

WELCOME TO SAINT JOHN

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

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

PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....Fr. Jeff Ernst
Associate Pastor.....Fr. Barnabas Eichor
In Residence.....Fr. Mike Scully
Business Manager.....Cris Denning
Catecismo en español.....María Mota
Director of Liturgy & Music.....Lisa Roush
Stewardship Director.....Samantha Romero
Maintenance.....Jeff Jenicke
Administrative Assistants.....Meg Milburn (mornings)
.....Patty Guadian (afternoons)
RCIA.....Michael Podrebarac
Principal, St. John School.....Pat Newton
Religious Education Director.....Lois Mersmann
Technology.....Karen Dixon
Pastoral Assistant/Events Calendar.....Ellen Sickinger
Multimedia, Bulletin, & Worship.....Pete Haack

St. John School.....Mrs. Pat Newton, Principal
1208 Kentucky St. (785) 843-9511
www.sjevangelist.com/school

Catholic Charities.....Frances Rico
1247 Kentucky St. (785) 856-2694

Rummage House.....13th & Kentucky.
Shop our second hand store of used items at discount prices.

Shopping Hours:

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

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

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)

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.

Advertise in the Bulletin. Revenue from ads is what makes the bulletin possible at no cost to our parish. Please support your bulletin advertisers. For information call **Greg Proske:**

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

ST. JOHN ON TAP!

Want to know more about the Catholic Faith and not sure where to start? Looking for something to do Friday's after work? Have a friend who wants to know more about our Catholic Faith? Don't go home...Come to St. John!

Enjoy good beer/wine, munchies and conversation. You can ask any question about the Catholic Faith to a priest, or just sit and enjoy. **The next St. John on Tap is this Friday, January 20, from 5:00-7:00pm.**

Stop by the St. Bosco Room (in St. John School) any time between 5:00pm and 7:00pm ... **Must be 21 or older**

Thirsty for more? **St. John Café** returns next Sunday, January 22, at 9:30am in the St. Bosco Room.



BREAD TO OFFER



LAYING A FIRM FOUNDATION **By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.**

“And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock” (Matthew 7:25).

At the beginning of a New Year, it seems appropriate to begin the year by making sure that our faith foundation is firm. This includes our prayer and spiritual life. Our relationship with God requires effort in facilitating that relationship through a lively prayer life and by giving evidence of our faith through charitable works, service, and advocacy. More will be said about this as we approach Lent. In addition to a solid spiritual foundation in our life as a parish, is further establishing and strengthening a foundation for the future of St. John Parish and School. Specifically and more immediately, would be the building project and our parish/school budget.

As you have seen, the foundation for the convent has been constructed and is ready to receive the convent house this coming week. On Monday, work will begin to run girders and beams under the convent in preparation for the move. Axles and wheels also will be added to the understructure. It was explained to me that the move system will be operated with hydraulics, enabling the operator to “steer” the house and make leveling adjustments as the house is being towed by a truck or tugged by a winch. The house will be moved over top of the new foundation and gently lowered in place. It will then immediately be anchored to the foundation. Regarding the new gym, bids for construction were received this past week and we are now in the process of making a decision as to which contractor will be awarded the contract for construction. Presently, the grade in the area of the new gym is not stable enough to support a large structure such as a gym. Approximately 30 inches of grade will be removed from the entire area where the convent presently sits, including the north parking lot and some of the parking lot to the south of the convent. A more stable mixture of grade will replace the old, providing a firmer foundation upon which to build the gym. The purpose of all of this is to further enhance and strengthen the foundation of our parish mission – to serve the community, to provide for students from all over the region a place where they can play and compete in an environment of faith and charity. Our hope is that all who come to St. John, whether as a parishioner, student, visitor, or volunteer, will in some way experience the presence of God. Building a gym may not seem to have a direct affect on the Gospel mission of our parish. However, if we can attract people to come onto our campus, we are in a sense inviting them to encounter the Lord. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them in coming to me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these” (Matthew 19:14). It seems that this passage applies well to those children and students who might come from all over the region to play sports and to attend St. John School. Yet, it also applies to anyone who steps onto our campus because we are all children of God. It would seem, therefore, that the more we can facilitate and provide for events and activities here, the more we are allowing people to come to Jesus and to not hinder them.

Important to our ability to establish a firm foundation upon which to set a convent and a gym is the foundation upon which we steward our resources. If you have read our parish bulletin these past few weeks, you will have seen that our parish is running a rather large deficit budget. I first would like to remind everyone that a budget does not reflect actual spending and income. A budget is a projection of costs and income base on previous actual costs and income and on what we believe is needed to continue with our parish/school services and fiscal responsibilities. With regard to this year’s budget deficit, I have attempted in previous bulletins to explain to you the steps we are taking to mitigate that deficit. Among steps being taken, I have asked parish office staff to move to part time during the coming summer months. In addition, two staff positions will be moved to permanent part time positions. Our school staff is also making adjustments to help recover some of our parish deficit gap. Amazingly, up to this point, we have been able to pay our bills! One of the positive changes that has occurred this fiscal year is that your contributions to our weekly collection have increased to the point where, mid-way through the fiscal year, collections are over 50% of our budget projections – I am told that the parish has not been this far ahead in collections mid-fiscal year in a long time – congratulations to you all and Thank You! Obviously, this will help to narrow that deficit gap in our budget. There are a couple of other changes in the works to help balance our budget about which I will report later in the year when I have more information. I would like to thank my able staff and our parish finance council for their creative thinking and dedication. They do not like me to mention their names publicly, so I will use those general terms “staff” and “finance council.” And again, I want to thank all of YOU for your wonderful prayerful and loving support of your parish and school!

We have so much for which to be grateful in this New Year. We have such a dedicated, prayerful, and charity-oriented parish congregation – I am amazed and spiritually edified at what so many of you do with the time you give to God in prayer and retreats; the generosity you show with your contributions; and the way you allow God to work through you with your talents and your service to our parish and to those in need! In addition, we received a loan from the Archdiocese, which will enable us to move forward with the building project; we continue to receive random but significant monetary gifts in support of our school; Mrs. Newton and our teachers continue to lead our school with exemplary enthusiasm, dedication, and love; and our school enrollment is as high as it has ever been with right at 330 students! I do not consider myself to be a naturally gifted administrator, but God has provided you and I with a very talented and professional parish staff. I am truly grateful to God for this gift – without them, I could not do my job.

- Fr. Jeff

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL



Catholic Schools Week Open House and Science Fair

Thursday, February 2, 6:30-8:00pm

All are welcome to attend the St. John Open House and Science Fair. All the classrooms will be open for parents to view student work and projects. Please invite your friends that are interested in enrolling at St. John School. This is a great opportunity for your friends to see the classrooms and meet our families.

2017-2018 Enrollment for St. John Parish Families

Enrollment for St. John Catholic School for 2017-2018 begins the end of January. 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.

St. John Garage Sale

Saturday, April 1

Start saving your "treasures" for the annual St. John Garage Sale on April 1. More details to come!

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 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 8, 2017.

Budgeted weekly amount	\$27,403.84
Average weekly amount	\$28,304.12
Budgeted YTD.....	\$767,307.52
Actual YTD.....	\$792,515.53
Net OVERAGE	\$25,208.01

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.

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 Saint John Rummage House is run by volunteers from the Saint 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.

THE WORLD JESUS KNEW

A NEW CLASS FOR THE NEW YEAR WITH FR. BARNABAS!

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. The better one knows the cultural customs, geography, people and places of the Holy Land at the time of Christ, the better one can understand the Lord's message and how it applies to us today. **Beginning January 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement**, I will be offering an introductory class on the world that Jesus knew and in which he lived.

The 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. The class will also look at the different groups of people that existed in the Lord's day and their historical backgrounds. This will include, of course, the Sadducees, the Pharisees and the Zealots... Who are they? Where did they come from? And what is their importance?

A basic understanding of the political background and history of the Holy Land is also important when it comes to growing in love, knowledge, and application of Scripture as well. This class will introduce you to a bit of the history that formed and shaped the Holy Land of the Lord's day. We will cover the origins of King Herod and the history of the Jewish return from exile and the rebuilding of the Temple. This class is intended to be an introduction to the above topics so that you can read, understand, and then better apply the Scriptures to your own life and to the world around you.

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

JUSTICE MATTERS

AN INTERFAITH NETWORK WORKING FOR JUSTICE IN LAWRENCE AND DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Blessing our Calendars

As we begin 2017 we remember when making resolutions, best intentions and plans that all we do and all we say is to praise and give glory to God by keeping the two great commandments to love God and love neighbor. We do that by fulfilling our scriptural imperatives to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

As you bless your calendars, electronic schedules and appointment books with important birthday, anniversary and special occasions you want to remember and observe, please consider blessing these dates by setting them aside as an intentional way to do justice.

The first date to think about, although it is only for Justice Matters network members, is the Solutions Briefing on March 14. This is the occasion for the five research groups on mental health crisis care, early interventions for childhood trauma, affordable housing, jail alternatives and racism to update the membership and bring for approval the outlines for probable solutions that will be proposed to decision makers at the Nehemiah Action Assembly. It is possible for non-members who are interested to attend as a guest of a network member. Contact someone you know who is a member or use the contact information at the end of this article.

The second date is the most important because it is here that we bring the people power we represent to support system changes that will be more just and fair for brothers and sisters in need. The goal for St. John Parish is to bring 250 parishioners as part of the projected assembly of 2000 people to the Lied Center on March 30. Bless your calendar by circling this date and guarding it so you can do your part to help bring justice to Lawrence. Tickets will be available from network members for the event. We will make every effort to contact all parishioners but contact information changes and some people aren't registered so if you don't receive a call you can contact us for tickets. We are aware that some people will need rides and we'll facilitate that in the best way we can. Please help us reach our goal of bringing 250 St. John supporters to the Nehemiah Action Assembly by joining the assembly on this date.

For more information about Justice Matters please contact Joe Synder (785-550-6421 or joesnyder42@gmail.com) or Pat Lechtenberg (785-842-1992 or plek10berg@aol.com).

The Justice Matters website is www.justicemattersinkansas.org



FAITH FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

All Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (aka the Atrium) sessions resume and meet as usual January 8 and January 9, 2017. Atrium sessions do not meet January 15 and January 16, 2017.

Traditional Religious Education

All Traditional Religious Education classes resume January 22.

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 FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

This **Sunday, January 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement**, Fr. Mike will continue teaching his ongoing course on Franciscan living. This course will deepen your understanding of Franciscan thought and how elements of Franciscan thought can be applied to decision making and actions we perform in our day-to-day living. You will gain a deeper understanding concerning how the teachings of Francis of Assisi of the 13th century have relevance for us today and why his teachings have survived for 800 years.



Come learn how the example of St. Francis has impacted the lives of fellow parishioners as you study and grow together in your appreciation of St. Francis and what his example can offer you. The hour long presentation will include input from Fr. Mike, time for discussion, and close with a short prayer service.

Upcoming classes: February 12 and April 9 at 7:00 pm.



SAINT JOHN YOUTH

2nd semester is underway! Here's what we have coming up:

High School

This Sunday, January 15: Bowling!!!

In 2013, Hannah Diem became the youngest person ever to bowl a perfect 300 game—**at the age of 9**. Do you think you can match her? Come and show off your skills with us at Royal Crest Lanes, starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring \$10 for bowling AND pizza! Meet us at Royal Crest Lanes, 933 Iowa Street, at 6:30. Call/text Amy at (785) 550-2034 if you have any questions!

Sunday, January 22: Discipleship Groups Meet This Week

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

Sunday, January 29: Skiing at Snow Creek!!

Ready to hit the slopes? We are! We will meet at St. John Sunday afternoon, and get to Snow Creek by 4pm for four hours of skiing! RSVP TO AMY NOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO! Text her at: (785) 550-2034.

Wednesday, February 1: Reservoir Adoration & Reconciliation

You. Jesus. Nothing else. Here's your chance to spend an hour away from the busyness of the world and focus on our Lord, made present in the Holy Eucharist. 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the church.

Middle School

Wednesday, January 18 & 25: 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!

Wednesday, February 1: The Rock & Reservoir Adoration

Gather at 6:30pm in St. Bosco Room, official start time 6:45pm). Then everyone is invited to the church for an hour of prayer before the Holy Eucharist! 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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

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 11-12.**

Please contact Jake Weeks at jakeandlaura@sunflower.com for any questions or 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 fbarnabas@saint-johns.net

ST. JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastoral Council

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

Finance Council

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

IMMIGRATION INFORMATION

On January 29 the Hispanic Center will be sponsoring a meeting with immigration attorneys in order to inform, guide and answer questions that the Hispanic community has at the moment. We will meet at 3:00pm in the church basement, child care available.

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!

MINISTERS JAN. 21-22

LECTORS

Saturday

4:30pm L1: J Snyder; L2: B Augusto

Sunday

7:00am L1: T Dowd Kelne; L2: M Delaney

8:30am L1: D Carlin; L2: W Smith

11:00am L1: Charlie D; L2: S Tabor

5:00pm L1: M Williams; L2: D Koger

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday

4:30pm P Price, S Wondrack

Sunday

7:00am Volunteers

8:30am C Peltier, Volunteer

11:00am L Keating, P Keating

5:00pm B Diers, R Diers

CANTORS

Saturday

4:30pm J Graves

Sunday

7:00am M Steichen

8:30am A Koster

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday

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

..... L Arnold, B Brill

Sunday

7:00am B Harmon, M Heath, B Menke

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

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

11:00am D Shobe, P Smith, S Stewart, D Thimmesch,

..... L Tiffany, T Towle, N Allensworth

5:00pm M LeGresley, C Malone, A McCabe, S Murray,

..... T Reznicek, J Weeks

THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who helped put up and take down the decorations for this Christmas season. We received many compliments on how beautiful the church appeared. Thanks for your continued support of St. John!

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

CLIMATE CHANGE AND RELIGION (PART 1)

By Tony Schmidt, Environmental Co-Chair, Social Concerns Committee

The environment — and especially the subject of climate change — is one of the most polarizing topics in American politics. This fact is obvious and indisputable — but what is its root? Climate change is a threat to our sense of place and identity. It affects our way of life and expectations of the future. No wonder we avoid it. Most of us are similar, with slight leanings one way or the other. Studies suggest that generally, conservatives are used to a world that is just, fair and secure. That is the way the world works. It is conservative to have loyalty to your family, patriotism, sanctity, maturity and religion, but to frown on desecration of America's greatness. Global warming is contrary to this and so it is disregarded.

The human psyche naturally rebels against the idea of eventual disaster. Civilizations throughout history have marched blindly toward disaster because humans are wired to believe that tomorrow will be much like today. A world that is 3 degrees warmer, much less 7 or 9 degrees warmer would be a very different place and would challenge what it means to be human. Climate change believers generally see the reality of what we are trying to hold back as almost futile and hopeless, so we push it away.

For many Americans, the climate issue lacks proximity and concreteness. It's abstract, invisible, distant, unfamiliar, slow moving, and intergenerational. It is not caused by an external enemy. We interpret it in the way we choose (ideology A, B or C) leading us to overestimate what we believe to be the consensus. One of the essential life enhancing functions of denial is blotting out the inner wintry darkness; this Mordor-esque land of eco-anxiety, anger, despair, and depression. Creating doubt, disparaging scientists and mocking the media is a perverse fossil fuel industry strategy. And it works. In 2015, of the 170 climate change deniers in Congress, their comments fell into nine (9) general categories.

1. There is no consensus on climate change, there is still significant debate, science can't predict it (40)
2. A big scam, a manufactured controversy to control and redistribute the wealth. Al Gore invented it. (31)
3. Maybe there is climate change but there is no consensus that it is man-made climate change (29)
4. A natural warming cycle (22)
5. Faulty research, data was doctored (16)
6. EPA and Cap and Trade laws to curb this would destroy the economy (12)
7. There has been no change in 15-20 years (9)
8. They change their tune: first global cooling, then warming, then climate "change" (7)
9. There is big money to be made on this renewable energy bandwagon (4)

Of course, we now know that 97% of the world's climate scientists say it is real, that it is manmade, and that it will be much less costly to act now rather than later. The reality of global climate change is going to keep intruding on our fantasies. Climate change is tainted by its association with the environmental movement. Thus it is bundled among issues that define group loyalty. Only 5% of people are members of environmental organizations. But more than 70% still identify with a religious faith and 25% consider themselves evangelical Christians. Christians keep faith and climate change in two separate boxes; faith is special, climate change doesn't have the same personal luminous quality.

We should recognize that in a modern society, science is for the "how" and religion is for the "why." A phony division between science and religion has emerged in some sects. Some have called science a religion. And the problem secular activists have is; acceptance is assumed, as though through osmosis, by reading a book or watching a documentary. No conviction, no language of doubt, no defense against backsliding and denial, no mechanism for coping with grief, no community of belief. If the science of climate change really were a religion, it would be a wretched one, offering guilt and blame. What is missing is forgiveness - the power of God to forgive - leaving the door open for personal change.

Part 2 will discuss possible approaches to the climate change discussion next week. Read more at www.sjevangelist.com/sjsa

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
Mary Felton
Coleman File
Meliton Gauna
Buddy Hadl
Terry Hadl
Jenny Hernandez
Dianne Hofman
Bob Holek
Paula Hollen, sister of Bev Mater
Cheryl Hunter
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
Ruth Thesing
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 lmersmann@saint-johns.net.

MASS INTENTIONS: JANUARY 16—22

Monday: 7:30am Daniel Ralkot
Tuesday: 7:30am Jim O'Toole
Wednesday: 7:30am Maggie Haack
Thursday: 7:30am For Peace
Friday: 7:30am St. John Parish
Saturday: 8:00am God's Mercy & Healing
4:30pm Keith Garcia
Sunday: 7:00am Children in Need of Adoption
8:30am Rudy Oberzant
11:00am St. John Parish
2:00pm (Sp.) Isaias Garcia Lozano
5:00pm Joseph Leet

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 **785-727-5784** or Cheryl Hicklin **785-691-5607**.

QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

Meets every **Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** in St. John's Church. The Queen of Peace Prayer Group is committed to responding to the Blessed Mother's call at Medjugorje to pray from the heart to bring about her plan for peace in the world. The hour includes the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone welcome.

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!

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.

15 de enero de 2017

2º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Seguimos haciendo camino con Jesús, nuestra vocación de cristianos nos sigue llamando cada domingo a responder con nuestros hechos a una forma de vida nueva y si por alguna razón no hacemos ministerio en las parroquias sí debemos de ser conscientes que el llamado a la santidad es para todos. El Evangelio de hoy es un testimonio de lo que Juan Bautista sabía sobre Jesús. "Este es el Cordero de Dios, el que quita el pecado del mundo" (Jn 1, 29). Él nos revela el cómo se debe de relacionar la persona con Cristo. Se va del conocimiento al testimonio. Jesús crece y Juan se hace pequeño dejándolo actuar en su vida. La sorpresa de este Evangelio va también en la figura del Padre que enaltece a su Hijo que nos salva por medio del Espíritu Santo que mora en nosotros por el bautismo.

¿Cómo vivir este misterio de la presencia de Dios en nuestra vida? ¿Cómo ser santos en medio de la violencia en que vivimos? Les aseguro que Juan Bautista también tuvo muchas dificultades para entender lo que Dios quería de su vida. Pero su secreto fue el asirse a Jesús en una relación íntima hasta dar la vida por él y por el Reino de Dios. Como Juan, simplemente, debemos de abrir nuestros ojos y reconocer y responder a las oportunidades de hacer el ministerio de Jesús, es decir, la cruz de cada día. ¡Gastando nuestra vida por los demás! Nuestro testimonio cuenta, los esfuerzos valen ya sea en la familia, la universidad o el trabajo. Jesús sigue siendo el Cordero de Dios que nos acompaña en nuestras luchas y continúa revelando a nosotros su misterio del Reino de paz y amor.



INFORMACIÓN DE INMAGRATION

El 29 de Enero El Centro Hispano estara patrocinando una reunion con abogados de Inmigracion con el fin de informar, orientar y responder preguntas que la comunidad hispana tiene en este momento. Esta reunion se llevara acabo en el subterraneo de la iglesia a las 3:00 de la tarde, tendremos cuidado de ninos, esperamos contar con su presencia y participacion.

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 centrandó 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!

Las lecturas de la semana del 15 de enero de 2017

Domingo: Is 49, 3. 5-6/Sal 40/1 Cor 1, 1-3/Jn 1, 29-34
Lunes: Heb 5, 1-10/Sal 110/Mc 2, 18-22
Martes: Heb 6, 10-20/Sal 111/Mc 2, 23-28
Miércoles: Heb 7, 1-3. 15-17/Sal 110/Mc 3, 1-6
Jueves: Heb 7, 25--8, 6/Sal 40/Mc 3, 7-12
Viernes: Heb 8, 6-13/Sal 85/Mc 3, 13-19
Sábado: Heb 9, 2-3. 11-14/Sal 47/Mc 3, 20-21
Domingo siguiente: Is 8, 23--9, 3/Sal 27/1 Cor 1, 10-13. 17/ Mt 4, 12-23 o 4, 12-17