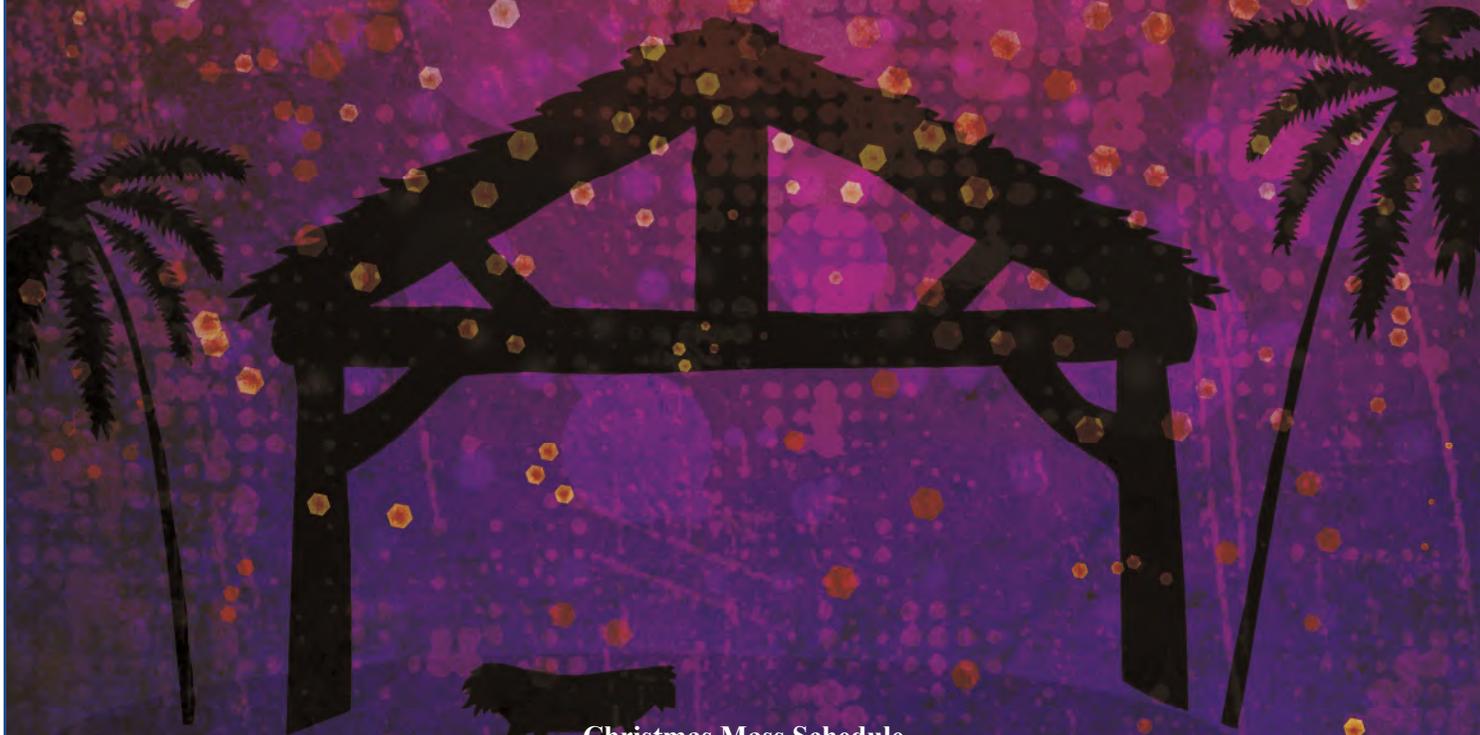




**ST JOHN**  
THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Advent

## PREPARING THE WAY



### Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24 at 5:00 pm (Children's Mass) and 11:00 pm. Monday, December 25 at 9:00 am, 2:00 pm (Spanish)

### Mary Mother of God

Monday, January 1 at 9:00 am

# 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, and the sacraments. 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.

## St. John Parish offices in transition

Due to the ongoing construction of the renovated St. John Parish office, some staff members have moved to a temporary location. Office times are 8:30 am until 4:00 pm daily. Email is the best way to reach staff if you need to contact the office. The main office, including Father Jeff, Father Barnabas, and Meg Milburn, is located in the Atrium House at 200 West 13th. If you have questions, please call the main number at 785-843-0109. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

### Parish Staff

Pastor ..... Fr. Jeff Ernst  
Associate Pastor ..... Fr. Barnabas Eichor  
In Residence ..... Fr. Mike Scully  
Principal, St. John School ..... Mrs. Pat Newton  
Director of Liturgy & Music ..... Lisa Roush  
Religious Education Director ..... Lois Mersmann  
Catecismo en español ..... María Mota  
High School Youth Directors ..... Amy Hill & Jeff Cramer  
Middle School Youth Director ..... Kirsten Baska  
RCIA ..... Michael Podrebarac  
Business Manager ..... Cris Denning  
Stewardship Director ..... Samantha Romero  
Administrative Assistant ..... Meg Milburn  
Pastoral Assistant/Events Calendar ..... Ellen Sickinger  
Database ..... Patty Guadian  
Multimedia ..... Jacinta Hoyt  
Technology ..... Karen Dixon  
Maintenance ..... Jeff Jenicke

**St. John Catholic School** ..... Mrs. Pat Newton, Principal  
1208 Kentucky St. 785-843-9511  
[www.sjevangelist.com/school](http://www.sjevangelist.com/school)

**Catholic Charities** ..... Namaste Manney  
1525 W. 6th, Suite A 785-856-2694

**Rummage House** ..... Linda Brey  
13th & Kentucky [lbrey525@gmail.com](mailto:lbrey525@gmail.com)  
**Shopping Hours:** Wednesday — 11:00am-3:00 pm  
Thursday (first and last of month only) — 1:00 pm-4:00 pm  
Saturday — 8:30 am-12:30 pm

**Centro Hispano** ..... Lydia Diebolt  
204 W. 13th St. 785-843-2039

### Pastoral Council

Mary Menendez, Lily Romero,  
Brian Walter, Chris Wenger,  
Bob Trepinski, Luis Gonzalez,  
Connie Erlich, Jason Tanking

### Finance Council

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

### Simon Parish Center

Mailing Address 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044  
Phone ..... 785-843-0109

#### Office Hours

..... Monday—Friday: 8:30 am—4:00 pm

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday ..... 4:30 pm  
Sunday 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 2:00 pm (Spanish)  
5:00 pm

#### Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday ..... 7:30 am  
Saturday ..... 8:00 am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

In the Padre Pio Chapel (inside the north church entrance)  
Wednesday ..... 11:00 am-12:00 pm, 7:00-8:00 pm  
Saturday ..... 3:00-4:00 pm  
(and by appointment)

**Adoration** ..... Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 6:00 am—9:00 pm  
in the Padre Pio Chapel

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### School Council

Fr. Jeff Ernst, Mrs. Pat Newton,  
Caroline Bennett, President,  
Mike McDonald, Vice President,  
Jimmy McDonald, Secretary,  
LeMarie Gilbert, Stacy Mulder,  
Mary Menendez

# BREAD TO OFFER

By Fr. Jeffrey A. Ernst, OFM,



## Preparing the Way for the Lord

Several events will take place this week as a way to help us prepare for the celebration of the coming of the Lord into our world and into our lives. The first is the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Of the three Church-approved apparitions of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe is the only one in which the Blessed Mother is with child. In the image of Guadalupe, the Blessed Virgin has a cincture around her which indicates that she is carrying within her the Child who had entered the world to save us from the power of sin and death. In 1536, she appeared to a simple peasant man, Juan Diego, in the town of Tepeyac in south central Mexico. In so doing, the Blessed Virgin brought hope to the people of that village and eventually to the entire church throughout Mexico. The Blessed Mother was instrumental in preparing the way for the Lord not only in her accepting that special message from the Angel Gabriel, but in bringing hope to people in the midst of trial and difficulty some 1,500 years later. Our Lady of Guadalupe is now the patroness of all the Americas. Our parish is blessed to have a large painting of her image in the rear of the church as well as a statue of her image in the north entry of the church located opposite the Padre Pio chapel.

This coming Wednesday evening in the church is we will have Reservoir Adoration. It has been many months since we have had this beautiful praise and worship event – we are excited about this prayerful adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament! If you haven't experienced this, it is another way to wait in prayerful patience before the Lord while singing along with the contemporary Christian music accompaniment. The following Friday evening is yet another opportunity for Advent watchfulness with Taize Prayer. Also in the church, this type of worship is a combination of psalms, readings, and hymns. Though everyone prays together, this prayer has a little softer ambience with low lighting and meditational hymns. Both of these forms of prayer are excellent ways to prepare the way for the Lord in this Season of Advent.

On Thursday, you will have a chance to hear from our St. John Catholic School Choir, the "Alleluia Singers." They will perform at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the church. The students will sing Christmas songs, inspiring within their audience the spirit of the celebration of the coming of the Lord Jesus at his birth. Their efforts and talents will bring a sense of hope to us and remind us that Jesus has come to save us and to bring us mercy and compassion. This too, is a spiritual and prayerful way to prepare to once again receive the Lord Jesus into our lives.

May you find spiritual enrichment in one or more of these prayer opportunities this coming week, and may the Lord Jesus

## ST. JOHN SCHOOL

### Schedule your visit

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! St. John Catholic School has classes from pre-school through eighth grade.



### St. John Catholic School Alleluia Singers

Please join us for our Christmas concert, "Peace On Earth", Thursday, December 14 at 2:00 pm (limited seating as entire will be in



school

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



## St. Nick CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

3PM-5PM

CHURCH BASEMENT

COME FOR COOKIES, COCOA, PICTURES,  
AND FUN ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!  
KIDS CAN BRING A WRAPPED GIFT FOR  
TOYS FOR TOTS

Sponsored by Marriage & Family Life Committee

### Advent Communal Penance Service

Hosted by Sacred Heart Parish, 1100 West St., Tonganoxie, Kansas, on **Wednesday, December 13, at 7:00 pm**. Additional priests will be on hand to hear individual confessions and provide absolution. Questions? Call Kathleen at **913-369-2851**.

### Church Steps Project Update

Many heartfelt thanks to all the parishioners who baked delicious treats for the Church Steps bake sale, and to all the parishioners who came to purchase our lovely treats. The bake sale netted over \$2,100. On **Monday, December 18th between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm**, you can help the Church Steps again by purchasing dinner at the Chipotle restaurant on 23rd Street. Just remember to tell the cashier that you are with St. John's Catholic Church, and **50 percent** (yes! **50 PERCENT**) of your purchase will come back to St. Johns for the Church Steps. Remember this works only at the 23rd Street restaurant (1420 W 23rd St), and only on that one date, **December 18, between the hours of 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm**. Any questions? Call **785-331-0421**, or email [nora7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nora7@sbcglobal.net).



### Traveling Taize service

#### At St. John's

This year, the weekly Advent Taizé services will be **December 15** at St. John the Evangelist Church. All services start at **6:00 pm**, and all are welcome to these ecumenical moments of simple song, scripture, seasonal readings, candlelight, and brief moments of silence. Be sure to mention this Advent schedule to friends and family who might wish to experience a Taizé service this Advent. Or pick up a Taizé bookmark with the dates and locations for all of the 2017-2018 services. The bookmarks can be found in the church's information area. To receive information about every upcoming Taizé service, email Judith Galas, [judithcgalas@gmail.com](mailto:judithcgalas@gmail.com).



*"The 11th Commandment, thou shalt not leave thy church a mess."*

*Please help us keep St. John's beautiful by picking up any loose items in your pew or floor and replacing all books before leaving. Thank you for your assistance!*

### Stewardship of Generosity: Renewal 2018

As a St. John parishioner, you should have received your 2018 Annual Stewardship Renewal Packet in the mail. We encourage you to prayerfully consider the journey God is calling you/your family on this year in prayer, generosity, and service. How can your path contribute to the greater good of the entire St. John community? For school families this is a required form as part of your enrollment at St. John Catholic School. If you have not received your renewal forms or have questions please contact Samantha Romero at [sromero@saint-johns.net](mailto:sromero@saint-johns.net) or **785-843-9511**. Please return the forms by **December 31**. Thank you for your support!

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## Give through Online Giving? Don't forget to update for 2018!

Thank you for generous support of St. John through the online giving program. There are some steps you will need to take in order to update your information in Online Giving for the coming pledge year. Each year these steps should be taken only if changes need to be made in the amount or the date that your tithe is withdrawn.

### Steps to take:

1. Login to your ACCOUNT. You can find the Online Giving link on the St. John website home page at [www.sjevangelist.com](http://www.sjevangelist.com). (If you need to find out your username or password check your junk mail when they send the email with that information)
2. Click on "My Active Online Giving" This gives a list of all your active giving. Take a note of the gift type that you have clicked. (Pledge or Recurring)
  - A. If the "Gift type is Pledge" Payments will end when that pledge amount is reached. You will need to go in and change that to a recurring gift. You can do that by clicking on "Give a New Gift" and enter as a recurring gift.
  - B. If the "Gift type is Recurring" Payments will continue until you tell them to stop. If you wish to change the amount or the date which the payment is withdrawn you will do this from the "My Active Online Giving" screen (at the end of the line there is



## Vanessa's Hope Story: Thank You

Hi, my name is Vanessa and this is my hope story... I came to Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas after I was evicted from my place. A relative, who was letting me stay with them temporarily, had a fire and the relative spent Red Cross assistance to meet her own needs. I was homeless and at a loss of where to begin. My Catholic Charities case manager began helping me with a list of housing where one applies at the individual complexes for Section-8 subsidy. I was then on nominal government assistance, and was able to receive food from the Catholic Charities pantry and clothes from their clothing closet. My case manager also told me about the Catholic Charities' VITA tax preparation site. My case manager found government funding to help me with part of the deposit on a new place to live. I also completed Catholic Charities' Money Talk 101 class with the goal to get my expenses to match my income. I was so appreciative for everything Catholic Charities has done for me that I even sent my case manager a special thank you note.



## Support Our Seminarians

The 25th annual "SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS" Benefit Dinner is dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas. It is scheduled for **Friday, January 26, 2018**. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have wonderful speakers this year, Archbishop James P. Kelleher, Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, Fr. Jerry Arano-Ponce, and Paul Sappington who is in Pre-Theology II at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis. SOS will be held at Union Station, 30 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri. The reservation price is \$175.00 per person at tables of ten people. To reserve your place, or an entire table, or donate to the marketplace or VIP silent auction, contact: Martha Hodes **913- 207-9893** or [mmmhsos512@gmail.com](mailto:mmmhsos512@gmail.com). Check out our new

## Stewardship Of Service

**Looking for a meaningful way to give back to the St. John community?** We are offering married couples another opportunity the weekend of **January 20-21, 2018** for a marriage retreat called Living in Love. We know an obstacle to attending these retreats can be childcare. We are asking for parishioners in St. John to consider helping take a few hours shift one of these days so that a married couple can attend this life changing renewal weekend. If you are able to help please contact Samantha Romero at [sromero@saint-johns.net](mailto:sromero@saint-johns.net) or **785-843-0109**. For more information on the Living in Love retreat visit the St. John website at [www.sjevangelist.com](http://www.sjevangelist.com).

## Catholic Charities has moved

Come see us at our new location in west Lawrence at 1525 West Sixth Street, Suite A. We can be reached at **785-856-2694**.

# Living in Love

**Dates** 2018



A mini retreat workshop for married couples designed to energize the romance and renew the excitement of being in love

**information & Online Reservations**  
[www.archkck.org/livinginlove](http://www.archkck.org/livinginlove)  
**(913)-647-0345**

**A Mission to Love...** Couples who stay successfully and happily married have made marriage their mission. They choose not to 'settle down' but instead adopt a proactive approach to put the fun and delight into being a man and a woman in love. This day and a half parish-based event provides the inspiration and insight that enables each couple to create the lifestyle and marriage they have always dreamed of. Clearly there is a difference between loving and being "in love". **Living in Love** offers liberating insight into how differently men and women prefer to achieve intimacy and helps couples get in touch with the resources that draw them to each other and fuel their passion.

Facilitated by parish couples, the weekend is a series of presentations followed by questions for reflection and discussion so that couples can explore the topics together in complete privacy. There is no group discussion or counseling. Topics include: Dreams and Memories • Formation in the Family • Cultural Barriers • Trust • Reconciliation • Affirmation • Signs and Wonders • Living in Love • and Vision.

The Faith Community of St John the Evangelist is pleased to offer

## Living in Love

January 20 - 21, 2018

Please treat yourselves to this extraordinary experience for the sake of your community, yourselves, and your children

If you are considering working with the engaged couples of the parish, this is the initial training for "Preparing to Live in Love," a new parish pre-cana mentoring program.

Please phone for other dates and venues

**Time Table:** Sat 8 am - 9 pm; Sun 7 am - 2:30 pm

**Cost:** \$70.00 per couple. Includes all materials, refreshments, and a romantic Saturday evening meal.

**Accommodations:** Parish facilities are used. Couples sleep at home. The retreat will take place in the church basement and Bosco Room at the school.

**Child Care:** Breast fed babies can be cared for at the retreat. Please phone to discuss other situations.

**Living in Love** is a program of the Pastoral and Matrimonial Renewal

## Registration Form

**Wife's Name** .....  
 Religion .....

**Husband's Name** .....  
 Religion .....

**Address** .....  
 .....

**Parish** .....

**Phone (Home/Cell)** .....

**E-mail** .....

**Wedding Date** .....

**Dietary Restrictions** .....

## Details

Host Parish: St John the Evangelist  
 1234 Kentucky  
 Lawrence, KS 66044

Date: 20-21 January 2018

## Payment Details (\$70.00 per couple)

Payment can be made at time of registration or at the time of the retreat. Full and partial scholarships are available in special circumstances.

Register on line:  
[www.archkck.org/livinginlove](http://www.archkck.org/livinginlove)

Local Contact: Don and Angela Zysk  
 Phone: 785-760-0297  
 Email: [angela@zhomesllc.com](mailto:angela@zhomesllc.com)

# STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

## MINISTERS Dec. 16-17

### Lectors

Contact: Sean Smith  
seanj@ku.edu

### Altar Servers

**Saturday**  
4:30pm ..... S Wondrack, G Sellet  
**Sunday**  
7:00am ..... VOLUNTEER  
8:30am ..... C Peltier, N Peltier  
11:00am ..... G Malin, J Malin  
5:00pm ..... H Diers, B Diers

### Cantors

**Saturday**  
4:30pm ..... L Koster  
**Sunday**  
7:00am ..... M Steichen  
8:30am ..... J Krones

### Eucharistic Ministers

**Saturday**  
4:30pm ..... L Arnold, B Brill, D Depenbusch,  
..... D & K Guth, J Halderman  
**Sunday**  
7:00am ..... M Heath, B Menke, B Osborne  
8:30am ..... D Foster, E Grob-Creasey, S Galarza Liu,  
..... D Hoss, J Huss, M Ice, S Jahn  
11:00am ..... J Evers, S Goodwin, P Gripka,  
..... D & T Gunselman, J Mercier, C Niero-Boor  
5:00pm ..... D Wulf-Walter, L Brey, S File,  
..... C Garcia, A Hill, N Jones

*We are still in need of volunteers to sign up to minister during the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day Masses. Sign-up sheets are in the sacristy. Thank you for your service to these important ministries at St. John's.*

## Mass Intentions: Dec. 11 - Dec. 17

**Monday:** 7:30am ..... Edna Zillnert†  
**Tuesday:** 7:30am ..... Joe Stockman†  
**Wednesday:** 7:30am ..... Fr. Mike Scully  
**Thursday:** 7:30am ..... Colin Rowell†  
**Friday:** 7:30am ..... Kirk Gullickson†  
**Saturday:** 8:00am ..... Critobal & Angel Galarza†  
4:30pm ..... Edna Zillnert†  
**Sunday:** 7:00am ..... Timothy Floro  
8:30am ..... Ramon Romero†  
11:00am ..... Theophilus Obiefule  
2:00pm (Sp.) ..... St. John Parish  
5:00pm ..... Frank Romero†

## 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  
**Gayla Barnes**, friend of Jackie Monroe  
**Mariele Berthold**  
**Mike Born**, brother of Phyllis Stone  
**Remi Brown**  
**Curtis Burns**, friend of Joe & Bev Mater  
**Christine Crandon**, sister-in-law of Brent Crandon  
**Diane Darwin**  
**Cyril Foote, Sr.**  
**Gloria Garcia**  
**Ed Garza**  
**Betty Hanna**  
**Judy Hannah**  
**Dianne Hofmann**  
**Bob Holek**  
**Connie Jensen**, friend of Steve & Tammy Buckner  
**Diana Matthews**  
**Christian McGraw**, Grandson of Coriene McGraw  
**Zackary Messerly**, nephew of Debra Bradley  
**Leonard Monroe**  
**John Murray**, the father Donna Callewaert  
**Leo Nau**  
**Theophilus Obiefule**  
**Kathryn Olden**  
**Allan Otter**, brother of Norb Otter  
**Anthony Pawlicki**, brother of Fred & Cathie Pawlicki  
**Alison Quin**  
**Kathy Rennells**  
**Eva Ricketts**, mother of Ingrid Hartman  
**Darlene Rodgers**  
**Julie Scott**, friend of Monica Cordova  
**Mary Kay Seidl**, sister of Loretta Seidl  
**Gerald Simon**  
**Meyer Sneed**, son of Taylor & Melissa Sneed  
**Tony Soper**  
**Brian Soza**, son of Joseph Soza  
**Jack Taylor**, brother of Daniel Taylor  
**Chuck Umscheid**  
**Cindy Vasquez**, sister of Gina Hodges  
**Theresa Wells**  
**Jon Yarnell**  
**In Memoriam of Bill Vervynck**

## Our Hope Foundation A St. John Legacy Society

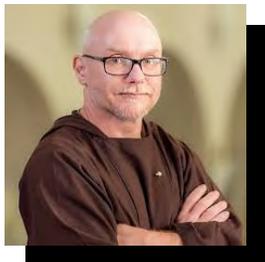
Would you like more information on Planned Giving? Please contact Samantha Romero at [somero@saint-johns.net](mailto:somero@saint-johns.net) or 785-843-0109



# FAITH FORMATION

## Fall Class with Fr. Barnabas

Father Barnabas has begun his series of classes on the life and times of the earliest Christians. The class discusses the perils faced by Christians. Other questions to be discussed include: Who founded the Church in Rome, Peter or Paul? How large was the Church in Rome and how quickly did it grow? Why did Christians bury themselves in the catacombs? How did the Church respond to the persecutions? What did the Romans think of Christians themselves? Finally, how did this small, often despised, "Jewish sect" rise to be the dominate religion in the Empire at the Time of Constantine?



The main text we will be using is CHRISTIANITY IN ANCIENT ROME: THE FIRST THREE CENTURIES by Bernard Green. You can purchase the book on Amazon. Upcoming Class dates: **December 12**. Classes will be in

## Coffee and Silence:

### A prayerful day away

Here's an opportunity to build some reflective time into your Advent season: come to Sophia Center at Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison for a day of silent prayer, reading, and rest from **9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Tuesday, December 12**. Coffee will be provided; bring a sack lunch and enjoy a prayerful day away! For more information or to register, call **913-360-6173** or visit Sophia Spirituality Center's Web site at

Please join us to honor the lives of the Sandy Hook victims as well as other victims of gun violence, survivors, and the families impacted by gun violence.

**Where:** Beginning at Plymouth Congregational Church, 925 Vermont Street, followed by a candlelight walk through downtown Lawrence.

**When:** 6:30 p.m., Thursday, December 14, 2017

## HOLD NEWTOWN IN YOUR HEART

Charlotte, Daniel, Olivia, Josephine, Ana, Dylan, Madeleine, Catherine, Chase, Jesse, James, Grace, Emilie, Jack, Noah, Caroline, Jessica, Avielle, Benjamin, Allison, Rachel, Anne Marie, Dawn, Lauren, Mary and Victoria, your love made this world better.

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## St. John on Tap

Want to dig deep into your Catholic Faith? Want to have challenging theological and philosophical conversation about what it means to be a Catholic? This is the place for you! St. John on Tap will be return in **2018**. All events are from **5:00 to 7:00 pm** in the **Bosco Room**. Dates are **January 12, February 9, March 16, April 20, May 18 and June 8**. All are welcome! Good beer and snacks provided. **Must be 21 or older.**



# STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

## Weekly Parish Giving

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018  
Information below reflects donations received  
July 1, 2017 through December 3, 2017.

Budgeted weekly collection amount ..... \$28,846.15  
Average weekly collection amount..... \$27,756.72

Budgeted Collection Fiscal YTD ..... \$663,461.45  
Actual Collection Fiscal YTD..... \$638,404.59

**Net Shortage..... \$25,056.86**  
Total Income (FY 2017-2018)..... \$674,313.35  
Total Expenses (FY 2017-2018)..... \$832,684.93  
**Net Loss (07/01/17 – 09/30/17 ) ..... \$158,371.58**

We are grateful for your support of St. John Parish! Our online giving program allows you to make contributions to St. John eliminating the hassle of checks or 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, manage your contributions to the pledge amount, and 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!

## 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. Preparacion al matrimonio por la Iglesia Catolica, solo para parejas que viven juntos y tienen niños. Adultos que necesitan los sacramentos de confirmacion y primera communion.

## CATECISMO EN ESPANOL

Las Inscripciones son en agosto y en mayo. Por favor para mas informacion llamar a Maria Mota.

## LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 10 DE DICIEMBRE

**Domingo:** Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/Sal 85, 9-10. 11-12. 13-14 [8]/2 Pe 3, 8-14/Mc 1, 1-8

**Lunes:** Is 35, 1-10/Sal 85, 9 y 10. 11-12. 13-14 [Is 35, 4]/Lc 5, 17-26

**Martes:** Zac 2, 14-17 o Ap 11, 19; 12, 1-6. 10/Jdt 13, 18. 19 [15, 9]/Lc 1, 26-38 o Lc 1, 39-47

**Miércoles:** Is 40, 25-31/Sal 103, 1-2. 3-4. 8 y 10 [1]/Mt 11, 28-30

**Jueves:** Is 41, 13-20/Sal 145, 1 y 9. 10-11. 12-13 [8]/Mt 11, 11-15

**Viernes:** Is 48, 17-19/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6 [cfr. Jn 8, 12]/Mt 11, 16-19

**Sábado:** Eclo 48, 1-4. 9-11/Sal 80, 2 y 3. 15-16. 18-19 [4]/Mt 17, 9. 10-13

**Domingo siguiente:** Is 61, 1-2. 10-11/Lc 1, 46-48. 49-50. 53-54 [Is 61, 10]/1 Tes 5, 16-24/Jn 1, 6-8. 19-28

10 de diciembre 2017

## 2º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Si reflexionamos, nos daremos cuenta de que la vida es una constante preparación -los padres se preparan para recibir a sus hijos, los hijos se preparan para terminar sus estudios, los atletas se preparan para ser campeones y recibir trofeos- y así podríamos hacer una larga lista de todo lo se prepara cada día de la existencia, y quizá no terminaríamos de enumerar las cosas. En el Evangelio de hoy se escucha la siguiente amonestación: "He aquí que yo envío a mi mensajero delante de ti, a preparar tu camino. Voz del que clama en el desierto: 'Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos'" (Mc 1, 2-3).

Quizá la pregunta que surge ante estas lecturas es ¿cuál es el camino del Señor? La respuesta es sencilla. Conversión a una vida de santidad y devoción, de arrepentimiento y perdón, una vida de escuchar al otro y arreglar las cosas en diálogo. Éste es el grito de Juan Bautista en este Segundo Domingo de Adviento. Nos recuerda llevar una vida de bautizados con la certeza de que el Espíritu de Dios está ya en nosotros. Hacemos bien en preparar las cosas terrenas para llevar una vida digna. Pero el Adviento nos recuerda que hay que preparar las cosas de Dios con dedicación, con una actitud de esfuerzo, de gozosa espera. La invitación es preparar primero el corazón para que florezcan los frutos del bautismo. Luego, preparemos lo secundario -los regalos, las luces y la comida. ¡Eso es enderezar el sendero! Encontrar un cielo nuevo y una tierra nueva en lo que preparamos. Recordemos que la fe mueve montañas. Por esta razón, el Adviento es preparación.

## El cuento de Esperanza de Rod: Superando Barreras

Hola, mi nombre es Rod y esto es mi cuento de esperanza...Hace unos meses contacté al bus móvil de recursos de Catholic Charities de Northeast Kansas para ayuda. Soy padre y yo estaba trabajando como trabajador temporal, pero yo no había recibido un cheque por meses. Mi familia no tenía dinero y necesitábamos apoyo con el alquiler para evitar un desalojo. Había recursos disponibles en el área, pero una barrera de idioma hizo difícil el acceso a lo que yo necesitaba. Yo coordiné una visita por teléfono con una de las coordinadoras de servicios de Catholic Charities y mandé los formularios a ella por medio de un correo electrónico para que ella pudiera traducir lo que necesitaba. Tomó los esfuerzos combinados de nuestra familia, tres agencias de servicios sociales y un dueño que entendió nuestra situación para desarrollar un plan que nos permitió quedarnos en nuestra residencia actual. En este tiempo de miedo y confusión, específicamente dirigido a los que no tienen el lujo de ser una parte de la mayoría a causa de su país de origen, una colaboración de personas trabajando juntas para servir a todos los necesitados. Esto...esto me llena con un fuerte sentimiento de esperanza.

# SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL ACTION

*Susan Tabor, Social Concerns Committee*

The giving trees are up and placed at both entrances of the Church. Please take one or more tags and purchase the item requested on each tag. PLEASE BE SURE to bring your wrapped items with the tag from the giving tree attached to the gift to the Church the weekend of **December 16-17**; no later, please! The tags are important as there is information on them which tells us who the gift is for; this helps us with sorting and proper distribution of the gifts. Thank you so much for your generosity! Your help brightens the holidays for people who struggle with poverty every day. You make a difference! .



## JUSTICE MATTERS

*Justice Matters – an interfaith network working for justice in Lawrence and Douglas County*

The Justice Matters research training and kickoff was held on December 2. About 70 people from our 20 some affiliated faith groups attended. Some of those attending from St. John were Tamara Cash, Jim Dick, Jean Drumm, Ruth Entwistle, Belinda Davis, Mark Davis, Charlie Bryan, Alice Hewitt, Pat Lechtenberg, Earlene Stover, Cyndie Courtney and baby T. (Sorry if I missed anyone.)

Following the initial training, attendees broke into work sessions on the four active issues: Mental Health Crisis Center, Affordable Housing, Jail Alternatives and Restorative Justice in our schools.

I can speak to the Mental Health Crisis Center issue. Bob Tryanski, the County Care Coordinator for Mental Health Services, was there and reported that the state has denied approval for a “stabilization center” at the hospital Emergency Department three times. There are funds approved for 2018: \$900,000 for two psychiatrists and two APRNs (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse) with training for treating those with mental illness, \$150,000 for detox in regional facilities not in Douglas County and \$125,000 for treatment for nine women.

The Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Bert Nash, Heartland and other service providers will present a new comprehensive plan for a crisis center and mental health services to the County Commissions at 6:00 pm on December 13 in the County Courthouse County Commission Room. Following the presentation there will be time for public comments. Please come and support

the urgent need for mental health services in our own community. It is only with people power that we can hope to effect change.

Speaking of which, the will of the people was expressed at the polls on November 7 and passed an affordable housing trust fund. We did it by doing what we do best – engaging large numbers of people. The vote passed, and now, thousands of families are going to have a roof to put over their head that they can afford.

Unfortunately, the funds leverage with city dollars will be greatly reduced due to the newly passed tax law if it, in fact, goes into effect. Currently the 550 or more cities with trust funds for affordable housing are able to leverage between \$4 and \$6.50 for each city \$1. Millions will be lost to these housing grants for low income and lower middle class families.

Our Justice Matters vision is to change systems that are not providing for basic human needs for all our citizens. It is a proven method from Nehemiah’s time to the civil rights movement and to the present day that we must be willing to have the courage to stand up and speak out for those in need. It takes more than just a few of us. It takes large assemblies expressing their desire for change. It isn’t too late to get involved. Come, join us and make a difference.

*For additional information about Justice Matters visit our website [www.justicemattersinkansas.org](http://www.justicemattersinkansas.org) or contact Pat Lechtenberg [plek10berg@aol.com](mailto:plek10berg@aol.com) 785-842-1992.*



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus meet on the second Thursday of each month in the basement of St. John the Evangelist Church. Social and dinner, provided by the Knights, beginning at 6:30 pm. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm. 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

