

A BLESSING OF ANIMALS

This past Tuesday was the Feast of St. Francis, and to celebrate the day St. John held its traditional blessing of animals. You can see photos from the day online at www.sjevangelist.com and read more about St. Francis in this weekend's *Bread to Offer*.

Heavenly Father, our human ties with our friends of other species is a wonderful and special gift from You. We now ask You to grant our special animal companions your Fatherly care and healing power to take away any suffering they have. Give us, their human friends, new understanding of our responsibilities to these creatures of yours. They have trust in us as we have trust in You; We are on this earth together to give one another friendship, affection, and caring.

Grant our petitions through the intercession of good St. Francis of Assisi, who honored You through all Your creatures.



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BREAD TO OFFER



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (PART II)

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.

The following is a continuation of last week's Bread to Offer on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. The Feast of St. Francis was this past Tuesday, October 4th.

Once the final "Rule of the Friars Minor" was approved in 1223, Francis did not have much longer to live. Even though he recuperated from the illness he incurred while a prisoner of war in 1202-1203, his health remained compromised for the remainder of his life due to that illness. This, and the abuse of himself through severe fasting and a poor diet, left Francis chronically susceptible to illness and disease. Already in 1220, when he sent a band of friars to Morocco to preach the Gospel, Francis was too sick to join them, a deep disappointment for him. Off and on from approximately 1205 through 1226, Francis would battle infirmity. Curiously, he did not succumb to leprosy even though his brothers and he continually were exposed to that disease while bathing the lepers' wounds and changing their bandages.

Meanwhile, the Order of Friars Minor grew exponentially. In the spring of the year 1224, around the Feast of Pentecost, the friars held a "Chapter of Mats," so-called because they all slept in little huts outside of Our Lady of Angels church. There was no "rectory" or "friary" at that time. Hundreds of friars were in attendance at that Chapter. The Chapter lasted approximately ten days to two weeks. It was there that Francis appointed Brother Elias as "General Minister" of the Order. Francis appointed Elias as the lead administrator because Francis recognized his own lack of skill in administration. Spiritually, Francis remained the de facto leader, but Elias had the skills necessary to lead and organize a population of friars which by the end of 1224, numbered 2,000. It was also at the Chapter of Mats that groups of friars were sent to preach in different countries throughout Europe. Groups of 10 to 15 were sent to Germany, Spain, France, Bohemia (now the Czech nations), Switzerland, and England to preach, to establish houses, and to recruit new members.

In the autumn of 1224, around the time of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14th), Francis went to Mt. Alverno to spend a few weeks in prayer in a hollow of a mountainside. He had a companion with him who remained at a distance so that Francis could pray in seclusion. Francis began to pray intensely, asking God to allow him to experience the love that Jesus felt for us when he hung upon the cross. Suddenly, there appeared what has been described as a "seraph," an angel but with the image of a man. It had with six wings: two crossed over each other above the man, two crossed over the lower half of the man's body, and the remaining two wings held the seraph aloft. The seraph also had a "flaming" or "fiery" appearance. As Francis gazed in ecstatic wonder and awe, he was filled with the sweetness of the love of Jesus, but also with the bitterness of the suffering of Christ. The image lasted for a brief time. After its disappearance, Francis was left with the mark of the wounds of Christ on his body, what are referred to as the "stigmata." It is popularly believed that the stigmata of St. Francis were manifest as holes in his hands and feet. However, the biographers of his time, including the proclamation of the canonization of St. Francis by Pope Gregory IX, describe actual nails formed with Francis' flesh. They describe the heads of the nails as located on the inside of the hands, with the points protruding through the opposite side and bent over. They also describe the heads of nails on the tops of Francis' feet, with the nails emerging through the bottom of the feet and again bent over. Francis also had the wound in his side. Those who cared for Francis in his last days describe the wounds in a similar way. His wounds bled frequently, which contributed to his Francis' ill health.

Francis also had suffered from a disease of the eyes. Because he was neglectful toward himself, for which he would later apologize to his body, the disease grew worse until another friar urged him to get medical attention. Francis finally complied. Different forms of treatment were applied to his temples, including poultices and cauterization. By early 1226, Francis was so sick, that he remained bedridden at Our Lady of the Angels. In the summer of 1226, Francis went to stay with St. Clare and her sisters at San Damiano, another church Francis rebuilt by hand. It was in the courtyard there that Francis wrote the "Canticle of Brother Sun." The words to this canticle make up the verses to "Canticle of the Sun" that we sometimes sing at Mass. Francis was nearly blind when he wrote that canticle. He found peace and joy in creation and the way it reflects God's beauty. Francis died in 1226 and was canonized by Pope Gregory IX just two years later.

- Fr. Jeff

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

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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**
- 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**

IN MEMORIAM

SUSAN GELVIN

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 9, 2016

- Sunday:** 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
- Monday:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/Ps 113:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday:** Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday:** Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday:** Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1-6/Lk 11:47-54
- Friday:** Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday:** Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-7/Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday:** Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2 Tm 3:14--4:2/Lk 18:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS: OCTOBER 10-16

- Monday:** 7:30am Jim O'Toole†
- Tuesday:** 7:30am.....Jim Freund†
- Wednesday:** 7:30am God's Mercy and Healing
- Thursday:** 7:30am.....Russell Nau†
- Friday:** 7:30amJim Freund†
- Saturday:** 8:00am Lucy Helen Diebolt†
4:30pm..... Paul & Christine Sommer†
- Sunday:** 7:00am Thomas Garcia†
8:30am Kathy Johnson†
11:00am Milly Gillispie†
2:00pm (Spanish) St. John Parish
5:00pm..... Bernadette Lee

MINISTERS: OCTOBER 15-16

LECTORS

Contact: Sean Smith
seanj@ku.edu

CANTORS

Saturday 4:30pm—L Koster; **Sunday** 7:00am—K Colson; 8:30am—T Noll

ALTAR SERVERS

- Saturday**
4:30pm P Price, B Rowland
- Sunday**
7:00am Volunteers
8:30am S Liu, Volunteer
11:00am M Green, J Green
5:00pm O Schmidt, L Schmidt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- Saturday**
4:30pm ... B Johnson, J Koster, J McGraw, L Reimond, MA Roesner, L Seidl
- Sunday**
7:00am B Osborne, L Wustefeld, J Grzymala-Busse
8:30am B Kessler, K Kohnke, K Ostrander, Y Ruder,
..... L Scott, M Steichen, B Volz
11:00am B DeWitt, C Ehrlich, D Ehrlich, J Evers,
..... S Goodwin, P Gripka, J Mercier
5:00pm .M LeGresley, C Malone, A McCabe, S Murray, T Reznicek, J Weeks

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!

ST. JOHN ON TAP

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!

St. John on Tap will be the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 5:00-7:00pm. Enjoy good beer/wine, munchies and conversation. Ask any question about the Catholic Faith to a priest or just sit and enjoy.

Our first St. John on Tap will be Friday, October 21 at 5:00pm. (Please note the change of date) See you there! **Must be 21 or older*

LIGUORIAN CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

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REDISCOVER JESUS

CHAPTER 38: WHAT IF?

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: The chances of it being true are very high.

Verse to Live: "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path." { Psalm 143:10 }

Question to Consider: If you were dying, would you be paying more attention to your spiritual health than you are today?

Prayer: Jesus, guide my words, thoughts and actions so that I can live my best life and become the-best-version-of-myself.

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



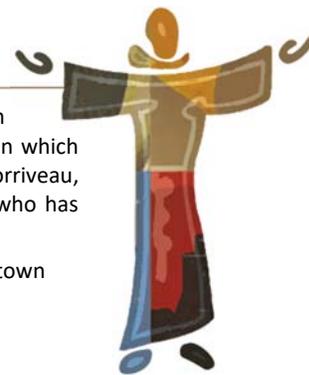
High School

Worlds of Fun Trip! **October 9, leave at 1:00pm**
Pumpkin Carving Contest! **October 23, 6:30pm, St. Bosco Room**
Election and Politics: Catholics & Voting **November 6, 6:30pm**

Middle School

October 12: The Rock - Olympics
October 26: Body Language: Theology of the Body
November 2: Building a Relationship with Jesus

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.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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.

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.

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES THANKS YOU!

The Catholic Charities yard sale was a great success, raising \$680 for the needy. Many thanks to the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist for your support!



MUSIC FEST

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JUSTICE MATTERS



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

Most of the partner groups have house meetings scheduled until October 22 to begin the 'listening' part of the conversation that may raise new issues to address or different areas of the 4 issues we are currently working on. Here in our parish we still have a number of house meetings in which you can participate: 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; Ruth Entwistle Oct 11 at 7 pm; Vicki McMurray Oct 15 at 9:30 am.

You are invited. Please come and help us reach our parish goal of listening to 100 of our parishioners. For more information and to reserve a place please contact Joe Snyder (785-550-6421 or joesnyder42@gmail.com) or Pat Lechtenberg (785-842-1992 or plek10berg@aol.com). Thanks to all who have accepted the invitation and made a commitment to enter into the conversation by attending a house meeting. Your participation is very important.

St. John parish is one of 6 faith groups invited to participate in a 12 month enrichment program based on scripture and selected readings on justice. Most of our team leaders have joined the group called Faith on the Move. Pastors of the faith groups, including Fr. Jeff, lead the discussion group on a rotating basis. At each session there is an hour of discussion and reflection based on reading done before hand. That is followed by a specific task related to Justice Matter's efforts in each of our faith groups. Each of us have entered into a covenant with the others that will be lived out in: faithful participation at Justice Matters' lead congregation gatherings, as well as at regular team and network events; advance preparation for Bible study at gatherings (pre-readings and prayer); collaboration with our own team to create a culture of justice-making in our congregation through worship, relationship-building, and active participation in issue work.

Hopefully, all faith groups will grow to a culture where doing justice is just as much a part of who we are as our mercy work and worship services. Doing justice is what 'love thy neighbor' looks like in public.

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

"Thanks Mom!" Few things are more pleasing to a parent's ear than hearing sincere gratitude pour forth from the lips of a child. While it probably does not happen as often as it should, it is heart-warming when it does.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the familiar story of the grateful Leper who returns to give thanks to Jesus who heals him. In the busyness of our families, it is easy to overlook the importance of thanking God for his many blessings. Gratitude is the beautiful fabric that weaves the blanket of love that fills the family with joy.

Take time in prayer to reflect:

- What three things are you most grateful for in your spouse?
- In your children?
- In your in-laws?
- In your employer?
- In your parish priest?
- In yourself?
- In your circle of friends?

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.....	\$25,703.75
Budgeted YTD.....	\$356,249.92
Actual YTD	\$334,148.76
Net Shortage	\$22,101.16

ST. JOHN SCHOOL AUCTION

Thank you all for your donations to the auction - it is looking to be a great year! So many of you spent time soliciting donations and thinking of items to contribute - all your work is paying off! As we gather and sort your many wonderful gifts, we are reminded again of how many people contribute to making the auction a huge success!

And now the next phase begins: **MARK your calendar for NOV. 5!** The ticket reservation form is on page 4 of the bulletin. If you can't attend the event, please offer to volunteer. It takes over 100 volunteers to make auction weekend run. Any amount of time is helpful. Please let us know what you can do. We especially need help Saturday night from 5:00—9:00 p.m. Thank you!

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Tony Schmidt, Social Concerns Committee

*New "Work of Mercy" First Since Medieval Times:
Caring for our common home, the planet and all its inhabitants.*

As the Social Concerns Committee's environmental message this month I am grateful to share points from Pope Francis January papal message with our parish. This was when he introduced the first new work of mercy since medieval times into the Catholic church. Since biblical times, Christians have been called to carry out 6 acts of mercy, listed in St Matthew's Gospel – giving food and drink to the hungry and thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and the prisoners – with a 7th one, burying the dead, added in medieval times.

Now we have an 8th; Caring for our common home, the planet and all its inhabitants. One could argue that this is the highest work of mercy because it includes all the others. Since this is the "Year of Mercy" reviewing his message seems timely. There is broad ecumenical agreement throughout the Christian world of a need to raise awareness about critical ecological concerns. Not surprisingly, theologians believe mercy is the key to unlocking that 'ecological conversion' of our hearts.

"The first step in this process is to humbly acknowledge the harm we are doing to the earth through pollution, the scandalous destruction of ecosystems and loss of biodiversity, and the spectre of climate change—which seems nearer and more dangerous with each passing year. And to realize that when we hurt the earth, we also hurt the poor, whom God loves without limit"

After acknowledging the harm done and confessing our sins, we are then called to change our lives, beginning with the small changes that can lower our own carbon footprint, while also advocating for an economic and political system that is just and sustainable, rather than focused on short term financial and electoral gains. My personal hope is that we will each in our own way educate ourselves about the important issues related to our common home, the planet and our effect on its inhabitants.

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!

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

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 9 de octubre de 2016

Domingo: 2 Re 5, 14-17/Sal 98, 1-4/2 Tim 2, 8-13/Lc 17, 11-19
Lunes: Gal 4, 22-24. 26-27. 31-5, 1/Sal 113, 1-7/Lc 11, 29-32
Martes: Gal 5, 1-6/Sal 119, 41. 43-45. 47-48/Lc 11, 37-41
Miércoles: Gal 5, 18-25/Sal 1, 1-4. 6/Lc 11, 42-46
Jueves: Ef 1, 1-10/Sal 98, 1-6/Lc 11, 47-54
Viernes: Ef 1, 11-14/Sal 33, 1-2. 4-5. 12-13/Lc 12, 1-7
Sábado: Ef 1, 15-23/Sal 8, 2-7/Lc 12, 8-12
Domingo siguiente: Ex 17, 8-13/Sal 121, 1-8/2 Tim 3, 14-4, 2/Lc 18, 1-8

9 de octubre de 2016

28° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Cada domingo durante el año litúrgico acudimos a Misa para estar atentos a la escucha de la palabra de Dios. La palabra a lo largo del año nos va iluminando para descubrir de la mano de Jesús diferentes caminos que nos llevan a la conversión. Hoy las lecturas nos dan una perfecta lección de cómo dar gracias a Dios en todo momento. Pero observemos que fueron los extranjeros los que agradecieron a Dios los beneficios de la salud recibidos. El pagano Naamán y el leproso samaritano. ¿Qué nos enseña este pasaje? ¿Somos agradecidos? O somos de los que creemos merecerlo todo. Fijémonos que los israelitas no sabían agradecer a Jesús a pesar de todo lo que hacía por ellos. Los curaba, les daba de comer, resucitaba muertos y ellos tomaban todo por ventaja.

Ojalá que estemos en el grupo de los que saben dar gracias. Que Dios nos ayude a tomar conciencia para no pertenecer al grupo de los otros. "¿Dónde están los otros nueve?" Sabemos que hay quien nunca da las gracias para nada, ni a la familia ni a otras personas, mucho menos a Dios. Saber dar gracias es un arte de humildad y educación. Supone relación con Dios que nos lo da todo y con los demás que nos llenan de detalles en la vida cotidiana. Pidamos al Señor que aprendamos no solo a pedir sino también a saber agradecer. ¡Hoy es un buen día para hacerlo! "Jesús, maestro, ten compasión de nosotros". Nos narra el Evangelio que gritaban los leprosos, aguardando a la distancia. Acerquémonos al Señor en esta Eucaristía; no nos quedemos lejos, él desea curarnos.

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La lepra en tiempos de Jesús era considerada como un indicio de que la persona estaba alejada de Dios y por lo tanto estaba en pecado. En tiempos del Levítico, especialmente si leemos los capítulos 13 y 14, vemos cómo esta enfermedad era muy temida, pues era considerada como un castigo de Dios. Su curación era un verdadero milagro y éste era realizado gracias a la intervención de los hombres de Dios, que eran los sacerdotes de aquel tiempo: "El sacerdote examinará la llaga; si el pelo en la llaga se ha vuelto blanco, y la llaga parece hundida en la piel, es llaga de lepra; cuando el sacerdote lo haya comprobado, lo declarará impuro" (Lv 13, 3). ¿Cuáles enfermedades de nuestro tiempo consideras similares a la lepra de aquel entonces? ¿Qué tiene que ver Dios en todo esto?

La narración del Evangelio se enfoca en cómo un solo hombre de los 10 curados regresa a dar las gracias a Jesús. Aparte de lo temido que era esta enfermedad, apreciamos lo dramático de la ley establecida para poder quedar puro y reincorporarse a la sociedad. Por esta razón la gratitud hacia los regalos o milagros divinos era muy evocada. Por lo tanto, Jesús se sorprende de la ingratitud hacia su milagro. Su enseñanza es que nos demos cuenta de que el sanar es gracia plena de Dios, quien nos acerca a la transformación ofrecida por él. Por eso afirma que la fe del samaritano está enraizada en el agradecimiento: es ahí donde se basa su poder sanador. Oremos pues para llenar nuestro corazón de gratitud, la cual desplaza la codicia y devuelve el derecho a la dignidad de la persona humana.