



ST. JOHN'S

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016
25TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



Come enjoy authentic German food, dancing, music, activities for kids and more at the

ST. JOHN OKTOBERFEST!

Next Saturday, September 24, 4:00-10:00 p.m.

WILLKOMMEN!

Come enjoy authentic German food, dancing, music, activities for kids and more at the Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 24, 4-10pm. Join in the Polka Mass at 4:30pm. Good Food, Good Beer, Great Fun! Menu includes Wienerschnitzel, Bierocks, Bratwurst, Cabbage Rolls, Hot Dogs, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, and a variety of Premium German Beers!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We need lots and lots of help prepping and serving food and drinks, setting up and tearing down inside and out, supervising the kids' activities, bussing, cashiering, serving beer, and so much more! We will have signups after Masses this weekend or sign up at signup.com/go/Fiq5Un. You may also call or email Angie Evers at 785-550-411 or acevers@sunflower.com to find your volunteer spot.

WE NEED DESSERTS!

As always we are asking parishioners to donate desserts for Oktoberfest. Homemade, store bought...it's all good! Bring your desserts to church either Friday afternoon/evening or Saturday morning/afternoon, September 23 & 24.

GET YOUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY MUG!

We are celebrating our 20th Anniversary by selling a special commemorative mug. It is a 20-ounce white ceramic stein with our new 2016 logo shining brightly! Stop by Saturday any time after noon to purchase your mug for \$12. The first pour is free!

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA AT ST. JOHN

RCIA classes are now meeting on Monday nights at 7:00p.m. in the church basement. Anyone interested in becoming Catholic or 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. Classes meet Tuesday evenings in the church basement from 7:00—8:30pm, and all are welcome!

MARRIAGE MINUTE

Remember your wedding day? Your honeymoon? We were so mindful of our spouse and each of us would have given our lives to save the other if necessary.

Fortunately, many of us have never or will ever be asked to lay down our lives for the sake of our spouse, but we are asked every day to do so in smaller ways. Jesus gives us incredible advice to keep the flames of marriage burning bright, "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones." The pathway to a great marriage is through the small daily things.

This week, prioritize the small daily and often hidden things that make your spouse feel cherished or respected:

- Hiding a written love note in his lunch bag
- Getting her a cup of coffee in the morning
- Wearing that shirt and tie she bought you for Christmas
- Affirming his daily hard work for the family.

REDISCOVER JESUS

CHAPTER 35: COMPLETE JOY

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: Gratitude is a sure path to joy.

Verse to Live: "A joyful heart is life itself, and rejoicing lengthens one's life span." { Sirach 30:22 }

Question to Consider: What really brings you joy?

Prayer: Jesus, let me get out of the way so you can fill me with complete joy.

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*

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!

St. John Café resumes this Sunday, September 18. See you there!

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!

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

Select Ministries/Faith Formation.

33rd Annual

St. John Benefit Auction

Ticket Purchase Form

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.

of 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.

of 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.

of Surprise Box Raffle tickets x \$5

Total amount to be billed

Payment (check one):

Check (enclosed)

Credit Card (see below)

Bill my school account (school families only)

Name on Card: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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

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

ST. JOHN 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.



5 WAYS TO SUPPORT THE ST. JOHN BENEFIT 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 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

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

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**
- 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**

PARISH PRAYER LIST (CONT'D)

- Mark Salaman**
- Michael Schurer**, son of Mick Schurer
- Julia Scott**, friend of Monica Cordova
- Mary Kay Seidl**
- Gerald Simon**
- Tony Soper**
- Ruth Thesing**
- Chuck Umscheid**
- Angelica Villa**
- Greg Walker**, brother of Ted Walker
- Tasha Williams**

MASS INTENTIONS: SEPTEMBER 12-18

- Monday:** 7:30am St. John Parish
- Tuesday:** 7:30am Christians facing persecution
- Wednesday:** 7:30am An increase in vocations
- Thursday:** 7:30am Kennard "Buddy" Rogers†
- Friday:** 7:30am Bernice Sickinger†
- Saturday:** 8:00am St. John School students and staff
4:30pm Paul Zillner†
- Sunday:** 7:00am St. John Parish
8:30am Christians facing persecution
11:00am Children in need of adoptive families
2:00pm (Spanish) An increase in vocations
5:00pm Doris Hoag†

MINISTERS SEPTEMBER 24-25

LECTORS

- Saturday**
4:30pm L1: D Rogers; L2: S Ohlmacher
- Sunday**
7:00am L1: C Zebas; L2: B Kish
8:30am L1: L Sheppard; L2: W Smith
11:00am L1: C Dominguez; L2: J Gripka
5:00pm L1: T Edgecomb; L2: B Walter

ALTAR SERVERS

Contact: Sue Ohlmacher
skohlmac@sunflower.com

CANTORS

- Saturday**
4:30pm Oktoberfest— Multiple singers needed for Polka Choir!
- Sunday**
7:00am M Steichen
8:30am A Zysk

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- Saturday**
4:30pm J Halderman, L Heiserman, A Hewitt, B Johnson,
..... J Koster, J McGraw
- Sunday**
7:00am B Harmon, M Heath, B Menke
8:30am M Ice, S Jahn, C Johnson, T Kempf, B Kessler,
..... K Kohnke, K Ostrander
11:00am P Gripka, D J & T Gunselman, J Mercier, C Nieto-Boor, D Shob
5:00pm .. D Wulf-Walter, N Albrecht, L Brey, S File, N Jones, M LeGresley

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #1372

GOLF CLASSIC

Friday, September 23rd, 2016: Best Ball Competition
Eagle Bend Golf Course, Lawrence, KS

Cost: \$110 per person.

Cost Includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, beverage ticket,
gift bag, prizes, and ticket to awards/dinner ceremony.

Schedule of Events:

8:00am Practice Range, putting green available
8:30am – 9:00am Hole, cart, team assignments
9:00am Shotgun Start

Dinner/Awards Ceremony immediately following the tournament.

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Return this form to the parish office along with payment.
Contact Grand Knight Darin Denning with any questions: **(785) 760-0788**.

Of Golfers _____ **# Attending Dinner/Awards Ceremony** _____

Golfer #1 Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone#: _____ Email: _____

Golfer #2 Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone#: _____ Email: _____

Golfer #3 Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone#: _____ Email: _____

Golfer #4 Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone#: _____ Email: _____

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL



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 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, call (785) 843-9511 or email Mrs. Pat Newton, Principal, at 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.

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

JUSTICE MATTERS



By Joe Snyder, joesnyder42@gmail.com

Justice Matters Needs You!!!

Justice Matters is a community organization of 23 faith groups representing approximately 10,000 members in Lawrence and Douglas County. The organization's purpose is to improve the well-being of people in Lawrence by addressing community problems in a way that gets at the root of the problems so the community can apply long lasting solutions. Justice Matters has surfaced some important justice issues for Lawrence and developed and advocated for solutions in these areas – developing affordable housing, building a mental health crisis center, developing criminal reform on a local level, and mitigating childhood trauma.

With Fr. Mike's leadership, St. John's has been a part of Justice Matters since its beginnings in 2014. Fr. Jeff supports and continues this involvement as a ministry of the parish which clearly flows from the Parish Mission Statement. As Pope Francis so strongly advocates, our faith in Christ calls all Christians to promote justice in our communities. At the parish level many know that they are called to ministry as well as worship. But this call is to all parishioners, so as a commitment to the parish and faith, please consider joining.

At this time Justice Matters Team Leaders are reaching out to St. John's parishioners to join as Network members in this ministry and organization. Team Leaders will be inviting parishioners to "house conversations" between September 18 and October 22. Network members will discuss justice issues in Lawrence and commit to four Network meetings between October and June. The goal is to have 80 Network Members and finally 250 parishioners attend the Nehemiah Assembly in late March, because "people power" will bring more just actions and structures to Lawrence. For more information about this ministry and how to join, please contact Pat Lechtenberg (785-218-4577 or plek10berg@aol.com) or Joe Snyder (785-550-6421 or joesnyder42@gmail.com).

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

LECTOR TRAINING

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!

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. 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 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!

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 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) 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 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. 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.

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 11, 2016.

Budgeted weekly amount	\$27,403.84
Average weekly amount.....	\$25,091.80
Budgeted YTD.....	\$301,442.24
Actual YTD	\$276,009.82
Net Shortage.....	\$25,432.42



Dear friends,

We had a beautiful day for the picnic, a very large crowd, wishing I could see some Kansas people. Just wanted you to know that we appreciated all the tickets that you bought for the raffle, hoping against hope that some name from Kansas would be pulled out of the pot, but that wasn't to be.

All the jams and jellies that we had put out sold, we could have put out more but couldn't get through the crowd to get more, so when you come to visit, there may be a jar for you. Again thank you for your support of us, hope one of these days, I will make it back to Kansas, Certainly do miss all of you.

Love and prayers, Sister Marcella

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Scott Anderson, Social Concerns Committee

Modern Catholic Social teaching is generally considered to begin with the papal encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, issued in 1891 by Pope Leo XIII. *Rerum Novarum* was concerned with the rights of workers in an industrialized society. The Church was troubled by the rising communist movement but also rejected *laissez-faire* capitalism. The encyclical asserted the dignity of labor and emphasized the obligations of workers and owners to each other.

Since then, numerous papal encyclicals have refined and developed these ideas as social conditions have changed. Although interpretations and emphases have changed over time, these are the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching as presented by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person - "...human life is sacred and...the dignity of the human person is the foundation of all principles of our social teaching" Abortion, euthanasia, human cloning, the death penalty, war, and terrorism are all contrary to this fundamental teaching.
2. Call to Family, Community, and Participation - The family is the basis of the community but we were not created in isolation from others. The individuals in the family have a right and a duty to fully participate in the society at large.
3. Rights and Responsibilities - We all have a right to: "...food, clothing, shelter, medical care, rest, and...the necessary social services." But it doesn't stop there. We have "...the right to be looked after in the event of ill health; disability stemming from (our) work; widowhood; old age; enforced unemployment; or whenever through no fault of (our) own (we are) deprived of the means of livelihood." However, we have obligations to others as well: "...to claim one's rights and ignore one's duties...is like building a house with one hand and tearing it down with the other."
4. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable - "...the poor and vulnerable have a claim to especial consideration. The richer class have many ways of shielding themselves." The rich are even obligated "...to renounce some of their rights so as to place their goods more generously at the service of others."
5. The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers - Work is defined as more than an obligation. It is our "...continuing participation in God's creation." As such, we have the right "...to productive work, to just wages and benefits, to decent working conditions, as well as to organize and join unions or other associations."
6. Solidarity - This theme stresses the unity of the human family and our obligation to move beyond shallow feelings of compassion and commit ourselves to efforts in service of the common good.
7. Care for God's Creation - Our stewardship of creation, including the health of our planet is placed on an equal footing with our duties to "...the human person...It would be wrong to uphold one set of duties while trampling on the other.

More information can be found at: www.usccb.org, keyword search: "seven themes."

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

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.

CELEBRATING ST. FRANCIS

Come join the Secular Franciscans in commemorating the death of Saint Francis of Assisi on **Monday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m.** in the church. The service, also known as the *Transitus*, is held every year on the eve of St. Francis' death as a re-telling of the story of the end of his life. The service combines prayer with storytelling, Scripture and singing. Come join us for this service and in doing so, enrich your experience of the Feast Day of Saint Francis which will take place on October 4!

CONCIERTO CATÓLICO

La Parroquia de All Saints en Kansas City, KS

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

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

MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA

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

CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO

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

PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR

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

RECICLAGE

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

LA FE SE PUEDE ALIMENTAR

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

CLASE PREBAUTISMAL

La clase pre-bautismal es **cada segundo sábado del mes** en un salón del Ministerio Hispano. Es obligatorio registrarse primero en la oficina parroquial llamando a Jessie al tel. 913 321 1958.

Las lecturas de la semana del 18 de septiembre de 2016

Domingo: Am 8, 4-7/Sal 113, 1-2. 4-8/1 Tim 2, 1-8/Lc 16, 1-13 o 16, 10-13
Lunes: Prov 3, 27-34/Sal 15, 2-5/Lc 8, 16-18
Martes: Prov 21, 1-6. 10-13/Sal 119, 1. 27. 30. 34-35. 44/Lc 8, 19-21
Miércoles: Ef 4, 1-7. 11-13/Sal 19, 2-5/Mt 9, 9-13
Jueves: Ecl 1, 2-11/Sal 90, 3-6. 12-14. 17/Lc 9, 7-9
Viernes: Ecl 3, 1-11/Sal 144, 1-4/Lc 9, 18-22
Sábado: Ecl 11, 9--12, 8/Sal 90, 3-6. 12-14. 17/Lc 9, 43-45
Domingo siguiente: Am 6, 1. 4-7/Sal 146, 7-10/1 Tim 6, 11-16/Lc 16, 19-31

18 de septiembre de 2016

25° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Parábola y advertencia es lo que nos presenta la Liturgia de la Palabra este domingo. Nos hace ver que en los tiempos del profeta Amós ya se tenían semejantes problemas de dinero. Exactamente, como los tenemos ahora en nuestra sociedad. Es por eso que el profeta en sus predicaciones denuncia y advierte las grandes injusticias que se llevaban a cabo. Sus palabras son directas y claras. Si se quiere hacer la voluntad de Dios hay que actuar bajo la influencia de ella, preocupándonos por los indefensos. "Escuchen esto los que buscan al pobre sólo para arruinarlo" (Am 8, 4). ¿Te dicen algo estas palabras? ¿Qué recuerdos te vienen a la mente al escucharlas?

Por si acaso estamos cortos de información sobre este tema, el Señor Jesús nos aclara sobre las enseñanzas relacionadas con las riquezas. Él nos cuenta la parábola del administrador que es despedido por su patrón por estar malgastando sus bienes. Jesús advierte el cómo debemos de actuar en nuestra vida cristiana y sobre todo poner atención en los bienes futuros no en los terrenales. El Papa Francisco también nos aconseja lo siguiente: "No puedes servir a Dios y al dinero, no se puede: o el uno o el otro. Y esto no es comunismo, esto es Evangelio puro. Estas cosas son palabra de Jesús. ¿Entonces qué pasa con el dinero? ... Te va bien, te sientes un poco importante y después sobreviene la vanidad... la riqueza para sentirse suficientes, la vanidad para sentirse importante y, al final, el orgullo y la soberbia" (Meditación diaria de 20 de septiembre de 2013).

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Una persona astuta es muy hábil, ya sea para engañar o para hacer el bien, logrando pues cualquier fin. A través de la historia podemos ver que han existido grandes personas sabias y generosas. Pero también han existido grandes monstruos astutos que, por desgracia, han hecho mal a la humanidad. En nuestro tiempo la tecnología nos lleva a escoger cosas que antes no eran posibles. La astucia siempre está presente en las decisiones médicas, morales, políticas y religiosas. Y bien, la gracia de Dios puede estar en todo esto. ¿Cómo entender lo complejo de los sistemas y llegar a tomar buenas decisiones morales? El Evangelio de hoy nos invita a hacernos esta pregunta y nos abre la puerta para formular una respuesta.

El propósito del Evangelio de hoy es el llevarnos a tomar buenas decisiones morales en situaciones complejas. El profeta Amós también nos lo dice claramente: no debemos explotar a los pobres e indefensos. Él nos esclarece con la verdad sobre prácticas injustas: "No hacernos ricos a costa de los pobres". Timoteo nos brinda la herramienta para ser justos: es importante hacer oración por todas las personas que ejercen alguna autoridad para que sean personas sabias y capaces de guiarnos por el camino donde todos podamos disfrutar y ser felices, comenzando por los padres de familia, nuestros gobernantes y por nuestros líderes religiosos, especialmente por el papa y los obispos. En resumen, desde la perspectiva del Evangelio, vemos que en tiempos de crisis tanto la fuerza como la debilidad de las personas y la comunidad van juntas para fortalecer nuestro futuro.