

1229 Vermont St, Lawrence, KS 66044 | December 24, 2017



ST JOHN

THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH

“All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race.” — John 1:3-4

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

*There will not be a 7:00 am Mass on December 24. There also will not be a 7:30 am Mass on January 1.

Adoration changes

There will not be adoration on December 25.

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.

Holiday hours for St. John's Parish offices

The parish office for St. John the Evangelist Church will be closed **December 25 and 26** for the Christmas holiday. The office will be open from **8:30 am to 12:30 pm on December 27, 28 and 29**. The offices will be closed on **January 1 and 2** and resume normal hours on **Wednesday, January 3**. If you have questions, please call the main number at **785-843-0109**. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Parish Staff

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Associate Pastor Fr. Barnabas Eichor
In Residence Fr. Mike Scully
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www.sjevangelist.com/school

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1525 W. 6th, Suite A 785-856-2694

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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

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Brian Walter, Chris Wenger,
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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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BREAD TO OFFER

By Fr. Jeffrey A Ernst, OFM, Cap.



Christ-”Mass”

Perhaps you already know this, but the English term “Christmas” is from two words, “Christ” and Mass.” Most European languages refer to Christmas as “The Nativity.” For example, in Spanish, the word for Christmas is “Naiad,” in Italian it is “Natalee,” in French it is “Noel,” and in Portuguese it is “Natal.” Different still is the German “Weihnachten,” which literally does not refer directly to the nativity, but translates into English as “Holy Nights.” Unique about the English word for Christmas is its direct correlation of the birth of Jesus with the Mass. Jesus was really present in this world. Though he was God, he lived a truly human life. Upon his Incarnation, the real presence of Jesus entered into our human condition. At the Mass, the real presence of Jesus enters into the bread and wine. The bread and the wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus – Jesus is really present in the Eucharist.

St. Francis of Assisi was very moved by the Eucharist, that the Lord Jesus would humble himself to become the Body and Blood of the Lord that priests minister to us and that we consume at every Mass. Francis was also deeply moved that the Lord Jesus would humble himself to become human and be utterly depended upon human beings. St. Francis always desired to recreate the scene of the birth of Jesus as realistically as possible. I thought you might enjoy this account of the first Christmas crèche scene from an early biographer of St. Francis, Friar Thomas of Celano. The scene took place probably in the year 1223:

“We should note then, as a matter worthy of memory and something to be recalled with reverence, what he [Francis] did, three years prior to his death, at the town of Greccio, on the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ. There was a certain man in that area named John who had a good reputation but an even better manner of life . . . blessed Francis had John summoned to him some fifteen days prior to the birthday of the Lord. “I wish to enact the memory of the babe who was born in Bethlehem: to see as much as is possible with my own bodily eyes the discomfort of his infant needs, how he lay in a manger, and how, with an ox and ass standing by, he rested on hay.” Once the good and faithful man had heard Francis’s words, he ran quickly and prepared in that place all the things that the holy man had requested.

Finally, the day of joy has drawn near . . . the men and women of that land with exultant hearts prepare candles and torches to light up that night whose shining star has enlightened every day and year. Finally, the holy man of God comes . . . the manger is prepared, the hay is carried in, and the ox and the ass are led to the spot. There simplicity is given a place of honor, poverty is exalted, humility is commended, and out of Greccio is made a new Bethlehem. The night is lit up like day delighting both man

and beast. The people arrive, ecstatic at this new mystery of new joy. The forest amplifies the cries and the boulders echo back the joyful crowd. The friars sing, giving God due praise, and the whole night abounds with jubilation. Over the manger the solemnities of the Mass are celebrated and the priest enjoys a new consolation.

The holy man of God is dressed in the vestments of the Levites . . . and with full voice sings the holy gospel . . . Then he preaches to the people standing around him and pours forth sweet honey about the birth of the poor King and the poor city of Bethlehem. Moreover, burning with excessive love, he often calls Christ the “babe from Bethlehem” whenever he means to call him Jesus.

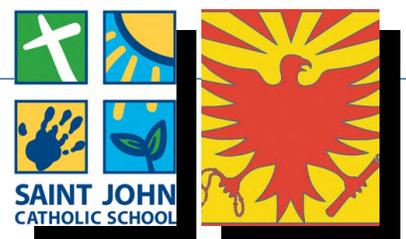
At last, the site of the manger was consecrated as a temple to the Lord. In honor of the most blessed father Francis, an altar was constructed over the manger, and a church was dedicated. This was done so that where animals once ate the fodder of the hay, there, humans henceforth for healing of body and soul would eat the flesh of the immaculate and spotless lamb, our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us with supreme and indescribable love, who lives and rules with the Father and the Holy Spirit as God, eternally glorious forever and ever. Amen.”

(Francis of Assisi: Early Documents, “The Saint,” Life of St. Francis. Armstrong, Regis J.; Hellman, J.A. Wayne; Short, William J. New City Press, 1999).

ST. JOHN SCHOOL

Schedule your visit

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



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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 or **785-843-9511**. Please return the forms by **December 31**. Thank you for your support!

Save the Date:

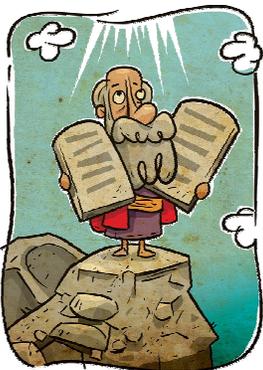
Support Our Seminarians

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 per person at tables of 10 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. Check

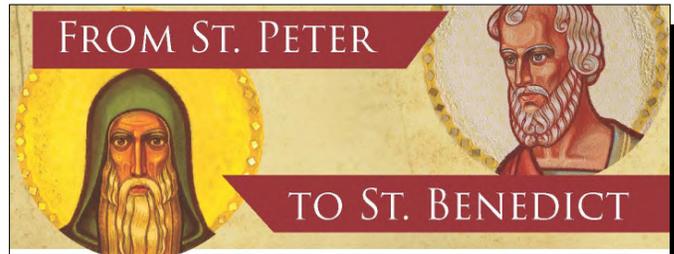
Our Hope Foundation a St. John Legacy Society

Would you like more information on Planned Giving? Please contact Samantha Romero at somero@saint-johns.net or **785-843-0109**



"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!



AN ITALIAN PILGRIMAGE
WITH ABBOT JAMES ALBERS
OCTOBER 11-22, 2018



Join Abbot James Albers
and friends Jeannine Wyatt MSSC '69 and JD Benning BC '08
for a pilgrimage to Rome
and Benedictine sites in Italy



Tour Roman basilicas, the birthplace of St. Benedict, the Benedictine abbey at Monte Cassino, the birthplace of St. Catherine of Siena, and much more – including a special tour and vineyard luncheon in San Gimignano.

\$2,850 + flight - more information at
KANSASMONKS.ORG/ITALY



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

My Path...Our Journey...December Tool for the Journey : Hope

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1817) Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. The Advent season in the church is all about hope. The hope of a Messiah that will come to set us all free from sin so that we can live forever in heaven! The question is how do we share that hope with others in a world that feels hopeless sometimes? The best news is scripture tells us exactly how!

1. Be prepared to explain why you have hope.-
"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who



asks you to give the reason of the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15)

2. Be respectful of others.- "But do this in a gentle and respectful way." (1 Peter 3:16)

Our job is to show people how valuable they are to God – how very much He loves them! Our job is to share our

hope!

Looking for some concrete ways to share hope this Advent season?

- Try smiling at everyone you see.
- Write a note or call someone you know who is struggling, lonely or ill.
- Volunteer for an organization or a person.

The Miller Family's Hope Story: Welcome To Kansas

The Millers came to live in a town within our 21 county service area two months ago after fleeing hardship in Tennessee. They came here with nothing but the clothes on their backs and a hope to achieve a better life for their children and themselves. The mother, Gabriella, had just found a job but her husband, J.P., needed one too, in order to make ends meet for the family. The couple, along with their three children, was desperate to find a home for their family of five. A parish priest suggested they make an appointment at the local Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Center (EAC). Although the Millers had several barriers, our case manager was able to refer J.P. to one of our community partners – a locally owned staffing agency. They were able to help him find full time employment. We were then able to assist the Millers in finding a home and helped them with their deposit. We also gave them groceries from our food pantry so their new home would have stocked shelves. To keep their budget in check, they are enrolled in our financial education classes. The Miller family now has a two-bedroom apartment they call home. We not only welcomed them into our ministry, we also got them integrated into the community. We gave them tools and resources to continue to improve their situation, along with the hope they had traveled so far to find for a better life. Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas's mission is to provide help, hospitality and hope to our neighbors in need. Thank you for being a part of this mission by considering a generous gift to the Christmas collection to help the less fortunate.

Catholic Charities has moved

Come see us at our new location in west Lawrence at 1525 West Sixth Street, Suite A. An open house will be held at **10:30 am on January 17** for volunteers. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Namaste Manney at nmanney@catholiccharitiesks.org or **785-856-2694**.

Retreat into the New Year at Conception Abbey

Looking for a perfect way to reflect on the end of one year and the start of the next? Need a little help finding focus as the calendar turns? Conception Abbey Guest Center in Conception, Missouri, is hosting its annual New Years Retreat from **December 30-January 1** (Saturday through Monday).

Begin the New Year in prayer and reflection. Monks and Abbey Guest Center staff will look forward to the feast of the Epiphany – a reflection upon what the Lord has made known to us and how we will reflect that in our daily lives. Take time to bring in the New Year with more than resolutions. How do we make what the Lord has manifested in our lives into the gifts we offer to others. All our retreats and days of recollection provide a setting which lends itself to quiet reflection, personal prayer and relaxation along with the opportunity to join the monastic community for prayer and Eucharist.

Contact us for more information or to make a reservation by calling **660-944-2809** or emailing guests@conception.edu All this information available on our website: www.conceptionabbey.org/guests

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 or **785-843-0109**. For more information on the Living in Love retreat visit the St. John website at www.sjevangelist.com.

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

(913)-647-0345

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

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.

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 online: www.archkck.org/livinginlove

Local Contact: Don and Angela Zysk
Phone: 785-760-0297
Email: angela@zhomesllc.com

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

MINISTERS Dec. 30-31

Lectors

Saturday
4:30pm M Powell, R Entwistle
Sunday
7:00am C Winkelbauer, C Zebas
8:30am W Smith, K Kohnke
11:00am C Ehrlich, J Monroe
5:00pm A Hill, D Koger

Altar Servers

Saturday
4:30pm S Wondrack, G Sellet
Sunday
7:00am **VOLUNTEER**
8:30am N Smith, N Enyinnaya
11:00am J & M Green
5:00pm R & H Diers
Monday
9:00am N Enyinnaya, D Enyinnaya

Cantors

Saturday
4:30pm C Watgen
Sunday
7:00am M Conn
8:30am A Koster
5:00pm Jubilate

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday
4:30pm D Weigel, L Arnold, B Brill,
..... D Depenbusch, D & K Guth
Sunday
7:00am L Wusterfeld, J Grzymala-Busse, B Harmon
8:30am L Scott, M Steichen, B Volz, N Albrecht, J
Dvorske,
..... D Foster, S Galarza Liu, E Grob-Creasey
11:00am B Baska, B Bermudez, C Bial, A Brill, C
Buchheister,
..... B DeWitt, C & D Ehrlich
5:00pm M Le Gresley, A McCabe, S Murray,
..... D & E Schmidt, J weeks
Monday
9:00am **VOLUNTEERS (Five Needed)**

Mass Intentions: Dec. 25 - Dec. 31

Monday: 9:00am Jim Freund†
2:00pm Leonard Monroe†
Tuesday: 7:30am Colin Rowell†
Wednesday: 7:30am Leon P. Stallbaum†
Thursday: 7:30am Fr. Mike Scully
Friday: 7:30am Beatrice Hickert†
Saturday: 8:00am Helen Kovell and Family
4:30pm Paul Entwistle†
Sunday: 7:00am Melania Thomas†
8:30am Deceased & Living Members of the
Grob Family
11:00am Gladis Luraschai De Torres-
Gaffner†
2:00pm (Sp.) St. John Parish

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.

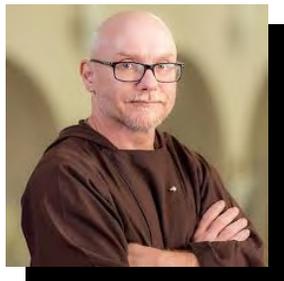
Frank Acinger, brother of Bernadette West
Gayla Barnes, friend of Jackie Monroe
Mariele Berthold
Mike Born, brother of Phyllis Stone
Remi Brown
Curtis Burns, friend of Joe & Bev Mater
Christine Crandon, sister-in-law of Brent Crandon
Diane Darwin
Cyril Foote, Sr.
Gloria Garcia
Ed Garza
Betty Hanna
Dianne Hofmann
Bob Holey
Connie Jensen, friend of Steve & Tammy Buckner
Tim Maniez, friend of Charlene Hodge
Diana Matthews
Christian McGraw, Grandson of Coriene McGraw
Zackary Messerly, nephew of Debra Bradley
John Murray, the father of 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~Leonard Monroe



FAITH FORMATION

Winter Class with Fr. Barnabas

Father Barnabas will begin teaching his next class in early 2018 to help Catholics better understand the role of angels in our faith. If you would like to learn more about the angels join Father for his class on the Angels beginning **January 2 at 7:00-8:15 pm** in the Church basement.



We will use the Book Angels of God: The Bible, The Church and the Heavenly Hosts by Mike Aquilina. Class dates are **2, 9, 23 of January 6 and 27 of February and March 6 and 13**. All classes are 7:00-8:15 pm in the Church Basement. Join Fr Barnabas and learn more about the Angels and their role in Salvation history than you every wanted to know.

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** in the school.



Dates are **January 12, February 9, March 16, April 20, May 18 and June 8**. All are welcome! Good

Altar Servers Needed

Additional altar servers are needed for the 4:30 pm Saturday Mass, 7:00 am and 5:00 pm Sunday Masses. This is an important ministry and a wonderful opportunity for the youth of our parish to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist. If your son/daughter has been trained and willing to be scheduled for one of these Mass times, please contact Amanda Sellet, altar server scheduler, at asellet@msn.com or **785-856-**

Holiday Schedule Notice:

Traditional Religious Education Classes, Confirmation Classes and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sessions

Traditional Religious Education classes, Confirmation classes and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd sessions will not meet the week of **December 24 and December 31**. All classes/sessions will resume the week of **January 7, 2018**.

The Sunday and Monday Catechesis of the Good Shepherd sessions are closed, **January 14 - 15, 2018**, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend.

St. John's Café taking a break

St. John's Café will not meet on **December 24** or **December 31** because of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays. We will resume our Sunday morning gatherings on **January 7**. Hope to see you all in the New Year!

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 10, 2017.

Budgeted weekly collection amount \$28,846.15
Average weekly collection amount..... \$27,444.78

Budgeted Collection Fiscal YTD \$692,307.60
Actual Collection Fiscal YTD..... \$658,674.93

Net Shortage..... \$33,632.67

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 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.

BASES DE LA SEMANA DEL 24 DE

Domingo: 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 89, 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29 [2]/Rom 16, 25-27/Lc 1, 26-38

Lunes: Vigilia: Is 62, 1-5/Sal 89, 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 [2]/Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25/Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25

Medianoche: Is 9, 1-6/Sal 96, 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13 [Lc 2, 11]/Tit 2, 11-14/Lc 2, 1-14

Matutina: Is 62, 11-12/Sal 97, 1. 6. 11-12/Tit 3, 4-7/Lc 2, 15-20

Día: Is 52, 7-10/Sal 98, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 [3]/Heb 1, 1-6/Jn 1, 1-18 o 1, 1-5. 9-14

Martes: Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-59/Sal 31, 3-4. 6 y 8. 16 y 17 [6]/Mt 10, 17-22

Miércoles: 1 Jn 1, 1-4/Sal 97, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12 [12]/Jn 20, 1. 2-8

Jueves: 1 Jn 1, 5--2, 2/Sal 124, 2-3. 4-5. 7-8 [7]/Mt 2, 13-18

Viernes: 1 Jn 2, 3-11/Sal 96, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6 [11]/Lc 2, 22-35

24 de diciembre 2017: 4º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

¡Verdaderamente el Señor está con nosotros por medio de María! Mañana celebramos la Natividad del Señor. Si hemos puesto atención en este Adviento nos daremos cuenta de que la liturgia de hoy nos propone el mismo Evangelio que leímos en la fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción. Si recordamos bien, con su "sí" María acepta su vocación de ser la Madre de Dios, experimentando así el misterio gozoso de ser mamá - misterio que Dios ha planeado desde toda la eternidad, manifestado a la humanidad en día de la Encarnación. "El ángel le dijo: No temas, María, porque has hallado gracia ante Dios. Vas a concebir y a dar a luz un hijo y le pondrás por nombre Jesús" (Lc 1, 30-31).

El Padre nos envía a su Hijo para nuestra salvación. Éste es el increíble misterio de la Navidad, misterio de gozo y esperanza. Es la presencia de Dios en tantos caminos y experiencias de nuestra vida. Hoy la gracia es dada desde el cielo a toda la humanidad. Nuestra disponibilidad debe ser servir al Señor con un corazón que confía y pueda decir como María, "Yo soy la esclava del Señor; cúmplase en mí lo que me has dicho" (Lc 1, 38). El punto es que Dios hace su tienda entre nosotros. ¿De qué manera? ¿Dónde? En el lugar menos esperado, en el seno de María. El centro de todo es Cristo. Aprendamos, de María sobretodo, su apertura total al amor y a dejarse llevar por Dios, haciendo su voluntad hasta la cruz. ¿Experimento que Dios ha estado conmigo en este Adviento? ¿Estoy ya preparado para recibirlo?

EL CUENTO DE ESPERANZA DE LA FAMILIA MILLER: BIENVENIDOS A KANSAS

La familia Miller vino a vivir a un pueblo dentro de nuestra área de servicio de 21 condados hace dos meses huyendo de dificultades en Tennessee. Ellos llegaron solo con la ropa que tenían puesto y con la esperanza de lograr una vida mejor para sus hijos y si mismos. La madre, Gabriella, acababa de conseguir un trabajo pero su esposo, J.P., todavía necesitaba un trabajo para alcanzar las necesidades de la familia. La pareja, al lado de sus tres hijos, estaban desesperados encontrar un hogar para su familia de cinco personas. Un sacerdote parroquial surgió que la familia hiciera una cita en uno de los Centros de Asistencia de Emergencia (EAC) en el área. Aunque los Millers tenían varias barreras, nuestro coordinador de servicios refirió a J.P. a uno de nuestros socios de la comunidad – una agencia de contratación local. La agencia le ayudó a encontrar trabajo de tiempo completo. Después, ayudamos a los Millers a encontrar una vivienda y con el depósito. También les dimos alimentos de nuestra despensa para que tuvieran estantes llenos en la nueva vivienda. Para ayudar a la familia con su presupuesto ellos están inscritos en nuestras clases financieras. La familia Miller ahora tiene un apartamento de dos habitaciones que es su hogar. No solo los recibimos con la bienvenida en nuestro ministerio, sino que también los integramos a la comunidad. Les dimos los recursos y herramientas para continuar mejorando su situación... junto con la esperanza de que habían viajado tan lejos para encontrar una vida mejor. La misión de Catholic Charities de Northeast Kansas es brindar ayuda, hospitalidad y esperanza a nuestros vecinos necesitados. Gracias por ser parte de esta misión al considerar un regalo generoso para la colecta navideña

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1. Login to your ACCOUNT. You can find the Online Giving link on the St. John website home page at 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.
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JUSTICE MATTERS

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

With our research training for Justice Matters network members on **December 2**, we have begun our phase of research to action. Generally, we have only a few meetings and tasks during December but this year because of some major issues being discussed by the county our researchers are busier than usual. The groups working on jail alternatives and creation of a crisis center are especially busy.

By the time we reach this very special weekend of the end of Advent and the beginning of the Christmas season, we may know what the County has in store for the voters. We have great HOPE that our criminal justice system and treatment for the mentally ill will be headed toward drastic improvement.

Thanks to all our network members for the many hours dedicated to getting out the vote in November to win the affordable housing trust fund established; and for the many hours spent in planning and gathering large numbers at the County Commissioners Meeting to be sure our

concerns for what appears to be discriminatory imprisonment and overcrowding in our jail and for lack of treatment for those with addictions and mental illness.

May God give us courage to stand up and speak out for brothers and sisters in need. It isn't too late to join the efforts. There will be another meeting on **Monday, March 5**, to learn about the Catholic teachings on social justice and popular movements supported by Pope Francis. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. For more information on issues and events www.justicemattersinkansas.org
Merry Christmas to all and may God bless us as we continue to do justice, love mercy and walk faithfully with God.

For more information or to volunteer to help with opposing the jail expansion and/or to support the crisis center contact Pat Lechtenberg plek10berg@aol.com or the JM website www.justicemattersinkansas.org We don't have large amounts of organized money. We don't have political clout. We don't have social influence. The way we change systems is with large assemblies of people. Be



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus meet on the **second Thursday** of each month in the basement of St. John's. 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 at **6:30 pm**. All

