



ST. VALENTINE CELEBRATION



Join St. John Parish for a St. Valentine Celebration **this Sunday, February 19**, from 3:00 to 4:30pm in the church basement. There will be a cocoa bar and coloring, Valentines for everyone and crafts for kids of all ages!

St. Valentine is the patron of love, young people and happy marriages. Suggested donations to go to the Pregnancy Care Center of Lawrence to help with the upkeep of their new sonogram machine — we are also gladly accepting items from the Pro-Life Baby Shower list (See page 9).

ASH WEDNESDAY & PALM BURNING

Ash Wednesday is **March 1, 2017**, marking the start of our Lenten journey. Mass times at St. John:

7:00am 12:10pm 5:15pm 7:00pm

On February 27, Fr. Jeff will be burning old palms to make ashes for distribution at the Ash Wednesday Masses. If you have any old palms to contribute, please leave them in one of the church entrances before the 27th. Thanks!

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RETREATS

CRHP retreats are coming up, and we are still looking for both men and women to register. The women's retreat will be held **February 25-26**, and the men's one-day retreat will be **March 11**.

If you want to learn more about CRHP, contact Jake Weeks at jakeandlaura@sunflower.com and he can answer any questions or get you in touch with other retreatants. Pick up a registration form at the church entrances, and see the CRHP webpage for more info or to register online: www.sjevangelist.com/crhp

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:** Wednesday 11:00am-12:00pm, 7:00-8:00pm; Saturday 3:00-4:00pm

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.

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Shopping Hours:

Wednesday — 11am-3pm
Thursday (first and last of month only) — 1pm-4pm
Saturday — 8:30am-12:30pm

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204 W. 13th St. (785) 843-2039

SIMON PARISH CENTER

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

Wednesday 11:00am-12:00pm
..... 7:00-8:00pm
Saturday 3:00-4:00pm

(and by appointment)

Adoration Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday,
6:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. in the Padre Pio Chapel.

Bulletin Deadline. Submit info by noon on Thursday to bulletin@saint-johns.net ten days prior to the bulletin you wish info to appear. Please submit text electronically (via computer/email) as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.

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(800) 950-9952 x2551
GProske@4LPI.com
www.SeekAndFind.com

WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017
Information below reflects donations received
July 1, 2016 through February 12, 2017.

Budgeted weekly amount \$27,403.84
Average weekly amount **\$28,050.01**

Budgeted YTD \$904,326.72
Actual YTD **\$925,650.47**

Net OVERAGE **\$21,323.75**

Change from last week - 5,990.71

ONLINE GIVING

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

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

BREAD TO OFFER

OF HOUSES AND HOMES

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.



The move of the convent is a loud and clear sign of progress on our parish building project! The event was a memorable one. If you were not able to make it, the move occurred on Wednesday morning, February 1st, at approximately 9:00 am. The students were brought out and were lined up along the north and south ends of the parking lot to watch the occasion. It was great to see the little ones marvel and get excited as the house was literally “driven” across the parking lot by remote control! The convent will become a home to some of our staff members as they locate their offices in that space.

Speaking of houses, I want to alert you all to the upcoming “Nehemiah Assembly” with Justice Matters, scheduled to take place at the Lied Center on Thursday evening, March 30th. The Assembly will bring several social issues to a renewed awareness to city and county officials. Last year’s Assembly was very successful in doing that and so we hope that this year’s Assembly will be perhaps a little more influential regarding several areas of concern which include affordable housing, mental health, jail alternatives, childhood trauma, and racial justice. This list may seem an ambitious one to bring before civic officials, but unless the “squeaky wheel” continues to squeak, inertia may begin to build and the pressing and legitimate needs of our less fortunate brothers and sisters in our midst will be overlooked. Our parish team of Justice Matters leaders will be contacting you about these issues and inviting you to attend the Nehemiah Assembly. I would like to encourage you to set the date on your calendar and attend the event as an act of advocacy for these people. This is would be a good Lenten practice and a good way to exercise our stewardship of time. If the Assembly is successful, we will have done our part to make Lawrence a more welcoming home for those among us. “Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me . . . whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25: 34-36,40).

Lastly, I want to raise awareness to all of you as to the recent executive order regarding deportation. Whether you support that executive order or not, please be sensitive and compassionate to those in our Lawrence and parish communities who might find themselves in this dilemma. If you know someone who faces the possibility of deportation please support him or her through prayer, kindness, understanding, and compassion. These people are brothers or sisters to us – as often as we do or do not encourage and support them, we do or do not do it to Christ himself (see above quote from Matthew). The Catholic Church upholds family life – let’s support immigrant and minority families among us and do what we are able to prevent the breakup of their homes. Maybe in the end, there isn’t much we can do, but let’s at least walk with them in their fear and anxiety.

The following are a few quotes from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops regarding immigrants:

The Church supports the human rights of all people and offers them pastoral care, education, and social services, no matter what the circumstances of entry into this country, and it works for the respect of the human dignity of all especially those who find themselves in desperate circumstances. *Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity, A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops*

As Catholics we are called to take concrete measures to overcome the misunderstanding, ignorance, competition, and fear that stand in the way of genuinely welcoming the stranger in our midst and enjoying the communion that is our destiny as Children of God. *Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity, A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops*

Immigrants will experience the Church's welcome most personally at the level of the parish. Pastors and parish staff, accordingly, must be filled with a spirit of welcome, responding to a new and perhaps little-understood culture. *Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity, A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops*

Please also see Archbishop Naumann’s article in the January 20th edition of [The Leaven](http://www.theleaven.org). You can view it at www.theleaven.org.

- Fr. Jeff



2017-2018 Enrollment for St. John Parish Families

Enrollment for St. John Catholic School for 2017-2018 has begun. As part of the enrollment process for parishioners, a 2017 Financial Pledge form is required to be on file. If you have not turned in your 2017 Financial Pledge form, please turn it in via backpack mail or to the office. If you have not received your form or you have questions, please contact Samantha Romero, Director of Stewardship, sromero@saint-johns.net.

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!

FAITH FORMATION

THAT MAN IS YOU!

We are now in the second half of our program, The Spirit of Nazareth. Come join us for inspiring programs, great food and fellowship. **Every Wednesday morning, from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. in the church basement.**

Please contact Kent Beisner at kdbeisner@gmail.com if you have any questions.

THE WORLD JESUS KNEW

A Class with Fr. Barnabas!

Class meets Tuesday, February 14, at 7pm (encore session Thursday, February 16, at 2pm) in the church basement.

In order to grow in one's understanding of Scripture one needs to know a bit about the historical context in which the scriptures were written. This class will cover such topics as the cultural ways Jesus followed, the festivals Jesus celebrated, the education Jesus received, the agricultural ways he observed, and the land he crossed. We will look at the different groups of people that existed in the Lord's day and their historical backgrounds. Who are they? Where did they come from? And what is their importance?

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

THE HOMILIES OF FR. EARL MEYER

We are now in Year A of the liturgical calendar, and Fr. Earl has a collection of homilies for all three liturgical years. Copies are available now in the parish office for \$10. Pick up a copy of Year A today, or complete your collection with all 3!

Also Available from Fr. Earl:

The Seasons of Our Souls

Fr. Earl has made available a collection of essays on Christian living meant to aid your spiritual journey through each season of the year. Pick up a copy in the parish office for only \$5!

ST. JOHN CAFÉ

Join us **this Sunday 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.

You can ask all those burning questions!

Thirsty for more?

The Café meets most Sundays, **but we will take next Sunday off (February 26)** while the CRHP women are on retreat!

An Evening of *Art & Adoration* with Mike Debus

Wednesday, March 8, 7:00-8:30pm

@ St. John Church

Visit sjevangelist.com/lent to see more!



PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 3:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

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

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

ST. JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS

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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.

MINISTERS FEB. 25-26

LECTORS

Saturday

4:30pm L1: M Head; L2: M D'Souza

Sunday

7am L1: B Kish; L2: C Zebas

8:30am L1: J Robinson; L2: W Smith

11:00am L1: MJ Hobbs; L2: S Tabor

5pm L1: A Hill; L2: T Edgecomb

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday

4:30pm P Price, Volunteer

Sunday

7am Volunteers

8:30am S Liu, N Smith

11:00am J Green, M Green

5pm B Diers, R Diers

CANTORS

Saturday

4:30pm L Koster

Sunday

7:00am M Conn

8:30am J Krones

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday

4:30pm L Reimond, MA Roesner, L Seidl, D Weigel,

..... L Arnold, B Brill

Sunday

7am L Wustefeld, J Grzymala-Busse, B Harmon

8:30am J Dvorske, D Foster, E Grob-Creasey,

..... S Galarza Liu, D Hoss, J Huss, M Ice

11:00am C Bial, D Bradley, A Brill, C Buchheister,

..... B DeWitt, D & C Ehrlich

5pm T Reznicek, D & E Schmidt, J Weeks,

..... D Wulf-Walter, N Albrecht

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

MENTOR MINISTRY

We are looking for individuals and families who would like to help by being mentors to new parishioners! For more information, contact Samantha Romero :

sromero@saint-johns.net

(785) 843-0109

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.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH AT ST. JOHN CHURCH

This is your invitation!

Mark which retreat you want to attend: Women's Retreat (February 25-26, 2017) Men's Retreat (March 11, 2017)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Nickname (for name tag): _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Are you a registered member of St. John? (*circle one*) No Yes

Do you have food allergies or special dietary needs? (*circle one*) No Yes, they are: _____

Do you require any other special accommodations? (*circle one*) No Yes, they are: _____

Emergency Contact #1 Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact #2 Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Questions or Comments: _____

Return form to the collection plate or mail/return to parish office: **St. John Church, 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044.**

First come, first serve. Only 25 spaces available, so register soon!

Please contact Jake Weeks with any questions: jakeandlaura@sunflower.com

For Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____ # for desired retreat _____ Confirmed Date _____ Initials _____ Confirm Letter _____

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is CRHP? "Christ Renews His Parish" is a spiritual renewal process which calls together the members of the parish – priests, religious, laity – to experience personal conversion and Christian community in the environment of their own parish. It is completely oriented to the parish in order to give both the individual and the parish an opportunity for renewal and growth in the spiritual life. It is led by a team of parishioners properly formed in prayer and love and instructed in the content of the total process. It was developed in 1969 and has been experienced by hundreds of parishes across the country.

2. What happens during the weekend? Most say, "You can't explain what happens; you have to experience it." This is your invitation to the experience. You will enjoy the 30-hour Christ Renews His Parish Weekend. This includes group activities and discussions, prayer and sacraments together, and reflections by fellow parishioners on such subjects as: Father's loving care for us, Renewal, Scripture, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Discipleship, and what Christian Life is all about.

3. Where and when is the retreat weekend? There are retreats for Men and retreats for Women on different weekends.

4. How long will it last? Begins 7:30am on Saturday and ends Sunday by 5pm.

5. Who may come? Anyone 19 years or older, Catholic, and who is a registered member of St. John Church is invited.

6. I'm doubtful. Who will invite me? This is your invitation. It is up to you to make up your own mind. You are not being pressured. Praying for guidance is important. If you feel that Christ, through the Holy Spirit is calling you, COME!

7. What about Confession? There is a Reconciliation Service that concludes with confession for those who desire it.

8. What about Mass? The Eucharistic Celebration is in the church, which is reserved for the participants of the weekend.

9. Where do people sleep? Sleeping accommodations are at St. John Catholic School. It is recommended that you bring a air mattress. Service is excellent, since you make your own bed and provide whatever linens, pillows, blankets, sleeping bags etc.

10. What about meals? Hot meals are served. The food is excellent and the portions ample.

11. What is the uniform of the day? Casual and comfortable clothes. Blue jeans and track suits are the usual. No extra "Sunday best" attire is expected.

12. Can I afford the price of the weekend? Suggested donation \$35.

13. I'd like to attend the weekend, but I have a health problem. Mention that you have a special need on this form. A person from the Retreat Team will contact you.

14. I can't get up and talk in front of people. Will I have to? You will not be asked to get up and talk.

15. I'm still not sure. How do I know if I need renewal? As Christians we are called to continually renew our faith and our relationship with Christ. As a parish we are called to continually renew our community, to experience "being church for others". Do not worry about your preconceived reluctance to participate. Come and see. What do you have to lose?

16. How do I register? Invitation Registration forms are available at the back of Church and in the Parish Office. Applications are accepted on a "first come, first served" basis.

CRISTO RENUEVA SU PARROQUIA EN LA IGLESIA DE SAN JUAN EVANGELISTA

¡Esta es tu invitación!

Indica a cual retiro quieres asistir:

Retiro para las mujeres (25-26 de febrero de 2017)

Retiro para los hombres (11 de marzo de 2017)

Nombre: _____ Apellido: _____ Apodo (para el nombre de la etiqueta): _____

Dirección: _____ Ciudad/Estado/Código postal: _____

Teléfono de Casa: _____ Correo Electrónico: _____

¿Eres un miembro registrado en la parroquia de San Juan? (encierra uno) No Sí

¿Tienes alergia alguna comida o necesitas alguna dieta especial? (encierra uno) No Sí, Estos son: _____

¿Requiere otro alojamiento especial? (encierra uno) No Sí, Estos son: _____

Contacto de Emergencia #1 Nombre completo: _____ Relación: _____

Numero de Teléfono de su Casa: _____ Numero de Teléfono Alterno: _____

Contacto de Emergencia #2 Nombre Completo: _____ Relación: _____

Numero de Teléfono de su Casa: _____ Numero de Teléfono Alterno: _____

Preguntas o Comentarios: _____

Regresa esta forma en la canasta de las ofrendas o por correo a la oficina de la parroquia:

St. John Church, 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044

Primero en llegar, Primero en ser servido. Solamente 25 Lugares están disponibles. ¡Regístrate lo más pronto posible!

Por Favor contacta a Cris Denning con cualquier pregunta: cdenning@saint-johns.net, (785) 843-0109.

Para uso de la oficina solamente:	Fecha que se Recibió. _____	# Para el Retiro deseado _____
Fecha Confirmada _____	Iniciales _____	Carta Confirmada _____

Preguntas que frecuentemente se hacen:

1. ¿Qué es CRHP? "Cristo Renueva su parroquia" es un proceso de renovación espiritual que reúne a los miembros de la parroquia – sacerdotes, religiosos y laicos – Para experimentar la conversión personal y la de la comunidad cristiana en el entorno de su propia parroquia. Para la renovación y crecimiento de la vida espiritual. Es dirigido por un equipo de feligreses adecuadamente Formados en la oración y el amor e instruido en el contenido del proceso total fue desarrollado en el año 1969 y ha sido experimentado por cientos de parroquias en todo el país.

2. ¿Qué ocurre durante el fin de semana? La mayoría se pregunta, "Pero no puedes explicarte; Tienes que vivir esta experiencia." Esta es tu invitación para que la vivas. Ven y disfruta de 30 horas el fin de semana cristo renueva su parroquia. Este incluye actividades en grupo, Discusión, oración, reflexión acerca de los sacramentos. Seguido de temas como: Cuidado amoroso del Padre hacia nosotros, Renovación, Escrituras, Eucaristía, Reconciliación, Discipulado y lo que la vida cristiana es en sí.

3. ¿Dónde y cuándo es el retiro del fin de semana? Tenemos el retiro para los Hombres y el de las mujeres en diferentes fines de semana.

4. ¿Cuánto tiempo dura? Empieza a las 7:30 am el sábado y termina el domingo a las 5pm.

5. ¿Quién puede venir? Cualquiera que tenga 19 años en Adelante, Católica, que este registrado como miembro de la parroquia de St. John está invitada.

6. ¿Tengo dudas acerca de la persona que me está haciendo la invitación? Esta es tu invitación. Dependiendo de ti para hacer tu propia decisión. No te sientas presionado reza para una guía es importante. Si tú sientes que cristo a través del Espíritu Santo te está llamando. ¡ACEPTA Y VEN!

7. ¿Qué tal acerca de la confesión? Tendremos servicio de reconciliación que concluye con la confesión para aquellas personas que deseen hacerlo.

8. ¿Qué tal acerca de la Misa? La Celebración de la Eucaristía ese en la Iglesia la cual es solamente para las personas que están participando en el retiro del fin de semana.

9. ¿Dónde duermen las personas? El alojamiento para dormir es en las aulas de la Escuela de la Parroquia se recomienda que traigas tu colchón de aire, Sabanas, cobijas, almohada etc. ¡El Servicio será excelente ya que tú misma te podrás hacer tu propia cama!

10. ¿Qué tal acerca de las comidas? Ofrecemos comidas calientes y porciones amplias.

11. ¿Cómo debo vestirme? Casual y con ropa muy cómoda pantalones de mezclilla o pantaloneras es lo más común, el domingo puedes usar el mejor atuendo.

12. ¿Puedo pagar el costo del retiro del fin de semana? Una donación de \$35 dólares es sugerida.

13. ¿Le gustaría asistir al retiro del fin de semana pero tiene problemas de salud? Háganos saber en esta misma forma si necesita algún alojamiento especial, alguna persona encargada del retiro la contactara a usted.

14. ¿Me tengo que poner de pie y hablar enfrente de las personas? Si usted no desea hacerlo no lo hará.

15. Todavía no estoy segura. ¿Cómo puedo yo saber si necesito la renovación? Como cristianos nosotros somos llamados a renovar nuestra fe y relación con Cristo continuamente, como Parroquia somos llamados a renovar nuestra Comunidad de ser Iglesia para otros. No te preocupes al sentir renuencia para participar ven y mira! Que es lo que tienes que perder?

16. ¿Cómo puedo registrarme? las formas de invitación para registrarse están en la parte de la entrada de Iglesia y en la Oficina de la Parroquia. Las aplicaciones serán aceptadas la primera en llegar Primera en ser atendida.

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
Calvin Barnes
Mariele Berthold
Remi Brown
Chris Crandon
Matthew Decker
Linda Erp, mother of Emily Vigne
Mary Felton
Coleman File
Ed Garza
Kenneth Gilbert
Buddy Hadl
Terry Hadl
Betty Hanna
Jenny Hernandez
Jessie Hernandez
Dianne Hofman
Bob Holec
Paula Hollen, sister of Bev Mater
Doug LaFayette, brother of Barb Menke
Barb Marden
Theophilus Obiefule
Allan Otter, brother of Norb Otter
Julie Patterson, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter
CB Riling
Mark Salaman
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
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: FEBRUARY 20-26

Monday: 7:30amJudy Hill†
Tuesday: 7:30amMitch Crawford†
Wednesday: 7:30am For Vocations
Thursday: 7:30am Sr. Susan Yerkicht
Friday: 7:30am For God's Mercy and Healing
Saturday: 8:00am For Christians Facing Persecution
4:30pm Pauline Hayest
Sunday: 7:00am Rudy Oberzant
8:30am Roger Caldwell
11:00am Patricia Van Sickelt†
2:00pm (Sp.) St. John Parish
5:00pm Children in Need of Adoption

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 Wednesday 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!

AROUND THE PARISH

PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER

Now through the end of February

The Knights of Columbus are again hosting a pro-life baby shower at St. John through the month of February. The shower will benefit families who use the pregnancy care center of Lawrence.

You can help by bringing baby related items to place in the baby crib **at the north entrance to the church**. Please also pray for those families who might use those items. We welcome any baby food or clothing diapers, blankets or other baby related items but the current items most needed are the following:

Baby Items

- Diapers sizes 3 and 6
- Baby Shampoo, Baby Body Wash and Lotion
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Chewable Baby Tylenol
- Teething Gel
- Baby Cereal

Clothing and Shoes

- Boys Pajamas (size 6 mo – 4T)
- Winter coats and Snow Suits (especially boys)
- Boys Shoes and Boots (any size)
- Winter Boots

Toys and Books

- Children's books (appropriate for babies through toddler ages)
- Toys in excellent, clean condition or new

Other Items:

Gift cards or money to purchase cribs and baby mattress**
(Cribs cost \$125.00 and mattresses cost \$40.00)

General Office Supplies Needed:

- Stamps
- Copy Paper
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Kleenex
- Liquid dish soap
- Bottled water
- 40 gallon and 13 gallon trash bags

Thanks to our supporters' generosity, we are overstocked on everything except the items listed above.

Due to limited storage, we would prefer not to take any of the overstocked items at this time. Thank you!

****Due to liability issues clients are only able to earn new cribs and baby furniture. We are unable to offer used furniture, car seats or ride on/sit in toys.**

SUPPORTING SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

Information Night for Parents/Guardians of Children with Special Needs

Are you planning for the support of a special needs child? Join us Thursday, February 23, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, located at 14201 Nall Ave. in Leawood.

Financial advisors Christy Anderson and Kacy Steitz (mother of a child with disabilities), will share their guidance regarding Establishing a Special Needs Trust and The Achieving Better Life Experiences Act of 2013.

Launched in Kansas on January 26th, 2017, the ABLE Act amended Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986 to create tax-advantaged savings accounts for individuals with disabilities.

This event is hosted by the Special Needs Ministry of the Archdiocese of KCK. If you have any questions, contact Tom Racunas, Lead Consultant, Special Needs Ministry at (913) 647-3054 or tracunas@archkck.org.

If you can't make this session, there will be another presentation in Topeka on Thursday, March 9, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 3601 SW 17th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The presenters will be Kacy Steitz and Tom Treacy, Director, State of Kansas Treasurers office. Again, you can contact Tom Racunas at (913) 647-3054 or tracunas@archkck.org with any questions.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

The Catholic Church prohibits sterilization, the birth control pill, the IUD and other forms of contraception, but why?

In an effort to give practical help to married and engaged couples to live out the teaching of the Church, a 3 part series of classes in the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning will start soon. No medical costs associated with using this method! STM makes use of all of the observable signs of fertility, and can be used with great success either to postpone or achieve pregnancy.

You are encouraged to attend the course beginning at St. John School on Wednesday, February 22, at 6:30pm.

Reasonable course fee; financial assistance available. You may call Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015 for more info about these or other classes in the metro area.

Visit www.live-the-love.org to pre-register as required for these or online classes.

ST. JOHN YOUTH

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, February 22: The Rock Meets

The Rock rolls on! We will meet from 6:45-8:00pm in the St. Bosco Room; come as early as 6:30 to hang out!



HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, February 19: Trivia Night!!!

6:30-8:30pm in the St. Bosco Room.

So you think you're pretty smart, huh? Well, come prove it Sunday night in our Large Group Trivia Night! Our core team is busy coming up with questions, secret photos, iPod challenges and more—can your team be the champion?

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 Pete for more info: (785) 393-2934.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9, 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!



JUSTICE MATTERS

AN INTERFAITH NETWORK DOING JUSTICE IN LAWRENCE AND DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Justice Matters is a diverse group with members who have joined for many reasons, and I can't speak for everybody. I can only tell you that I joined because there are things I want to know. I'm told that we need a bigger jail, and that may be right, but it seems like something that is worth asking questions about, which is what Justice Matters is doing.

When the jail plan came out, Justice Matters asked if some people were being jailed because of a mental health crisis, and if having a crisis center might help these people avoid problems leading to jail. To their credit, our county leaders investigated and have started plans for a crisis center designed to stop health problems before they become legal problems. But they still think we need a bigger jail, and they might still be right, except that Justice Matters is asking about out some other things, too.

For example, sometimes people eligible for release from jail are held because they can't afford bail. Does Douglas County have a lot of prisoners held because they are too poor to buy freedom? Nobody knows, but maybe if we did know and we decided to not jail people for poverty, then we wouldn't need so big a jail. That is something I want to know.

Here are some more things I would like to know. Recent state budget cuts have strained the judicial system. Are people in sitting in jail because it takes longer to get into court? Could we reduce the jail population by having more judges? Can we use technology like ankle monitors as an alternative to jail for low-level offenders like shop-lifters or people who missed a traffic court date? Such a system would allow people to keep going to work and caring for their families, which would reduce the disruptions and chaos that can lead to more crime. I don't know the answers to these questions, but I feel like these are the sorts of questions that Christians are always called upon to ask.

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



SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Tony Schmidt, Social Concerns Committee

In *Laudato Si*, the pope says; “Christian spirituality proposes a contemplative lifestyle free of the obsession with consumption.” “Environmental education should help us see how the transcendent gives ecological ethics its deepest meaning.”

I’m a crusader for climate and as a Catholic I feel my job is to help promote Pope Francis views on the issue. I study periodicals for solutions and so I can be informed. Many climate headlines don’t even require reading to get the gist.

The Big Melt – Arctic Sea Ice at Record Lows at Both Poles (2/17 LJV)

The Last Time the Earth Was This Warm Was 125,000 Years Ago (1/16 LJV)

The Tale of Two Worlds – Who Will Prosper, Who Will Fall Behind (9/16 Scientific American)

The Incredible Shrinking State – Louisiana (2/17 Business Week)

The best “Good News” headline I’ve seen lately came from the Wall Street Journal on Tuesday 2/7/17.

A Conservative Answer to Climate Change: Enacting a carbon tax would free up private firms to find the most efficient ways to cut emissions. By GEORGE P. SHULTZ and JAMES A. BAKER III

Mr. Shultz was secretary of state (1982-89) and Treasury secretary (1972-74). Mr. Baker was secretary of state (1989-92) and Treasury secretary (1985-88). The report was co-authored by conservative thinkers Martin Feldstein, Henry Paulson Jr., Gregory Mankiw, Ted Halstead, Tom Stephenson and Rob Walton

It begins like this: Thirty years ago, as the atmosphere’s protective ozone layer was dwindling at alarming rates, we were serving proudly under President Ronald Reagan. We remember his leading role in negotiating the Montreal Protocol, which continues to protect and restore the delicate ozone layer. Today the world faces a similar challenge: the threat of climate change. Just as in the 1980s, there is mounting evidence of problems with the atmosphere that are growing too compelling to ignore. And, once again, there is uncertainty about what lies ahead. The extent to which climate change is due to man-made causes can be questioned. But the risks associated with future warming are so severe that they should be hedged. The responsible and conservative response should be to take out an insurance policy. Doing so need not rely on heavy-handed, growth-inhibiting government regulations.

Instead, a climate solution should be based on a sound economic analysis that embodies the conservative principles of free markets and limited government. Then these distinguished gentlemen go on to propose a \$40 per ton carbon tax and dividend plan that rebates collections to families equally to help them adapt to higher energy prices instead of bloating government. Roughly \$2000 per year. And it has a border adjustment for carbon content in imports to protect business.

Summarizing they say: This carbon dividends program would help steer the U.S. toward a path of more durable economic growth by encouraging technological innovation and large-scale substitution of existing energy sources. It would also provide much-needed regulatory relief to U.S. industries. Companies, especially those in the energy sector, finally would have the predictability they now lack, removing one of the most serious impediments to capital investment.

Perhaps most important, the carbon-dividends plan speaks to the increasing frustration and economic insecurity experienced by many working-class Americans. The plan would elevate the fortunes of the nation’s less-advantaged while strengthening the economy. A Treasury Department report published last month predicts that carbon dividends would mean income gains for about 70% of Americans. This plan will also be good for the long-term prospects of the Republican Party.

About two thirds of Americans worry a “great deal” or “fair amount” about climate change, according to a 2016 Gallup survey. Polls often show concern about climate change is higher among younger voters, and among Asians and Hispanics, the fastest-growing demographic groups. A carbon dividends plan provides an opportunity to appeal to all three demographics. Controlling the White House and Congress means that Republicans bear the responsibility of exercising wise leadership on the defining challenges of our era. Climate change is one of these issues. It is time for the Grand Old Party to once again lead the way.

It is very helpful to have conservatives taking leadership on the issue, and we look forward to many more joining them.

As a Catholic, or as a Citizen; please write Jerry Moran, Lynn Jenkins and Pat Roberts NOW asking them to support this initiative and to meet with their fellows to address this critical global issue.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO SHARE

Your support is critical to the success of the Archbishop's Call to Share appeal and its many ministries and services! This year's Archdiocesan goal is \$5,355,000. **Our parish portion of this goal is \$92,730.00.**

The Archbishop's Call to Share appeal has us reflect on Giving is a Holy Act. Please prayerfully consider giving to the needs of our Archdiocese as we conduct the 2017 Archbishop's Call to Share over the next several weeks. Thank you if you have already made your gift to ACTS!



Please fill out a pledge envelope today or donate online at:

www.calltoshare.org

To watch the Archbishop's video (or listen or read a transcript) and for more information, visit our website: www.sjevangelist.com/acts

If you have a QR reader app on your phone, you can scan here to donate! →



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Women's Retreat at Camp Tekakwitha

(April 28-30th, ages 21+)

Here you will find the space to relax, rejuvenate and reconnect. This is a retreat for women of all ages. You will find speakers that inspire you, sacraments that draw you to the heart of Christ, and fellowship with other women.

This retreat offers large group and break out sessions, individual reflection, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, free time, friendship, laughter, and joy! Come enjoy the beauty of God's creation at Prairie Star Ranch and the gift of sharing life with other women seeking the heart of Jesus.

More information and registration details can be found at:

www.camptekakwithawomensretreat.com

ADOPTIVE PARENTS NEEDED

St. Joseph Adoption Ministry is in need of more prospective parents. They could place more babies if they had more prospective parents! And the average wait time for couples to adopt a baby is only seven months. This is wonderful news for those considering adoption.

For more information call St. Joseph Adoption Ministry at 913-299-5222 or go to their web site at

www.CatholicAdoptionMinistry.org.

Please spread this good news!

Note: St. Joseph Adoption Ministry is located in our archdiocese in Kansas City, KS, and is a ministry of the Congregation of St Joseph.

MARRIAGE MINUTE

In this week's readings, we are exhorted to "be holy." Often, we think this is a lofty call for those off in monasteries. It's not! We are all called to holiness, and for married people, our vocation of marriage is our pathway to get there. St. Katherine Drexel said that holiness consists in "Doing God's will as he wills it, because he wills it." For us, that is often so simple we miss it.

It is found in things like:

- Doing that sink full of dishes or that load of laundry
- Being home from work on time, so you can eat with the family
- Helping with bedtime
- Taking an extra 30 seconds to text your spouse something you appreciate about them
- Saying a short prayer together before you both head out the door in the morning
- Taking time to prioritize your marriage through an enrichment.

For more ideas on seeking holiness through marriage see:

www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

PROJECT RACHEL

Still carrying grief after an abortion? Find support with others. Unfailing Mercy Retreat February 25. The retreat is FREE and CONFIDENTIAL.

Email Patricia at projectrachelkc@archkck.org or call her at 88-246-1504. Project Rachel is a ministry supported by Call to Share.

FOCUS ON THE WORD

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow." Today Jesus continues the powerful teaching of his Sermon on the Mount. Typical of this famous sermon, here he urges us to see things in a new way, specifically regarding situations and people who bother us. First, he tells us not to seek revenge. Instead, we are to demonstrate incredible generosity. Then, he instructs us to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

These instructions don't come naturally to most of us. We are much more inclined to want to get even with those who cause us to suffer, and to wish ill for those who have hurt us. But Jesus proposes another way.

In truth, what good does it do to seek revenge or foster hate? It only continues the cycle of evil. Jesus encourages behavior that will stop the cycle short. He gives us a model that--although it may not change the heart of our "enemies"--will nonetheless change OUR hearts for the better. When pressed into service for one mile, if we voluntarily go two, then WE are the ones whose attitude and experience is certain to change. Instead of spending the length of that one mile cursing and complaining, we spend the length of two enjoying a surprising kind of freedom: "I chose to do this," instead of "I am being forced to do this."

When we practice the generosity of giving more than we are asked, and the charity of praying for those who persecute us, we will find ourselves in a position to transcend the trouble. It sets us free to not be mastered by the evil around us. Thus, we are able to help end the cycle of evil and begin a new cycle of love and peace.

FOR KIDS: SHARING THE GOSPEL



REFLECTION

After you let God's love fill your heart you will act different. If someone at school is mean to you, you won't get even. You will pray for her instead, with love in your heart. If your parents ask you to make your bed, you will do it cheerfully. With God's help you can do a lot of good.

PRAYER

God, help me to love other people the way you do.

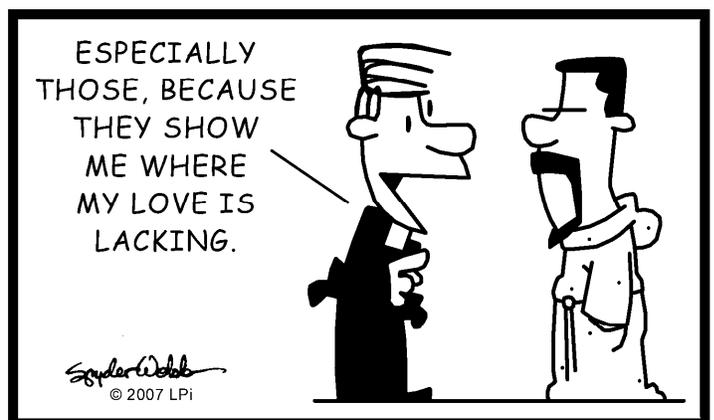
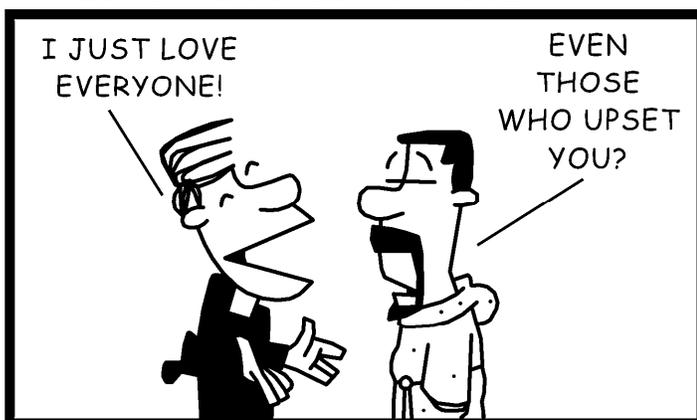
SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself praying for someone who hurt you.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Pick up your toys and help with the dishes, without waiting to be asked.

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA

¿Te gusta cantar? ¿Tocas algún instrumento musical, o te gustaría aprender? Ven a practicar con nosotros, comunícate al **(785) 218-1511**.

CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO

A las 8 de la noche rezamos el Santo Rosario, para pedir por nuestras necesidades y por los que amamos; también si alguno de sus parientes fallece podemos hacer el novenario, nos vemos los lunes en LA CAPILLA DEL PADRE PIO, frente a las veladoras.

PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR

Cada primer sábado del mes de 6:00 a 9:00 de la noche, sin niños, llamar antes para anotar su asistencia.

RECICLAGE

Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parroquia, por un mundo mas limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota. Gracias.

LA FE SE PUEDE ALIMENTAR

Hermano, a veces te sientes triste o con necesidad de Dios, ven yo te puedo acompañar a orar, nos podemos ver en la Iglesia o en la oficina. Estoy para ayudarte. Oro por todos, bendiciones María Mota.

CLASE PREBAUTISMAL

La clase pre-bautismal es **cada segundo sábado del mes** en un salón del Ministerio Hispano. Es obligatorio registrarse primero en la oficina parroquial llamando a Jessie al tel. 913 321 1958.

Próximo RETIRO DE CONVALIDACION:

va a ser el 25-26 de febrero del 2017, en la Parroquia de Good Shepherd in Shawnee. Para registrarse llamar a Anabella al 913 563 5312.

Las lecturas de la semana del 19 de febrero de 2017

Domingo: Lv 19, 1-2. 17-18/Sal 103, 1-4. 8. 10. 12-13/
1 Cor 3, 16-23/Mt 5, 38-48

Lunes: Eclo 1, 1-10/Sal 93, 1-2, 5/Mc 9, 14-29

Martes: Eclo 2, 1-11/Sal 37, 3-4. 18-19. 27-28. 39-40/
Mc 9, 30-37

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Jueves: Eclo 5, 1-8/Sal 1, 1-4. 6/Mc 9, 41-50

Viernes: Eclo 6, 5-17/Sal 119, 12. 16. 18. 27. 34-35/Mc 10,
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Sábado: Eclo 17, 1-15/Sal 103, 13-18/Mc 10, 13-16

Domingo siguiente: Is 49, 14-15/Sal 62, 2-3. 6-9/
1 Cor 4, 1-5/Mt 6, 24-34

CRISTO RENUEVA SU PARROQUIA

Regresa la forma encontrado por las entradas de la iglesia en la canasta de las ofrendas o por correo a la oficina de la parroquia:

St. John Church, 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044

Visita sjevangelist.com/crhp para más información.



19 de febrero de 2017

7º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Ustedes, pues, sean perfectos, como su Padre celestial es perfecto" (Mt 5, 48). Consiente Ud. o no, a todos nos gusta la perfección. Muy raras son las personas que no les importa el verse bien y el quedar bien con los demás. Pero, con referencia a las palabras de Jesús sobre la perfección parece que nos pide imposibles. Podemos entender su esperanza al comprender un poco el significado de la palabra. Jesús nos reta a responder a los otros sin límite. Para ampliar nuestro conocimiento aún más sobre la palabra "perfectos" veamos que nos dice el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica en el número 41: "Todas las criaturas poseen una cierta semejanza con Dios, muy especialmente el hombre creado a imagen y semejanza de Dios. Las múltiples perfecciones de las criaturas (su verdad, su bondad, su belleza) reflejan, por tanto, la perfección infinita de Dios".

¿Qué concepto tienes tú de la perfección? ¿Significa lo mismo para ti la perfección humana que la divina? La invitación es ver con lo profundo del corazón lo que es justo e injusto, el amor y el odio y luego lanzarnos a actuar sin límite por lo perfecto, por lo bueno, por lo mejor para todos. Al participar cantando en la asamblea hoy, pidamos la santidad de Dios, que es rico en compasión, misericordia y perdón. Jesús espera que seamos perfectos, él sabe que somos limitados y que fallamos. Pero ánimo, no debemos de dejar de intentar ser buenos. "Al que te pide, dale; y al que quiere que les prestes, no le vuelvas la espalda" (Mt 5, 42). ¡Más claro no se puede ver!

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