the church basement. Floyd Bledsoe, a man who was exonerated in December of 2015 after spending 15 years in prison for crimes he did not commit will share with us his journey from pain to mercy and forgiveness.

He was freed thanks to the efforts of the Kansas Innocence project, new DNA evidence and the uncovering of other important evidence. This case was also complicated by some family dynamics in Floyd's family which amounted to the family siding to defend Floyd's brother and in essence betraying Floyd.

We invite you to come hear how Mr. Bledsoe found a way to respond to what happened to him from a posture of love, mercy and forgiveness rather than anger, resentment and vengeance. Come hear how he continues to live that way of mercy and forgiveness as he helps other inmates being released from prison as they re-enter society. Come also hear how one of his attorneys, Alice Craig, has been inspired by her work and what she and Floyd Bledsoe feel that we as citizens can do to advocate for positive prison reforms and to abolish the death penalty.

Pope Francis has said that without mercy there is no justice. And as we look at the example of the life of Jesus and study the miracles he performed and the teaching he did through parables and healings, it becomes clear that Jesus led a life of mercy. Indeed, his dying and rising were themselves demonstrations of love for us and mercy.

Pope Francis has invited all of us on a journey of conversion during this Jubilee of Mercy. On May 21, you will have an opportunity to have your life enriched and your understanding of mercy transformed as you hear Floyd Bledsoe's story. Come join us for an inspiring, transformative evening!

This event is also open to anyone in the Lawrence community and surrounding areas. So invite and bring your friends and family!

## NEWS FROM HIS HANDS MINISTRY

His Hands, the ministry that serves elder parishioners and for those who live with disability, is looking in particular for people who would be willing to provide some housekeeping on a regular basis to elderly parishioners. If interested, please contact the His Hands service coordinator, Susan Tabor through the parish office at 843-0109 or via her cell phone at 865-9949. Thank you in advance!

Also, if you are interested in providing transportation, respite care, mending, meals, friendly calls or visits or handyman services and haven't signed up before, please contact Susan Tabor regarding your interest. Thank you!

The His Hands office is moving! We will be located at 1204 Kentucky in what used to be the Convent. Susan is in the office on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings.

## 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**

**Samantha Bell**

**Katie Benton**

**Mariele Berthold**

**Remi Brown**

**Dale Brueggeman**, husband of Debbie Filkins

**Chris Crandon**

**Karen Dunn**, mother of Meg Milburn

**Terry Hadl**

**Judy Hill**

**Lily Hollister**, niece of Tom Kellogg

**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**

**Lillie Savage**, grandniece of Stephanie Stewart

**Michael Schurer**, son of Mick Schurer

**Sydney Tann**

**Shannon Tuckwin-Rolland**

**John Woods**

## MINISTERS: MAY 14-15

### Lectors

#### Saturday

4:30pm ..... L1: S Ohlmacher; L2: P Graves

#### Sunday

7:00am ..... L1: C Zebas; L2: T Dowd Kelne

8:30am ..... L1: L Sheppard; L2: J Robinson

11:00am ..... L1: Mary M.; L2: C Ehrlich

5:00pm ..... L1: M Williams; L2: T Edgecomb

### Cantors

#### Saturday

4:30pm ..... J Graves

#### Sunday

7:00am ..... K Colson & B Ennis

8:30am ..... A Koster

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday

4:30pm ..... L Reimond, A Roesner, L Seidl  
..... D Weigel, L Arnold, B Brill

#### Sunday

7:00am ..... B Harmon, M Heath, B Menke

8:30am ..... T Kempf, B Kessler, K Kohnke,

..... K Ostrander, Y Ruder,

..... L Scott, M Steichen

11:00am ..... J&N Otter, D Shobe, P Smith,

..... S Stewart, D Thimmesch, L Tiffany

5:00pm ..... L Brey, S File, N Jones

..... M LeGresley, C Malone, A McCabe

### Altar Servers

#### Saturday

4:30pm ..... G Ohlmacher, Volunteer

#### Sunday

7:00am ..... Volunteers

8:30am ..... N Smith, C Stone

11:00am ..... G Malin, B Wilkerson, E Bial

5:00pm ..... B Diers, R Diers

## MASSES: MAY 9-15

### Monday

7:30am ..... Stephen Peter & Nicholas Peter†

### Tuesday

7:30am ..... Carlos Jose Gomes Fries†

### Wednesday

7:30am ..... Diane Ashley†

### Thursday

7:30am ..... Betty Jane Denault†

### Friday

7:30am ..... Fr. Michael Scully

### Saturday

8:00am ..... Lawrence Schilz†

4:30pm ..... James Sylmus Fluker†

### Sunday

7:00am ..... Keith Garcia†

8:30am ..... Albert Schrader†

11:00am ..... Dean Burkhead†

2:00pm (Spanish) ..... Agripina Mendoza†

5:00pm ..... St. John Parish

## WEEKLY GIVING

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

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

Budgeted weekly amount ..... \$30,692.31

Average weekly amount ..... **\$27,910.39**

Budgeted YTD ..... \$1,319,769.33

Actual YTD ..... **\$1,200,147.14**

Net Shortage ..... \$119,622.19

## ROSARY REPAIR

Do you have a rosary in need of repair? Call Mary at **(785) 330-3708**. Repairs will be done for the cost of parts only!

## 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 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 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!



## Everyday Stewardship

Nowadays I travel a good bit, which means I am away from my wife and children for periods of time, some short but some long. But what makes it easier for me, besides being able to share the good news of Jesus with people all over, is that I know I will not be gone forever. I will return and then all will be well again. I have been called by God to be away from them at times, but God always brings me back to them.

Each liturgical year we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven. The feast speaks much to who Jesus is theologically, but in a very practical way, we also acknowledge that he has gone to be with the Father, but will return someday. Just as I return after a conference or visit with a parish to those God has entrusted to me and I love, Jesus will return to those entrusted to him and whom he loves.

But just like when I am away, there are things to be done. Life goes on for my wife and children with school, work, activities, and the basic responsibilities of family. In good stewardship, they are called to give generously to each other and devote themselves to God. Without them tending to things, upon my return I would find everything in turmoil and disarray. Then when I return, we become one again, and we are about the Lord's work together.

The Lord ascended into heaven but we are not to sit by quietly awaiting His return. Much needs to be done. He has entrusted much to us expecting us to be good stewards. If you think that you have all the time in the world to complete the tasks at hand, think again. His return will be when we least expect it. It is time to be about our Father's work.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## The Ascension of the Lord

"They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy." Jesus had just left the disciples. In a dramatic and supernatural moment, he had bid them farewell and then "was taken up to heaven." One might think this departure would have left the disciples feeling very melancholy, but apparently it was not so. They were full of joy as they went back to the city where Jesus had told them to stay, "until you are clothed with power from on high."

This, of course, is a reference to the coming of the Holy Spirit that would happen soon enough at Pentecost. But the disciples did not know the details. They only knew that Jesus was promising them the "Advocate" and some amazing power from heaven, and sending them off with a great mission to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins... to all the nations." And this filled them with joy, even while they waited.

What we often need to remind ourselves is that after the Ascension, the disciples were in a very similar position to us. They were no longer in the physical presence of Jesus. They no longer walked with him, watched him, or heard his voice. Now, carrying on the work of the Gospel was up to them. And so too, now it is up to us. The mission of preaching the good news to all the nations is our mission. And, thankfully, the powerful "clothing" from on high is ours as well.

So, like the disciples we have cause for rejoicing. Jesus reigns in heaven. His Spirit has come upon us. And we are entrusted with the most noble and rewarding task of all, to share our faith with others and bring them to experience the joys of belonging to the kingdom of God.

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## Kids: Sharing the Gospel



### Sharing the Gospel

The lives of the disciples had been changed forever. Once Jesus went back to heaven, it would be up to them to tell everybody what they knew about Jesus. They had seen the power of Jesus. They looked forward to receiving that same kind of power from God. The disciples had a big job ahead of them, but with God's help they knew they could do anything.

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for all the people who have helped me learn about Jesus.

### Mission for the Week

Make a thank you card for someone who teaches you about Jesus.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: 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
- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-7/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-36/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-8/Jn 15:9-17
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/Rom 8:8-17 or 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26 or Jn 20:19-23

### ASCENSION



## La próxima marcha A.I.R.R. en favor de migrantes y refugiados.

Desde: EL CENTRO, 500 E. Santa Fe St. - Olathe, KS. Hasta: Baptist Church, 331 N. Kansas Ave. Olathe.

### -RETIRO DE CONVALIDACION:

El próximo retiro de Convalidación será el 11 y 12 de Junio en la Parroquia de Good Shepherd. Para registrarse hablar con la Sra. Anabella W. al 913 653 5312. Por favor registrar las parejas con la forma apropiada en español llenada por el sacerdote y pagar los \$60 a la Parroquia de Good Shepherd una semana antes del retiro.

**CONSEJO HISPANO:** Recordamos a las parroquias y a los miembros del Consejo Hispano que Mayo 14, de 9am a 1pm en las oficinas del Ministerio Hispano, tendremos nuestra próxima junta.

### 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.

**ANIVERSARIOS 50 AÑOS de Matrimonio:** como todos los años la Arquidiócesis de Kansas City en KS quiere festejar a los matrimonios católicos que festejan su aniversario de 50 años. La celebración será el 5 de junio a las 2pm en la Iglesia de la Natividad en Leawood. Para recibir la invitación personal del Arzobispo Naumann por favor llamen a la oficina de la parroquia adonde ustedes participan y dejen sus nombres, dirección, número de teléfono y fecha de casamiento.

### **PROCESIÓN ANUAL INTERDIOCESANA DE CORPUS CHRISTI 2016**

La procesión de Corpus Cristi este 2016 es organizada por la Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph y se llevará a cabo el domingo, 29 de mayo. La Exposición de la Eucaristía será de 1-2 pm en Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro – localizada en 3333 Broadway, Kansas City Missouri).

Después de la bendición, a las 2:00p.m. iniciaremos la procesión hasta llegar a la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora del Buen Consejo (Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 3934 Washington 3934 Washington) donde se volverá a dar la bendición. Todos están invitados a participar en esta devoción anual y a dar testimonio público en honor a Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento.

### **“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, \$10 cada 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.

### **Clases de Computación Básica para Adultos**

Este curso es en español y **gratuito** gracias a nuestros patrocinadores. Los participantes aprenden sobre el computador y sus componentes. También aprenden como navegar seguramente en el Internet para actividades relacionadas con la vida personal y el trabajo. **Las Clases comienzan el Jueves 5 de Mayo de 6:00pm a 9:00pm en Donnelly College: 608 N. 18th Street, KCK, 3er piso en el laboratorio #314 .** Para inscribirse contáctese con: Jaime Fuentes (816) 221-3442 txt: (913) 732-9747.

## 8 de mayo de 2016

### La Ascensión del Señor

Hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Ascensión del Señor, fiesta que podríamos llamar de gratitud y alegría. Dar gracias a Dios por su amor y entrega por medio del Señor Jesús entre nosotros. La Ascensión es como una grande manifestación gloriosa de Cristo resucitado. Entre voces de júbilo Dios asciende a su trono. Y nosotros seguimos cantando en su Iglesia aquí en la tierra ¡Aleluya, aleluya, resucitó! "Después salió con ellos fuera de la ciudad, hacia un lugar cercano a Betania; levantando las manos, los bendijo, y mientras los bendecía, se fue apartando de ellos y elevándose al cielo. Ellos, después de adorarlo, regresaron a Jerusalén, llenos de gozo, y permanecían constantemente en el templo, alabando a Dios" (Lc 24, 50-53).

Qué alegría, ver nuestro destino glorioso manifestado en Jesús Hijo de Dios por medio de la Ascensión, expresión definitiva de la Pascua de Cristo y de todo cristiano. Lucas expresa esta alegría en la última página de su Evangelio. El Señor Jesús ha llegado a su meta y triunfante se eleva al cielo. Ahora nos toca a nosotros su Iglesia anunciar el Evangelio. Alabarle y postrarnos ante él es un gozo. Esto es lo que hacemos en los grupos de oración en las parroquias. Orar, cantar y alabar como las primeras comunidades cristianas. Por eso la celebración de hoy está llena de esperanza, además de la alegría. San Pablo les escribe a los cristianos de Éfeso: "Le pido que les ilumine la mente para que comprendan cuál es la esperanza que les da su llamamiento" (Ef 1, 18). ¿Qué esperanza te da la Ascensión del Señor?

### Las lecturas de la semana del 1 de mayo de 2016

Domingo: 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  
 Lunes: Hch 19, 1-8/Sal 68, 2-7/Jn 16, 29-33  
 Martes: Hch 20, 17-27/Sal 68, 10-11. 20-21/Jn 17, 1-11  
 Miércoles: Hch 20, 28-38/Sal 68, 29-30. 33-36/Jn 17, 11-19  
 Jueves: Hch 22, 30; 23, 6-11/Sal 16, 1-2. 5. 7-11/Jn 17, 20-26  
 Viernes: Hch 25, 13-21/Sal 103, 1-2. 11-12. 19-20/Jn 21, 15-19  
 Sábado: Hch 1, 15-17. 20-26/Sal 113, 1-8/Jn 15, 9-17  
 Domingo siguiente: Hch 2, 1-11/Sal 104, 1. 24. 29-31. 34/Rom 8, 8-17 o 1 Cor 12, 3-7. 12-13/Jn 14, 15-16. 23-26 o Jn 20, 19-23

**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.