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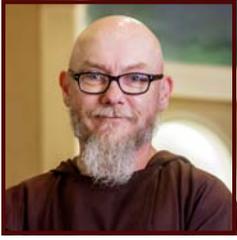
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# BREAD TO OFFER



## GOOD CHRISTIAN AGING

By Fr. Barnabas Eichor, OFM, Cap.

The latest U.S. census shows that the population of this country is aging. In fact, each one of us are older today than we were yesterday...and each of us is younger today than we will be tomorrow. For a Christian what does it mean to age well? If illness, loss and diminishment are inescapable parts of the human experience, how can we weave these things into the pattern of our lives? How can we be realistic about the facts of death and still be people of hope?

I believe that God is present in the experiences not only of joy, growth and becoming, but also in the experiences of loss, adversity, diminishment and death. Some persons are inwardly defeated by aging and adversity. Others respond in more positive ways. Instead of saying, "why me?" they ask, "why *not* me?" Mature religious faith does not guarantee happy outcomes or exemption from all the challenges of aging. The teaching of Jesus is that we are to take up pain, calamity, and injustice, admit them into the purpose of our lives, and make them contribute to higher ends—the ends for which we really live. Paul wrote, "we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope." Good aging manifests itself a spirit which rises above external circumstances, praying for the grace not simply to endure what must be endured, but for the grace to move through adversity to a deepening of spirit and the will to reach out to others in need.

In the Book of Psalms we read, "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom," and, "This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." Each day is a life in miniature. There are days in which we have heavy burdens to bear. There are "ordinary" days in which we have the usual duties to perform. There are "memorable" days. Each day is what it is—a day to be lived, a day for good aging. In his essay "Experience" Emerson expressed his belief that part of the art of aging well is living each day with integrity and with the will and intention to keep each day holy because today is all a pure gift from God.

Aging well as a Christian means knowing that, even in the midst of new limitations, there is the possibility of a quality of life well worth experiencing. Many of you know persons in their 80s and 90s who wake up in the morning anticipating what a new day may bring. They dignify their latter days by reaching out to other persons through notes and calls, taking part in volunteer work, engaging in learning opportunities. Norman Cousins said that death is not the greatest tragedy which can befall a person, rather, the tragedy is in what dies in a person while he or she is alive. Christianity offers a vision of life as ordained by God, inviting persons to a sense of sanctity in existence and reverence for life. Through all the chapters of life, human beings are linked with God. The fact that life has a time limit allows it to have a shape and character. Not until we realize that our life span is limited do we appreciate its worth.

Human life is a matter of aging, from beginning to end. Good aging is a quest for greater and deeper relationship with God in the midst of the natural cycles of life and death, growth and diminishment, love and loss, joy and grief. Good Christian aging is a matter of maturing in our understanding of the sanctity of existence and the continuing love of God at every stage of life's journey.

- Fr. Barnabas

# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



## RESERVOIR ADORATION: THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 7-8PM

This Wednesday will be our first Reservoir Adoration of the new school year, and everybody is invited to come to the church for an hour of reflection and worship through prayer, music, and Eucharistic Adoration from **7:00-8:00 p.m.**

This holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament is your time to bring your prayers to our heavenly Father through song and silence. Feel free to bring any additional prayer resources you might use, and come prepared to give an hour to God!

## WEEKDAY ADORATION IN THE PADRE PIO CHAPEL

Adoration is available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 6:00 a.m. till 9:00 p.m. each day in the Padre Pio Chapel. You may come adore at any time (you do not have to sign up for a time slot ahead of time), but scheduling an hour a week helps us insure that someone is present in the chapel at all times. If you have questions, want to sign up for an hour, or would like to sign up as a substitute, please contact Brandon Volz: [mrbrandonvolz@gmail.com](mailto:mrbrandonvolz@gmail.com)

# STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

## 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. The sub-committees will meet at some point in the next couple of months. The sub-committees are:

### Marriage Enrichment Committee

- A. Once a year marriage retreat
- B. Other marriage enrichment

### Family & Fellowship Events Committee

- A. Family events
- B. All parish events

### Education & Outreach Committee

- A. Helping to recruit & solidify Speakers
- B. Social Media Education
- C. Parish and School Outreach

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!

## 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!

## 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.

## PLAN NOW FOR THE YARD SALE!

A yard sale is planned for **Saturday, September 24**, at 705 Mississippi St. Please sort through your belongings and set aside things you could donate to the yard sale. Proceeds will benefit our local Catholic Charities, and the money will help clients with the cost of city bus transportation. Call Nora Murphy at (785) 331-0421, or e-mail [nora7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nora7@sbcglobal.net) for more info or to volunteer to help.

## 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.

## 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 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!

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

As a Lawrence Habitat for Humanity Covenant Church, St. John's and other churches are raising funds for the 2017 Building on Faith home to help a Lawrence family own an affordable and safe home. Building is scheduled to begin in May 2017 on the home to benefit the family of Rebecca Esparza, who will put in 225 volunteer hours with Habitat.

Esparza, a graduate of Family Promise, has worked to overcome homelessness and earned a master's degree at KU. She currently works as a Family Promise social worker to help others turn their lives around as well, and she credits her faith with helping her get through hard times. To learn more about the project and opportunities for pledges and gifts to support it, contact parishioner and Habitat liaison, George Diepenbrock, (785) 423-0505 or [g.diepenb@gmail.com](mailto:g.diepenb@gmail.com).

# STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

## 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](mailto:lmersmann@saint-johns.net).

## 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  
**Marianne Fabac Means**  
**Buddy Hadl**  
**Jim Freund**  
**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  
**Gerald Simon**  
**Tony Soper**  
**Ruth Thesing**  
**Angelica Villa**  
**Greg Walker**, brother of Ted Walker  
**Tasha Williams**

## ATTENTION WOMEN SINGERS

**Threshold Choir** is a national women's organization with a local chapter of women from several faiths here in Lawrence. We provide ease and comfort through singing to those on the threshold of living and dying. We seek to provide a calm, focused presence with gentle voices to various local senior homes and hospices. To join our simple practice sessions, contact Jean Drumm at (785) 841-6067.

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of September 4, 2016

**Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/  
Lk 14:25-33  
**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-7, 12/Lk 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-17/Lk 6:20-26  
**Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
or 1:18-23  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49  
**Next Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/  
1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

## 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.

## 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.

## 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: SEPTEMBER 12-18

**Monday:** 7:30am ..... Charles Shaughnessy†  
**Tuesday:** 7:30am ..... David Butell†  
**Wednesday:** 7:30am ..... Olya Helt†  
**Thursday:** 7:30am ..... St. John Parish  
**Friday:** 7:30am ..... Stefania Chmiel†  
**Saturday:** 8:00am ..... Karol Thomast  
4:30pm ..... Mary & Pete James†  
**Sunday:** 7:00am ..... Wilma Winkelbauer†  
8:30am ..... Monica Alexandert  
11:00am ..... St. John Parish  
2:00pm (Spanish) ..... An Increase in Vocations  
5:00pm ..... Children in Need of Adoptive Families

# 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 4, 2016.

Budgeted weekly amount .....	\$27,403.84
Average weekly amount.....	<b>\$25,144.18</b>
Budgeted YTD.....	\$274,038.40
Actual YTD.....	<b>\$254,657.81</b>
Net Shortage .....	<b>\$19,380.59</b>

## 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](http://sjevangelist.com/giving) for more information or to set up and manage your account today!

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

# SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Tony Schmidt, Social Concerns Committee

After WWII the victorious allies set out to create a liberal order. They realized that countries that do not have functioning economies and democratic governments are destined to suffer conflict and failure. The best way to prevent conflict and war is to help nations gain and maintain their own self sufficiency. The only allied nation that did not fall in line with this world view was the Soviet Union. Thus we had the cold war and the iron curtain. Fortunately the other allies realized that without help, less fortunate peoples inevitably fall under the sway of strongman despots or power hungry military states.

It was clear that the United States would have to champion emerging, poor nations and peoples; that whatever bed we make, we are going to have to sleep in it. That vision was another way of saying what Pope Francis is saying: Let's address these issues with love so we can enjoy a world at peace.

Last Week Susan Tabor highlighted the upcoming United Nations International Peace Day on September 21st. This year's theme is "The Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks of Peace." Some of this year's UN Building Blocks dovetail nicely with Pope Francis recent Encyclical "Laudato Si", where he says, "Humanity is one people living in a common home. The interdependence of humanity obliges us to think of "one world with a common plan."

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals being highlighted by the UN this year:

- End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition
- Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education
- Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all
- Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth
- Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive, sustainable industrialization
- Reduce inequality within and among countries
- Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- Take urgent action to combat climate change
- Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources
- Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems
- Promote peaceful and inclusive societies, justice for all, and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions
- Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize global partnerships

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE PRAYER SERVICE

The social concerns committee is holding a prayer service for the healing of the nations to coincide with the International Day of Peace designated as such by the United Nations and which is also happening in conjunction with Campaign Nonviolence, an action sponsored by Pace E Bene, a Franciscan peace-making and peace-building apostolate. The prayer service will be on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Come join your parish family in prayers for peace and healing in our broken world.



# Come enjoy authentic German food, dancing, music, activities for kids and more at the ST. JOHN OKTOBERFEST!

Saturday, September 24, 4:00-10:00pm.  
Polka Mass at 4:30pm. Good Food, Good Beer, Great Fun.  
Music, dancing, kids' activities. **Willkommen!**

This year's menu includes Wienerschnitzel, Bierocks, Bratwurst, Cabbage Rolls, Hot Dogs, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, and a variety of Premium German Beers!

Come volunteer! We need help prepping and serving food and drinks, setting up and tearing down inside and out, supervising the kids' activities (yay, face painting!), bussing, cashiering, serving beer, and so much more! We will have signups after Masses, or sign up online at: [signup.com/go/Fiq5Un](http://signup.com/go/Fiq5Un) (link also available at [sjevangelist.com/oktoberfest](http://sjevangelist.com/oktoberfest))

## JUSTICE MATTERS



By Sarah Marsh, [sarah.marsh@thedartcenter.org](mailto:sarah.marsh@thedartcenter.org)

Did you know that 177 people at St. John's participated in justice ministry in Lawrence last year? That was the number present April 13 when you gathered with hundreds more to fill the Lied Center at Justice Matters' second annual Nehemiah Action Assembly. Of the 23 congregations partnering with Justice Matters, you brought the second highest number of people. This is cause for celebration because every movement of justice is built on people power!

That night, the faith community spoke with a unified voice. We witnessed to the love of God for all people. We spoke about God's dreams for health and healing and homes for all God's children and the Spirit moved through us. We took ambitious action, gained commitments from our community leaders, and made progress in the areas of housing, incarceration, mental illness, and childhood trauma.

Coming soon, in the month of October, we will be sharing stories from our lives again, and November 2 at the Community Problems Assembly, you will have the opportunity to select a new area to add to the ongoing work of justice.

As we move ahead this fall, I wanted to say what a privilege it has been to work with your parish in the last year. I came on staff with Justice Matters a year ago after serving as a pastor for eight years with the United Methodist Church. The Spirit had been calling me for a long time to go deeper into the broken world to witness to Christ through justice work. This year, I pray that same Spirit will call you to go deeper too. I'm so grateful for your partnership in this ministry and for Fr. Jeff's leadership and support. Be blessed and be in touch!

## ST. JOHN BENEFIT AUCTION



SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Benefit Auction*

Mark your calendars for this year's Benefit Auction:

**Saturday, November 5, 2016**  
**5:30-10:00 p.m.**

Tickets cost \$100 per person and proceeds go to benefit St. John School.

Visit:  
[sjevangelist.com/auction](http://sjevangelist.com/auction)  
for even more information

### 5 WAYS TO SUPPORT THE SAINT JOHN AUCTION

1. Donate to the auction. We are looking for new items of all sorts to add to the auction. Large or small, your donation is always appreciated. Some ideas include Christmas items, tickets to events, children's items, yard equipment, your special talents, or cash donations.
2. Advertise in the auction catalog. Our catalog is distributed to over 400 people who are eager to support local businesses.
3. Underwrite part of the auction. If you or your business would like to sponsor anything from decorations to the catalog printing, please contact the auction office at [auction@saint-johns.net](mailto:auction@saint-johns.net) for details. Underwriting opportunities start at \$500.
4. Purchase your ticket to attend the auction. This night is filled with fun. The night includes a silent and live auction, a catered dinner and dancing afterwards.
5. Purchase a raffle ticket. We will have several raffles available to win everything from a surprise box to a trip to a fun location.

Contact us with any questions:

(785)842-3445 or [auction@saint-johns.net](mailto:auction@saint-johns.net)

All proceeds from the auction benefit the wonderful students at St. John School.

# SAINT JOHN SCHOOL



## Fun Run:

Friday, September 16

PTO presents a fun evening of food and exercise. Walk or run the route used by our Marathon Club in South Park and then join us for one of Dorothy Malsbury's dinners of chicken sandwiches, corn dogs, chips, and popsicles. (Beer and wine available for adults.) Students may count the Fun Run for Marathon Club miles.

## St. John Benefit Auction:

Saturday, November 5

See the notice on the previous page, find ticket and raffle information by the church entrances, and visit [sjevangelist.com/auction](http://sjevangelist.com/auction) for more information on how to support this year's auction and St. John School!

## Virtue of the Month: RESPECT!

This month we are learning about the virtue of respect. Respect is the act of showing your friends, family, and God that you care for and love them. You speak to others using kind words and act in ways that show you care about other peoples' feelings and needs. You admire the achievements of others and rejoice in your own abilities. By showing respect, we show we have love for ourselves, others, and all of God's children.

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



# SAINT JOHN YOUTH

## Is it too late for my teenager to join a discipleship group?

No way! We will begin meeting with small group leaders on September 18, so there is still time to get connected! Contact Amy (785-550-2034) or Jeff (785-764-2249) to get on the roster of small group-ers, and then come to the Reservoir Adoration on September 14 from 7-8pm to fill out a commitment card.

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP EVENTS?

### SMALL GROUP REVEAL! September 11, 6:30-8:30pm; St. Bosco Room, St. John School

We will be revealing student small groups this evening after a fun-filled evening of praise and fellowship.

### BIBLE STUDY AND RESERVOIR ADORATION: September 14 6:15-8:00pm; Simon Parish Center, 1229 Vermont Street

Meet in the Youth Office to study the Bible, pray, and eat some good food. Then, head over to Reservoir to chat with Jesus and praise Him!

### FIRST SMALL GROUP MEETINGS! September 18, 6:30-8:30pm; St. Bosco Room, St. John School

Parents, you all are invited to participate in this first small group of the year. Locations and small groups will be communicated on the week of September 11!

## PRAIRIE STAR UNDER THE STARS:

### FALL RETREAT AT PRAIRIE STAR RANCH! September 24-25; 8:45am leave; 10:00am return time

Join us out at Prairie Star for the ropes courses, power pole, archery, and MORE! This will be a great time of fellowship and prayer; we hope that you will be able to join us! Camping under the stars will be amazing--if you have a tent, let us know! Meet at St. John on September 24 at 8:45am to leave, and then return to St. John at 10am on Sunday. (Students will also have the opportunity to meet their families out at Prairie Star as well for their Family Day that is happening on September 25.) Registration information can be found on our website at [sjevangelist.com/youth](http://sjevangelist.com/youth).

## ADULTS, COME JOIN OUR YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM!

Young-at-heart adults needed to help form our middle school students and Confirmation candidates! College students and young adults are especially welcome and needed in the faith journey of our young people. Wanna help out?

### FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW TO GET STARTED:

- 1) Text Jen at **785-766-6189** to meet and discern where you fit in the program.
- 2) Save the dates for our youth ministry training sessions. The first is on September 11, from 9:30am-12noon. Join us in St. John School (lower level, and to the right in the library) for a lively discussion about our youth today, an overview of the youth program at St. John, and a special time of prayer for the teens that we will serve. Also save the date for September 14, from 6:30-8pm, where we will have a logistics meeting to hammer out the final details of serving.
- 3) Start praying for the youth of our parish daily!

learn more: [sjevangelist.com/youth](http://sjevangelist.com/youth)

# PARISH INFORMATION

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Come receive the sacrament of reconciliation in the Padre Pio chapel during any of the following times:

Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 3:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Or by appointment. Call (785) 843-0109 to schedule one, or email:

[frjeff@saint-johns.net](mailto:frjeff@saint-johns.net)    [frbarnabas@saint-johns.net](mailto:frbarnabas@saint-johns.net)

## LECTOR TRAINING

**Monday, September 19, at 7:00pm**

Are you interested in serving St. John as a lector at Mass? We invite you to come to our next lector training which is scheduled for Monday, September 19, at 7:00pm in the church.

We are always in need of more people to support this ministry, so if you have been looking for another way to serve St. John Parish, please consider being a lector!

## ST. JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS

### Pastoral Council

Frank Lemus, chair	Sarah Hartsig	Chris Wenger
Mary Menendez	Sean Smith	Nancy Albrecht
Brian Walter	Lily Romero	Bob Trepinski

### Finance Council

Brad Finkeldei, chair	Teresa Kempf	Brian Green
Vince Romero	Meredith Lang	

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be Thursday, October 13. Social and dinner, provided by the Knights, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Location is the basement of St. John Church. Our council meetings are held the second Thursday of each month.

Anybody interested in becoming a Knight should contact Grand Knight Darin Denning at (785) 760-0788.

On the first Friday of each month, the Knights host a rosary in St. John Church at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend!

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.



# ST. JOHN SERVES L.I.N.K.

**Thursday, September 29th**

Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (LINK) is located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, and provides nutritious meals to 150 people in need. Our parish helps LINK by rotating with other Lawrence churches to furnish food and volunteers. You can help by bringing food or serving in the kitchen.

Find a volunteer sign-up sheet on the tables inside the main church entrance. **Thank you for your help!**

# MINISTERS SEPTEMBER 17-18

## LECTORS

**Saturday**  
4:30pm ..... L1: R Entwistle; L2: MJ Hobbs

**Sunday**  
7:00am ..... L1: M Delaney; L2: C Winkelbauer  
8:30am ..... L1: S Smith; L2: K Kohnke  
11:00am ..... L1: M Menendez; L2: C Ehrlich  
5:00pm ..... L1: J Cairns; L2: I Hartsig

## ALTAR SERVERS

Contact: Sue Ohlmacher  
[skohlmac@sunflower.com](mailto:skohlmac@sunflower.com)

## CANTORS

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

**Sunday**  
7:00am ..... K Colson  
8:30am ..... J Kronos

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

**Sunday**  
7:00am ..... B Osborne, L Wustefeld, J Grzymala-Busse  
8:30am ..... B Volz, J Dvorske, D Foster, E Grob-Creasey,  
..... S Galarza Liu, D Hoss, J Huss  
11:00am ..... A Brill, C Buchheister, B DeWitt, C Ehrlich,  
..... D Ehrlich, J Evers, S Goodwin  
5:00pm ..... A McCabe, S Murray, T Reznicek, D&E Schmidt, J Weeks

# FAITH FORMATION

## RCIA AT ST. JOHN

RCIA classes will begin **Monday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m.** in the church basement. Anyone interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith, is welcome to attend.

## WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

### A New 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!

## CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS!

We are in the beginnings of a young adult ministry, and would love your input! Contact Jen Conrad if you want in on the planning meeting: [conrad@saint-johns.net](mailto:conrad@saint-johns.net) or text **785-766-6189**. We are hopeful to host our first prayer/happy hour event on Wednesday, September 14, from 7:00—9:00pm, so be on the lookout for details!

## MARRIAGE MINUTE

Can you imagine the betrayal the father in the "Prodigal Son" story must have felt? The son wishes his father dead, takes his money and squanders it. If you are married or have children, you have probably felt hints of this pain. We have all had times where we felt our spouse or children have squandered our trust and found it difficult to forgive.

In marriage and family life, part of forgiveness means giving up the right to bring the offence up later, using it to justify ourselves or holding it over our spouse's head to get our way. The Father's example is to run out to meet the repentant son, lavishing forgiveness and celebrating the return. In marriage and parenting, we do this by focusing on our spouse's or child's repentance. It costs us pride, but wins for us the joy of a restored relationship.

## REDISCOVER JESUS

### CHAPTER 34: TWO WRESTLING QUESTIONS

**Point to Ponder:** The wrong questions always lead to the wrong answers.

**Verse to Live:** "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace." {Romans 15:13}

**Question to Consider:** Does getting what you want bring you lasting happiness?

**Prayer:** Jesus, please remind me when I forget that your will is what I really want deep down too.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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*

## ST. JOHN CAFÉ

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!

**St. John Café will resume on Sunday, September 18. See you there!**

## THAT MAN IS YOU!

That Man Is You (TMIY) is gearing up for 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 meet starting **Wednesday, September 14th** from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. 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!

## FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

Traditional Religious Education classes for children 4 years of age – 5th grade meet in the St. John school building from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. beginning Sunday, September 18. It's not too late to enroll your child for a class.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd sessions for children 3 years – 3rd grade meet in the Atrium house located at 202 W. 13th Street. Class options: Sundays from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. and Mondays 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Sessions for children 4th – 6th grade meet in the Atrium house located at 200 W. 13th Street Mondays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. All sessions begin the week of September 18.

It's not too late to enroll your child for a CGS session.

The enrollment form for either of these programs is available on the parish website: [www.sjevangelist.com](http://www.sjevangelist.com)

Select Ministries/Faith Formation.

## 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 11 de septiembre de 2016

Domingo: Ex 32, 7-11. 13-14/Sal 51, 3-4. 12-13. 17. 19/  
1 Tim 1, 12-17/Lc 15, 1-32 o 15, 1-10

Lunes: 1 Cor 11, 17-26. 33/Sal 40, 7-10. 17/Lc 7, 1-10

Martes: 1 Cor 12, 12-14. 27-31/Sal 100, 1-5/Lc 7, 11-17

Miércoles: Nm 21, 4-9/Sal 78, 1-2. 34-38/Flp 2, 6-11/Jn 3, 13-17

Jueves: 1 Cor 15, 1-11/Sal 118, 1-2. 16-17. 28/Jn 19, 25-27  
o Lc 2, 33-35

Viernes: 1 Cor 15, 12-20/Sal 17, 1. 6-8. 15/Lc 8, 1-3

Sábado: 1 Cor 15, 35-37. 42-49/Sal 56, 10-14/Lc 8, 4-15

Domingo siguiente: Am 8, 4-7/Sal 113, 1-2. 4-8/1 Tim 2, 1-8/  
Lc 16, 1-13 o 16, 10-13

## 11 de septiembre de 2016

### 24° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Las lecturas del Evangelio de este domingo están enfocadas en la ternura y misericordia de Dios hacia su pueblo que tropieza cayendo en la infidelidad. En la primera lectura llama la atención la capacidad de diálogo e intercesión de Moisés hacia Dios abogando por el pueblo de Israel que había caído en el pecado de idolatría. A Dios no le gusta el mal, y aparentemente está enojado, pero siempre acaba manifestando su misericordia. San Pablo, por su parte, nos da ejemplo evidente de la fuerza que la gracia de Dios nos da y se ha manifestada en su Hijo Jesucristo.

El Papa Francisco en la Bula de la Misericordia (No. 1), nos recuerda que "Jesucristo es el rostro de la misericordia del Padre. El misterio de la fe cristiana parece encontrar su síntesis en esta palabra. Ella se ha vuelto viva, visible y ha alcanzado su culmen en Jesús de Nazaret". ¿Ves el rostro de Dios en los que te rodean? ¿Crees que este rostro se encuentra en tu familia, tus compañeros de trabajo, tu comunidad? ¿De qué forma respondemos en las diferentes circunstancias de la vida? Jesús, hoy, nos narra tres parábolas y en ellas busca que descubramos ese rostro tan hermoso de su Padre del cielo. Las tres parábolas tienen un mismo fin y un mismo mensaje. La alegría de recobrar lo perdido (la oveja, la moneda y al hijo pródigo). Con un solo fin, mostrar la misericordia infinita y salvadora de Dios hacia nosotros, ovejas perdidas ¡Alegrémonos que Dios nos busca! El Buen Pastor anda tras nosotros, escuchemos su voz.

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En la actualidad una oveja perdida puede ser alguien que flota moral, intelectual y emocionalmente. Esta persona quizás esté sumida en las drogas, el alcohol, la ambición, el juego y a lo mejor en una mentalidad que no muestre respeto alguno por la vida humana, mostrando y midiendo solamente su propio interés en asuntos económicos y materiales. ¿Conoces a alguien que encaja en esta descripción de oveja perdida? ¿Puedes hacer algo por él o ella? O lo que es más, ¿te has sentido perdido(a) alguna vez? ¿Cómo pudiste encontrar el camino apropiado?

Las características que emergen de Dios en las lecturas de hoy son muy apropiadas para ayudarnos a resolver nuestros caminos oscuros y sin sentido. Todos estamos expuestos a perdernos, pero todos también tenemos la posibilidad de rescatar a otras personas de sus frustraciones y desesperanza. La Escritura nos recuerda y afirma que siempre existe la esperanza para las ovejas extraviadas. La Escritura también nos recuerda que Dios nos busca activamente hasta encontrarnos, solo pide arrepentimiento y conversión de nuestra parte. Tal como los fariseos y los escribas en los tiempos de Jesús, nosotros tenemos la necesidad de aprender esta característica de Dios. El interés por observar las dificultades humanas y entrar en el proceso de reparación es la principal enseñanza de Dios a través de Jesús. Por lo tanto, observemos el comportamiento de Jesús y sigamos su ejemplo para que Dios nos encuentre y nos abraze. Lucas 15 nos narra tres parábolas sobre cómo encontrar algo que se había perdido (la oveja perdida, la moneda perdida y el hijo pródigo). En las tres Jesús nos muestra que Dios nunca termina de buscarnos. ¡Qué alegría!