



**SAINT JOHN  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

*Benefit Auction*

**Saturday, November 5**

**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY**

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**DONATIONS STILL BEING ACCEPTED**

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# BREAD TO OFFER

## GIVING EVIDENCE OF OUR FAITH

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.



“Is this the manner of fasting I would choose, a day to afflict oneself? To bow one’s head like a reed, and lie upon sackcloth and ashes? Is this what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is this not, rather, the fast that I choose: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; setting free the oppressed, breaking off every yoke? Is it not sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and the homeless into your house; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own flesh: Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; Your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard” (Isaiah 58:5-8).

These words from the prophet Isaiah are worthy of serious reflection as we continue on our journey of faith during this Year of Mercy. They prefigure the message of Jesus in the Gospel when at the last judgment, he says to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me” (Matthew 25:34-36).

St. John Parish has a wonderful array of ministries and services to those in need. So many of you are bringing relief to the hungry, the sick, the homebound, the homeless, the immigrant, the lonely, the hurting. As well, you are truly serving the Lord as you serve them. So many gifts of the Holy Spirit have been manifest in the variety of ways that you all serve.

At the 11:00 Mass this weekend we will be commissioning leaders for Justice Matters, a ministry which seeks to influence public policy and opinion regarding certain social structures in the city of Lawrence and in Douglas County, which inadvertently keep some individuals from having access to basic necessities, such as shelter, health care, employment, child safety, education, and financial stability. Justice Matters is a large organization of people from different faiths and Christian denominations who meet as a group or groups within their particular congregation. They pray and reflect together on ways to work for just government and social structures in order to help lighten the burden of those who for a host of causes, many of which are out of their control, are not able to receive basic services or assistance.

Not everyone has the gift of participating in this particular outreach/ministry of our parish. If, however, you think you may be called to serve the God’s people in this way, please see Justice Matters information in the bulletin and on our parish website. They will welcome you with great appreciation!

These words from the Letter of James are make a fitting conclusion to this Sunday’s Bread to Offer:

“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,’ but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works is dead” (James 2:14-17).

- Fr. Jeff

# MINISTERS: OCTOBER 1-2

### LECTORS

**Saturday**  
4:30pm ..... L1: A Sellet; L2: M Mauler

**Sunday**  
7:00am ..... L1: C Winkelbauer; L2: M Delaney  
8:30am ..... L1: J Wyatt; L2: L Leroux-Smith  
11:00am ..... L1: MJ Hobbs; L2: S Tabor  
5:00pm ..... L1: T A Hill; L2: D Koger

### ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday**  
4:30pm ..... B Thomas, J Krones

**Sunday**  
7:00am ..... Volunteers  
8:30am ..... A Augustine, A Augustine  
11:00am ..... P Keating, L Keating  
5:00pm ..... O Schmidt, L Schmidt

### CANTORS

**Saturday**  
4:30pm ..... C Watgen

**Sunday**  
7:00am ..... M Conn  
8:30am ..... K Gibb

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Saturday**  
4:30pm ..... L Reimond, M Roesner, L Seidl, D Weigel, L Arnold, B Brill

**Sunday**  
7:00am ..... B Osborne, L Wustefeld, J Grzymala-Busse  
8:30am ..... Y Ruder, L Scott, M Steichen, B Volz, J Dvorske,  
..... D Foster, E Grob-Creasey  
11:00am ..... J&N Otter, P Smith, S Stewart, D Thimmesch,  
..... L Tiffany, T Towle  
5:00pm ..... C Malone, A McCabe, S Murray, T Reznicek, D&E Schmidt

# 33<sup>rd</sup> 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

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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](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.

# 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  
**Jim Freund**  
**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**

## PARISH PRAYER LIST (CONT'D)

**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**

## MASS INTENTIONS: SEPT 26—OCT 2

**Monday:** 7:30am.....For God's Mercy and Healing  
**Tuesday:** 7:30am..... For an increase in vocations  
**Wednesday:** 7:30am ..... For the intentions of Pope Francis  
**Thursday:** 7:30am ..... For peace  
**Friday:** 7:30am .....Nancy Krische†  
**Saturday:** 8:00am ..... For the youth of our parish  
4:30pm ..... J. Robert Flukert  
**Sunday:** 7:00am .....St. John Parish  
8:30am .....Eileen Shaughnessy†  
11:00am ..... Marianne Fabac Means†  
2:00pm (Spanish) ..... Allan Wehrle†  
5:00pm .....Thomas Lee†

# JUSTICE MATTERS

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



You are Invited! You are invited to participate in one of the 6 Justice Matters' house meetings being held in St. John Parish beginning on October 2. These meetings are sacred conversations, held in confidence among those present. It is an opportunity to raise new issues that need to be addressed or to find other areas of those issues we are already working on to be explored.

At present, we have 6 team leaders: Jean Drumm, Ruth Entwistle, Pat Lechtenberg, Vicki McMurray, Joe Snyder with Marilyn Page, and Carol vonTersch. Our goal would be to invite all parishioners, but with only 6 of us extending invitations we will do miss a lot of people at St. John.

Doing justice may sound strange or new to you. I remember when Catholics, back in the 1970s, thought evangelization was a Protestant activity. There might be a similar reaction to 'doing justice'. To fully live out the two great commandments of loving God and loving neighbor we are called to 'do justice, love mercy and walk faithfully with God'. (Micah 6:8) In similar words in the gospel of Matthew 23:23-24 Jesus reminds us not to 'neglect the weightier matters of the law, justice, mercy and good faith'. We are a truly faithful people with lots of opportunities to worship and praise our God and to grow spiritually. We have multiple mercy ministries that see to the needs of our brothers and sisters. Where and how do we do justice in our parish? How can we change systems that are not fully mindful of basic human needs in Lawrence? Justice Matters is an opportunity to 'do justice'.

Doing justice is what loving your neighbor looks like in public. Please prayerfully consider being a good steward of 2 hours of your time and participate in a Justice Matters house meeting in October.

We hope to have 100 parishioners give input at the house meetings. If you are willing to host a conversation but aren't ready to make a commitment to be a team leader, please let us know. We can arrange to have another parish team leader facilitate that conversation. We want to be sure to have at least 10-15 participants in each home.

For more information or to sign up to attend or host a house meeting please contact Joe Snyder (785-550-6421 or [joesnyder42@gmail.com](mailto:joesnyder42@gmail.com)) or Pat Lechtenberg (785-842-1992 or [plek10berg@aol.com](mailto:plek10berg@aol.com))

### Symbolism of the Justice Matters Logo:

The rays of sunshine represent God's love for the city and the hope of a more just community centered on neighborliness. The buildings resemble the storefronts along Massachusetts Street, signifying the city of Lawrence, the seat of Douglas County. The waters below symbolize justice 'flowing down like a mighty river' (a reference to Amos 5:24).

# 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 Class with Fr. Barnabas

Fr. Barnabas is now offering a series of classes on the women in the New Testament. It is an opportunity to learn more about several important characters in the New Testament who often get overlooked: the women who were with the Lord during his earthly ministry. The most prominent of these women is, of course, Mary, and the class will go through the church's understanding of Mary in Scripture and Tradition using John Paul II's encyclical, "Redemptoris Mater." As the class progresses we will look at the lives of other women who served as powerful examples of Christ in the New Testament. "Redemptoris Mater" can be downloaded for free from our website: [sjevangelist.com](http://sjevangelist.com). Classes meet Tuesday evenings in the church basement from 7:00—8:30pm, and all are welcome!

## REDISCOVER JESUS

### CHAPTER 36: THE BIGGEST LIE

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:** You cannot get closer to God if you accept the lies of the world.

**Verse to Live:** "The righteous hate what is false." { Proverbs 13:5 }

**Question to Consider:** When did you stop believing holiness was possible for you?

**Prayer:** Jesus, protect me from all the lies that seek to build a barrier between you and me, and remind me of my great destiny.

## 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: 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!

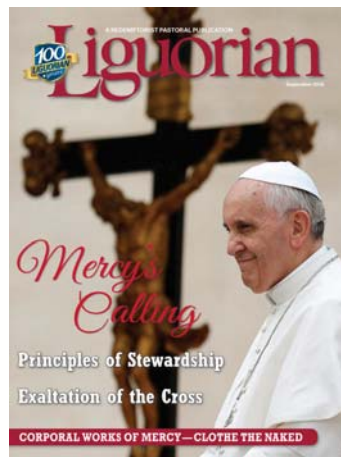
## LIGUORIAN CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

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## WEEKLY READINGS

**Sunday:** Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

**Monday:** Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday:** Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-8/Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday:** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10-15/Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51

**Friday:** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14/Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

# SAINT JOHN SCHOOL



## Feast of St. Francis:

Tuesday, October 4

Students are invited to bring one special small stuffed animal that they can bless during the school Mass Tuesday morning. The blessing of real-live pets will be **Tuesday, October 4 at 3:30 p.m.** The blessing will be on the south side of the 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](http://sjevangelist.com/auction) for more information on how to support this year's auction and St. John School!

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

## High School

### Discipleship groups meet this week!

Students, your small groups will begin meeting this week—get in touch with your group leader to find out when and where you will be meeting, and get ready to dive into a new year of fun, learning, and discipleship!

### Life Chain and Ice Cream: October 2, 12:30–2:30pm

Come and join us in standing up for the dignity of life at 23rd and Iowa for the National Life Chain. Water will be provided and signs will be available for you to hold if you would like, but you can also just stand to pray and be a witness to the lives of those not valued by society (the unborn, the elderly, the disabled). Afterwards, at 2pm, we will cross the street to eat ice cream at Freddy's. Bring money! Families welcome to attend this event with students. Give it a try!

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

Meet in the Youth Office (Simon Parish Center, 1229 Vermont Street, Upstairs Youth Office) to study the Bible, pray, and eat some good food. Then, head over to Reservoir to chat with Jesus and praise Him from 7:00-8:00pm!

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

RSVP to Jen at [conrad@saint-johns.net](mailto:conrad@saint-johns.net), or text Amy at 785-550-2034. RSVP by October 1. Come and have fun at Worlds of Fun and bring your friends! Must have permission form on file with office and have paid registration fees for the year (or for the month - \$16/month for youth group activities). Friends outside of St. John can attend this trip for \$30/student--email Jen (see above) for permission form if other students want to join! Wanna help drive? Let Jen know that as well. We need at least 10 students to join us to make this trip happen!

## Middle School

### September 28: The Rock - Crazy Kickball!

Come and join us for a crazy night of nachos and kickball in South Park. Wear old DARK clothes that can get wet/messy, and tennis shoes. This isn't your ordinary game of kickball; each round holds a new surprise for the teams involved. Be prepared to get CRAZY!

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

Find a cookie that you love, frost it to your specifications, and enter it into the cookie frosting contest! Then, learn how God is calling us to HOLINESS and HAPPINESS in this life and beyond. What qualities should we strive for? How can we avoid negative things that create unhappiness (gossip, bullying, etc.), loving our neighbors and ourselves?

### October 12: The Rock - Olympics

That's right, come and participate in our very own version of the ROCK Olympics. We will create team flags, cheers, and then get down to a crazy competition including BB, javelin, triple jump, hurdles, and MORE! Afterwards, enjoy some Pizza Shuttle! :)

Learn more about St. John youth and our upcoming events: [sjevangelist.com/youth](http://sjevangelist.com/youth)

# STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

## ST. JOHN MINISTRY FAIR

**November 19 & 20**

We will be having our Stewardship Renewal Weekend on November 19-20, 2016. This year as part of the renewal weekend we will have a Ministry Fair to help promote and inform our parish family about all of the great opportunities to serve at St. John!

If you are in charge of a ministry at St. John please contact Samantha Romero by email at [sromero@saint-johns.net](mailto:sromero@saint-johns.net) or Ellen Sickinger at [sickinger@saint-johns.net](mailto:sickinger@saint-johns.net) to reserve a table. You may also call the parish office at **(785) 843-0109**.

## HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for people to help with a new Hospitality Committee. The mission of the St. John Hospitality Committee is to make every new and current parishioner feel that they are part of a warm, supportive and hospitable community where "all are welcome."

The Hospitality ministry will help coordinate fellowship events, welcome new people to the parish, welcome new Catholics to the faith, greet people as they come into Mass, and also to help with St. John Café on Sunday mornings. If interested please contact Samantha Romero at: [sromero@saint-johns.net](mailto:sromero@saint-johns.net) or **(785) 843-0109**.

## HIS HANDS MINISTRY

Are you an older parishioner or a parishioner who lives with a disability who could use some assistance? Do you know of someone in the parish who is elderly and/or who lives with a disability and could use some assistance? If so, His Hands can help.

We have volunteers who can provide transportation, respite care, light housekeeping, mending, cooking after surgery or other medical situation that would limit someone temporarily and handyman help. His Hands can also provide information and referral services if they are needed, or if other services in the community would be able to help as well. For help and further information, please contact the His Hands service coordinator, Susan Tabor. She may be reached through the church office at **(785) 843-0109** or via her cell phone at **(785) 865-9949**. We look forward to serving you!

## HIS HANDS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

His Hands, the ministry to our parishioners who are elderly or who live with disability, is in great need of people to help with housework. If you have some time and would be willing to help an elderly parishioner with housework, please contact Susan Tabor, His Hands service coordinator at **(785) 865-9949** or via email at [souljourner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:souljourner@sbcglobal.net). Thank you for your generosity!

## MEALS FOR THE FRIARS

The Capuchins are looking for volunteers who can cook meals for the six friars in Lawrence. If interested, please contact the parish office at **(785) 843-0109**. Meals needed for Wednesdays in November and December! Bring meals to the Simon Parish Center at St. John by 4:00pm. Fr. Jeff will take the dinner home to the friary.

## MENTOR MINISTRY

Are you looking for a way to build connections at St. John? Feel like you are being prompted to get involved? How about mentoring a New Parishioner? This is a great way to meet new people and share your gift of hospitality with someone who is new to our community. We are looking for individuals and families who would like to help us out! Contact Samantha Romero for more information at [sromero@saint-johns.net](mailto:sromero@saint-johns.net) or **(785) 843-0109**.

## MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

St. John is starting a new ministry called the Marriage and Family Life Ministry. We are looking for people to serve in a helping capacity on three sub-committees. Your commitment can be as little as helping with the various events or you can actually be someone who helps to organize and facilitate.

Please contact Samantha Romero with any questions at [sromero@saint-johns.net](mailto:sromero@saint-johns.net) or **(785) 843-0109**. Thank you for your prayerful discernment if you can contribute your gifts of service to this new ministry!

## ST. JOHN RUMMAGE HOUSE

The Saint John Rummage House is run by volunteers from the Saint John Community and is in need of new volunteers to help keep the ministry thriving. Volunteers work both during store hours and behind the scenes when the store is closed.

Sorting crews work Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. The store is open Wednesdays from 11-3, the first and last Thursday of the month from 1-4, and Saturdays from 8:30-12:30. We could use volunteers to fill any of these positions, but are especially in need of volunteers for Thursday afternoons, one or two Thursdays per month.

If you are interested in helping the parish with this ministry, email Linda Brey ([lbrey525@gmail.com](mailto:lbrey525@gmail.com)) for more info.

## MARRIAGE MINUTE

"Woe to the complacent!" Marriage experts all have their own theories about which "trouble spots" are most dangerous for couples. Is it communication problems, financial crisis, or the critical illness of a child? This week's readings take a different approach, suggesting that perhaps comfort is more dangerous than any of these things.

Relationships are dynamic. We are either moving toward one another, or away. A crisis, though certainly stressful, can have the effect of making couples focus on one another in order to face challenges together. The danger of ordinary times is that we can lose focus on one another, take one another for granted, and begin to drift apart without even noticing.

Here are some ideas for keeping marriage strong in "good times":

- Make short daily time together a habit (i.e. morning coffee before work, or do dishes together)
- Affirm your spouse daily
- Commit to annual marriage enrichment
- Schedule time with your spouse (and treat it like other important appointments)



# 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.....	<b>\$25,091.80</b>
Budgeted YTD.....	\$301,442.24
Actual YTD .....	<b>\$276,009.82</b>
Net Shortage.....	<b>\$25,432.42</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 Susan Tabor, Social Concerns Committee

We are in the throes of a very difficult election cycle. And I don't know about you, but I have not always handled my interactions concerning politics in ways that I've been happy about. I usually do OK, unless something in me gets triggered and I launch into a diatribe that I regret later.

Why does this happen? According to Brother Albert Merz, OFM, these things happen for a variety of reasons: Though we are all born with an inherent dignity we all share as human beings, we each are formed with a different cast of characters, e.g., people, institutions, events, in our lives and they, together with our reflections about this cast of characters, play a major part in shaping our world view and our behavior. Because we all have been shaped by a different cast of characters, none of us sees things the same way. Disagreements are bound to happen and how we handle these disagreements is key. We have the power to build good will or to destroy it.

Each of us filters information through the lens of our own life journey, which can be a major influence in determining how we view the world and how we communicate. It is helpful to begin any response to a difficult interaction with some reflective silence during which we do the mental and spiritual work on: "a) what is to be said; b) to whom it is to be said; c) how it is to be said; d) when it is to be said." "Our reflective response to these four questions will guide us in determining whether our communication will build or diminish relationships, whether it will benefit or hinder the common good."

We also must take care to talk with each other, rather than "at" or "to" each other, as this is a breeding ground for alienation which fuels incivility and seeds of violence in our conversations with each other. The roots of solutions to society's problems must be found in common ground, as difficult as finding that can seem.

Albert Merz offers the following help to us in the form of a FRANCIS pledge:

**Commitment to Civility in Discourse** (Using the Letters of the Name of Our Patron Saint Francis)

I commit to:

- **Facilitate** a forum for difficult discourse and acknowledge that all dialogue can lead to new insight and mutual understanding.
- **Respect** the dignity of all people, especially the dignity of those who hold an opposing view.
- **Audit** myself and utilize terms or a vocabulary of faith to unite or reconcile rather than divide conflicting positions.
- **Neutralize** inflamed conversations by presuming that those with whom we differ are acting in good faith.
- **Collaborate** with others and recognize that all human engagement is an opportunity to promote peace.
- **Identify** common ground such as similar values or concerns and utilize this as a foundation to build upon.
- **Support** efforts to clean up the provocative language by calling policymakers to their sense of personal integrity.

## 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!

## MASS OF INNOCENTS

Have you or someone you know lost a child or loved one during pregnancy or in early infancy? If so, Archbishop Naumann invites you to commemorate this loss at this Mass on Sunday, Oct 2, at 3:30 pm, at Cure of Ars Parish in Leawood, KS (9401 Mission Rd.).

This annual Mass gives parents, grandparents, siblings, or other loved ones the opportunity to receive consolation whether the loss was recent or many years ago. For questions or more info, contact Brad DuPont at [bdupont@archkck.org](mailto:bdupont@archkck.org), (913) 647-0301, or [www.archkck.org/family](http://www.archkck.org/family).

## 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 25 de septiembre de 2016

Domingo:	Am 6, 1. 4-7/Sal 146, 7-10/1 Tim 6, 11-16/Lc 16, 19-31
Lunes:	Job 1, 6-22/Sal 17, 1-3. 6-7/Lc 9, 46-50
Martes:	Job 3, 1-3. 11-17. 20-23/Sal 88, 2-8/Lc 9, 51-56
Miércoles:	Job 9, 1-12. 14-16/Sal 88, 10-15/Lc 9, 57-62
Jueves:	Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14 o Ap 12, 7-12/Sal 138, 1-5/Jn 1, 47-51
Viernes:	Job 38, 1. 12-21; 40, 3-5/Sal 139, 1-3. 7-10. 13-14/ Lc 10, 13-16
Sábado:	Job 42, 1-3. 5-6. 12-17/Sal 119, 66. 71. 75. 91. 125. 130/ Lc 10, 17-24
Domingo siguiente:	Hab 1, 2-3; 2, 2-4/Sal 95, 1-2. 6-9/ 2 Tim 1, 6-8. 13-14/Lc 17, 5-10

## 25 de septiembre de 2016

### 26° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En este domingo como en el pasado el lenguaje de Amós suena claro y directo para las personas que disfrutaban de las comodidades de sus bienes materiales, sin pensar, mucho menos compartir, con los oprimidos. Recordemos que en tiempos del profeta Amós se vivían tiempos prósperos pero las riquezas las controlaban unos pocos. Por lo tanto la pobreza abundaba. A pesar de las circunstancias la voz del profeta anuncia esperanza --Dios actuará en favor de los oprimidos, los injustos recibirán las consecuencias de sus actos: "¡Ay de ustedes, los que se sienten seguros en Sión y los que ponen su confianza en el monte sagrado de Samaria!" (Am 6, 1). Este texto está basado en la destrucción de Samaria en el año 722 a.c. y a la deportación que se llevó a cabo.

Por consecuencia la parábola de hoy nos habla directamente a tomar una actitud de conversión. El poseer riquezas no es malo sino lo malo es el apego a ellas. Solo existen dos caminos, el que lleva a la vida y el que lleva a la perdición. Jesús lo explica mejor cuando hace mención de las bienaventuranzas. "Dichosos ustedes los pobres, porque de ustedes es el Reino de Dios" (Lc 6, 20). Y en el mismo pasaje nos dice. "Pero, ¡ay de ustedes, los ricos, porque ya tienen ahora su consuelo!" (Lc 6, 24). El Evangelio nos indica en todo momento el modo de vivir practicando la justicia, haciéndolo seremos misericordiosos. ¡Eso es lo que Dios espera de nosotros día a día! ¿A quién represento en mi vida, a Lázaro o al rico?

### 26° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Todos nosotros al ver programas en la televisión nos damos cuenta de que existe una gran disparidad entre el glamour derrochado por algunas personas y la pobreza que enfrenta la gran mayoría en la sociedad a nivel global. Aparentemente somos modernos y avanzados en muchos aspectos. Pero en muchos otros actuamos salvajemente y nos portamos mal los unos con los otros. ¿Cómo describir a la sociedad de ahora? ¿Cómo adentrarnos en esta complejidad de procederes? ¿Cómo dejar de competir pensando siempre que somos los primeros? El profeta Amós en sus tiempos también tenía esa gran incógnita. El Reino de Israel se encontraba en bonanza y prosperidad. Pero la riqueza la tenían solamente unos cuantos mientras la pobreza abundaba. Por esa razón el profeta recorría las ciudades denunciando las injusticias sociales.

El Evangelio da comienzo con intensos contrastes, designando el estatus del rico y del pobre: el primero vestido con finas y costosas telas de esa época, y el segundo vestido de úlceras y yagas. Las suntuosas comidas diarias con amigos ricos contra la búsqueda de comida con el perro como único compañero. Esta parábola es rica en contrastes y nos ayuda a reflexionar para poder ver y escuchar lo que acontece a nuestro alrededor. Los pobres claman por justicia y reclaman lo que les pertenece: ¡vivir con dignidad de personas! Existen muchos Lázaros en el mundo que son reconocidos y amados por Dios. Nos toca, por lo tanto, orar a Jesús resucitado para que nos abra los ojos y podamos ver el sufrimiento de los demás y así esforzarnos en remediar sus necesidades. Recordar a la gente como Lázaro es siempre un recurso de gracia en nuestra vida. ¿Hemos entendido la parábola?