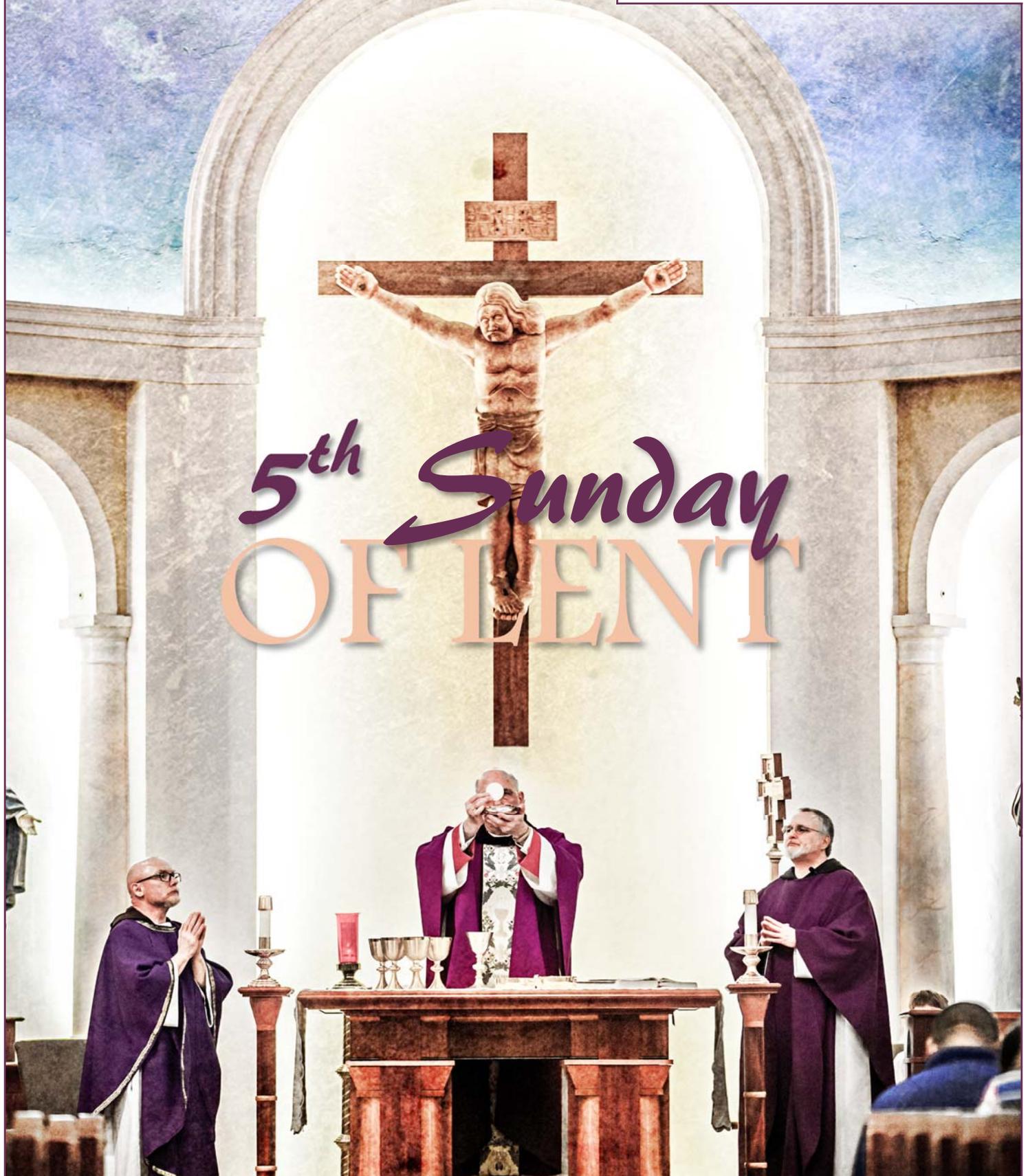


Read more about Archbishop Naumann's visit in this week's *Bread to Offer*.

See more pictures on page 12 of the bulletin, or online at sjevangelist.com



ST JOHN
THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am, 2:00pm (Spanish Mass), 5:00pm. **Website:** www.sjevangelist.com
Weekday Mass Schedule: Monday-Friday 7:30am; Saturday 8:00am. **Reconciliation:** Expanded Lenten schedule available on page 8, or by appointment.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN

St. John the Evangelist, a Catholic Capuchin Franciscan Parish, welcomes all who are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and proclaims His Gospel through prayer, worship, His Word, the sacraments, and each other.

Members, inspired by the Holy Spirit through faith formation and spiritual renewal, witness to the Gospel in lives of justice and charity, build up families and children through education, hospitality and fellowship, and serve those in need with compassion and commitment.

PARISH STAFF

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Associate Pastor.....Fr. Barnabas Eichor
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.....Patty Guadian (afternoons)
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Youth DirectorKaylee Butler
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1208 Kentucky St. (785) 843-9511
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Mailing Address 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044
Phone.....(785) 843-0109

Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday: 8:30am-5:00pm, Friday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday..... 4:30pm

Sunday..... 7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Weekend Spanish Mass

Sunday..... 2:00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 7:30am

Saturday..... 8:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lenten Schedule)

Monday 11:00am-1:00pm

Wednesday 11:00am-1:00pm, 6:00-8:00pm

Friday 11:00am-1:00pm

Saturday.....2:30-4:00pm

(and by appointment)

Adoration.....Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday,
6:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. in the Padre Pio Chapel.

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Lenten Friday Fish Fry

Join us Fridays during Lent from 5-7pm in the church basement for a Fish Fry hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The menu includes catfish filets, fish tacos, tilapia filets, vegetable lasagna and more! All are welcome!

Stations of the Cross

There will be a 6pm Taizé Stations of the Cross on April 7 in the church.

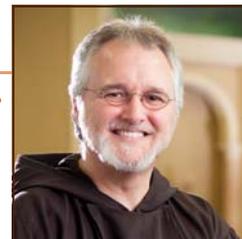
Seder Meal

The St. John Seder Meal will be on Tuesday, April 11, at 6:30pm in the St. John Church basement.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office: (785) 843-0109. All are welcome! A donation of a canned food item is suggested.

BREAD TO OFFER

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.



VISITATION AND TRANSFORMATION

Archbishop Naumann's pastoral visit last weekend went well. He celebrated and preached the 11:00 a.m. Mass at which Mary Cornwell and the Celebration Singers did a fantastic job! After Mass, members of the pastoral council, finance council, school council, parish staff, and the high school youth group joined the Archbishop for a delicious meal prepared by parishioner and chef Michael Hamer. I then gave an oral report to the Archbishop and the assembly. The report was based on the five areas of the Archbishop's Pastoral Plan: Conversion, Evangelization, Catholic Education In All Its Forms, Outreach To Those In Need, and Stewardship. Afterward, the Archbishop spoke to those gathered and expressed his appreciation of the ways that our parish has implemented his pastoral plan, especially with regard to the celebration of the Eucharist, our Eucharistic Adoration during the week and at Reservoir Adoration, and the frequency with which we offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He also addressed our budget woes and expressed his understanding of that ongoing struggle. He exhorted us to continue to do everything we can to remedy our deficit budget. We assured him that we have been diligent in making necessary and sometimes painful changes to change our budget trajectory.

On another note, I thought I would share with you one of my Lenten penitential practices. Like most of us, I usually make some kind of dietary sacrifice. This year, in addition to the dietary sacrifice, I gave up something a little different – I gave up irritability. I have found that I get easily irritable with myself for example when I drop something, or forget something, or neglect to do something. I also become easily irritable with others for example while driving, or with a quirk or idiosyncrasy of one of my Capuchin brothers (as I'm sure they do with mine!). Though not in a morally offensive way, I sometimes express that irritability under my breath with a word that does not fall within the parlance of social etiquette. (Yes, I am a priest, but old habits die hard!) To my surprise, however, giving up irritability has actually worked! I still become momentarily irritable, but I immediately remind myself that I have given that up for Lent and then calm returns and I am able to avoid the exaggeration of what are usually very minor inconveniences. I also have found myself being more compassionate or at least understanding toward others. I slipped a couple of times, but I can say honestly that I have had more inner peace and have been more happy having given up irritability. I hope to continue this particular Lenten practice after Lent and beyond. I realize that in sharing this with you, I risk losing any merit that I might have gained from this penitential practice, but I do so to encourage you in your own Lenten penitential practices, especially if you have become discouraged. Don't give up and don't abandon any virtue and transformation that you might have acquired during this holy season of penance and conversion!

- Fr. Jeff

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

We are in the process of updating our St. John Parish Directory. If your address, phone or email has changed, please contact the parish office with the new information: **(785) 843-0109** or **churchoffice@saint-johns.net**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THE LENTEN FISH FRY IS BACK! Every Friday during Lent, join us from 5-7pm in the church basement for a fish fry hosted by the Knights of Columbus!

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13, Social and dinner, provided by the Knights, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 7:00 pm. 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 starting at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend!



ST. JOHN YOUTH



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, April 5: The Rock, Confirmation Students & Reservoir Adoration

Confirmation students and parents/sponsors meet at 6:30pm in the Bosco Room for a presentation by Fr. Jeff!

The Rock will meet at 6:30pm in Room 201 of the school. Reservoir Adoration will be from 7:00-8:00pm in the church!

HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday, April 5: Reservoir Adoration

Our last scheduled Adoration of the school year! 7:00-8:00pm in the church. Prepare your hearts for Easter!

Sunday, April 9: Discipleship Groups Meet

Students, contact your group leaders if you need to know when and where you are meeting this week!



Last Saturday a few members of our High School Youth Group went to "Destination Unknown", which led us to Jerusalem Farms in Kansas City, Missouri! Jerusalem Farms is an intentional community in the urban area of KC that is built on four cornerstones which include: Prayer, Community, Service and Simplicity. Their Mission is to transform their lives and those around them through service retreat experiences, sustainable living, and home repair.

While we were with this community we began the day in prayer and went on to help a member in the nearby community with repairs on his home, gathered for lunch, and ended the day with an Easter reflection and a discussion about where we saw Christ that day. It was a beautiful experience to be immersed in this way of living for a day, and to help those in need! —Kaylee

Summer trip applications available now!

Visit sjevangelist.com/youth to register now for Steubenville South in Alexandria, Louisiana (June 23-27) and Prayer and Action in Osage City (July 9-14). If you're in a small group, turn your application into your group leader — if not, text/call Kaylee for more info: 316-644-5493

INTRODUCING KAYLEE!



I am extremely excited to be here at Saint John's with you all! Almost a month ago I moved to Lawrence from Wichita, Kansas to accept the position of Director of Youth Ministry at our parish. I was raised in a small Catholic town called Garden Plain, which has a population of about 800 people. I grew up in the Church, but it was not until I was 16 when I had my own faith conversion that I began to take my faith seriously. This transformation was due to a high school Catholic conference called Steubenville. This was the first time that I had encountered the person of Jesus and recognized how rich our Catholic faith was. Soon after this conversion I became active in Teens Encounter Christ, and many other ministries that were available through my youth group, eventually going on to receive the DCYC Light of Christ Award as a senior. After graduating high school in 2013, I attended Friends University to study Psychology and Christian Spiritual Formation. During my time at Friends I chaperoned various Catholic events and retreats as well as interning at the Wichita Children's Home at a drop-in day shelter for homeless youth. I look forward to meeting you and furthering our growth, development, and knowledge as followers of Christ!

PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

- Monday:** 11:00am-1:00pm
- Wednesday:** 11:00am-1:00pm, 6:00-8:00pm
- Friday:** 11:00am-1:00pm
- Saturday:** 2:30-4:00pm

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

frjeff@saint-johns.net frbarnabas@saint-johns.net

Pastoral Council

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

Finance Council

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

Due to construction that will take place on the school building over the next several months, St. John will not host Vacation Bible School this summer. VBS is expected to return the summer of 2018. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be an altar server training session on **Saturday, April 8, 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the church.** Anyone who might be interested in becoming an altar server should come to the session. Please consider joining this important ministry!

MINISTERS APRIL 8-9

LECTORS

- Saturday**
4:30pm L1: Steve Roesner (Narrator); L2: Amanda Sellet
- Sunday**
7:00am.. L1: Trish Dowd Kelne (Narrator); L2: Mike Delaney
8:30am..... L1: Diana Carlin (Narrator); L2: Kris Kohnke
11:00am L1: L1 Mary Jo Hobbs (Narrator); L2: Mary Head
5:00pm L1: Brian Walter (Narrator); L2: Annamarie Hill

ALTAR SERVERS

Contact: Sue Ohlmacher
skohlmac@sunflower.com

CANTORS

- Saturday**
4:30pm A Mauler
- Sunday**
7:00am..... M Steichen
8:30am..... A Zysk

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- Saturday**
4:30pm B Brill, D Depenbusch, D&K Guth,
.....J Halderman, L Heiserman
- Sunday**
7:00am..... L Wustefeld, J Grzymala-Busse, B Harmon
8:30am..... C Johnson, T Kempf, B Kessler, K Kohnke,
..... K Ostrander, Y Ruder, L Scott
11:00am N&J Otter, P Smith, S Stewart,
..... D Thimmesch, L Tiffany, T Towle
5:00pm A Hill, N Jones, M LeGresley, C Malone,
..... A McCabe, S Murray

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017
Information below reflects donations received
July 1, 2016 through March 26, 2017.

Budgeted weekly amount\$27,403.84
Average weekly amount.....\$28,325.66

Budgeted YTD\$1,068,749.76
Actual YTD\$1,104,701.01

Net OVERAGE in Giving\$46,139.83

Total Income Fiscal YTD\$2,131,621.06
Total Expenses Fiscal YTD.....\$2,290,944.30

Total net Loss Fiscal YTD\$159,323.24

STAMP OUT HUNGER

For 19,000 individuals in Douglas County, having food regularly isn't a guarantee. YOU can help us and National Association of Letter Carriers chapter 401 and the National Association of Rural Carriers stamp out hunger.

Helping is easy. Mail carriers will drop a bag directly to your house around the beginning of the week. Simply fill that bag with non-perishable food items and leave it by your mailbox the morning of May 13 for your mail carrier to pick up.



FAITH FORMATION

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Married and engaged couples, it's not too late to join in! Next meeting is **April 20**—see sjevangelist.com/marriage-course.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (aka Atrium) First Communion Extra sessions will meet on the following Thursdays evenings: April 6 and April 20 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. These sessions meet in the Paulina House located at 200 W. 13th Street. The children will need to attend their regular Atrium session as well as all the extra sessions.

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend the parent sessions to be held the same days and times in the Good Shepherd House located at 202 W. 13th Street.

ST. JOHN CAFÉ

Join us **this Sunday, April 2, from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m.** in the St. Bosco Room, in 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.

THE WORLD JESUS KNEW

Class with Fr. Barnabas meets **Tuesday, April 4, at 7pm** (with an encore Thurs., April 6, at 2pm) in the church basement.

More information, including course dates and materials, can be found at www.sjevangelist.com.

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

HIS HANDS MINISTRY

His Hands, St. John's ministry to those who are elderly and those who live with disability in our parish, is trying to find someone a ride to Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass. The person lives on John Doy Court, in the vicinity of Peterson Road.

If you can help in this way, please contact Susan Tabor, the His Hands service coordinator, at **(785) 865-9949** or souljourner@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you!

GABRIEL PROJECT

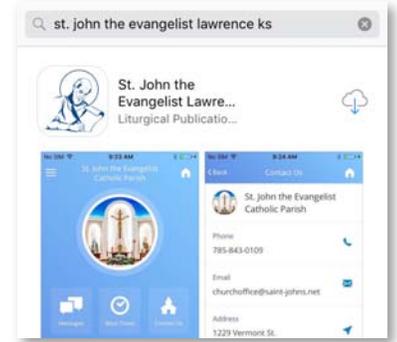
On Saturday, April 8th, Gabriel Project will host a training/formation day for volunteers. Gabriel Project is a ministry of the Archdiocese Pro-Life Office, providing help to pregnant women in need. This "Good Samaritan" approach toward helping women in need is confidential and non-judgmental.

For more information, please contact Tina Jinkens by phone at (785) 615-8373 or Maureen Murray at (785) 550-1960 or Region1coordinator@GabrielProjectkc.com.

HOLY WEEK CHALLENGE

The St. John Holy Week Challenge is coming! This year you can access this challenge by downloading our new **St. John the Evangelist App!** To download the app just search for “St. John the Evangelist Lawrence KS”. Find our logo and download. It is that simple!

Keep up with the Holy Week challenge by downloading the St. John App, following us on social media, or through a daily email that will be delivered to your inbox. Stay tuned on more info about all the ways you can use our brand new app.



So, why an app? We see it as a great way of communicating with you, offering you great faith resources and keeping you informed of events happening at St. John and beyond.

First let's tell you what it's NOT going to do: this app will not bombard you with event alerts and prayer reminders—although those things will be available if you would like to utilize them. What we hope this app WILL do is bring you closer to God, increase your prayer life, and give you an opportunity to learn more about your faith.

We will start rolling out content beginning Holy Week. Download the app now and have a look around, then check next weekend's bulletin for more details on how to get the most out of it!

SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor, Social Concerns Committee

Earlier this year, I wrote about Pope Francis' New Year's peace message, asking that we work more diligently to live a life of nonviolence, recognizing that it is nonviolence that brings about peace.

I've been thinking a lot about this issue, both in terms of my own personal growth but also with a keen interest in how violent language and violent metaphor impact our development as human beings.

Violence in language and metaphor is often invisible. We can't see it but when it is seen or heard or imagined, its consequence(s) is/are palpable. Scientists have done MRI scans on people while they viewed pictures of people they did not like and neurological changes were noted. And if blood pressure, heart rhythms and galvanic responses had been measured, those might likely have changed as well.

A little violence can go a long way. It doesn't take much violent language or violent metaphor in a person's life to start, little by little and layer by layer, gnawing away at the human spirit and a person's self-worth and identity. Indeed, researchers have shown that one of the most tragic effects of violent language and metaphor is the annihilation of the human spirit.

Violence in language and metaphor can work silently and subtly, too. We are bombarded with so much of it in our day-to-day lives that we seem to develop an "immunity" to it; that "immunity" is made by developing very strong defense mechanisms. These defense mechanisms can get in the way of honest communication, even with those we love, particularly if there are trust issues at stake in the relationship.

I'm finding myself becoming more aware of the words I choose when interacting with people; I want to use words that invite and welcome communication, not words that discourage it or that leave myself and another at an impasse, stuck in a mire of anger and pain. I want to use images and metaphors in my speech that are warm and healing and welcoming. In doing this, I must also be aware that there are some words that may take on a different meaning among people, so I need to be open to learn about those too.

What kinds of words help you to feel welcomed and loved? What kinds of words and images motivate you to want to work on resolving a conflict? On a larger scale, how do language and metaphor affect the political process and the ways that laws and policies are made? Let us think and pray on these things...

AROUND THE PARISH

ITEMS IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT

If you have any items that are sitting on the shelves inside the north entrance to the church basement, please take them home. All remaining items will be taken over to the Rummage House on Monday, April 10, 2017. Thank you!

2017 ST. JOHN MEXICAN FIESTA SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships are offered to qualifying students of Mexican descent from the Lawrence Catholic community who wish to pursue or continue a higher education either at a college, technical or trade school.

Applicants must complete the financial assistance application form that is available at the St. John Parish office or by contacting Michael Ramirez either at 843-3801 or ramirezmarj@hotmail.com.

These forms must be completed and returned to the parish office by April 3, 2017.

ST. JOHN RUMMAGE HOUSE

The St. John Rummage House is run by volunteers from the St. John Community and is in need of new volunteers to help keep the ministry thriving.

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

EASTER EGG HUNT & FAMILY FUN

Saturday, April 15, at 10:00 a.m.

All are welcome for the St. John Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Family Fellowship! Please join us at 10:00 a.m. on the front steps of the Simon Parish Center on Vermont Street for the Easter Egg Hunt. We will follow the Easter egg hunt with crafts and family fellowship in the Church Basement.

This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Marriage and Family Life Ministry.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/COMMUNION

Parent Meetings

Parents of children preparing for First Communion in the Sunday morning 2nd grade Traditional Religious Education class should attend the First Reconciliation/First Communion parent meeting with Fr. Jeff on **Sunday, April 2**; 9:45–10:45 a.m. Meet in room 201 in the St. John school building.

Parents of children preparing for First Communion in the St. John school 2nd grade religion classes should attend the First Reconciliation/First Communion parent meeting with Fr. Jeff on **Tuesday, April 4**; 7:00–8:00 p.m. in the church.

First Communion

Children preparing for First Communion in the Sunday morning 2nd grade Traditional Religious Education class will receive their First Communion at the 4:30 p.m. parish Mass on Saturday, May 6.

Children preparing for First Communion in the St. John school 2nd grade religion classes will receive their First Communion at a 6:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 6.

FIESTA MEETING

There will be a Fiesta meeting on **Wednesday, April 12**, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

Contact Frank Lemus with any questions at **(785) 691-8769** or flemusjr@sbcglobal.net

EGGS NEEDED FOR FIESTA!

Mark your calendar! This year the St. John Fiesta will be **June 23 & 24**. Please consider saving your egg shells for confetti eggs. If you can help, it is very much appreciated. Feel free to go a step further by decorating them (no sequins or anything hard on shell covering). Leave on the back porch of the Parish center (shelf marked Fiesta). Thanks to all who have helped with this project in the past. It is a big money maker! If you have any questions call Irene, **(785) 979-3671**.



Helping your teen understand her body and God's design of the human body is an important step in her appreciation of herself—that she is “fearfully and wonderfully made.” (Psalm 139:14)

All teenage ladies are invited,
with a parent or guardian.

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

@St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

6:30 p.m.

Presented by Shannon Rasmussen,
CCL Teacher of Natural Family Planning

Please RSVP Questions? Please
contact Shannon.

(785) 749-1015

johnandshannonr@yahoo.com

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
Nicole Allensworth
Grace Austin
Gayla Barnes
Samantha Bell
Remi Brown
Chris Crandon
Matthew Decker
Linda Erp, mother of Emily Vigne
Mary Felton
Coleman File
Cyril Foote, Sr.
Ed Garza
Kenneth Gilbert
Mark Grosdidier
Buddy Hadl
Terry Hadl
Betty Hanna
Jenny Hernandez
Jessie Hernandez
Dianne Hofmann
Kevin Hoover
Bob Holec
Diana Matthews
Barb Marden
Barb Nabower, sister of Patty Lyon
Theophilus Obiefule
Allan Otter, brother of Norb Otter
Julie Patterson, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter
Kathy Rennells
CB Riling
Joel Rivera
Mark Salaman
Natalie Salisbury
Julia Scott, friend of Monica Cordova
Mary Kay Seidl
Nikki Shrode
Gerald Simon
Chuck Umscheid
Angelica Villa
Cindy Vasquez, sister of Gina Hodges
Dick Volmer, uncle of Jane Arnold
Greg Walker, brother of Ted Walker
Christy Walters, friend of Bev Mater
Tasha Williams
John Woods

Please join our St. John prayer chain to lend your voices and thoughts for those in need. For more information contact Lois Mersmann at:

lmersmann@saint-johns.net

MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 3—9

Monday: 7:30am John Carlost
Tuesday: 7:30am Intentions of Pope Francis
Wednesday: 7:30am Sam Dixont
Thursday: 7:30am Osborne-O'Connor Family†
Friday: 7:30am Peace
Saturday: 8:00am Barbara Watkinst
4:30pm Robert Flukert
Sunday: 7:00am Michael Schurer†
8:30am Kronos Family
11:00am Ella Hyatt†
2:00pm (Sp.) St. John Parish
5:00pm Josephine Simont

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**.

WOMEN'S PRAYER & REFLECTION GROUP

Women's Prayer and Reflection Group meets at 6:30 pm 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 meet in the St John School Library. For more information, please contact Beth Fox **785-840-5561** or Cheryl Hicklin **785-691-5607**.

QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

Besiege Heaven with Prayer: Storm Heaven with the Rosary
Join us each Tuesday during Lent at 5:30 pm at the church for one hour. We have the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and other prayers. "When two or more are joined together, Our Lord is there with us."

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!



St. John Trivia Night: Friday, April 21

Put together your team for a *fun night* of trivia on April 21 at St. John School in the St. Bosco Room. Beer and wine will be available for purchase as part of this fundraiser. If you don't have a team, we can put you with one!

2017-2018 School Council:

LeMarie Gilbert, President; Jimmy McDonald; Karen Peltier; Mike McDonald; Caroline Bennett
Mary Menendez, Parish Council representative; Fr. Jeff Ernst; Mrs. Pat Newton

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!

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Attention Married Couples: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don't NEED it -- you DESERVE a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Weekend in Kansas City is April 28-30, 2017

For more information or to apply, please visit our website:

www.wmme4youandme.org

or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net.

MARRIAGE MINUTE

Crosses for married couples come in all different shapes and sizes. Whether in the form of death, illness, financial troubles or conflict, the "bad times" can really test our resolve!

In this week's Gospel, Jesus waited two days before setting out to help his dying friend Lazarus, and the delay resulted in his friend's death. In our suffering, we can often feel like Jesus is taking forever to help, and we fear he may come too late. We can keep two important things in mind in these situations. First, "Jesus wept" over his friend's death, and therefore, suffers with us. Secondly, he allowed Lazarus to die in order to bring about a greater good.

As we approach Holy Week, let's offer our pain to our merciful Savior, trusting in His wisdom and confident that the trial we bear will produce great fruit! For help in finding joy in the midst of trial, go to:

www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

SCHOOL OF LOVE DATE NIGHT

A WELL BALANCED DATE NIGHT

Thursday, April 6th

If you're like us, a number of our "would-be" dates together simply don't happen because we failed to plan ahead. How pathetic. Don't let that be the case with you Thurs, April 6th. Your dates are one of the most important things you can schedule. So schedule it now!

Date Night is an all around well balanced night. Couples from KS and MO...Couples in their 20s to their 70s...Couples strong, struggling, and searching in faith (... and a number of Protestants).

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FOCUS ON THE WORD

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." As we draw near to the great feast of Easter, the Church gives us here some food for thought regarding the idea of resurrection and eternal life. Today's Gospel shares the story of a dead man who came to life again by the power of Jesus. Lazarus, who had been lying lifeless in a tomb for four days, "came out" of the tomb, burial cloths draped around his body, in a moment that must have been absolutely astonishing! This miracle could not have been explained by anything other than divine power over life and death.

It's important to consider that this story is not so much about Jesus' own resurrection but rather it is about OURS. Jesus uses the occasion of this restoration of his friend, Lazarus, to teach that we ALL can be raised to new life through the power of the Lord. Jesus tells us that we too can overcome death by believing in him: "everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Easter, of course, will confirm for us that death has no power over the God of life. But today, during these closing days of Lent, we are reminded that we can share in this source of life by believing in Jesus. So now is a perfect time to double-check our faith in him. Is it authentic? Do we really accept the supernatural reality of who Jesus is? Do we believe that he can conquer even the most frightening moment of human existence: death itself?

If we find ourselves falling short of faith in these things, let us turn to the Lord and ask that he will increase our faith so that, with Martha, we can truly say, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God."

FOR KIDS: SHARING THE GOSPEL



REFLECTION

Instead of telling people he was the Savior, Jesus showed them. By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus sent a message loud and clear. Jesus was the Savior they had all been waiting for. He was filled with God's love and power, and many people believed in him.

PRAYER

Thank you for showing me that you are my Savior, Jesus.

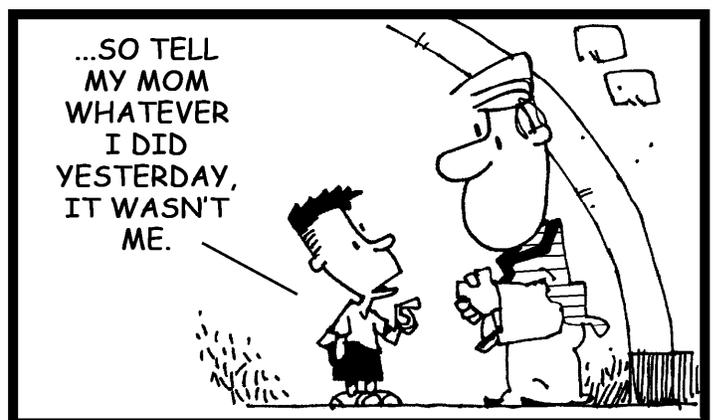
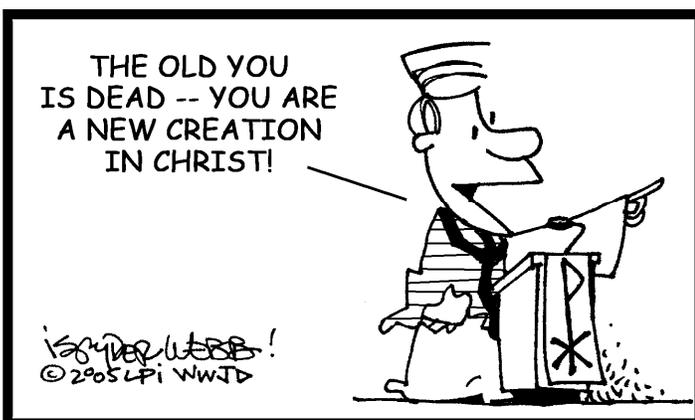
SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of Lazarus wrapped up like a mummy, walking to Jesus.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Write the words, "God can do anything" on a piece of paper. Read it every morning.

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT



Last Sunday Archbishop Naumann came to St. John for a pastoral visit. He celebrated the 11:00 Mass and then met with members of the St. John councils, staff, and youth group. You can see a full gallery of images from the day at www.sjevangelist.com

PASTORAL VISIT



JUSTICE MATTERS

DOING JUSTICE IS WHAT 'LOVE THY NEIGHBOR' LOOKS LIKE IN PUBLIC

Excerpts from Pope Francis' letter to the World Meeting of Popular Movements held in California in February:



As Christians and all people of good will, it is for us to live and act at this moment. It is "a grave responsibility, since certain present realities, unless effectively dealt with, are capable of setting off processes of dehumanization which would then be hard to reverse." These are signs of the times that we need to recognize in order to act. We have lost valuable time: time when we did not pay enough attention to these processes, time when we did not resolve these destructive realities. Thus the processes of dehumanization accelerate. The direction taken beyond this historic turning-point—the ways in which this worsening crisis gets resolved—will depend on people's involvement and participation and, largely, on yourselves, the popular movements.

We should be neither paralyzed by fear nor shackled within the conflict. We have to acknowledge the danger but also the opportunity that every crisis brings in order to advance to a successful synthesis. In the Chinese language, which expresses the ancestral wisdom of that great people, the word "crisis" is comprised of two ideograms: Wēi, which represents "danger", and Jī, which represents "opportunity".

The grave danger is to disown our neighbors. When we do so, we deny their humanity and our own humanity without realizing it; we deny ourselves, and we deny the most important Commandments of Jesus. Herein lies the danger, the dehumanization. But here we also find an opportunity: that the light of the love of neighbor may illuminate the Earth with its stunning brightness like a lightning bolt in the dark; that it may wake us up and let true humanity burst through with authentic resistance, resilience and persistence.

The question that the lawyer asked Jesus in the Gospel of Luke (10:25-37) echoes in our ears today: "Who is my neighbor?" Who is that other whom we are to love as we love ourselves? Maybe the questioner expects a comfortable response in order to carry on with his life: "My relatives? My compatriots? My co-religionists? ..."

Jesus responds with a parable which features two figures belonging to the elite of the day and a third figure, considered a foreigner, a pagan and unclean: the Samaritan...

The economic system that has the god of money at its center, and that sometimes acts with the brutality of the robbers in the parable, inflicts injuries that to a criminal degree have remained neglected. Globalized society frequently looks the other way with the pretense of innocence. Under the guise of what is politically correct or ideologically fashionable, one looks at those who suffer without touching them...

Sooner or later, the moral blindness of this indifference comes to light, like when a mirage dissipates. The wounds are there, they are a reality. The unemployment is real, the violence is real, the corruption is real, the identity crisis is real, the gutting of democracies is real. The system's gangrene cannot be whitewashed forever because sooner or later the stench becomes too strong; and when it can no longer be denied, the same power that spawned this state of affairs sets about manipulating fear, insecurity, quarrels, and even people's justified indignation, in order to shift the responsibility for all these ills onto a "non-neighbor". I am not speaking of anyone in particular, I am speaking of a social and political process that flourishes in many parts of the world and poses a grave danger for humanity.

For more information about Justice Matters and the issues we are currently researching and studying visit the website www.justicemattersinkansas.org. You can also contact either Joe Snyder joesnyder42@gmail.com or Pat Lechtenberg plek10berg@aol.com.

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2 de abril de 2017

5º DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Estamos ya en el culmen de la Cuaresma, hemos llegado al punto del camino de Jesús --ya casi llega a Jerusalén. Escucharemos en las lecturas sobre abrir tumbas de levantarse, huesos secos, y de cómo Dios pone su Espíritu en su pueblo. El Evangelio narra el desasosiego de Marta y María con la llegada de Jesús después de que su hermano Lázaro ya había muerto y ya estaba sepultado, aunque ellas le expresaron su convicción del poder que tenía de sanar: "Si hubieras estado aquí, no habría muerto mi hermano" (Jn 11, 21). Creer en Jesús no debe tener limitaciones, es todo o nada. Esa fue la exigencia del diálogo entre las hermanas y Jesús. Al punto que Marta responde desde el fondo de su ser. "Sí, Señor. Creo firmemente que tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, el que tenía que venir al mundo" (Jn 11, 27).

Marta, María y muchos de los judíos presentes creyeron, ellos pasaron la prueba de creer sin reservas en el Hijo de Dios. En el hoy en día ¿qué le respondemos a Jesús? ¿Creo que su muerte y resurrección no han sido en vano? El ahora de la vida eterna es la gracia de Dios trabajando en nuestra vida. Es el continuo desatar de los enredos de nuestras experiencias, es el ansia de libertad expresada en la pequeñez humana. Es el urgente salir de la tumba de nuestros pecados al llamado de Jesús: "¡Lázaro, sal de ahí!". Señor, dame la fuerza de entender el misterio de la muerte. Que no sea de los que se acobardan ante ella. Sino que como Marta y María sea capaz de creer firmemente que tú eres la Resurrección y la Vida. ¡Amén!

5º DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Tantas y tantas veces, igual a Martha y María, el Señor nos ha sacado de la tumba de nuestros fracasos, oscuridades y falta de fe. ¡Qué admirable es Jesús! Su presencia en la tierra siempre fue de ánimo para las personas que lo rodeaban. Nunca dejó a alguien sin dar consuelo. La liturgia de hoy nos lo demuestra. Martha, María y los seguidores de Jesús creían en él porque fueron testigos de la resurrección de Lázaro. El reto, ahora como entonces, es profundizar en nuestro corazón y creer. Muchas veces tenemos una esperanza tan limitada que no damos cabida al amor y milagro de Jesús en nuestra vida. Debemos ser personas vivas. Debemos ser personas de esperanza y resucitadas, aunque la sociedad nos indique muchas veces lo contrario.

El centro de este Evangelio nos debe llevar a creer en la gracia de la vida nueva. ¡Gloria, gozo, paz, perdón, misericordia, verdad, justicia y amor hasta la cruz! Éstas son las palabras que nos ayudan a reflexionar en el inmenso amor de Dios en esta Cuaresma. Morir y resucitar son parte del mismo misterio y lo sabemos muy bien en el presente de Dios, que es siempre lo eterno. No esperemos a morir para disfrutar: ¡Dios está ya trabajando en nuestra vida! Esto lo entendieron Martha y María, expresando su convicción en el poder sanador de Jesús: "Si hubieras estado aquí, no habría muerto mi hermano". De cualquier forma sus palabras estaban atadas a la experiencia de la fragilidad de la enfermedad y la muerte. Pero Jesús les revelaba algo nuevo. ¡El que está con él nunca muere!

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