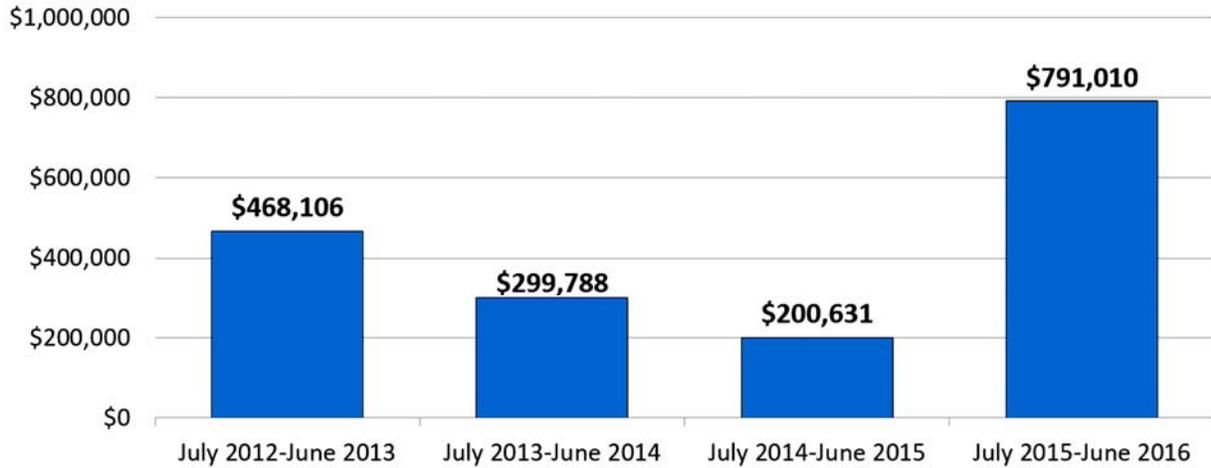
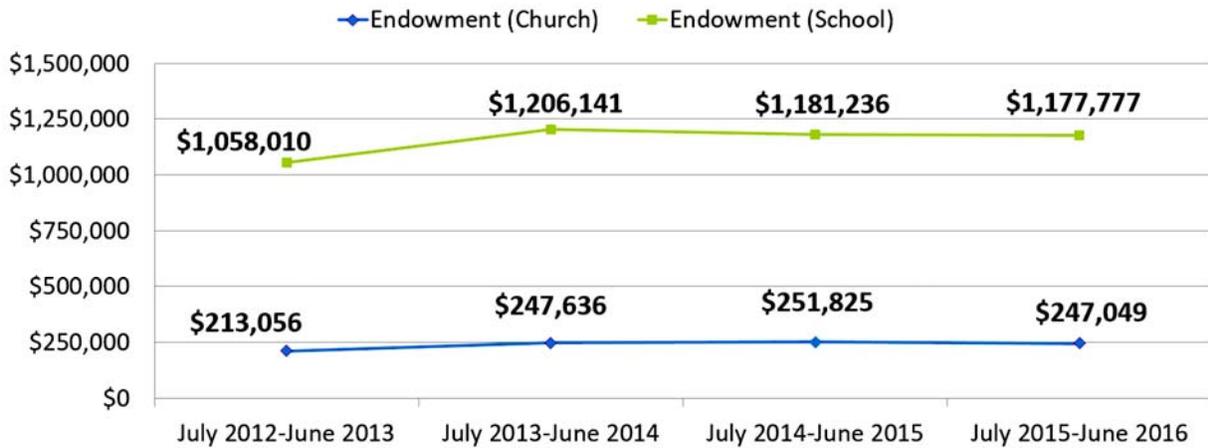


Building and Capital Campaign FY 2013 through FY 2016



Endowment FY 2013 through FY 2016



Operating Income and Expenses: Church and School FY 2013 through FY 2016



	July 2012-June 2013	July 2013-June 2014	July 2014-June 2015	July 2015-June 2016
Income	\$2,700,812	\$2,793,187	\$2,745,843	\$2,679,026
Expenses	\$2,772,298	\$2,866,478	\$2,994,058	\$2,983,536
Net Income	-\$71,486	-\$73,291	-\$248,215	-\$304,510

ST. JOHN FINANCIAL REPORT

As we continue to reflect on what Stewardship means in our parish and in our own lives, we thought it was important to give some perspective to the parish finances which we talk about each year. Please use the graphs to help understand the financial information of your church and school community.

Our parish is an amazing community of Catholic education and faith! These two elements are inseparable and make us stronger. We are constantly challenged to grow our understanding and living of the faith. We have done so much as a community to invest in growth, from building the middle school, to the hiring of several new staff to teach religious education, and to offer adult retreats. The benefits of these investments are easy to see in the strong community we have developed, but over time costs increase and are sometimes hard to recover. We hope to illustrate that picture for you here!

Financially, a look back over the past 4 years shows a very clear outline of where we are as a parish community. Our generosity is at an all-time high in financial giving. The parish and school families have responded to two straight capital campaigns with a high commitment and follow through to increase giving. This generosity has allowed us to pay off the loan for the previous school addition and to be well underway in funding a new gym and improved office/art areas without debt (currently we have almost \$800,000 in the bank to start that project). Enrollment is up at the school as the middle school fills with more students each year. Unfortunately, the challenges for our parish community in supporting a capital campaign, and continuing to make weekly or monthly gifts to the church for basic operations, have taken their toll on our finances.

- Over the past 4 years our regular plate giving and tuition has been almost flat.
- In fiscal year July 2015-16, although giving was up 3%, other income was down.
- In both 2012-13 and 2013-14 we were just under \$71,000 short of breaking even.
- With the addition of the 6th-8th grade classes in 2014-15 this gap widened to approximately \$250,000.
- 2015-16 ended with a \$304,000 shortfall.

Note: This shortfall was covered by selling off a church property. Clearly this cannot continue. The school is looking at ways to increase revenues and to minimize costs, including searching for students that are tuition paying and more fully educating new families to the cost of educating students. We know that this is helping, but it will take time for this to have a significant effect on our budget.

As your finance council, we have worked diligently with Fr. Jeff and parish staff to cut expenses. Increased staffing for the new programs and school offerings have to be taken into account. After several years in the past of no raises as revenues were short we are now making an effort to pay each person a living wage. This is part of the cost changes as well. Most accurately, costs go up each year for insurance, electrical, and other fixed needs and to this point we have not been able to keep up with these increases. Very few things today cost less than they did four years ago. We certainly recognize that for you this is also true.

We wanted to make you aware of the financial situation of the parish but also take this time to thank you for the generosity which allows St. John to be the great place it is today! Please feel free to reach out to your finance council and priests to better understand or question the situation we are presenting. Most importantly, please prayerfully consider investing your blessings more deeply in your parish community through a first time or increased commitment to tithing. We understand that no two members are able to give in the same manner or amount, but we ask you to prayerfully consider how you can help!

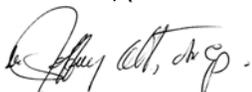
In Christ,

Your Finance Council

Brad Finkeldei, chair



Fr. Jeff Ernst, pastor



Happy Thanksgiving

PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Come receive the sacrament of reconciliation in the Padre Pio chapel during any of 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 frbarnabas@saint-johns.net

ST. JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Frank Lemus, chair
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Brian Walter

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Nancy Albrecht
Bob Trepinski

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Brad Finkeldej, chair
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Meredith Lang

Brian Green
Chris Wenger



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PARISH BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY!

The Knights of Columbus will host a Parish Breakfast Sunday, November 20th, after both the 7:00 and 8:30 a.m. Masses and a Chili Feed after the 11:00 a.m. Mass during the Ministry Fair in the church basement. Everyone is welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be held in the month of December (Date TBA). 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 second Thursday of each month. Anybody interested in becoming a Knight should contact Grand Knight Darin Denning by calling (785) 760-0788.

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!

MINISTERS NOVEMBER 26-27

LECTORS

Saturday
4:30pm L1: B Augusto; L2: P Graves

Sunday
7:00am L1: C Zebas; L2: B Kish
8:30am L1: E Dvorske; L2: W Smith
11:00am L1: C Dominguez; L2: J O'Brien
5:00pm L1: A Hill; L2: M Williams

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday
4:30pm P Price, S Wondrack

Sunday
7:00am Volunteers
8:30am S Liu, C Peltier
11:00am F Kramer, E Kramer
5:00pm B Diers, R Diers

CANTORS

4:30pm C Watgen
7:00am K Colson
8:30am A Koster

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday
4:30pm D Weigel, L Arnold, B Brill, D Depenbusch,
..... D & K Guth

Sunday
7:00am B Osborne, L Wustefeld, J Grzymala-Busse
8:30am D Foster, E Grob-Creasey, S Galarza Liu,
..... D Hoss, J Huss, M Ice, S Jahn
11:00am D Thimmesch, L Tiffany, T Towle, N Allensworth,
..... B Baska, B Bermudez, C Bial
5:00pm L Brey, S File, N Jones, M LeGresley,

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor, Social Concerns Committee

First, to those of you who helped provide cash for donations to assist in purchasing holiday food for families who were struggling at the Thanksgiving holiday, I would like to express our gratitude; thank you! We were very moved by your generosity.

The Jubilee of Mercy has for me been a wonderful year of growth and of challenging my comfort zone. It's had a huge impact on me spiritually and I hope and pray that I will carry that with me and continue in growing dialogue with it for the rest of my life. Mercy is indeed an important cornerstone of our faith, one which is interwoven with the cornerstones of love and justice.

One way to continue on the journey of love and mercy is to participate in the giving tree project which we undertake in the parish each year. The giving tree project helps families in our parish and community have a Christmas celebration who might not otherwise have one. These families are parish families and are also families served by Catholic Charities, Centro Hispano and Haskell Catholic Campus Center. A few are from the community at large.

On the weekend of November 26-27, you will see trees placed at the entrances of the church with tags on them. Each tag has a gift request listed on it with something about the person who has requested it if it is useful in helping you buy the gift. Some gift tags will have "Cash" written on them; the cash will be used to help cover the cost of a Christmas food voucher for each family that has requested help. The gifts are for parish and community families who are struggling and need help this holiday season. Essentially, you will have 2 weeks within which to take your tag from the tree and purchase your gift.

ALL GIFTS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 11! Thank you in advance for being so prompt! PLEASE BE SURE YOUR TAG IS AFFIXED TO EACH GIFT; the tag has letters and numbers on it which specifies the designated family. If the tag and identifying information is not attached, it creates a lot of confusion and extra time is taken trying to figure it all out.

On the evening of December 11, members of the social concerns committee, Catholic Charities staff and volunteers and teens from our youth group will help to gather and organize the gifts for the families to pick up on the afternoon of Monday, December 12.

We realize that this is a busy and exhausting time of year for many. The generosity and help that you've provided with this project over the years has been awe-inspiring to us. Thanks once again for opening your hearts to those who are having difficulty at this time of year. We see the gratitude on their faces when they come to pick up their packages. We are full of gratitude for your help and generosity! May God touch your hearts in a special way as you touch the hearts of others this holiday season! God bless all of you! And once again, thank you!

FAITH FORMATION

WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

A Class with Fr. Barnabas

Fr. Barnabas is now offering a series of classes on the women in the New Testament. It is an opportunity to learn more about several important characters in the New Testament who often get overlooked: the women who were with the Lord during his earthly ministry.

We will look at the lives of Mary and other women who served as powerful examples of Christ in the New Testament. Classes meet Tuesday evenings in the church basement from 7:00—8:30pm, and all are welcome to join at any time!

Upcoming Class Dates

November 22 and 29

December 6 and 27

THAT MAN IS YOU!

That Man Is You (TMIY) has just started another wonderful year of meeting on Wednesday mornings. This year's program is The Spirit of Nazareth and is designed for those wishing to take the next step on how to discern God's will in their lives and grow their spiritual life closer to what God intends.

We are currently meeting from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. in the church basement. Please give strong consideration to joining a great group of men every Wednesday morning for fellowship and reflection.

We look forward to another great year!

RCIA AT ST. JOHN

RCIA classes are now meeting on Monday nights at 7:00p.m. in the church basement. We are looking for parishioners who are willing to be sponsors and parish mentors. Minimum time commitment would be attending Monday evening classes and attending Mass with a person seeking to join the Catholic Church. Contact Michael Podrebarac, RCIA Coordinator, for more information at liturgy@archkck.org or by phone at (913) 647-0330.

MARRIAGE MINUTE

"If you are a King..., save yourself." As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King this Sunday, we gain an important lesson in authority that we can apply to our families.

The scoffing onlookers (those who did not know Christ) represent the mistaken notion that authority is meant for the benefit of the one who possesses it. Christ teaches the opposite; true authority is intended and given to display generosity and given for the benefit of those served.

In marriage and parenting, it can be easy to sit back and wait for others to earn our service or respect, but this is a self-serving attitude and a misuse of authority. Christ calls us to something greater and more fulfilling. Respect is gained when it is given. Joy is gained when service is offered. For practical applications of other centered authority and love, go to:

www.joyfulmarriageproject.com

BREAD TO OFFER



STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.

Of the three “legs” of our parish stewardship covenant renewal, the one that would not require much urging to all of you on would be that of service, which is the third aspect of stewardship to be discussed in this three-part series of Bread to Offer.

St John Parish has 66 ministries – it is amazing that so much charity and loving service reaches so many within the Lawrence and Douglas County community! Our parish has a natural gift for giving evidence of the faith that it has received (James 2:18). You can see an exhaustive list of our parish ministries on our website www.sjevangelist.com. Look under “ministries” and then look for the alphabetized list.

The stewardship speaker at the 7:00 Mass last Sunday said, “I don’t tithe and I don’t serve to get gifts from God, I do it because of the gifts God has given me.” That, my dear sisters and brothers, is stewardship in a nutshell. We give not to get something in return, but because of how much we have been given. This notion occurs to me whenever someone tells me that they do not attend Mass much anymore because they don’t get anything out of it. I try to respond in a way that helps the person see that going to Sunday worship is our way of thanking God for what we have received. We don’t attend Mass to receive something, but to give something – to give our gratitude and praise to God. Yet, we do of course receive something at Mass, we receive the Word of God and we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus!

Similarly, in our service to God and to others, the proper motivation is gratitude. It would be self-serving if we were to serve people because “we get something out of it.” Rather, we show love to others because God has first shown love to us. Yet, we DO receive in return for giving. It is a liberating feeling to know that we have given relief and a sense of dignity to someone in need. Providing material relief through our Rummage House, working for change in social and government structures for the benefit of those with special needs through Justice Matters, providing a time and space for a deeper commitment to God through Christ Renews His Parish, and feeding the hungry at LINK, are only a few of the many ways that our parishioners express their gratitude to God in a concrete way. During this weekend of renewal of our Stewardship Covenant, let us consider how we might adjust our “time budget” so as to allot a little more of our time toward service to one another and to those outside of our parish in one of our many parish ministries.

- Fr. Jeff

JUSTICE MATTERS



Childhood Concerns and Justice Matters

History: In the fall of 2014, Justice Matters organized small group discussions across Lawrence and surfaced issues around the welfare of children. When Justice Matters brought together 400 people to choose the top three concerns they had for the city – child welfare was ranked number two on the list. Justice Matters leaders researched what could be done to improve the health and well-being of children. The research team learned about the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Study which is derived from a simple survey with ten questions that explore the trauma a person may have experienced during childhood.

Problem: Childhood trauma, defined as exposure to three or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), poses a significant public health issue for Lawrence. (ACEs include experiences such as child abuse and neglect, parental mental illness, substance abuse, incarceration, divorce, and domestic violence.) In a Kaiser Health and Center for Disease Control study 12% of the 18,000 people surveyed had an ACE score of 4 or more regardless of class, race, or ethnicity A survey estimates that 1 in 5 Douglas County children have experienced childhood trauma putting them at risk for lifelong physical, learning, and mental health problems which can be transmitted to future generations.

Recommendations: On April 14, 2016, 1,300 people gathered at the Lied Center to demonstrate public support for the solutions proposed to deal with ACEs. That night, the Directors of 5 organizations that work with preschool aged children pledged to work to bring Lemonade for Life and Trauma Smart to Lawrence. Lemonade for Life is a 6 hour evidenced-informed training on trauma and resilience developed at KU and targeted to home visitors working with parents of children birth to age 3. Trauma Smart is a 10 month evidence based training designed by Crittenden Center (St. Luke’s – Kansas City) for child care and preschool professionals (age 3-5) which includes training, support by coaching, consultation, and parent engagement.

St. John’s Ministry: Childhood Trauma presents a justice issue that St. John parishioners can help address. For further information about ACEs and how you can become involved, you can contact Joe Snyder at joesnyder42@gmail.com or at 785-550-6421.



Quilting Donations Needed

We are looking for some supplies for our quilting elective class next semester.

We need large or small pieces of cotton material, large pieces of solid color cotton material (for the backing of the quilts), batting for inside the quilts, large rotary cutters, cutting boards, and 3 or 4 portable sewing machines (easy for kids to use).

If you have any donations, please take them to the school office or contact Patty Hill (hill@saint-johns.net). Thank you!

Fundraising University

St. John PTO is introducing a new fundraiser to our school. The company, Fundraising University, provides a catalog of great gift ideas for the holidays and makes money for our school. The catalogs and the order information will go home this week. We hope you can share the information with friends and relatives. St. John School will receive 40% of all sales.

Visit online at sjevangelist.com/school, call (785) 843-9511 or email Mrs. Pat Newton, Principal, at newton@saint-johns.net for more information and to schedule a tour for you and your student!



SAINT JOHN YOUTH

High School

November 20: How to Handle Peer Pressure

What challenges are you facing? What choices are you presented with daily? How do you manage staying true to yourself in the face of so many things (both good and bad) battling for your attention? Come discuss and learn some techniques of confronting peer pressure. Pizza provided! 6:30 p.m. in the Bosco Room!

Middle School

November 30: People Get Ready!

Come to enjoy Pizza Shuttle together and prepare your hearts for Advent in this night of preparation and prayer! Bring your friends!

Everybody!

Children's Holiday Shop: December 2-3, various times (see below)

What is the Children's Holiday Shop? Sponsored by the Lawrence Youth Network, the Children's Holiday Shop gives the elementary students in Lawrence an opportunity to learn about generosity and gratitude through giving to others: www.facebook.com/childrensholidayshop/

- **HELP US SET UP.** On December 2, from 3:30-8pm, come and help to set up the Holiday Shop at New York Elementary School. Pizza will be served for dinner (yum!), and there will be lots of moving of boxes/setting up the shop tables/etc. Come and lend a helping hand!
- **VOLUNTEER AT THE EVENT.** This is an absolutely AWESOME way to volunteer as a family. "Christmas Elves" are needed to run departments, help the children select their gifts, serve in hospitality, ring up items as cashiers, etc. Shifts run from 7:30-9:30, 9:30-11:30, 11:30-1:30, and 1:30-3:30pm on December 3. If you/your family would like to volunteer, sign up here: www.sjevangelist.com/youth or email Jen at conrad@saint-johns.net with the time slots you are available! Middle and high school students are especially welcome to get signed up!

Advent Prayer Service and Reconciliation: Wednesday, December 7, 7-8pm, St. John Church

Come join in praise of the Blessed Sacrament and be led in worship by Pete Haack. This event is required for all ROCK students to attend, and we look forward to preparing our hearts for the Incarnation of the Lord with you all!

Christmas Cookie Decorating: December 14, 3:45-5pm @ the Neuvant House

Come and decorate Christmas cookies and sing Christmas carols with the elderly who live at the Neuvant House, a home for those struggling with Alzheimer's disease. Drop off/pick up AT the Neuvant House, 1216 Biltmore Dr.

Learn more about St. John Youth and our upcoming events: sjevangelist.com/youth

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

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

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

St. John is starting a new ministry called the Marriage and Family Life Ministry. We are looking for people to serve in a helping capacity on three sub-committees. Your commitment can be as little as helping with the various events or you can actually be someone who helps to organize and facilitate.

Please contact Samantha Romero with any questions at sromero@saint-johns.net or (785) 843-0109. Thank you for your prayerful discernment if you can contribute your gifts of service to this new ministry!

MENTOR MINISTRY

Are you looking for a way to build connections at St. John? Feel like you are being prompted to get involved? How about mentoring a New Parishioner? This is a great way to meet new people and share your gift of hospitality with someone who is new to our community.

We are looking for individuals and families who would like to help us out! Contact Samantha Romero for more information:

sromero@saint-johns.net (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 from 11-3, the first and last Thursday of the month from 1-4, and Saturdays from 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 with this ministry, email Linda Brey (lbrey525@gmail.com) for more info.

STEWARDSHIP OF GENEROSITY

WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Information below reflects donations received

July 1, 2015 through November 6, 2016.

Budgeted weekly amount	\$27,403.84
Average weekly amount	\$25,701.39
Budgeted YTD.....	\$520,672.96
Actual YTD	\$488,326.45
Net Shortage	\$32,346.51

ONLINE GIVING

We are grateful for your support of St. John Parish. Our online giving program allows you to make contributions to St. John without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. You may set up automatic contributions and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. You may also make pledges and manage your contributions to the pledge amount, and you may make one-time donations to special causes. Visit sjevangelist.com/giving for more information or to set up and manage your account today!

OLG BAZAAR DONATIONS

Calling all bakers, crafters and those with new or gently used "treasures". We will be accepting items for the bazaar table at the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe to be held on Saturday, December 10, at 9:00 a.m.

You may bring items to the church basement on Friday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. (we will be decorating/setting up for Saturday). You may also bring items to the church basement before the 9:00 mass on Saturday. For those with large items or who need more information, please contact:

Lori Wickliffe: (785) 764-1500, mkwick@sunflower.com

or Jennifer Marshall: (785) 218-4244

No donation is too small and all are greatly appreciated! Thank you!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS

On Saturday, December 10, at 9:00 a.m. St. John will have a Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe (with Mariachi Girasol). Come as you are, or dress in traditional attire and participate in the procession! Please bring non-perishable food items to place in the basket during the opening procession. The celebration will continue after Mass with a reception in the parish hall which will include Mexican hot chocolate, bread and cookies, a bazaar table, raffles and a piñata for the children.

On Saturday, December 3, at 11:30 a.m. we will practice our processional and pick one boy to represent Juan Diego and one girl to crown the Virgin Mary during Mass.

If you have any questions, contact Connie Garcia at (785) 842-3003.

Everyone is welcome to come and join the celebration!

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

IN MEMORIAM

MICHAEL SCHURER

PARISH 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
Grace Austin
Gayla Barnes
Marile Berthold
Remi Brown
Chris Crandon
Brock Edwards, son of Scott and Tara Edwards
Mary Kathleen Felton
Buddy Hadl
Terry Hadl
Judy Hill, mother of Marti Frost and Tim Hill
Bob Holek
Lily Hollister, niece of Tom Kellogg
Nancy Hubble, wife of Tom Kellogg
Barb Marden
Patricia McGlamery, mother of Cheryl Hunter
Lou Musante
Theophilus Obiefule
Julie Patterson, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter
CB Riling
Mark Salaman
Julia Scott, friend of Monica Cordova
Mary Kay Seidl
Gerald Simon
Ruth Thesing
Chuck Umscheid
Angelica Villa
Greg Walker, brother of Ted Walker
Tasha Williams
John Woods

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 prayer group meets every Monday at 12:00 noon in the Padre Pio Chapel to pray for our children and grandchildren. In addition to the prayers to St. Monica, we pray the rosary and other prayers for special intentions. Everyone is welcome!

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10-13/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1-3, 7-9/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11--21:2/Ps 84:3-6, 8/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

MASS INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 21-27

Monday: 7:30amMhari Rowell†
Tuesday: 7:30am.....Mhari Rowell†
Wednesday: 7:30am Nicholas & Stephen Peter†
Thursday: 9:00am.....Albert G. & Naomi Matthews†
Friday: 7:30am Ruth Theising
Saturday: 8:00am Mary Magdalene Lee†
4:30pm..... Jim Freund†
Sunday: 7:00am Rudy Oberzant†
8:30am Naomi Kilgore†
11:00am..... Dean Burkhead†
2:00pm (Spanish)St. John Parish
5:00pm..... Mary Kim†

ST. JOHN PRAYER CHAIN

The power of prayer is truly an amazing thing and something all parishioners at St. John can do to help those among us in need of God's divine mercy. Please join our prayer chain to lend your voices and thoughts for those in need. For more information contact Lois Mersmann at lmersmann@saint-johns.net.

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.

WOMEN'S PRAYER & REFLECTION GROUP

Women's Prayer and Reflection Group meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month to be prayerfully inspired by Biblical women and the third Tuesday of the month to be inspired by Women Saints.

Join us any time, no preparation necessary. We will meet in St John's school library. If interested contact: Beth Fox **(785) 840-5561** or Sophia Compton **(785) 727-5784**.



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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.

CLASE PREBAUTISMAL 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.

Las lecturas de la semana del 20 de noviembre de 2016

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Jesús fue crucificado entre dos ladrones y uno de ellos conocido en la religiosidad popular como el buen ladrón reconoce en el Señor su reino y que él es Rey. Él sabe que es un pecador pero que Jesús es inocente y todos sabemos la forma tan rápida, inmediata, momentánea que se gana el paraíso. "Señor, cuando llegues a tu Reino, acuérdate de mí". Jesús le respondió: "Yo te aseguro que hoy estarás conmigo en el paraíso" (Lc 23, 42).

Para nuestro aprendizaje catequético de este domingo es bueno saber que el personaje central de toda la historia de la salvación es Jesús, el cual hoy celebramos con alegría su fiesta de Cristo Rey. Marcamos el final. El próximo domingo daremos comienzo al principio, al Adviento, a lo nuevo de otro año litúrgico.

La fiesta de Cristo Rey fue instaurada por el Papa Pío XI el 11 de diciembre de 1925. El papa quiso motivar a los católicos a reconocer públicamente que el Rey de Reyes universal es Cristo Rey. Ahora, el Papa Francisco nos enseña que "Jesús no es un rey al estilo de este mundo: para Él reinar no es mandar, sino obedecer al Padre, entregarse a Él, para que se cumpla su designio de amor y de salvación" (homilía, el 23 de noviembre de 2014). Para los hispanos mexicanos en los Estados Unidos, esta solemnidad tiene una connotación muy especial, ya que muchos de nuestros sacerdotes y laicos incluido un niño José Luis Sánchez del Río dieron la vida por defender su fe. Sus últimas palabras fueron ¡Viva Cristo Rey y Santa María de Guadalupe! (La fecha de su canonización para el Beato José Sánchez del Río será 16 de octubre de 2016).

NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO, REY DEL UNIVERSO

Con la solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo, terminamos el año litúrgico. El próximo domingo iniciaremos el primer domingo de Adviento. La vida pasa de prisa. Ojalá que en medio de la rapidez recordemos siempre las palabras del ladrón arrepentido crucificado junto a Jesús: "Señor, cuando llegues a tu Reino, acuérdate de mí". Este ladrón fue el primero en reconocer y confiar en el Reino de Jesús y su paraíso a pesar de las burlas de sus verdugos y opositores. Jesús es rey de todos y de todo el universo. Dios envió a Jesús para salvar al mundo entero.

Éste es el Rey que hoy celebramos. Un Rey clavado en la cruz y que nos mira desde ahí con todo su amor. Nuestras bases cristianas están enraizadas en el misterio de la cruz de Cristo. Cristo Rey nos invita a compartir su Reino y lo escuchamos cada domingo en su Evangelio, sabiendo que su Reino no ignora el sufrimiento de los pobres. La cruz es amiga de la pobreza, pues al ser bien llevada levanta y dignifica. La cruz es la sabiduría de Cristo que nos introduce al misterio pascual. Por lo tanto, miremos a Cristo en la cruz y pidamos por sabiduría y fuerza para atender el llamado a la paz y a la reconciliación. El Salmo 72 alaba al Rey de la paz y los humildes: "Comunica, Señor, al rey tu juicio y tu justicia, al que es hijo de reyes; así tu siervo saldrá en defensa de tus pobres y regirá a tu pueblo justamente". ¡Viva Cristo Rey! Gracias, Padre bueno, por habernos dado a tu Hijo único.