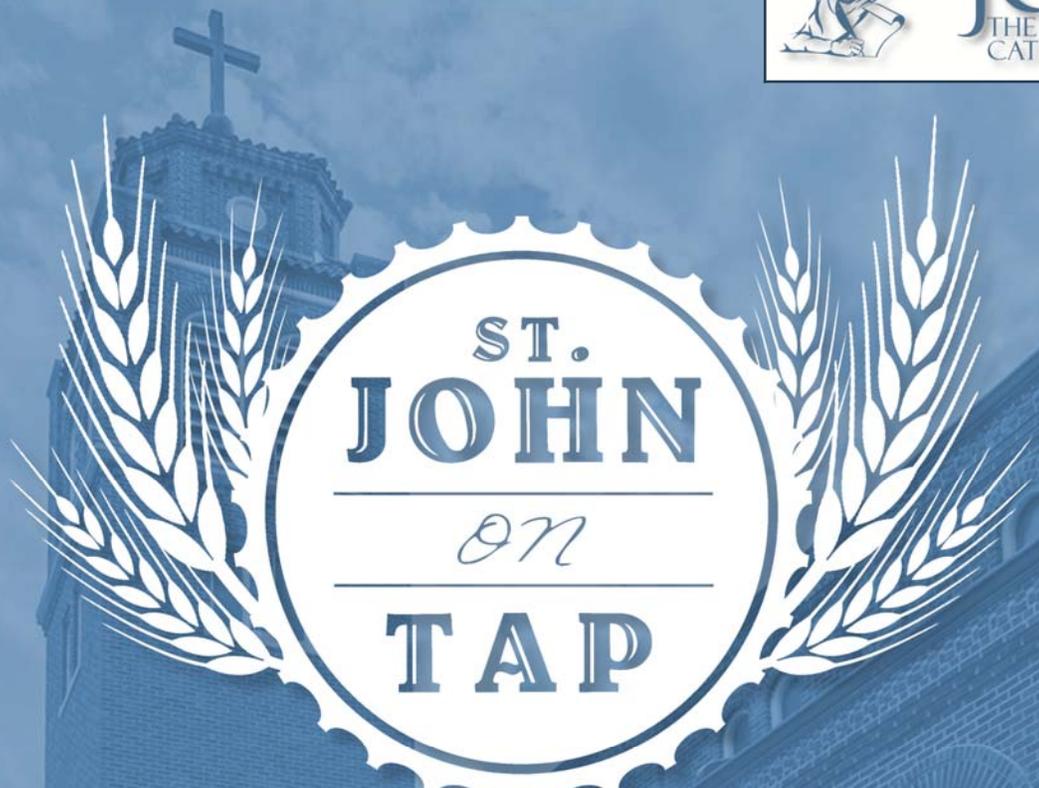


OCTOBER 16, 2016 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Want to know more about the Catholic Faith and not sure where to start?
Looking for something to do Friday's after work?
Have a friend who wants to know more about our Catholic Faith?
Don't go home...Come to St. John!

Our first St. John on Tap will be this Friday, October 21, at 5:00pm.

St. John on Tap will be held the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 5:00-7:00pm in the St. Bosco Room of St. John School.

Enjoy good beer/wine, munchies and conversation.

Ask any questions about the Catholic Faith to a priest, or just sit and enjoy.
Stop in any time between 5:00-7:00pm. Must be 21 or older!

HOW WILL YOU DIVE DEEPER INTO YOUR FAITH?

There are many great opportunities for parishioners of all ages to learn and grow at St. John! See Page 6 for details.



St. John Café



RCIA / Adult Classes



St. John School



Youth / Religious Ed.

BREAD TO OFFER



PETER'S DENIAL

By Fr. Barnabas Eichor, OFM, Cap.

The story of Peter's denying he was a friend of the Lord, out of fear he would suffer the same fate of crucifixion, tells us a great deal about the Christian life. However, a fuller understanding of the meaning of this story can only be obtained by keeping it in the context of other important events in Peter's life.

After Peter's confession the Lord takes Peter, James and John up the Mount of Olives to see the glory of the Lord's Kingdom to come through the triumph of the Cross. That Peter was still confused can be seen by the fact that Peter wanted to build three tents—one each for the Lord, Elijah and Moses—implying he failed to understand that Moses and Elijah are the Lord's servants worshiping the Lord. Peter wanted to honor all three persons equally. Peter also failed to see that the Lord's flesh is the tent of God's presence.

In all three Gospel accounts of the Transfiguration the disciples become extremely afraid when the Lord reveals the fullness of his glory to them. Why should they be afraid? Afraid of what and of whom? The Lord is revealing himself to his disciples, so why should they be afraid?

Peter, James and John are afraid because they now know who the Lord is, his plan, and that it means the disciples will also have to go through a transfiguration themselves. Peter is afraid because he will now have to transform his life. Peter's life now has a whole new purpose, which means going to the Cross with the Lord. Changing our lives makes us afraid because it is difficult in many ways. Further, we do not want to change our lives and live in accordance with the Gospel because the Christian life is hard and demanding.

It is fear that holds Christians back—as it did Peter—from living up to the challenge of the Gospel. The challenge of the Gospel is also what keeps many away from embracing the Gospel at all. We, like Peter, are all afraid of the challenge of the Gospel, and this is perhaps why we have no silence in our lives. We too, out of fear, do not want to be alone on the mount with the Lord. Our lives are full of popular music, television, computers...all omnipresent in our lives. We want to avoid silence in our lives at all costs. It is in moments of silence that we face life's deepest questions: Is there a God? How do I serve him? And how, then, do I change my life?

Like the three disciples, alone on the mount with the Lord, the courage to live the Christian life to its fullest requires transformation, and transformation is a long and challenging process. Prayer is the time to ask ourselves: How do we need to change our lives? Prayer is the time to face our demons, our temptations, our sinfulness, and our willingness to go to the Cross with the Lord.

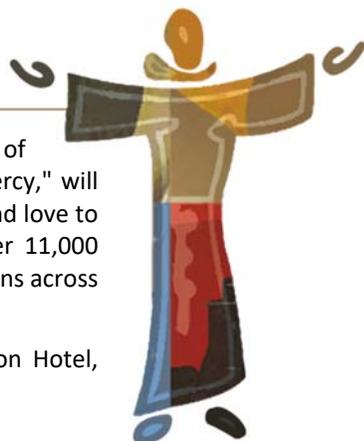
Finding time for silence in our lives, turning away from our distractions, thinking about our relationship to the Lord, and accepting the challenge of the Gospel are all at the heart of prayer. It is in prayer that we will find the courage to be faithful to the Lord when times get tough. Yet the courage that Peter did not have at the time of the Lord's crucifixion—but would have later—is available to us all, if we through prayer continuously seek for that faith and courage.

-Fr. Barnabas

BROWN ROBE BENEFIT

Please join us on Saturday, October 29 for a very special evening to celebrate the lives and ministries of the Capuchin Franciscans. The 23rd annual Brown Robe Benefit event theme, "Messengers of Mercy," will demonstrate ways in which the Capuchins often go to seemingly dark places to bring God's mercy and love to those in need. Bishop John Corriveau, former Minister General of the Worldwide Order of over 11,000 Capuchins and staunch advocate for the poor who has earned the admiration and respect of Capuchins across the globe, will be the keynote speaker.

The Brown Robe will be held on Saturday, October, 29 from 5:30-10pm at the Denver Sheraton Hotel, Downtown Denver. For tickets visit BrownRobe.org or call (303) 433-0296.



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC PARISH!

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

Simon Parish Center

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

Weekend Masses

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

Weekend Spanish Mass

Sunday 2:00pm

Weekday Masses

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Adoration.... Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday,
6:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. in the Padre Pio Chapel.

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 **Greg Proske**:

(800) 950-9952 x2551
GProske@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.sjevangelist.com, click "Giving" and go to "Online Giving." 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.sjevangelist.com, select "Ministries" and "Faith Formation" for detailed info, forms or contact Lois Mersmann, lmersmann@saint-johns.net, or by phone at 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.sjevangelist.com/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 Darin Denning at (785) 760-0788

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

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Sat. 8:30am-12:30pm

Centro Hispano Lydia Diebolt
(785) 843-2039

33rd Annual St. John Benefit Auction

Name: _____

The 33rd Annual Saint John Benefit Auction will be held on November 5, 2016 at St. John School. This gala event includes a silent auction, live auction, a catered dinner and dancing. This wonderful black tie (optional) event raises funds to ensure the quality education provided at St. John Catholic School.

___ Auction tickets x \$100

This year's signature raffle will be a 7 night trip to the western Caribbean on board a luxury ocean liner. You do not need to be present to win.

___ Raffle tickets x \$50

The Surprise Box Raffle winner will receive a box of items valued at over \$500. You do not need to be present to win.

___ Surprise Box Raffle tickets x \$5

\$_____ Total amount to be billed

Payment:

___ Check ___ Credit Card ___ bill my school account (school families only)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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Expiration Date: _____ Billing Address (if different): _____

Benefit Auction

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

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
 Remi Brown
 Dale Brueggeman, husband of Debbie Filkins
 John Carlos
 Chris Crandon
 Brock Edwards, son of Scott and Tara Edwards
 Buddy Hadl
 Terry Hadl
 Judy Hill
 Bob Holek
 Lily Hollister, niece of Tom Kellogg
 Nancy Hubble, wife of Tom Kellogg
 Susan Jones, sister of Patti Fisher
 Barb Marden
 Lou Musante
 Leo Nau
 Theophilus Obiefule
 Julie Patterson, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter
 CB Riling
 Mark Salaman
 Michael Schurer, son of Mick Schurer
 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

IN MEMORIAM

CRAIG BOGLEY
 LETHA MORGISON
 RUDY OBERZAN

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 16, 2016

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2 Tm 3:14--4:2/Lk 18:1-8
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-6/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23/
 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

MASS INTENTIONS: OCTOBER 17-23

Monday: 7:30am Ervin & Mary Ann Huslig†
Tuesday: 7:30am.....Jim Freund†
Wednesday: 7:30amBenedicta Lee
Thursday: 7:30am..... For Vocations
Friday: 7:30am Mary & Pete Jamest
Saturday: 8:00am For Peace
 4:30pm..... Quang Hoang
Sunday: 7:00amCharles & Anna Laskowski†
 8:30amBarb & Steve Menke's 40th Anniversary
 11:00am Children in Need of Adoptive Families
 2:00pm (Spanish) Allan Wehrle†
 5:00pm..... St. John Parish

MINISTERS: OCTOBER 22-23

LECTORS

Contact: Sean Smith
 seanj@ku.edu

CANTORS

Saturday: 4:30pm—A Mauler
Sunday: 7:00am—M Conn 8:30am—C Watgen

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday
 4:30pm J Krones, B Thomas
Sunday
 7:00amVolunteers
 8:30amA Augustine, A Augustine
 11:00am F Kramer, E Bial
 5:00pm B Diers, R Diers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday
 4:30pm D Weigel, L Arnold, B Brill, D Depenbusch, D & K Guth
Sunday
 7:00am B Harmon, M Heath, B Menke
 8:30am J Dvorske, D Foster, E Grob-Creasey, S Galarza Liu,
 D Hoss, J Huss, M Ice
 11:00amD, J & T Gunselman, C Nieto-Boor, J & N Otter, D Shobe
 5:00pm D & E Schmidt, D Wulf-Walter, N Albrecht, L Brey, S File

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!

THE FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

A Class with Fr. Mike

On **Thursday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m.**, Fr. Mike will continue teaching his ongoing course on Franciscan living. This Thursday's class will meet in the **St. Bosco Room** 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.

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REDISCOVER JESUS

CHAPTER 39: PEOPLE OF POSSIBILITY

Point to Ponder: Open your heart, mind, and soul to the possibilities.

Verse to Live: "For God all things are possible." { Matthew 19:26 }

Question to Consider: Have you ever tried to live Christianity wholeheartedly?

Prayer: Lord, help me to see the possibilities.

Come Explore ST. JOHN SCHOOL!

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



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 (913) 647-0330.

ST. JOHN CAFÉ: THIS SUNDAY!

Join us **every Sunday from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m.** in the St. Bosco Room, located on the lower level of St. John School.



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!

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!

ST. JOHN YOUTH Upcoming Events



High School

Pumpkin Carving Contest! **October 23, 6:30pm**

Election and Politics: Catholics & Voting **November 6, 6:30pm**

Dealing with peer pressure, alcohol, drugs... **November 20, 6:30pm**

Middle School

October 26: Body Language: Theology of the Body

November 2: Building a Relationship with Jesus

November 9: Light the Fire: A Campfire Night!

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 October 9, 2016.

Budgeted weekly amount	\$27,403.84
Average weekly amount	\$24,989.23
Budgeted YTD.....	\$411,057.60
Actual YTD.....	\$374,838.59
Net Shortage.....	\$36,219.01

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!

Contact Cris Denning at cdenning@saint-johns.net or (785) 843-0109 if you have any questions.



MUSIC FEST

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16

6:00PM - 8:00PM

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JUSTICE MATTERS

A network of 23 Jewish, Christian and Muslim faith groups doing justice in Lawrence and Douglas County.

We have by now completed, in our parish, the 'listening' part of Justice Matters' conversation intended to raise new issues or other areas of the issues we are currently working on. Thanks to all who entered into the conversation by attending one of St. John's 7 house meetings. Your participation is very important.

At this writing two house meetings have been held with 23 parishioners attending. Of that number 17 signed up to be Network Members and a good number of those have indicated an intention to be part of a research and study group. The training for those who will be involved in research and study will take place on the evening of November 14.

Network Members make a commitment to attend the 4 major meetings, bring at least 3 informed and supportive people with them to the Nehemiah Action Assembly, and invest financially in the work of Justice Matters. The major meetings are:

1. Community Problems Assembly on November 2 at Abe and Jake's Landing (acknowledgement of our 2nd anniversary, election of officers, and vote on new priority.) This will be followed at 7:45 to 8:15 with a County Commissioner Candidate forum which is open to the public. Doors open to the public at 7:30 pm.
2. Solutions Briefing on March 14 at Free Methodist Church (reports from the research groups on the proposed solutions).
3. Nehemiah Action Assembly on March 30 at Lied Center (solutions are requested of key decision makers after having pre-assembly dialogue with them about the solutions being proposed). Our parish goal is to bring 250 parishioners to the anticipated assembly of 2000 people.
4. Celebration and Investment Drive on May 1 at Meeting Hall on the County Fairgrounds (update on follow through since the Lied Center agreements, celebration of accomplishments and annual investment drive among members)

For more information about Justice Matters or on how to become involved without having attended a house meeting, please contact Joe Synder (785-550-6421 or joesnyder42@gmail.com) or Pat Lechtenberg (785-842-1992 or plek10berg@aol.com). Also, check out the Justice Matters' new website www.justicemattersinkansas.org for information about the organization and updated information on the 4 issues we are currently working on: Mental Health Crisis Center, Affordable Housing, Early Childhood Trauma and Alternatives to Incarceration.



STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

ST. JOHN MINISTRY FAIR

November 19 & 20

We will be having our Stewardship Renewal Weekend on November 19-20, 2016. This year as part of the renewal weekend we will have a Ministry Fair to help promote and inform our parish family about all of the great opportunities to serve at St. John!

If you are in charge of a ministry at St. John please contact Samantha Romero by email at sromero@saint-johns.net or Ellen Sickinger at sickinger@saint-johns.net to reserve a table. You may also call the parish office at **(785) 843-0109**.

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**.

HIS HANDS MINISTRY

Are you an older parishioner or a parishioner who lives with a disability who could use some assistance? Do you know of someone in the parish who is elderly and/or who lives with a disability and could use some assistance? If so, His Hands can help.

We have volunteers who can provide transportation, respite care, light housekeeping, mending, cooking after surgery or other medical situation that would limit someone temporarily and handyman help. His Hands can also provide information and referral services if they are needed, or if other services in the community would be able to help as well. For help and further information, please contact the His Hands service coordinator, Susan Tabor. She may be reached through the church office at **(785) 843-0109** or via her cell phone at **(785) 865-9949**. We look forward to serving you!

HIS HANDS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

His Hands, the ministry to our parishioners who are elderly or who live with disability, is in great need of people to help with housework. If you have some time and would be willing to help an elderly parishioner with housework, please contact Susan Tabor, His Hands service coordinator at **(785) 865-9949** or via email at souljourner@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your generosity!

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 parish office at **(785) 843-0109**. Meals needed for Wednesdays in November and December! Bring meals to the Simon Parish Center at St. John by 4:00pm. Fr. Jeff will take the dinner home to the friary.

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 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!

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.

MARRIAGE MINUTE

Are you or someone you know facing a serious struggle? It could be at home or at work. It could be your spouse, one of your children, or a friend.

We learn three important lessons from Moses in this week's first reading from Exodus:

1. Moses is not afraid to confront the battle.
2. Moses relies primarily on prayer to overcome the battle.
3. Moses is not afraid to accept help to win the battle.

In the daily struggles of marriage and family life, it is important to take the same approach. Recognize and confront your battles, rely on prayer, and ask for help if needed!

- What is the biggest battle your spouse faces?
- What is the biggest battle you face today?
- What is the biggest battle your children face today?
- What time have you set aside to bring these situations to prayer?
- Who can you ask for help to support you in your family's battles?
- Which family can you help in their struggle?

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Scott Anderson, Social Concerns Committee

Note: There is a treasure trove of documentation in the Catholic Church which can help us better understand living various aspects of our faith. In his monthly columns for the next several months, Scott Anderson will introduce us to a number of these documents, many of which are available online through USCCB or the Vatican.

—Susan Tabor, Committee Co-Chair

The Papal encyclical *Rerum Novarum* was issued on May 15, 1891 by Pope Leo XIII. *Rerum Novarum* has been referred to as the Magna Carta of Catholic Social Teaching and is considered to be the commencement of modern Catholic Social Thought. In the prior century, the Industrial Revolution had upset the traditional social order. Workers deserted the semi-feudal landed estates to fill up the cities. Although this raised incomes at first, it also made workers entirely dependent on the wages they earned. As urban populations soared, the vast pool of labor suppressed wages.

This led to widespread resentment amongst the urban poor whose numbers continued to multiply. The communist doctrines of Marx and Engels began to exert a significant attraction and Pope Leo was concerned to counter their atheism and materialism with a specifically Christian response. Although papal encyclicals are addressed to the bishops of the Church, Leo intended to speak to the world. By the late nineteenth century, many intellectuals considered the Church to be irretrievably aligned with the wealthy. Instead, *Rerum Novarum* took up the cause of the working poor.

First, Leo repudiated communism, asserting that private property is a fundamental principle of the natural law as taught by St. Thomas Aquinas. He then quoted Gregory the Great in proclaiming that we are entitled to use our talents for the betterment of ourselves and society.

Secondly, Leo stressed the importance of the common good. Although the right to own property is crucial to the just operation of society, those who have prospered must commit themselves to the betterment of all and not concentrate only on their own well being. Those who do the latter are "shameful and inhuman."

The third major emphasis is on the role of the state. The Catholic principle of subsidiarity says that regulation of human behavior must begin at the lowest level, i.e., the family. The state should be involved only when necessary. To this end, he advocates the formation of unions so that workers and owners may bargain on an equal basis without government involvement. But if that is not sufficient:

"...it lies in the power of a ruler to benefit every class in the State, and amongst the rest to promote to the utmost the interests of the poor; ...And the more that is done for the benefit of the working classes by the general laws of the country, the less need will there be to seek for special means to relieve them."

Catholic Social Teaching is not a modern novelty, of course. It is built on the words of Jesus and the teachings of scripture. But *Rerum Novarum* became a document that U.S. bishops could rally around and, as Leo hoped, its influence went beyond the Catholic world. It was a restatement for the modern age of our solidarity with all our brothers and sisters, whether lowly or grand.

PLEASE HELP US MAKE THANKSGIVING HAPPY FOR OTHERS

Each Thanksgiving and Easter, the Social Concerns Committee collaborates with Catholic Charities and El Centro Hispano in preparing food baskets for families in our parish, families who are associated with Catholic Charities, El Centro Hispano, the Haskell Catholic Campus Center and in our community at large who are struggling and are unable to afford the cost of a holiday meal for their families. (Christmas food vouchers come from another source.)

A funding source we used for several years is not currently an option. As we all know, grocery prices have increased considerably over the last few years. The cost of the contents for each basket of food is currently about \$45. We do provide a nice basket so that people can have the dignity of preparing and sharing a nice meal with family. We provide a turkey, stuffing mix, potatoes, some canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter and ingredients for a pumpkin pie, including whipped topping.

Last year we prepared 100 baskets so that all from Catholic Charities, Centro Hispano, Haskell Catholic Campus Center and families in the parish who had requested one could have a basket. At today's prices, the total cost of 100 baskets is about \$4,500. If this cost is split among 1100 parish families, the requested donation from each family would be about \$5 per family. Could your family donate at least \$5 so that families who are struggling can prepare and share a nice, nutritious holiday meal with their family?

If so, there is a link on the church's website that is specifically dedicated to this request for money to cover costs for Thanksgiving food baskets. Please go to: www.sjevangelist.com and click on the "Online Giving" button. You may make your donation there. Or if you'd rather, put your donation in an envelope marked "Holiday Food Donation" and place it in the collection basket. Thank you for helping us help others enjoy their Thanksgiving holiday!

ENTRENAMIENTO PARA EL ENCUENTRO 2018: Miembros elegidos por los párrocos de las 12 parroquias con ministerio Hispano participarán los días 28 y 29 de Octubre en el entrenamiento para el ENCUENTRO 2018. Este se tendrá en la Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón (OLU). 2646 S. 34th Street Kansas City KS 66106.

CLASES DE COMPUTACIÓN BÁSICA PARA ADULTOS: Este curso es 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 6 de Octubre de 6:00pm a 9:00pm. Las clases son todos los Viernes por un mes. Cuatro (4) clases en total. Para inscribirse contacte a Jaime Fuentes (913) 732-8681.

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 16 de octubre de 2016

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29° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La palabra de Dios nos va educando cada domingo en la Eucaristía, ayudándonos por medio de ella a que nuestros caminos sean los que Dios nos va indicando. De esta forma es que la conocemos y crece la fe. Muchos de nosotros tenemos esta experiencia. Después de escucharla es que nos nacen las ganas de estudiar y anunciarla. La responsabilidad misionera no la podemos evitar. Sabemos que las lecturas bíblicas son consoladoras y animadoras en la mayoría de ellas. Pero, a veces también nos retan, juzgan y hasta condenan nuestros actos. Es así, como Pablo le pide a Timoteo que "anuncies la palabra; insiste a tiempo y a destiempo; convence, reprende y exhorta con toda paciencia y sabiduría" (2 Tim 4, 2).

Si escuchamos la palabra de Dios con atención en la Misa los domingos y recibimos el cuerpo y la sangre del Señor estaremos de seguro bien equipados para toda obra buena. La palabra nos educa en la verdadera sabiduría y misericordia de Dios. ¿Cómo educarnos en la palabra de Dios? ¿Cómo saber llevarla a los demás? Hay varios caminos, pero hoy el Señor nos presenta uno de ellos. Nos invita a saber orar, a saber dirigirnos a Dios con humildad y confianza. Moisés con su grupo y la mujer de la parábola nos muestran la insistencia. Tenemos que hacer rutina de oración personalmente y con la familia. Papá y mamá pueden buscar en sus celulares pasajes de la Biblia y orar con los miembros de la familia. Hoy el Señor Jesús nos invita a la apertura hacia su Padre por medio de la oración.

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Un modo de evaluar nuestra oración sería analizar cómo es que hacemos justicia hacia los demás, incluyendo familiares, amigos, compañeros de trabajo y hasta nosotros mismos. El Señor insiste en que no debemos de desanimarnos al hacer nuestra oración. La persistencia en la oración nos guía hacia la justicia. La parábola de hoy da comienzo con la presentación de los dos personajes centrales: un juez que dos veces declara no temerle a Dios y no respetaba a la gente, y una viuda que venía a él una y otra vez con el mismo argumento de actuar con justicia hacia sus adversarios.

¡Todos debemos de orar! Por una reforma migratoria justa, para que termine la violencia, para tener trabajo, por los padres y madres de familia, por nuestras demás necesidades, para dar gracias: por todo esto y más debemos de orar. Jesús nos invita a ver la gran diferencia que existe entre el juez de la parábola y el juez que es nuestro Dios, siempre bondadoso y bueno. La viuda representa a cada uno de nosotros que clama por sus derechos para que el Reino de Dios se haga presente. Su pequeñez ante el juez se hizo grande por su fe. ¿De qué forma nuestra fe nos lleva a actuar para que la justicia llegue a todos? ¿Cómo uso el poder de mi voz y voto para luchar por la justicia? El Evangelio nos da la pauta, poniendo de ejemplo al Señor Jesús que se refugia en la oración en los momentos más difíciles de su vida terrena. Su invitación es segura para los hombres y mujeres de hoy. La oración es alimento seguro para la fe.