



Anointing of the sick will be available after all Masses this weekend.



Earlier this week the convent was braced and lifted in preparation for its journey across the parking lot. The house will serve as an addition to the parish office space, helping us preserve our past, and a new gymnasium for the school will be constructed in its place, as we build for our future. Thank you to all of the parishioners and friends who are helping make these plans a reality!

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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SIMON PARISH CENTER

Mailing Address 1229 Vermont
..... 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)

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

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Silent adoration is available in the Padre Pio chapel from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of each week. We invite you to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament whenever you can.

We are in need of people to fill the weekly schedule by signing up for an hour of adoration during these days. Contact Ellen Sickinger at esickinger@saint-johns.net or (785) 843-0109 to find a time that works for you.

We are all encouraged to spend time in adoration, but we are not always certain how to go about making a holy hour. See www.sjevangelist.com/adoration for more ideas.





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!

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.

On Tuesday, January 31, members of the St. John Parish staff, along with teacher Lauren Yoshinobu and students from St. John School helped served lunch at the Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (L.I.N.K.). Thank you to Mary Hertach, Connie Ehrlich, Kathleen Weber and Frank Male for the extra guidance! Thanks also to all of the parishioners who donated food!

St. John next serves L.I.N.K. on Thursday, March 30, and you can help! Stay tuned for more information as the date approaches.



FAITH FORMATION

SAVE THE DATE: THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Save the Date! St. John will offer an exciting opportunity for couples to have a date night and time to renew their marriage. The Marriage Course will begin on Feb. 16 and take place over 7 sessions. You can come early 6:30-7:00pm and eat a catered dinner or come at 7pm and eat while you listen to engaging videos and spend time talking with your spouse (don't worry there will be no sharing). Learn more about The Marriage Course at ukalpha.org/the-marriage-courses. Stay tuned for more information...

Dates: February 16, March 2, March 23, March 30, April 20, May 4, and May 18

Time: 6:30-7:00 p.m. Optional Dinner; 7:00-9:00 p.m. Session

All are welcome! Invite your friends. Please RSVP to Samantha Romero at sromero@saint-johns.net or (785) 843-0109.

*Brought to you by The Marriage and Family Life Ministry

THAT MAN IS YOU!

We have just started 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 7, at 7pm (encore session Thursday, February 9, 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 have just entered into Year A in 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 every Sunday morning, so plan to stop by! **St. John On Tap** returns Friday, Feb. 17 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

THE LEAVEN NEWSPAPER

If you would like to receive or cancel your subscription to The Leaven, the Catholic newspaper of the Archdiocese, contact Becky Calvert: bcalvert@archkck.org or (913) 647-0380.

The Leaven is now available via recording for those who experience any difficulty managing printed material. Beginning in February, there will be a link to the audio version on the archdiocesan website and also on the website of the Audio-Reader Network, the organization that is producing the recorded version. The recordings will also be available on Telephone Reader, a telephone-based reading service of the Audio-Reader Network.

If you would like access to the telephone version, you may apply for Audio-Reader services online at reader.ku.edu, or you may call Audio-Reader at 864-4600 or at 1-800-722-8898 and ask that a printed application be mailed to you.

If you need a different format, you may call the archdiocesan disabilities consultant, Tom Racunas at 913-647-3054. Each new issue of The Leaven will be posted on Friday, the day that most people receive the printed version in their mailboxes.

PARISH INFORMATION

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RETREATS: NOW FORMING!

Christ Renews His Parish is a spiritual renewal process that calls together the members of our 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. **There is an opportunity for Women on February 25-26 and Men on March 11 (a one-day retreat).**

Please contact Jake Weeks at jakeandlaura@sunflower.com for any questions. Your registration form is on page 12 of this bulletin! See the CRHP webpage for more info or to register online: www.sjevangelist.com/crhp

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

MINISTERS FEB. 11-12

LECTORS

Contact: Sean Smith
seanj@ku.edu

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday

4:30pm.....S Wondrack, Volunteer

Sunday

7am.....Volunteers
8:30am.....L Cast, R Dvorske
11:00am.....G Malin, F Kramer
5pm.....L Schmidt, O Schmidt

CANTORS

Saturday

4:30pm.....C Watgen

Sunday

7:00am.....M Steichen
8:30am.....K Gibb

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday

4:30pm.....D Weigel, L Arnold, B Brill, D Depenbusch,
.....D&K Guth

Sunday

7:00am.....L Wustefeld, J Grzymala-Busse, B Harmon
8:30am.....S Galarza Liu, D Hoss, J Huss, M Ice, S Jahn,
.....C Johnson, T Kempf
11:00am.....D,T&J Gunselman, J&N Otter, D Shobe, P Smith
5:00pm.....D&E Schmidt, J Weeks, D Wulf-Walter,
.....N Albrecht, L Brey

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ST. JOHN MEXICAN FIESTA MEETING

There will be a Fiesta meeting on Wednesday, February 8th starting at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

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

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 St. John Church office by April 3, 2017.

BECOMING FOSTER PARENTS

FOSTER CHILDREN IN NEED OF SAFE AND LOVING HOMES

Join The Shelter, Inc. for an Informative Presentation

Sunday, February 5, at St. John

At present, there are well over 6000 kids in Kansas state custody needing foster homes. In Douglas County, alone, there are about 161 children in need of safe and loving homes in their local community. As Catholics, some of you may be called to share your home and heart with these children in need of care.

If you've ever thought about fostering or just want to know more about how it all works, please join Sarah Rooney from The Shelter, Inc. and a foster parent to 2 young boys will share her story, explain how kids come into the foster care system, and explore the various ways families can be a resource to kids in care.

Presentations in the Church Basement from 10:00—11:00 a.m. (after the 8:30 a.m. Mass) and from 12:30—1:30 p.m. (after the 11:00 a.m. Mass).



ST. JOHN YOUTH

Middle School

Wednesday, February 8: 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!

NOTE: The Rock will *not* meet the following Wednesday, February 15.

High School

Sunday, February 12: Discipleship Groups Meet This Week

Students, your group leaders will be in touch with you about time and places!

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!
Get excited to travel to Alexandria, Louisiana for Steubenville South (June 23-27)
and to Osage City for Prayer and Action (July 9-14)!



Students from the High School Youth Group went skiing at Snow Creek in Weston, MO, last weekend!



Learn more about St. John Youth and our upcoming events: sjevangelist.com/youth

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
Linda Erp, mother of Emily Vigne
Mary Felton
Coleman File
Meliton Gauna
Buddy Hadl
Terry Hadl
Jenny Hernandez
Dianne Hofman
Bob Holek
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
Teresa Schwartz
Julia Scott, friend of Monica Cordova
Mary Kay Seidl
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

ST. JOHN PRAYER CHAIN

The power of prayer is truly an amazing thing and something all parishioners at St. John can do to help those among us in need of God's divine mercy. Please join our prayer chain to lend your voices and thoughts for those in need. For more information contact Lois Mersmann at Imersmann@saint-johns.net.

MASS INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 6-12

Monday: 7:30amMaggie Haackt
Tuesday: 7:30am Witold Grzymala-Busset
Wednesday: 7:30am For the youth of our parish
Thursday: 7:30am For all students
Friday: 7:30amJim O'Toole
Saturday: 8:00am Hee Jeon & Family
4:30pm Robert Flukert
Sunday: 7:00amSusan Gelvin †
8:30am Letha Morgison†
11:00am Jessie Eschet
2:00pm (Sp.)St. John Parish
5:00pmMaggie Haackt

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.**

PIZZA WITH THE PADRES

New Parishioner "Pizza with the Padres"

Saturday, February 18, 5:30 p.m.

St. John School (lower level)—Please join us!

If you are a parishioner who has joined the parish in the last year (and have not already attended one of our new parishioner dinners) please join us for the New Parishioner Dinner. The whole family is invited on Saturday February 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the St. John Catholic School (lower level) Bosco Room for dinner, fellowship with the priests and parish staff, and a tour of the St. John campus. We want all of our parish family members to feel welcome and hope to see you there!

If you have questions or to RSVP please contact Samantha Romero at sromero@saint-johns.net or (785) 843-0109.

ST. VALENTINE'S CELEBRATION

Join St. John Parish for a St. Valentine's Celebration on February 19th from 3:30-4:30pm at St. John Catholic 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, as well as other items the center uses to help our community.

This event is brought to you by the St. John Marriage and Family Life Ministry.

Available Ad Space

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Greg Proske from Liturgical Publications, our bulletin printer, will be in our office the week of **February 6th**, securing new ads for our bulletin. We need your help! Please consider purchasing an ad. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

BENEFITS OF ADVERTISING

- Local, targeted community advertising for **one full year, at one low price.**
- A **FREE** ad listing on parishesonline.com.
- **FREE**, professional ad design, and 4 free ad changes per year.

GREG PROSKE
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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING

Are you planning for the support of a special needs child?

Join us Thursday, February 9, 2017 for an information night hosted by the Special Needs Ministry of the Archdiocese of Kansas City.

Meet financial advisors Christy Anderson and Kacy Steitz, who will share their guidance on how to plan for a person with special needs during all stages of life.

We look forward to seeing you from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church in the church hall located at 8311 W. 93rd Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66212.

RETRouvaille WEEKEND

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages.

Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Kansas City Telephone @ 800-470-2230 or visit our website:

HelpOurMarriage.com

HOLY ROSARY RALLY

Please join us for the February Holy Rosary Rally in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima—which will be held on Sunday February 12th from 3 pm to 4:15 pm at St. Joseph Parish, 11311 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS 66203.

We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular.

For driving instructions or future dates for the Kansas City monthly Holy Rosary rallies, visit **www.rosaryrallieskc.org**

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.

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natural family planning
allows you to know the **best**
time to **conceive.**
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From our own parish, Jonathan Fox continues his studies at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis. If you would like to write Jonathan to wish him well, he would love to hear from you. His address is:

Jonathan Fox, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, 5200 Glennon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63119

For more information on vocations in our archdiocese, visit **www.kckvocations.com** or email **vocation@archkck.org**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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

Throughout the month of February the Knights are hosting a Pro-Life Baby Shower—items can be brought to the baby crib located inside the north entrance of the church. See page 8 of the bulletin for more details on items needed!

JUSTICE MATTERS



AN INTERFAITH NETWORK WORKING FOR JUSTICE IN LAWRENCE.

Pope Francis calls for a 4th World Meeting of Popular Movements to be held in the United States

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development along with the PICO National Network and the Pontifical Council of Justice and Peace have announced a World Meeting to be held in Modesto, CA in February, 2017. It is part of an initiative begun by Pope Francis and the Pontifical Council known as the World Meeting of Popular Movements.

The event in Modesto being planned now will be the 4th World Meeting in a series of meetings organized by the Pontifical Council. Previous meetings have been held in Italy and Bolivia in South America. The other meetings have all been international events and this will mark the Council's first effort at organizing a national meeting. There will however be international delegates but the majority of groups, organizations, cooperatives, and movements invited will all be from the United States.

The goals for this meeting are three:

- Deepen solidarity between & among US and international social justice organizers/movements
- Equip & inspire grassroots leaders to organize for structural changes that promote racial & economic justice
- Deepen solidarity between the US Catholic Church & social justice movements

The meeting itself will focus upon the "Economy of Exclusion" which Pope Francis has spoken about frequently since assuming the role as head of the Catholic Church. In particular, the World Meetings thus far have zeroed in on how this Economy of Exclusion pushes people to the periphery of public life and excludes them from the wealth being generated by the system. They have focused on how those who are excluded are impacted around three particular areas: Land, Labor and Lodging (housing).

This World Meeting, because it is in the United States, will also add Immigration, the Environment, and Racial Justice as areas of focus. A broad range of community organizing, labor organizing and Immigrant led groups will come together along with groups working on housing issues, environmental issues and issues of racial justice. Participants will hear from both the President of the Pontifical Council, Cardinal Peter Turkson of Ghana, and Pope Francis (via skype) and hope to be able to engage the Holy Father in dialogue around concerns raised by the group. The Catholic Bishops of the United States have been invited to participate.

Pope Francis has stressed in his public discourse the need for "encounter" – that the Church should reach out to encounter those excluded from power in our societies and living on the periphery. Also, communities who have been excluded should reach out to each other to develop new relationships and a deeper level of solidarity in order to take on the huge challenges facing our planet, not the least of which is shared specter of Global warming which threatens us all. Hopefully, this, "Spirit of Encounter" will inspire us to seek new ways of working together and new visions of shared future.

Note: Grants from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development help fund new community justice ministries such as Justice Matters in the early years of formation.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor, Social Concerns Committee

Our country has a new president. Things somehow might feel shaky to you during this time of transition.

Until “the dust settles”, it might behoove us to pray in a special way for our country. Of course, praying is something we can always do. If we can pray our way through the dust clouds, we might then be able to make better, more informed decisions about what actions to take.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have begun a 100 Days of Prayer for Peace initiative. The idea is to pray our country through the first 100 days of the new administration, with a particular focus on groups and causes that may be particularly vulnerable at this time. The prayers are being released in two week installments so as to have the opportunity to make the prayers timely to what is happening in real time. This initiative also fits very nicely with Pope Francis’ call to us to focus on becoming ever more peaceful and nonviolent.

The Franciscans For Justice have all of the prayers up to now on their website. Go to <http://www.franciscansforjustice.org>.

Each prayer calendar also has a Daily Prayer for National Unity and Healing, which I would like to share with you here:

God of wisdom and mercy, grant us patience to listen; compassion to be open to other views and opinions; generosity to forgive and grace to change. As you taught us to love our neighbor, compel us to be healing instruments of unity and reconciliation. We pray that you give us strength as we encourage our nation to move forward in unity. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP OF GENEROSITY

WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017
Information below reflects donations received
July 1, 2016 through January 29, 2017.

Budgeted weekly amount	\$27,403.84
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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: _____

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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!

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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.

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¡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: _____

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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.

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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.

RETIRO IMPACTO:

Los invitamos a vivir el próximo retiro familiar que se llevará a cabo el 11 y 12 de febrero del 2017 en el la iglesia de Good Shepherd, 12800 W. 75th St, Shawnee, KS. Este retiro nos ayudará a mejorar y profundizar en nuestro papel de padres, esposos, e hijos centrando a Dios en medio del hogar. Requisito para vivir el retiro: deben de estar presentes papá, mamá, e hijos ambos días. No se necesita estar casados. Se aceptan niños de todas las edades. Donación de \$50 por familia para cubrir gastos de material y comida por 2 días. Pueden registrarse después de la misa o comuníquese con Anabella al 913-563-5312 o Lety en el Ministerio Hispano 913-281-6644. Cupo limitado. ¡Los esperamos!

CRISTO RENUEVA SU PARROQUIA

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Visita sjevangelist.com/crhp para más información.



5 de febrero de 2017

5º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

En la liturgia de este domingo veremos como Jesús usa sal y luz para describir las cualidades de los discípulos. A la vez debemos de observar que este Evangelio usa dos metáforas con importancia positiva y negativa. Por un lado la sal da sabor pero si se vuelve insípida ya no sirve para nada. La luz es para alumbrar y debe estar en lo alto, sin embargo, si se la tapa con un cajón de nada sirve. Lo que Jesús quiere decir es que los discípulos deben cuidar y preservar la misión encomendada por él. La recomendación es que los que trabajen para anunciar el Reino deben ser fieles a la palabra con acciones donde brille la presencia de Dios en cada una de sus actos. Se necesita luz y sabor en el ministerio: "Brille la luz de ustedes ante los hombres" (Mt 5, 16).

Es decir, no se vale decir que se hace todo bien y cumplimos los mandamientos, que asistimos a Misa y rezamos las oraciones, si no lo probamos con hechos. Seguir a Jesús en su misterio de morir y resucitar no es para gente débil. Cada día, entonces, nosotros tenemos que escoger entre dos cosas. El ser discípulos efectivos o mediocres. Al participar en los ministerios parroquiales cualquiera que sea y hacerlo con todo el corazón para el bien de otras personas es ser sal y luz. Ser excelentes padres de familia, buenos estudiantes y trabajadores donde brille el amor de Dios es ser sal y luz. Así que pudiera mencionar cientos de frases; sé que cada uno tiene su responsabilidad en esta metáfora que Jesús nos enseña hoy.



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