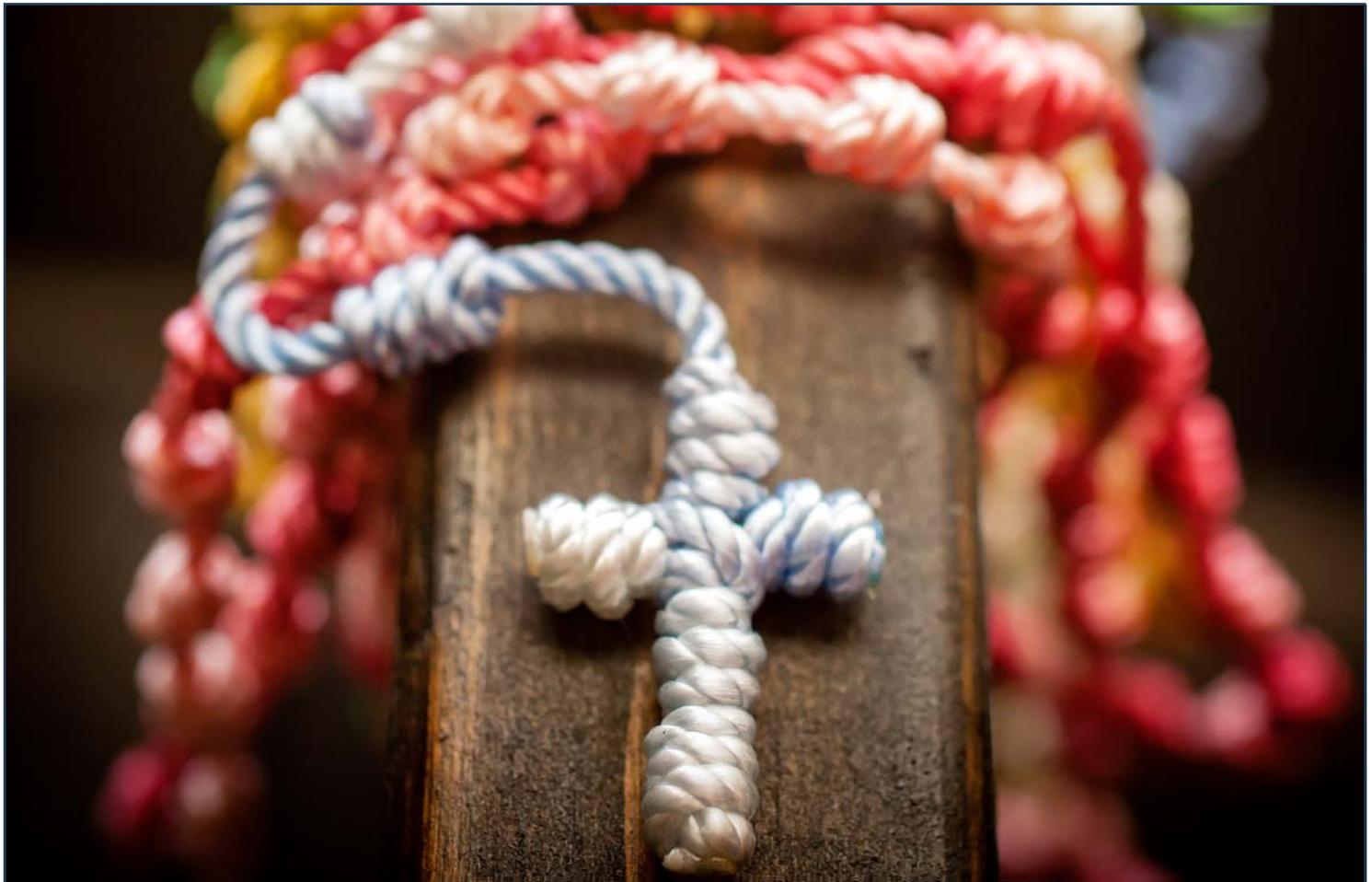


OCTOBER 23, 2016 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. JOHN SCHOOL BENEFIT AUCTION: RSVP by this Tuesday! See pages 4 and 5 for information.



**“THE ROSARY IS A PRAYER THAT ALWAYS ACCOMPANIES ME;
IT IS ALSO THE PRAYER OF THE ORDINARY PEOPLE AND THE SAINTS...
IT IS A PRAYER FROM MY HEART.”**

—POPE FRANCIS

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!

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BREAD TO OFFER



CURRENT EVENTS

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.

Two weekends ago, Fr. Cyrus Gallagher from Unbound celebrated all of our parishes Masses, including the 2:00 Mass in Spanish. Fr. Cyrus is a Capuchin Franciscan from the same province of Capuchins as Fr. Mike, Fr. Barnabas, and myself. He is assigned to Colorado Springs, but he travels frequently for Unbound. Fr. Cyrus' being here allowed me to travel to Nashville with my parents for my niece's wedding. I will be out of town again next weekend. I plan to travel to Denver to attend our Capuchin Province annual auction, the Brown Robe Benefit, which you have seen advertised in this bulletin. I have not been able to attend our province auction the past few years because I was going to Denver every six weeks for our Capuchin provincial council meeting. Now that I am no longer on that council, I do not travel as much, which affords me the chance to attend the Benefit this year. So far, three St. John Parishioners have signed on to attend the Brown Robe Benefit. If any of you would like a little weekend getaway in Denver and an enjoyable evening with the Capuchins, please consider the Brown Robe Benefit. It is a fun event and a chance to meet more Capuchins and the wonderful people who support us!

Speaking of auctions, please do not forget our St. John School Auction on Saturday, November 5th! So many of our parishioners, school families, and parish and school staff volunteer to make this auction a success. They would prefer that I not mention their names, so I will honor that, but three school Moms have organized this year's auction as they did last year's. It is incredible to see all that they do to organize the auction. They solicit donations and gifts, make runs for the same, input data into two computers, and spend several hours a day in the parish office all for the SJS auction – they are a great example of stewardship of service and time! THANK YOU ladies!

The building project continues to progress. Soil samples were taken from the area where the new gym is to be erected, drawings have been submitted in order to obtain a building permit, "elevation shots" of the convent were taken, and I will have met with the architect again this past Wednesday. The project timeline continues to evolve. Presently, we are scheduled to excavate and pour the foundation for the convent sometime in November and then move the convent in December, probably during the Christmas break when school is not in session so as to deter any liability issues. The parish office will have to be closed at that time as well. Construction of the gym is still set to begin in January. The building committee members, the school council members, the finance council members, and the pastoral council members are all very excited about our parish building project. We all believe that this is necessary if the school and parish are to have a viable future. Thank you for your support of this venture!

- Fr. Jeff

See page 7 of the bulletin for more information on the Brown Robe Benefit, or visit BrownRobe.org for tickets.

See page 4 for your ticket to the St. John Benefit Auction!

THANK YOU FROM UNBOUND

Dear Parishioners,

UNBOUND would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness in welcoming us to speak on behalf of deserving children, youth and elders in need. Your generous and strong Faith and your continuing fidelity to the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ are indeed a blessing. I am personally grateful for all the thoughtful attention you provided to me. —If you have not yet done so and would like to form an alliance of friendship with a child, a teenager, a seminarian, an elder, or child with special needs, or if you would like to visit your sponsored friend, contact us about Mission Awareness Trips: call 1-800-875-6565, or visit www.unbound.org.

—Fr. Cyrus Gallagher

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 (mark one):

____ Check ____ Credit Card ____ Bill My School Account (School Families Only)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Credit Card Number (will be destroyed after charged): _____

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Billing Address (if different): _____

ST. JOHN BENEFIT AUCTION

We are in the homestretch of Auction planning!

With just two weeks to go, it is time to turn in our reservation numbers to the caterer. So please give us your RSVP by **Tuesday, October 25!** We are excited to share the wonderful donations with you, so make plans to join us. And if attending is not in your plans, consider volunteering! We need your help and we have times to fit anyone's schedule, so let us know where we can count on you!

SAVE THE DATE! Family Fun Night returns, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4!

Plan now to bring your family and join the St. John school community for a night of FUN exploring the wonders of Asia. Kids games and crafts will create music, animals and masks. A scavenger hunt will challenge you to find the landmarks hidden nearby. Show your style dancing and singing to the music. And don't forget to do a little worldly shopping at the Friday night auction! No reservations needed for this FREE family event.

Dinner will be offered from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the church basement for \$5/person.



SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor, Social Concerns Committee

I'm writing this column on an unseasonably warm day for October. November is just around the corner, and before we know it, December will be upon us! Our giving holidays are rapidly approaching.

For some in our parish, giving at this time of year may seem like an impossibility and at the very least would require some creativity. If you or someone you know in the parish is struggling financially due to poverty and/or lack of employment, we can help. The social concerns committee collaborates with Catholic Charities, Centro Hispano and the Haskell Catholic Campus Center to provide Thanksgiving food baskets to those who can't afford a Thanksgiving meal for themselves and their family who would be dining with them. We also collaborate in the Giving Tree project each year, a project in which tags containing a gift request are placed on the tree and parishioners remove the tags and purchase the designated gift requested on the tag(s) they choose. Catholic Charities provides food vouchers for each giving tree family served so that food may be purchased for a Christmas meal.

If you or someone you know in the parish needs help at Thanksgiving and/or Christmas, please contact the Catholic Charities office at 856-2694. The number of families that can be served is limited so call as early as you can. When you call, let the staff know you are interested in holiday assistance. Two gifts per child under age 18 and one gift per adult can be provided for Christmas. The staff will ask you questions about gifts being requested so be sure to have sizes and specific information about items you are requesting available to you when you call. No requests will be accepted after Friday, November 18. And if our slots fill up before then, the staff at Catholic Charities will let you know. We will make every effort to help you.

To those parish families who have already made donations toward the cost of food for Thanksgiving baskets, we wholeheartedly thank you! For the rest of you, there's still time to make your donation! There is a link to make a donation at online giving on the Church's website at www.sjevangelist.com or you may drop cash or a check in the offering in an envelope marked THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATION. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

The giving trees will be ready on Thanksgiving weekend. We'll have more information about the giving tree project in a future column. Thank you for helping us show mercy to those who struggle at a time of the year that is joyous, but for many is painful because they are struggling.

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 40: AN HOUR OF POWER

This is the final chapter in the book we have been studying as a parish this year, *Rediscover Jesus*. Author Matthew Kelly leaves us with a final challenge:

Sometime in the next few days, find an empty church and sit with Jesus for an hour. Don't place great plans or expectations on that hour. Just sit with him in the silence. (p. 186)

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!



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.

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	\$25,955.34
Budgeted YTD.....	\$438,461.44
Actual YTD.....	\$415,285.55
Net Shortage.....	\$23,175.89

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.

JUSTICE MATTERS

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

The 6 team leaders of St. John Parish, Jean Drumm, Ruth Entwistle, Pat Lechtenberg, Vicki McMurray, Joe Snyder & Marilyn Page, and Carol von Tersch, have held 7 house meetings which are the 'listening' part of the conversation that will continue during the next few months. Between 40 and 50 parishioners participated at those meetings and approximately 30 parishioners signed up as network members.

At all liturgies this weekend of October 22 and 23 team leaders and network members will be commissioned to begin the work of justice for this third season of Justice Matters. We have all made a commitment to attend the 4 major meetings of the season on November 2, March 14, March 30 and May 1. A very important part of our commitment is to bring at least 3 informed and supportive parishioners to the Nehemiah Action Assembly on March 30 at the Lied Center. This is another opportunity for those of who are not involved as Justice Matters' members to help with the work. Our goal is to bring 250 people from St. John Parish. We will have to double our efforts to reach that goal. If you are interested please save that date to come and show support for our brothers and sisters who are without basic human needs.

The concerns raised at the approximately 70 house meetings all over Lawrence and in the county will be compiled after October 22. That list will be narrowed by an email/mail poll of all network members. The top 2 or 3 concerns will be presented to the membership and a vote taken for the top priority. Our first major meeting, our annual Community Problems Assembly, is where that vote will be taken on November 2, 2016. Following the assembly there will be a county commissioner candidate forum which is open to the public. Doors for the public forum open at 7:30 and the forum begins at 7:45 pm. It will be held at Abe and Jake's Landing.

For more information about Justice Matters or on how to become involved without having attended a house meeting, please contact Joe Snyder (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

"O God, I thank you that I am not like this tax collector."

The Pharisee in this Sunday's Gospel is so arrogant! Yet, it is easy to do this in our own marriages. We often judge our spouse's actions against what we would have done in the same situation, imagining that our way is right and theirs is wrong. We can say to our self, "If only my spouse were more like me, things would be much smoother."

For example, O God, I thank you that I am not like my spouse... who thinks a vacuum is an appropriate birthday gift... or who cries whenever we fight... or who always makes us late.

We all have our own version of that statement. For trivial matters, we can ask our spouse why s/he behaves a certain way, thus learning more about him or her. Even when our spouse is sinning, we can look deeply into our own hearts and say, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner," then grant forgiveness.

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, mother of Marti Frost and Tim Hill
- Bob Holek
- Lily Hollister, niece of Tom Kellogg
- Nancy Hubble, wife of Tom Kellogg
- 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

WEEKLY READINGS

- 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
- Monday:** Eph 4:32--5:8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-5/Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday:** Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-14/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday:** Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
- Friday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16
- Saturday:** Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2-3, 5/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Next Sunday:** Wis 11:22--12:2/Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14/
2 Thes 1:11--2:2/Lk 19:1-10

MASS INTENTIONS: OCTOBER 24-30

- Monday:** 7:30am Jim Freund†
- Tuesday:** 7:30am..... Rudy Oberzan†
- Wednesday:** 7:30am Letha Morgison†
- Thursday:** 7:30am.....Letha Morgison†
- Friday:** 7:30am Sofia de Galarza†
- Saturday:** 8:00am Estera Busse†
4:30pm..... J. Robert Flukert†
- Sunday:** 7:00am Susan Ann Gelvin†
8:30am Larry J. Schmitz†
11:00amChildren in Need of Adoptive Families
2:00pm (Spanish)St. John Parish
5:00pm..... Doris Hoagt†

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.

MINISTERS: OCTOBER 29-30

LECTORS

Contact: Sean Smith
seanj@ku.edu

CANTORS

Saturday: 4:30pm—J Graves
Sunday: 7:00am—M Steichen 8:30am—J Krones

ALTAR SERVERS

- Saturday**
4:30pm S Wondrack, B Rowland
- Sunday**
7:00am Volunteers
8:30am T Kempf, N Smith
11:00am L Keating, P Keating
5:00pm O Schmidt, L Schmidt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- Saturday**
4:30pmJ Halderman, L Heiserman, A Hewitt, B Johnson, J Koster, J McGraw
- Sunday**
7:00am B Osborne, L Wustefeld, J Grzymala-Busse
8:30amS Jahn, C Johnson, T Kempf, B Kessler, K Kohnke, K Ostrander, Y Ruder
11:00amP Smith, S Stewart, D Thimmesch, L Tiffany, T Towle,
..... N Allensworth, B Baska
5:00pmN Jones, M LeGresley, C Malone, A McCabe, S Murray, T Reznicek

Estimados feligreses

UNBOUND quisiera tomar esta oportunidad de agradecerles por su amabilidad en darnos la bienvenida para hablar a nombre de Niños y Ancianos. —Su Fe, abundante y fuerte, y su fidelidad de la continuación a los valores del Evangelio de Jesucristo son de hecho una bendición. —Soy personalmente agradecido para toda la atención que ustedes me proporcionaron. —Si aun no lo ha hecho y quisiera hacer una alianza de amistad con un niño, joven, seminarista, anciano, u niño de necesidades especiales, o si quiere visitar a su nuevo amigo, favor de contactarnos sobre "Mission Awareness Trips": favor de llamar 1-800-875-6564 o www.unbound.org.

Fr Cyrus Gallagher

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.

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

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

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

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

LA FE SE PUEDE ALIMENTAR Hermano, a veces te sientes triste o con necesidad de Dios, ven yo te puedo acompañar a orar, nos podemos ver en la Iglesia o en la oficina. Estoy para ayudarte. Oro por todos, bendiciones María Mota.

Las lecturas de la semana del 23 de octubre de 2016

Domingo: Eclo 35, 12-14. 16-18/Sal 34, 2-3. 17-19. 23/2 Tim 4, 6-8. 16-18/Lc 18, 9-14

Lunes: Ef 4, 32-5, 8/Sal 1, 1-4. 6/Lc 13, 10-17

Martes: Ef 5, 21-33 o 5, 2. 25-32/Sal 128, 1-5/Lc 13, 18-21

Miércoles: Ef 6, 1-9/Sal 145, 10-14/Lc 13, 22-30

Jueves: Ef 6, 10-20/Sal 144, 1-2. 9-10/Lc 13, 31-35

Viernes: Ef 2, 19-22/Sal 19, 2-5/Lc 6, 12-16

Sábado: Flp 1, 18-26/Sal 42, 2-3. 5/Lc 14, 1. 7-11

Domingo siguiente: Sab 11, 22-12, 2/Sal 145, 1-2. 8-11. 13-14/ 2 Tes 1, 11-2, 2/Lc 19, 1-10

23 de octubre de 2016

30° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy escuchamos a dos hombres, un publicano y un fariseo que fueron al templo para hacer oración a Dios. El fariseo pensaba que Dios estaba muy orgulloso de él y de todo lo que hacía. El publicano en cambio pensaba que él no era digno de acercarse a Dios porque era pecador. Simplemente pedía misericordia. Sospecho que muchos de nosotros nos desconcertamos al oír esta parábola. Porque quizá pensamos como el fariseo y nos decimos a nosotros mismos: Yo me siento una persona muy buena, asisto a Misa los domingos, cumplo los mandamientos, doy mi colecta a mi parroquia, trato de convivir con mi vecino, etcétera. Sin embargo, Jesús nos indica que eso no es lo correcto. ¿Dónde está lo incorrecto del fariseo? Él olvidó un importante elemento de la vida espiritual: la humildad que nos lleva a la justificación ante Dios. Dios es el misericordioso el que nos salva.

Reconocer que somos pecadores como el publicano y descubrir el inmenso amor de Dios hacia nosotros es lo que las lecturas de hoy tratan de enseñarnos. "La oración del humilde atraviesa las nubes, y mientras él no obtiene lo que pide, permanece sin descanso y no desiste" (Eclo 35, 17). Es importante cumplir con nuestros deberes espirituales y sociales, no es malo cumplir los mandamientos y ser buenos, pero, hay que estar atentos al mensaje de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy. Estar atentos en enfocarnos en la bondad de Dios. Reconocer que todos somos pecadores y que todos tenemos necesidad de la misericordia de Dios es una gracia. ¡Pidámonos esa gracia en esta Eucaristía!

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El Evangelio de hoy es continuación del domingo pasado, solo que ahora se nos presenta una situación diferente. La vez pasada un juez y una viuda; en la situación presente un fariseo y un publicano. Ambas situaciones incluyen personajes distintos en su hacer y vivir. El fariseo pertenecía a una clase respetada debido a su escrupuloso cumplimiento de la ley hasta su último ápice. Los fariseos eran tenidos por santos. El personaje del publicano era de recaudador de impuestos. O sea, estafadores. Ambos subieron la escalinata del templo para hacer su oración. El fariseo se sentía muy satisfecho de sí mismo, de tal modo que ante Dios se sentía merecedor de todo. Algo así como una especie de hombre perfecto. En cambio el publicano, avergonzado y atribulado por sus culpas, se presenta ante Dios para ser perdonado.

Las palabras del Evangelio son muy claras y precisas: la oración nunca debe ser una letanía de nuestros méritos ante Dios, pues no debemos de olvidar que todo lo bueno que hagamos es gracias a la gracia del Señor. Pidamos con gratitud por la misericordia que ya hemos recibido y dejemos que ésta misma nos transforme en mejores personas. También dejemos las tendencias de compararnos con otras personas. ¿Podremos hacerlo? Veamos el final de la parábola, cuando el cobrador de impuestos gana una relación íntima con el Señor. Se sabe pecador y por esta razón regresa a casa con la gracia de Dios. Reconocer nuestras debilidades es ya un paso a la apertura de la misericordia de Dios. ¿Cuál es nuestra tendencia actual? ¿Somos acaso como el fariseo o como el publicano?