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# ST JOHN

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OCTOBER 2, 2016  
27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME



**Weekend Mass Schedule:** Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am, 2:00pm (Spanish Mass), 5:00pm. **Website:** [www.sjevangelist.com](http://www.sjevangelist.com)

**Weekday Mass Schedule:** Monday-Friday 7:30am; Saturday 8:00am. **Reconciliation:** Wednesday 11:00am-12:00pm, 7:00-8:00pm; Saturday 3:00-4:00pm

# BREAD TO OFFER



## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (PART I)

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.

This coming Tuesday is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, an important feast day for the Capuchin Franciscans, our parish Secular Franciscans, as well as all of the consecrated religious of the Franciscan family. St Francis was born in 1182 in Assisi, Italy. While the feudal system was still very much a part of the culture and society of his day, another economic/social class had emerged by the time Francis was born – the merchant class. These individuals were usually not of the upper noble class or aristocracy, but they had a lot of money either from the sale of their craft or from “retailing” fine articles and goods. Francis’ Father Pietro di Bernadone was of the merchant class. The merchants organized into guilds and became very powerful politically because of their wealth. Eventually, they began to appoint mayors in their own towns and thereby established their own governing power, which conflicted with the established nobility who “owned” these towns and cities. When Francis was just ten years of age, the merchant class of Assisi rose up against the nobility. They kidnapped the ruling family and set fire to their castle. The nobles of Assisi hired the army of the neighboring town of Perugia to help them regain power over Assisi. Eventually, a truce was signed, but not with honest intent on the part of the Assisi merchant class. The two cities would war again in 1202.

In the years between those two battles, Francis apprenticed under his father in the textile trade. Early on, Francis became very wealthy and popular. He loved to host huge parties and celebrations, often paying for most of it himself. He had dreams of becoming a knight and finally had his chance when Assisi went to war with Perugia a second time. Francis strongly desired to serve God as a knight (a recognized sign of Christian devotion at that time). After some months of battle in Perugia, Francis was taken captive and imprisoned for one year, during which time he fell seriously ill. Pietro bargained for his son’s return home, paying a heavy ransom. It took about a year for Francis to recover from his illness, but his desire for knighthood and chivalry never abated. He had yet another chance at his quest when Sir Walter of Brienne, a famous knight and Duke, was sent by Pope Innocent III to recapture Sicily, which had been taken by King Frederick, the reigning Emperor. When Walter requested support from the citizens of central Italy, Francis was elated. His father acquired the finest armor for him and one of the best stallions. As Francis was on his way to Sicily, he had a dream during which he heard a voice ask him why he is serving the servant and not the Master. This vivid dream with its accompanying imagery of a knight’s castle filled with armor, disturbed Francis very deeply. He realized that God was calling him to return to his home and await instructions there. He sold his horse and his armor and gave the money to the poor. He gave his expensive knight’s cape to a poor beggar. He begged his way back to Assisi, where he steeped himself in prayer and fasting. On a couple of occasions, he gathered with his old friends, but the joy he once experienced with them had dissipated. Finally, upon hearing a priest read a passage from the Gospel of Matthew, he decided to sell all that he had, give to the poor, and become an itinerant preacher.

During this time, approximately 1205, Francis rebuilt by hand, three small churches. Eventually, other young men, most from the nobility of Assisi, as well as one priest, joined him. Together they bathed the sores of lepers, fed them and cared for them, and preached the Gospel to the people of Assisi and other nearby towns. They also spent much time in prayer and solitude in caves and small, poor churches. They would gather to pray the Liturgy of the Hours and for Mass. They established their living quarters at one of the churches Francis rebuilt, “Our Lady of the Angels.” They also named that church the “Portiuncula” or “little portion,” because it was from this “little portion” where Francis and his friars would set off to preach the Gospel and earn their food doing manual labor. In 1208, Francis and a few of his followers went to Rome to ask permission from Pope Innocent III to continue to live their new life with the official blessing of the Church. The Pope gave verbal approval for their new way of life. However, it was not until 1221, that the first “Rule of the Friars Minor” was approved, but not officially “sealed” by the Pope Honorius III. In 1223, after some re-working of the Rule, Pope Honorius gave the final seal of approval to the Rule. It is the same rule that all First Order Franciscans, including the Capuchins, follow today. “Friar Minor” comes from the Latin “Frater” which means “brother” and the Latin “Minor” which translates as “lesser” or “smaller.” St. Francis wished that his followers and he became as “little brothers” – servants to everyone.

- Fr. Jeff

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be an hour of **Reservoir Adoration** this **Wednesday, October 5, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** in the church. Reconciliation will also be available.

Silent adoration is available in the Padre Pio chapel from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of each week. We invite you to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

We are all encouraged to spend time in adoration, but we are not always certain how to go about making a holy hour. Below are just a few suggestions. See [www.sjevangelist.com](http://www.sjevangelist.com) for more ideas.

- Consider that the Sacred Body of Jesus came from Holy Mary. Thank her.
- Tell Him something that made you happy/afraid/angry. Then listen.
- Slowly read Scripture until something hits you. Then listen.
- Imagine Mary sitting next to you and praying with you.
- Look at yourself. Count your gifts. Then thank Him.
- Look at the Good God, then let Him look at you.
- Ask Him to show you the next step.
- Enjoy just being in His presence.
- Pray for the world.



# UNBOUND: BECOME A SPONSOR

## Look Closer: See Potential, Not Poverty.

Next weekend a representative will be here to speak with St. John Parish about Unbound, an international nonprofit founded by lay Catholics grounded in the Gospel call to put the needs of the marginalized and vulnerable first. Working side by side with people of diverse faith traditions in 20 countries, Unbound brings people together to challenge poverty in new and innovative ways. **Your sponsorship** directly benefits an individual and helps pay for education, skills training and livelihood programs. We believe families and communities can overcome the challenges that face them when we all work together.

## THE UNEXPECTED FRUITS OF SPONSORSHIP

### Kerstin Geiger Reflects On Her Unbound Experience

My husband and I have been sponsoring a little girl in El Salvador through Unbound for a few years now. The experience has been enriching beyond what we ever imagined. Allow me to make a few remarks why I believe participating in sponsorship is so worthwhile not only personally, but also spiritually. It is a path, I have discovered, to living and witnessing the magnificent beauty of our Catholic Faith in a very special way.

All Christians, regardless of economic circumstance, are called to make careful examination of our needs and wants and share our abundance with those less fortunate. Paradoxically despite our wealth compared to the rest of the world this is not easy for us, for we are all influenced by the overpowering materialism and consumerism in our culture. This skews our perception of what our true needs are and what are merely wants. As Bishop-Elect Robert Barron has so effectively explained, what we need is detachment. Only when we detach ourselves from the addiction to material things [will we] be able to use them with great effectiveness for God’s purposes (Fr. Robert Barron, Catholicism). And the beauty is that once in our faith journey we have reached a measure of detachment from worldly and finite goods do we begin to share our abundance cheerfully and reap unexpected spiritual riches.

To me one of the most surprising spiritual fruits of sponsorship through Unbound has been precisely this greater detachment from worldly goods. Through the letters we exchange with our sponsored friend we get to know her life and the life of her family. The simple joys she shares are in stark contrast to the ridiculous madness of the complicated lives we live in our culture. In her innocence she is demonstrating that less is so much more and ultimately so much more rewarding. The witness of their lives show me how grateful they are for each of the gifts God has given them. They count our sponsorship as one of those gifts and little Maria Gissele prays each night for us! Her prayers for us have the power of bringing tears to my eyes in speechless gratitude whenever I think of it. I can only imagine the multitude of blessings God has worked in our lives because of her prayers. Of course we pray for her and her family too, but there is no ignoring the fact that we are giving from our material abundance which isn’t even a pinch in my budget! And she in return gives us spiritual riches. Which makes me realize something quite startling: we are the ones who are being sponsored spiritually; we are the ones who receive the greater gift! How magnificent God’s ways are in leading us out of our respective poverties.

God made each and every person on this planet in his image. In the Eucharist Christ makes us One Body. In Friendship the Holy Spirit connects one human heart to another. When we open our hearts and embrace these Trinitarian graces we allow ourselves to experience unexpected gifts of Divine Love far beyond the effort it takes - please sponsor a child, elder or young adult through Unbound.

—Read more from Kerstin this week at: [www.sjevangelist.com](http://www.sjevangelist.com)

# MINISTERS: OCTOBER 8-9

### LECTORS

**Saturday**  
4:30pm ..... L1: P Graves; L2: J Snyder

**Sunday**  
7:00am ..... L1: B Kish; L2: C Zebas  
8:30am ..... L1: W Smith; L2: D Carlin  
11:00am ..... L1: C Ehrlich; L2: J O’Brien-Host  
5:00pm ..... L1: M Williams; L2: I Hartsig

### ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday**  
4:30pm ..... S Wondrack, G Ohlmacher

**Sunday**  
7:00am ..... Volunteers  
8:30am ..... T Kempf, C Peltier  
11:00am ..... G Malin, F Kramer  
5:00pm ..... B. Diers, R Diers

### CANTORS

**Saturday**  
4:30pm ..... J Graves

**Sunday**  
7:00am ..... M Steichen  
8:30am ..... A Koster

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Saturday**  
4:30pm ....D Depenbusch, D&K Guth, J Halderman, L Heiserman, A Hewitt

**Sunday**  
7:00am ..... B Harmon, M Heath, B Menke  
8:30am ..... S Galarza Liu, D Hoss, J Huss, M Ice,  
..... S Jahn, C Johnson, T Kempf  
11:00am ..... N Allensworth, B Baska, B Bermudez, C Bial,  
..... D Bradley, A Brill, C Buchheister  
5:00pm ..... J Weeks, D Wulf-Walter, N Albrecht, L Brey, S File, N Jones

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. John Benefit Auction

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The 33<sup>rd</sup> 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

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*Benefit Auction*

# STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

## IN MEMORIAM

### JIM FREUND

Husband of Hope Freund

## 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**  
**Craig Bogley**, husband of Judy Carpenter  
**Remi Brown**  
**Dale Brueggeman**, husband of Debbie Filkins  
**John Carlos**  
**Chris Crandon**  
**Karen Dunn**, mother of Meg Milburn  
**Buddy Hadl**  
**Terry Hadl**  
**Sophia Hamilton**, daughter of Alex and Sheri Hamilton  
**Judy Hill**  
**Bob Holek**  
**Lily Hollister**, niece of Tom Kellogg  
**Nancy Hubble**, wife of Tom Kellogg  
**Susan Jones**, sister of Patti Fisher  
**Barb Marden**  
**Vickie Mesa**  
**Leo Nau**  
**Rudy Oberzan**, brother of John Oberzan  
**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**

## 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.

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 2, 2016

**Sunday:** Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10  
**Monday:** Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1-2, 7-10/Lk 10:25-37  
**Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Lk 10:38-42  
**Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1-2/Lk 11:1-4  
**Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 11:5-13  
**Friday:** Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 11:15-26  
**Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 11:27-28  
**Next Sunday:** 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

## 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 is welcome.

## IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Remembrance is a four-week program that blends the best of what modern psychology and the Church have to offer to help families heal from the loss of a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant death. For information about upcoming programs, please email Libby DuPont in the Office of Marriage and Family Life at [dupont@archkck.org](mailto:dupont@archkck.org).

The next session of In Loving Remembrance will be held at Church of the Nativity on Thursday evenings 7-9PM on Oct 13, 20, 27 and Nov 3.

## 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!

## MASS INTENTIONS: OCTOBER 3-9

**Monday:** 7:30am ..... Rev. Walter J. Tulley†  
**Tuesday:** 7:30am..... For Peace  
**Wednesday:** 7:30am ..... Anna Kish†  
**Thursday:** 7:30am.....Osborne-O'Connor Family†  
**Friday:** 7:30am ..... Children in Need of Adoptive Families  
**Saturday:** 8:00am ..... For God's Mercy and Healing  
4:30pm.....Jim Hane†  
**Sunday:** 7:00am ..... Wilma Winkelbauer†  
8:30am ..... St. John Parish  
11:00am .....Jim Freund†  
2:00pm (Spanish) .... Zoe Margorita on her 3rd Birthday  
5:00pm.....Leo & Eileen Ellenbeckert†

# FAITH FORMATION

## THE FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

### A Class with Fr. Mike

This **Thursday, October 6, 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**, located in the lower level of the 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.

## 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.

The most prominent of these women is, of course, Mary, and the class will go through the church's understanding of Mary in Scripture and Tradition using John Paul II's encyclical, "Redemptoris Mater."

As the class progresses we will look at the lives of other women who served as powerful examples of Christ in the New Testament. "Redemptoris Mater" can be downloaded for free from our website: [sjevangelist.com](http://sjevangelist.com).

Classes meet Tuesday evenings in the church basement from 7:00—8:30pm, and all are welcome!

## REDISCOVER JESUS

### CHAPTER 37: THE HOLY MOMENT

*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:** Holiness is possible for you.

**Verse to Live:** "God's will is for you to be holy."  
{ 1 Thessalonians 4:3 }

**Question to Consider:** Before now, did you ever believe holiness was possible for you?

**Prayer:** Lord, never let me forget that holiness is possible.

## Come Explore ST. JOHN SCHOOL!

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



## RCIA AT ST. JOHN

RCIA classes are now meeting on Monday nights at 7:00p.m. in the church basement. Anyone interested in becoming Catholic or simply learning more about the Catholic Faith is welcome to attend, no RSVP needed!

Contact Michael Podrebarac, RCIA Coordinator, for more information at [liturgy@archkck.org](mailto: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

Life Chain and Ice Cream: **October 2, 12:30-2:30pm**

Bible Study and Reservoir: **October 5, 6:15-8:00pm**

Worlds of Fun Trip! **October 9, leave at 1:00pm, return at 7:00pm**

### Middle School

**October 5:** The Rock - Healthy, Happy, Holy

**October 7-9:** Confirmation Retreat at Prairie Star Ranch

**October 12:** The Rock - Olympics

# LOCAL HAPPENINGS

## BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Tuesday, October 4, 3:30 p.m.

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis this Tuesday, Fr. Barnabas will lead a blessing of animals at St. John. All parishioners are welcome to bring their pets to be blessed! Come to the south side of the school (between the school and the parish office) at 3:30pm to be a part of the blessing.

## BLESSED ROSARIES AVAILABLE

October is the Month of Devotion to Mary and the Rosary. Our Lady is the Patroness of the United States under the title, "The Immaculate Conception." Please pray the rosary during the month of October. Blessed rosaries are available in the entrances of the church.

## PUBLIC ROSARY CRUSADE

Please join us in a Public Rosary Rally on **Saturday, October 15, at 12:00 noon** at Watson Park, 6th and Kentucky Streets. This Rosary Rally, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of 15,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day for conversion, repentance and prayer to ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Please contact Mary Davin at (785) 691-9250 for more information.



## MUSIC FEST

SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 16

6:00PM - 8:00PM

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# JUSTICE MATTERS

An interfaith network of 23 faith groups working for justice in Lawrence and Douglas County

Who are the network members? What are these house meetings you are being invited to attend? How does Justice Matters work? All good questions.

The faith groups that make up the network of Justice Matters are: Antioch, Central United Methodist, First Baptist, First Christian, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Friends Meeting, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Haskell Indian Nation Catholic Center, Immanuel Lutheran, Islamic Society of Lawrence, Lawrence Jewish Community, Morning Star, Ninth Street Missionary Baptist, Peace Mennonite, Persian Community, Plymouth Congregational, St. Margaret's Episcopal, St. John Catholic, St. Luke's AME, Trinity Lutheran, Velocity and Vintage.

The house meetings are small groups gathering in homes of the faith group members. It is the beginning of a sacred conversation. It is only the 'listening' part of the conversation. Questions will be asked that will elicit responses of worry and concern about things that could be better in Lawrence and Douglas County. The responses will be gathered into 'topics' and those topics will be voted on by all network members at the Community Problems Assembly on November 2 for the top priority.

How does it work from there? That's when we enter into the 'discussion' part in the research and study groups with people from all the faith groups working together gathering information, sharing opinions and ideas and looking for how to make things better. What is a possible solution? When the research group arrives at a consensus that solution will be approved by the board of directors (two representatives from each faith group) and presented to the entire membership at the Solutions Briefing on March 14.

Then, it is time for action. After discerning who in the community has the authority to make decisions, they are invited to enter into a dialogue and then that person will be invited to participate in the Nehemiah Actions on March 30 at the Lied Center.

So, the house meetings are the first attempt in building the assembly that will gather people of faith who are informed and in support of the actions we request for our brothers and sisters in need. The example we have from scripture is from Nehemiah who knowing he didn't have the money or influence to make a difference, gathered a large assembly to show the decision makers that the people wanted a change.

The goal is to have about 90 house meetings in the city between now and October 22. St. John will have 7 of those meetings among our six team leaders. You are invited. Please come and help us reach our parish goal of listening to 100 of our parishioners. Here are the dates: Pat Lechtenberg, Oct. 2 at 3:30 pm and again at 6:30 pm; Carol vonTersch, Oct. 9 at 2 pm; Joe Snyder and Marilyn Page, Oct. 9 at 2:30 pm; Jean Drumm, Oct. 10 at 6:30 pm; Vicki McMurray, Oct. 15 at 9:30 am; Ruth Entwistle (date to be decided).

For more information and to reserve a place please contact Joe Synder (785-550-6421 or joesnyder42@gmail.com) or Pat Lechtenberg (785-842-1992 or plek10berg@aol.com).



# 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](mailto:sromero@saint-johns.net) or Ellen Sickinger at [sickinger@saint-johns.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lbrey525@gmail.com)) for more info.

## MARRIAGE MINUTE

Have you ever "tuned out" your spouse or said, "There he goes again, or she never listens to me." While this is not uncommon, it can reveal a road block to greater intimacy in marriage and with God.

The spousal relationship between husband and wife mirrors the relationship we have with God. If we take God for granted, we will tend to take our wife for granted. If we take our spouse for granted, we will tend to take God for granted. This week's Psalm gives us great advice for either scenario, "If today you hear His voice, harden not your heart." If you want to improve your relationship with God, start with more attentive listening to your spouse.

Devote your entire attention to the one you love. To improve listening, remember:

- Eye contact
- Repeat back what you hear
- Listening is different than waiting to talk
- Turn off the phone or TV to avoid the temptation of distraction

# 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 September 25, 2016.

Budgeted weekly amount .....	\$27,403.84
Average weekly amount.....	<b>\$25,703.75</b>
Budgeted YTD.....	\$356,249.92
Actual YTD .....	<b>\$334,148.76</b>
<b>Net Shortage .....</b>	<b>\$22,101.16</b>

## ST. JOHN SCHOOL AUCTION

Thank you to the many people who donated items and suggested ideas for this year's auction! We have a great line-up of silent and live auction items for you to bid on, so make plans now to join us November 5 in the school for the 33rd Annual Benefit Auction!

## ONLINE GIVING

Our online giving program allows you to make contributions to St. John without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. Visit [sjevangelist.com/giving](http://sjevangelist.com/giving) for more information!

# SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor, Social Concerns Committee

First, I want to wish all of you an early Happy Feast Day! The Feast Day of Francis of Assisi, the patron of our beloved Capuchin Franciscans, is on Tuesday October 4. Don't forget the blessing of the animals at the school parking lot at 3:30 on that day! And I invite you to take some time that day to reflect on what the life and example of St. Francis of Assisi has inspired in you and in our world. His life has certainly inspired the life of our current Pope Francis!

The Church has designated every October as Respect Life Month. During this time, we often hear or read about specific Respect Life issues: the sanctity of all life including the unborn, the dying and those on death row. We hear about the dignity of the human person and how important it is to respect that dignity, no matter who the person is. We hear or read how certain social conditions like poverty, poor access to medical care, racism and xenophobia erode the dignity of those who live affected by such conditions.

Here are some prayer and action ideas to consider to help enrich your understanding of respect for all human life and that might also might make life easier or less painful for those who live with the consequences of wounded dignity and disrespect or lack of understanding:

- Each day this month spend time in prayer for a group or person that you have difficulty accepting or understanding. At the end of your prayer each day, think about where that prayer has taken you. Does it lead you to more questions? Has it softened your heart? Has it led you to some positive action or wish for dialogue?
- Call the maternity ward of a hospital or the volunteer department of a hospital or a neonatal intensive care unit to see what needs they might have. Are there material or emotional support needs that families dealing with a premature birth or the death of an infant could use help with? Are there women who have given birth who have given their babies to families to adopt that are grieving and may need emotional support? Would you be interested in helping with a ministry such as Rachel's Vineyard supported by the archdiocese, which helps women who are dealing with post-abortion grief? Would you be willing to journey alongside someone who may need someone to be a good listener?
- Have you always been interested in prison ministry? If so, contact the Douglas County Jail to see what their volunteer needs are. Or purchase a subscription to a Catholic publication for the jail library. Get mailing information from the jail volunteer coordinator.
- If you know someone who is terminally ill, make a commitment to visit them once a week as long as they can have visitors. Reflect on what you learn as you spend time with that person.
- Think of a time in your life when you felt like you didn't matter. What did it feel like? Did you feel dignity or did you feel shame? Now think about marginalized groups in our society, e.g., racial or ethnic minorities, or those struggling with issues of gender and sexual orientation or who practice a religion other than Christianity. Pray for peace and for greater understanding in your own heart and in the heart(s) of the person/people you have identified. Think of a way that you could reach out in goodwill to the person/people you identified. This could be something as simple as saying Hello to someone you haven't spoken to or something like sitting down over coffee to listen to someone speak from their heart. What did you learn? Where did it take you? More questioning? A new understanding? Clarity? Confusion?

Travel mercies on your journey!

## CELEBRATING ST. FRANCIS

Come join the Secular Franciscans in commemorating the death of Saint Francis of Assisi on **Monday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m.** in the church. The service, also known as the Transitus, is held every year on the eve of St. Francis' death as a re-telling of the story of the end of his life. The service combines prayer with storytelling, Scripture and singing.

Come join us for this service and in doing so, enrich your experience of the Feast Day of Saint Francis which will take place on October 4!

## CONCIERTO CATÓLICO

### La Parroquia de All Saints en Kansas City, KS

Invita a un Concierto Católico el día 8 de Octubre, 2016 en el National Guard Armory ubicado en 100 s. 20th street Kansas City, KS.

A este Concierto tenemos como invitados a Jesenia Flores, Pricila Angel (ex-bala de plata), Marita Garza, Rafael Tiburcio y Los Elegidos de Cristo. Las puertas se abren a las 4:00 pm y los boletos cuestan 25.00 general. Para mas información llamar 913-201-6595 (Alvaro Medel Rosas)

## 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 2 de octubre de 2016

Domingo: Hab 1, 2-3; 2, 2-4/Sal 95, 1-2. 6-9/2 Tim 1, 6-8. 13-14/Lc 17, 5-10

Lunes: Gal 1, 6-12/Sal 111, 1-2. 7-10/Lc 10, 25-37

Martes: Gal 1, 13-24/Sal 139, 1-3. 13-15/Lc 10, 38-42

Miércoles: Gal 2, 1-2. 7-14/Sal 117, 1-2/Lc 11, 1-4

Jueves: Gal 3, 1-5/Lc 1, 69-75/Lc 11, 5-13

Viernes: Gal 3, 7-14/Sal 111, 1-6/Lc 11, 15-26

Sábado: Gal 3, 22-29/Sal 105, 2-7/Lc 11, 27-28

Domingo siguiente: 2 Re 5, 14-17/Sal 98, 1-4/2 Tim 2, 8-13/Lc 17, 11-19

## 2 de octubre de 2016

### 27° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¡"Auméntanos la fe"! Tal como los apóstoles le pidieron al Señor, deberíamos hacerlo nosotros todos los días en nuestra oración. Aunque, quizás usted me diga: Yo creo en el Señor, tengo una fe grande. La respuesta es que todos tenemos el deseo de creer en él con más solidez. La fe es un don, es un regalo que recibimos al ser bautizados. Pero el compromiso es saber crecer ese regalo en el trayecto de nuestra vida. Pidamos, pues, que se nos sea dada abundantemente. Vivir en la fe es estar atentos a los signos de los tiempos, escuchando la voz de Dios, atentos siempre. Porque en medio de tantas restricciones económicas, falta de trabajo y de vivienda, se nos olvida lo principal: recordar que tenemos un Padre que nos cuida. ¿Cómo cuido mi fe? ¿De qué forma soy modelo de fe para la familia y la sociedad?

Existen personas con una fe firme en las enfermedades, las humillaciones y las penas. Las hemos visto y quizá vivimos con ellas; pueden ser nuestros abuelos, padres, hermanos, hermanas y amigos. Ellos han sabido responder admirablemente; no se han olvidado de nada de lo que el Señor nos ha dicho y hecho desde la cruz. El Papa Francisco lo explica de la siguiente manera: "El Apóstol Juan (1 Jn 5, 4) dice que la victoria sobre el mundo es nuestra fe. ¡Nuestra fe vence siempre! La fe es victoria" (homilía, el 14 de enero de 2016).

**PRÓXIMO RETIRO DE 15ERA:** 8-9 de Octubre en la Iglesia de OL Guadalupe en Topeka. Para mayor información pueden llamar a Lety Díaz al 913 713 9470.

**PRÓXIMO RETIRO DE CONVALIDACION:** Los días 8-9 de Octubre en la Iglesia del Good Shepherd vamos a tener el próximo retiro de convalidación para parejas hispanas. Por favor llenen la forma apropiada con sus sacerdotes antes de registrarse por el retiro. Gracias. Para más informaciones llamar a Anabela Wasserman 913 563 5312.

**CURSO DE VIRTUS EN ESPAÑOL:** Les informamos que vamos a dar una sesión de Virtus en español el día 15 de Octubre a las 8:30 am en la Iglesia de St. Paul Catholic Church

900 S Honeysuckle Olathe, Ks 66061. Para información llamar a Karla Melgar (913) 764-0323 ext.103 kmelgar@spcatholic.org

**RETIRO DE HOMBRES:** Octubre 8-9 en la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón, 2646 34th ST, Kansas City KS 66106. Costo \$20. Para más informaciones llamar a la Iglesia de San Juan Evangelista 913 677 4621.

**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