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Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am, 2:00pm (Spanish Mass), 5:00pm. **Website:** www.sjevangelist.com

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BREAD TO OFFER



A GOD WHO DOES NEW AND GOOD THINGS

By Fr. Barnabas Eichor, OFM, Cap.

The prophet Baruch, in his short Old Testament book, is speaking to God's people during the upheaval of the Babylonian exile. He tells them God is ready to bring the exiles back home, and the return home will be a glorious event. The Jewish exiles are ready to return home because of their repentance for having sinned against God, which is what led to the exile. By this time the Jewish people had lost hope that Jerusalem and its Temple would ever be rebuilt, and the exiles believed they would be

spending the rest of their lives as captives in a foreign land. Baruch saw beyond their present captivity and knew that God was going to do new and great things for the exiles because of their repentance.

The Jews at the time of John the Baptist, 500 years later, were not a free people. They had their Temple; Jerusalem had been rebuilt. But they were part of the great Roman Empire. Rome made the rules, Rome collected heavy taxes, Rome was brutal. At this time, Roman soldiers marched through the streets of Jerusalem freely. The Roman governor Pontius Pilate, who was noted for his brutality, controlled all of Israel. Most of us think of Pontius Pilate as sympathetic or just plain weak because of the way he handled Jesus when Jesus was arrested. Most of us do not know that in a couple of years Pilate would lose his job because the emperor, who was not a nice man himself, considered him too ruthless and violent. But the prophet John the Baptist saw beyond all their oppression as he quoted from the prophet Isaiah: "All flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Baruch, John the Baptist, and Isaiah all saw and knew that if the people repented and turned their lives back to God, God would then have room to work in their lives and do something new and great for the people of Israel. Indeed because of Israel's contrition the exile ended, and the promised Messiah came for the salvation of all.

The same is true for us: if we want God to do new and great things, we have to give him room to do so. We give him room by our own willingness to change our lives, our habits, and our commitments. When the Lord is first in our lives, he has room to do new and great things for us.

In order to give God room in our lives we, too, like Isaiah and John the Baptist, "have to prepare the way of the Lord." St. Paul gives us an idea of what we should be doing to prepare when he tells the Philippians what he prays for them. He prays that their love for God and for each other may increase, that they keep a sense of what is important in life and that they live lives devoted to prayer and good works. Let us all take the advice of the prophets and St. Paul and prepare "the way of the Lord" in our own lives.

- Fr. Barnabas

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



RESERVOIR ADORATION: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Everybody is invited to come to the church for an hour of reflection and worship through prayer, music, and Eucharistic Adoration during our first Reservoir Adoration of the new school year, 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

Eucharistic Adoration in the Padre Pio Chapel (located inside the north entrance of the church) is one-on-one time with the One we love the most! A time to further that personal friendship and devotion to Jesus, present in the Eucharist and displayed before us for us to adore. How fortunate and blessed we are!

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

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

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!

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.

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!

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!

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 September!

Bring meals to the Simon Parish Center at St. John by 4:00pm. Fr. Jeff will take the dinner home to the friary.

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**.

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 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.

IN MEMORIAM

Emery Howe

Daughter of Nate & Lauren Howe

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
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

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 5-11

Monday: 7:30am St. John Parish
Tuesday: 7:30am Sally Rowell†
Wednesday: 7:30am An Increase in Vocations
Thursday: 7:30am Osborne-O'Connor Family†
Friday: 7:30am Mary Ann Huslig†
Saturday: 8:00am Children in Need of Adoptive Families
4:30pm Joan Hiemerman
Sunday: 7:00am Emery Howe†
8:30am Natalia Lagun†
11:00am Jim Freund
2:00pm (Spanish) St. John Parish
5:00pm Dee Myers

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 August 21, 2016.

Budgeted weekly amount	\$27,403.84
Average weekly amount.....	\$25,352.19
Budgeted YTD.....	\$219,230.72
Actual YTD.....	\$202,817.55
Net Shortage	\$16,413.17

ONLINE GIVING

We are grateful for your support of St. John Parish. Our online giving program allows you to make contributions to St. John without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. You may set up automatic contributions and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. You may also make pledges and manage your contributions to the pledge amount, and you may make one-time donations to special causes. Visit sjevangelist.com/giving for more information or to set up and manage your account today!

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor, Social Concerns Committee

"I appeal forcefully to all those who sow violence and death by force of arms: in the person you today see simply as an enemy to be beaten, discover rather your brother or sister, and hold back your hand! Give up the way of arms and go out to meet the other in dialogue, pardon and reconciliation, in order to rebuild justice, trust, and hope around you!" —Pope Francis (World Day of Peace, 2014)

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The General Assembly of the United Nations has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. The Day's theme for 2016 is "The Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks for Peace." Sustainability addresses the fundamental needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Modern challenges of poverty, hunger, diminishing natural resources, water scarcity, social inequality, environmental degradation, diseases, corruption, racism and xenophobia, among others, pose challenges for peace and create fertile grounds for conflict. Sustainable development contributes decisively to dissipation and elimination of these causes of conflict and provides the foundation for a lasting peace. Peace, meanwhile, reinforces the conditions for sustainable development and liberates the resources needed for societies to develop and prosper. Every single one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals is a building block in the global architecture of peace.

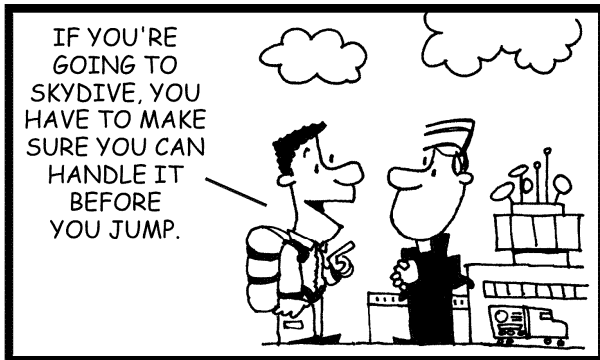
Pace E Bene, a Franciscan peace-making and peace-building apostolate, is holding their annual Campaign Nonviolence in conjunction with the International Day of Peace on September 21, and has asked that parishes and communities prayerfully consider a prayer service or some other action to increase awareness of the importance of building peace and nonviolence in our world which is often fraught with war and conflict and with other forms of violence.

To that end, we will be hosting a prayer service this year.

In 2014 and 2015, the social concerns committee held prayer services on or around September 21 to recognize the International Day of Peace. The St. John social concerns committee will be hosting a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. in the church on September 21 again this year. We are holding a prayer service for the healing of the nations. It will offer you a chance to come and join us in praying for peace and healing in our world and also to pray for nations, singly and collectively.

The prayer in this service is beautiful as is the music that will accompany it. We hope and pray that you will join us in praying for peace and healing of the nations on September 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MOTHER TERESA OF KOLKATA

August 26, 1910, to September 5, 1997

FEAST DAY: September 5

PATRON: Known informally as the “Saint of the Slums”

BIRTH NAME: Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu

HOME TOWN: Skopje, Macedonia

RELIGIOUS ORDER: The Missionaries of Charity

LIFE-CHANGING MOMENT: Before founding the Missionaries of Charity, Mother Teresa was a sister of Loreto for nearly 20 years, serving as a teacher in Calcutta. On a long train ride—from Calcutta to Darjeeling—she experienced a powerful moment of prayer in which she received what she described as “a call within a call.” Jesus was asking her to give up the life she knew to care for the “poorest of the poor” on the streets of Calcutta. “I was to leave the convent and work with the poor, living among them. It was an order. I knew where I belonged, but I did not know how to get there.” Soon after, in 1948, she sought permission to leave her order and struck out on her own to begin this vocation.



MISSION: Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity to provide “wholehearted and free service to the poorest of the poor.” She began by offering food, a bath, or even just an embrace to the people she encountered in the slums of Calcutta. She wanted to serve “Jesus in his most distressing disguise.” But she couldn’t do this without a commitment to a radical life of prayer, even through the trials of a life of service and moments of doubt. Prayer helped her remember that Jesus, who suffered and thirsted on the Cross, was the same Jesus who was suffering in the poor on the streets.

LEGACY: Today the Missionaries of Charity comprise 4,500 sisters around the world. They provide basic care, like food, shelter and medicine, to vulnerable people around the world, including refugees, chronically and terminally ill children and adults, abandoned children, lepers, people living with or affected by HIV and AIDS, the elderly, and people with mental disabilities.

IN HER OWN WORDS: “If we really want to love others, we must first begin to love one another in our own home. Love begins at home, and so from here—from our own home—love will spread to my neighbor, in the street I live, in the town I live, in the whole world.”

“Nakedness is not only for a piece of cloth. Nakedness is for human dignity, for respect. Homelessness is not only for a home made of bricks. Homelessness is being rejected, unwanted, unloved, uncared for, having forgotten what is human love, what is human touch.”

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 starting the weekend after Labor Day or sign up online at signup.com/go/Fiq5Un

The Oktoberfest Logo Design Winners for 2016 are Roland and August Berthold! Congratulations!!

Thank you to all those who participated in the contest!

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!

Middle School Parent Information Night*:

Thursday, September 8, from 7:00-9:00pm

Parents of middle school students are invited to an Information Night for middle school on Thursday, September 8, from 7:00-9:00pm.

*Parents without kids in the school currently are welcome to drop in and hear about what is happening at St. 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.

Would you like to know more about St. John Catholic School?

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.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP EVENTS?

LADIES NIGHT AT JEN'S (BABY HOLDING AND MOVIE NIGHT!) September 4, 6:30-9pm; Jen's House

Wanna meet little Kenneth and hold the baby? Wanna learn more about the incredible life of Mother Teresa? Ladies, come and chill at Jen's house starting at 6:30pm to watch the "Letters" documentary, a documentary covering the life and story of Mother Teresa. She is canonized on Sunday, September 4th, so on this day we will celebrate her beautiful life and learn more about her by watching her documentary!

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.

learn more: sjevangelist.com/youth

PARISH INFORMATION

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!

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 fbarnabas@saint-johns.net

VIRTUS TRAINING

Virtus, the awareness session of the Archdiocese's child abuse program Protecting God's Children, is required training for all adults who work with the children/youth of our parish.

Who should attend this training session? All parents, grandparents, anyone who plans to assist/teach in any of the parish Religious Education programs, coach any of the CYO sports and parents who want to volunteer in the school or with school activities. The material presented is good information for all parishioners.

The next Virtus session hosted at St. John Church will be held, in the St. John school-St. Bosco room, **Wednesday, September 7 from 6:00 to approximately 9:00 p.m.** To register for this session - please visit the Virtus website: www.virtus.org. Select "registration" on the left hand side of the page and follow the prompts.

If you have any questions or need assistance with registration, please contact Lois at lmersmann@saint-johns.net or **(785) 843-0109**.

ST. JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastoral Council

Frank Lemus, chair	Sarah Hartsig	Chris Wenger
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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, September 8. 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!

Also, see the flier near the church entrances on the upcoming Knights of Columbus Council #1372 Golf Classic!

MINISTERS SEPTEMBER 10-11

LECTORS

Saturday
4:30pm L1: M Powell; L2: S Roesner

Sunday
7:00am L1: B Kish; L2: C Zebas
8:30am L1: E Dvorske; L2: J Robinson
11:00am L1: J O'Brien-Host; L2: C Dominguez
5:00pm L1: D Koger; L2: M Williams

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday
4:30pm B Thomas, B Rowland

Sunday
7:00am Volunteers
8:30am S Liu, N Smith
11:00am L Keating, P Keating
5:00pm L Schmidt, O Schmidt

CANTORS

Saturday
4:30pm A Mauler

Sunday
7:00am M Conn
8:30am A Koster

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday
4:30pm B Johnson, J Koster, J McGraw, L Reimond, MA Roesner, L Seidl

Sunday
7:00am B Harmon, M Heath, B Menke
8:30am T Kempf, B Kessler, K Kohnke, K Ostrander
..... Y Ruder, L Scott, M Steichen
11:00am L Tiffany, T Towle, N Allensworth, NB Baska
..... B Bermudez, C Bial, D Bradley
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. 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 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!

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!

MARRIAGE MINUTE

What happened to the "great crowds" that accompanied Jesus? In our own day, many are left wondering what happened to the great crowds of people who used to attend Mass and now only attend at Christmas or Easter. This includes sons, daughters, brothers or sisters. While different people fall away from the practice of the Faith for different reasons, Jesus' words in the Gospel this week give us insight. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Let's face it, following Christ is hard. Nowhere is this truer than in matters of marriage and family.

What do we do? Draw strength from the Holy Spirit, the witness of the Saints, and strive to live a joyful life that convinces our loved ones that we are stronger and happier people with the Eucharist present in our lives. A joyful family life is the greatest message we can send.

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 7 at 5:00pm.

See you there!

**Must be 21 or older*

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

St. John's Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ministry needs assistants for their program. If interested in this ministry, contact Lois in the parish office at **(785) 843-0109** or Imersmann@saint-johns.net. All assistants need to be Virtus trained or agree to attend a Virtus session before September 11.

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!



REDISCOVER JESUS

CHAPTER 33: COMFORTABLY COMFORTABLE

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: Being too comfortable, too often, makes us weak in mind, body, and spirit.

Verse to Live: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me." {Matthew 16:24}

Question to Consider: What is one way you can deny yourself today?

Prayer: Jesus, thank you for all the comforts of this world; help me to discern when they are good for me and when they are not.

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centro
de nuestra vida



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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 4 de septiembre de 2016

Domingo: Sab 9, 13-18/Sal 90, 3-6. 12-17/Flm 9-10. 12-17/Lc 14, 25-33
Lunes: 1 Cor 5, 1-8/Sal 5, 5-7. 12/Lc 6, 6-11
Martes: 1 Cor 6, 1-11/Sal 149, 1-6. 9/Lc 6, 12-19
Miércoles: 1 Cor 7, 25-31/Sal 45, 11-12. 14-17/Lc 6, 20-26
Jueves: Miq 5, 1-4 o Rom 8, 28-30/Sal 13, 6/Mt 1, 1-16. 18-23 o 1, 18-23
Viernes: 1 Cor 9, 16-19. 22-27/Sal 84, 3-6. 12/Lc 6, 39-42
Sábado: 1 Cor 10, 14-22/Sal 116, 12-13. 17-18/Lc 6, 43-49
Domingo siguiente: 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

4 de septiembre de 2016

23er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Con referencia a las lecturas de este domingo el Papa Francisco nos dice que "Decidir seguirlo a Él, nuestro Maestro y Señor que se ha hecho Siervo de todos, exige caminar detrás de Él y escucharlo atentamente en su Palabra --acordaos de leer todos los días un pasaje del Evangelio-- y en los Sacramentos" (Ángelus de 13 de septiembre de 2015). El Papa nos recomienda que para ser discípulo de Cristo, debemos de practicar tres actitudes concretas. La primera es la disponibilidad, ser materia dispuesta y dejar todo a segundo plano, hasta la propia vida para alcanzar la meta del Reino desde aquí en la tierra. La exigencia es recompensada con la amistad y cercanía íntima con Jesús. La segunda es renunciar a nosotros mismos y tomar la cruz para seguirlo. La cruz nos acerca a Jesús, y nos brinda la oportunidad de acompañarlo en la vida cotidiana. La última condición es la renuncia de los propios bienes, compartiendo lo que tenemos con los más necesitados.

Seguir a Jesucristo no es fácil, pero nunca nos faltara su ayuda. ¿Crees esto? ¿Cuál de las tres actitudes te parece más difícil? ¿Cuál es la más fácil? San Pablo nos ayuda a comprender estas actitudes llevando a cabo la caridad cristiana: "... a fin de que lo recuperaras [a Onésimo] para siempre, pero ya no como esclavo, sino como algo mejor que un esclavo, como hermano amadísimo". La enseñanza es amar como Cristo nos ha amado. ¿Lo haremos? Las limitaciones del ser humano son muchas pero, si se abre el corazón a la sabiduría divina y al Santo Espíritu de Dios, todo puede ser superado.

ORACIÓN

Madre Teresa de Calcuta,

En el tren a Darjeeling

*escuchaste lo que muchos corazones humanos anhelan escuchar:
la voz de Dios.*

A través de la semilla de su Palabra

*creaste un movimiento que el mundo rara vez ha visto
y que tanto anhelaba:*

*un movimiento de misericordia,
un movimiento de compasión,*

un movimiento de esperanza que brilla en los lugares más oscuros.

*Y en cada una de las capillas de tus Hermanas en todo el mundo
ahí cuelga un crucifijo:*

*Cristo sufriendo, muriendo
y las palabras, "Tengo sed".*

Estas palabras son un llamado a la acción.

*Fijamos la mirada en tu ejemplo
alejándote del camino seguro*

*arriesgandolo todo para cumplir la voluntad del Señor
por los más pobres entre los pobres.*

Y escuchamos el agonizante lamento que invocabas: "Tengo sed".

¿Acaso nosotros no hemos escuchado también la Voz de Dios?

*Madre Teresa, tú que conoces nuestro corazón
que clama por Él que llora por nosotros.*

*Y al responder a este lamento
en nuestras oraciones y obras,
pedimos tu intercesión:*

Madre Teresa de Calcuta, ruega por nosotros.

Amén