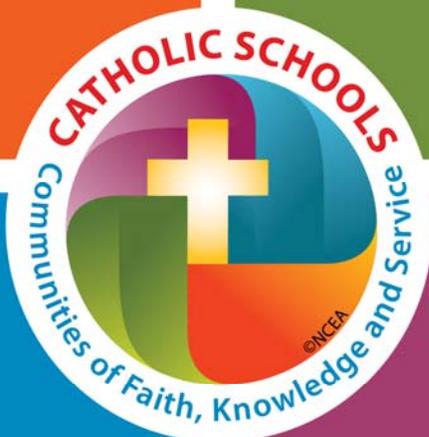
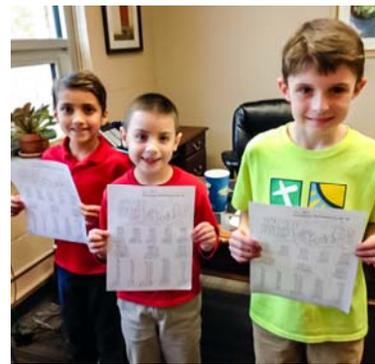


JANUARY 29, 2017
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**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS WEEK #CSW17**

JANUARY 29 – FEBRUARY 4

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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RESERVOIR ADORATION

Wednesday, February 1, 7:00-8:00pm

Life is busy, crazy, and full of distractions. It can seem difficult to find time to devote solely to a conversation between you and God. Take an hour for prayer and worship in Eucharistic adoration, with periods of music and silence, this Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church. Reconciliation will also be available in the Padre Pio chapel.

See page 4 for more opportunities to experience Eucharistic Adoration, and visit www.sjevangelist.com/adoration for ideas on how best to spend an adoration hour.

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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.

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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!

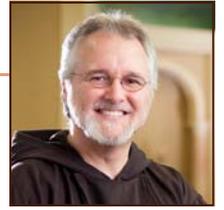
Thirsty for more?

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.

BREAD TO OFFER

MAKING AMERICA GREAT AGAIN

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.



“Indeed, though one be perfect among the sons of men, if wisdom, who comes from you be not with him, he shall be held in no esteem” (Wisdom 9:6)

In the past few weeks I have heard from many of you regarding your feelings and concerns about our new President. There is much alarm and anxiety among some of our parishioners. There also are some among us who do not feel the same way, yet we are all brothers and sisters in Christ and so hopefully, we can be sensitive and respectful toward one another, especially toward those who may be feeling hurt, angry, and/or anxious.

People in our parish seem to cover the spectrum of reactions to the presidential election. Many of you are extremely concerned and even fearful about the President and the bigotry that he seems to foment. There are many who are optimistic and hopeful at what they perceive in the election of President Trump as perhaps a truer representation of the American populace. Some of you are deeply offended at what seems to be a crass insensitivity of the President with regard to minorities, immigrants, and women. Others of you are greatly encouraged by the prospect of a new direction in our nation’s economy and better prospects for employment. In between these views, I have heard from some of you who indicated that you did not vote for President Trump but you are open to, and waiting to see, what happens as the new administration makes its transition. Conversely, there are some of you who did vote for Trump, but have grave concerns about his impulsive nature, whether he will work with Congress, heed the advice of his cabinet, and how he will conduct foreign policy.

I have empathized with all of the above views and I have to admit that I am not always so sure of where I stand myself. I certainly share the angst of our recently arrived immigrant brothers and sisters who fear for their future and wonder whether their families will remain together. I also sense the dread of those who fear that this new administration could further divide our nation and set us at odds with other nations. And, I am especially concerned about how President Trump will perform with regard to foreign policy, whether he will befriend other world leaders who have no regard for human life and dignity, and whether he will continue America’s legacy of assisting destitute and struggling nations in their quest for a better future.

The president’s seeming inability to articulate well-thought responses to inquiry; his preference for social media to express blunt, knee-jerk reactions; and his lack of political experience are cause enough for real concern. Yet, how he will perform as the President of the United States remains to be seen. In the meantime, perhaps the true test of his success or failure as the leader of our nation can be measured against his own campaign slogan “Make America Great Again.” This of course will depend on what the president means by “Make America Great Again.” If by that he means a nation with peripheral regard for those less fortunate, struggling nations; an introspective and isolationist neo-nationalist agenda; and a narrow view of the American Identity, then indeed, there is reason for concern.

If though, by “Make America Great Again,” Mr. Trump means what can be said to be characteristic of the best that America has been throughout its history: a balance of prosperity and charity; magnanimity and responsibility; assisting struggling nations while not neglecting our own; a model of democracy and of altruism; as defending *and protecting* freedom of religion as well as the ability of adherents to live their religious beliefs freely according to their conscience; and a world leader in international diplomacy with integrity, then we have reason for hope and optimism.

Something to keep in mind is that our government system has checks and balances. The legislative, judicial, and executive branches of government are meant to keep in check any tendency toward a despotic or unilateral rule. The leadership of the United States takes place from within the dynamic relationship of these three branches. Should a president act in a way which compromises his oath of office, there is always recourse to impeachment. It is true that a president can issue executive order, but even that can be challenged if used in a way not consonant with the Constitution of the United States.

I hear the fear and alarm some of you have expressed. I pray that these concerns do not come to pass. Let us all pray together for President Trump, for our nation, and for those among us who are distressed. In closing, I will refer to the inaugural prayer offered by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York. He mostly read his prayer from a passage in the Book of Wisdom, which itself is a prayer for wisdom:

God of my fathers, Lord of mercy,
you who have made all things by your word
and in your wisdom have established man
to rule the creatures produced by you,
to govern the world in holiness and justice,
and to render judgment in integrity of heart:
give me Wisdom, the attendant at your throne,
and reject me not from among your children;
for I am your servant, the son of your handmaid,
a man weak and short-lived
and lacking in comprehension of judgment and of laws (9:1-5)

Let us pray for our President!

- Fr. Jeff



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

There will be Anointing of the Sick in the church after the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass on February 4th and all Masses on Sunday, February 5th.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Next Sunday kicks off Catholic Schools Week — here's a look at what's coming up at St. John School!



Sunday, January 29

St. John students will participate in the 11:00 a.m. parish Mass. Students will serve as lectors, gift bearers, and our Alleluia Singers will provide the music!

Monday, January 30

From 8:15-9:45 a.m. We will have Grandparents and Special Friends Day. Grandparents and special family friends are invited to St. John School to visit classrooms and get to know our school!

Tuesday, January 31

Sixth graders hit the ski slopes!

Wednesday, February 1

Spirit Day

Thursday, February 2

8:30 a.m. School Mass – Celebration of the Presentation of the Lord.
6:30-8:00 p.m. Science Fair and Open House – All are welcome!
Tours available to any families who might be interested in enrolling in the school.

Friday, February 3

Game day and pizza party for the school.
5:30-6:15 p.m. Taco dinner, followed by 6:15-7:15 p.m. bingo in the church basement

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

The World Day for Consecrated Life will be Thursday, February 2, 2017. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life (vows of poverty, chastity and obedience), and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocations.

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 to the priesthood in our archdiocese, visit www.kckvocations.com or email vocation@archkck.org

EUCCHARISTIC 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 sickinger@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 for more ideas.





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 Catholic School Honor Roll for Fall 2016

St. John Catholic School announces its first semester middle school honor roll. Congratulations and good work, students!

4.0 Principal's Honor Roll

6th Grade: Aubrey Duncan, Bailey Babbitt, Grace Malin, Gus Ketchell, Helena Stafford, Leo Fair, Sofia McAllister

7th Grade: Addison London, Chaney Finkeldei, Clare Peltier, Dumebi Enyinnaya, Emily Silvers, Francesca Dessert, Gabriela Carttar, Jacob Goos, Maretta Graves, Piper Price, Sam Cast, Hobbs Herlihy

8th Grade: Amelia Q. Lang, Bailey Thomas, Chase Ramirez, Clara Ketchell, Elsa Fair, Emma-Frances Smith, Iris Dunn, Jasmine Najafzadeh, Max Cast, Maya Sabatini, Michael Williams, Mya Gilbert, Paige Helt, Rileigh Schmidt, Sophia Hamilton

3.5-3.9 Eagle Honor Roll

6th Grade: Elliott Koger, Isaac Hartz-Jensen, Micah Dunn, Carlee Copeland, Carson Marsh, Gisele French, Owen Stafford, Jarrett Breuer, Parrish Lopez

7th Grade: Emma Koster, Grace Shroyer, Russell Yother, Abigail Woolverton, Lily Rischer, Madison DeWitt, Mary Green, Conner Marsh, Soledad Stevanov

8th Grade: Connor Ireland, Molly Daugherty, Alexis Foster, Oscar Schmidt

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!

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!



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.

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.

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THE HOMILIES OF FR. EARL MEYER

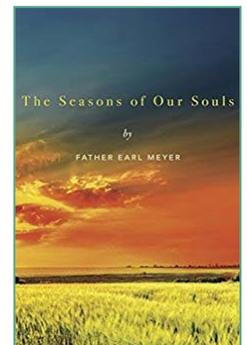
We have just entered into Year A in the liturgical calendar, and Fr. Earl has a collection of homilies for all three liturgical years. Copies are available now in the parish office for \$10. Pick up a copy of Year A today, or complete your collection with all 3!

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 throughout each season of the year.

You can pick up a copy in the parish office for only \$5!



THE WORLD JESUS KNEW: A CLASS WITH FR. BARNABAS!

Next class: Tuesday, January 31 at 7pm (with an encore session Thursday, February 2, 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. 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. **On (most) Tuesdays this spring—with encore classes Thursday afternoons**—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.

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. 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 fbarnabas@saint-johns.net

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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.

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.

MINISTERS FEB. 4-5

LECTORS

Saturday

4:30pm L1: M Powell; L2: I Hartsig

Sunday

7:00am L1: T Dowd Kelne; L2: C Zebas

8:30am L1: J Wyatt; L2: E Dvorske

11:00am L1: J O'Brien; L2: M Head

5:00pm L1: A Hill; L2: J Cairns

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday

4:30pm P Price, Volunteer

Sunday

7am Volunteers

8:30am C. Peltier, N Peltier

10:30am G Sabatini, M Sabatini

5pm B Diers, R Diers

CANTORS

Saturday

4:30pm K Beisner

Sunday

7:00am M Conn

8:30am T Noll

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday

4:30pm B Johnson, J Koster, J McGraw, L Reimond,
..... MA Roesner, L Seidl

Sunday

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

8:30am Y Ruder, L Scott, M Steichen, B Volz, J Dvorske,
..... C Nieto-Boor, E Grob-Creasey

11:00am C&D Ehrlich, J Evers, S Goodwin, P Gripka,
..... J Mercier, C Nieto-Boor

5:00pm N Jones, M LeGresley, C Malone, A McCabe,
..... S Murray, T Reznicek

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). A light snack will be provided, and an RSVP is preferred, but not necessary, to srooney@theshelterinc.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Scott Anderson, Social Concerns Committee

On May 13, 1931, Pope Pius XI issued the encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno*, known in English as *On the Reconstruction of the Social Order*. This was exactly forty years after Pope Leo XIII's groundbreaking document on the rights of labor in the new industrial age, *Rerum Novarum*. Pius acknowledges the importance of his predecessor's encyclical outside the Catholic world, noting the labor laws that had been established due in part to its influence.

As Pius wrote, the world was suffering through the Great Depression. Tensions between the classes had grown more bitter. Pius saw the conflict as one between unfettered capitalism and a degenerate socialism "sunk into Communism." He had little regard for either. In capitalism, he saw the exploitation of the working poor, impoverishment of rural workers, disproportional disparities in wealth, and economic dictatorship. "Socialism, on the other hand... affirms that human association has been instituted for the sake of material advantage alone."

Pius writes, "Every effort must...be made that fathers of families receive a sufficient wage adequate to meet ordinary domestic needs, which he defined as having three components: 1) the worker's family responsibilities, 2) the economic conditions of his profession or occupation, and 3) the overall economy. Now it may be that employers, even if they wish to pay a living wage, find they cannot do so due to competitors underpaying their workers and gaining a competitive advantage. If the "present state of society" prevents employers from acting properly, "social justice demands that reforms be introduced without delay which will guarantee every adult workingman just such a wage."

Pius wanted to see such reforms instituted through a coming together of all parties, a solidarity between the powerful and the weak, in contrast to the socialist cry of class warfare. He wished to see contracts negotiated, profits shared, and consideration of the common good, which includes the health of the business. But he knew too well the greed and corruption of humans, including the financiers who provided "the life blood to the entire economic body...so that no one can breathe against their will."

Therefore, he allows that there is a role for the state to encourage, even require that capital and labor achieve concord in the name of the common good. Since this harmony benefits the whole community, such intervention "does not commit a hostile act against private owners but rather does them a friendly service."

Quadragesimo Anno introduced the term "social justice" into the Catholic social teachings. It proclaimed that the State and its rulers, while having responsibility for the whole of the realm, must give special emphasis to the weak and the poor. This teaching has enjoyed the consistent support of the Church throughout the decades of change since Pius XI released it. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote in *Caritas in Veritate*, "It is not a case of two typologies of social doctrine, one pre-conciliar and one post-conciliar, differing from one another; on the contrary, there is a single teaching consistent and, at the same time, ever new."

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

BLESSING OF CANDLES

Thursday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is tradition on this day to bless the candles that are to be used in church, as well as to bless candles that the faithful can take home with them. Several small votive candles will be available to take, but candles may also be brought from home to the 7:30 a.m. Mass to have them blessed for personal and family use.

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
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
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

MASS INTENTIONS: JAN. 30—FEB. 5

Monday: 7:30am Pete Louis Jamest
Tuesday: 7:30am For Vocations
Wednesday: 7:30am Andrew Kisht
Thursday: 7:30am Osborne-O'Connor Family
Friday: 7:30am Rudy Oberzant
Saturday: 8:00am Melania Thomast
4:30pm Clem Zillnert
Sunday: 7:00am Susan Gelvint & Family
8:30am Marilyn Caldwell
11:00am Pat Schamlet
2:00pm (Sp.) St. John Parish
5:00pm Benedict Lee & Family

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

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!



ST. JOHN YOUTH

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

High School

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.

Sunday, February 4: Discipleship Groups Meet This Week

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

Summer trip applications will also become available February 1!
*Get excited to travel to Alexandria, Louisiana for Steubenville South (June 23-27)
and to Osage City for Prayer and Action (July 9-14)!*

Middle School

Wednesday, February 1: The Rock & Reservoir Adoration

Gather at 6:30pm in Room 201 of the School, 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.

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!

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

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!

Knights of Columbus members from across the State of Kansas and our Supreme office in New Haven, CT purchased a new ultrasound machine for the Pregnancy Care Center of Lawrence.

On Monday, January 16, 2017, local Knights from the councils of Lawrence, Eudora, Tonganoxie and Baldwin along with State Council of Kansas officers of the Knights of Columbus presented the new ultrasound. Father Jeff Ernst blessed the machine.

(Photo taken by Brother Knight John Milburn)



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 22, 2017.

Budgeted weekly amount\$27,403.84
Average weekly amount.....**\$28,734.69**
Budgeted YTD \$822,115.20
Actual YTD**\$862,040.73**
Net OVERAGE \$39,925.53

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.

JUSTICE MATTERS



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

Thoughts from Carol von Tersch, a St. John's Justice Team leader

Two Mondays ago we celebrated the national holiday, Martin Luther King day. Rev. King was a leader in the Cause of Civil Rights and social justice so this is a great time for all of us concerned about social justice to reflect on his leadership, his commitment and sacrifice, and the origin and the depth of his Christian commitment.

When Dr. King suffered the degradation of imprisonment in Birmingham, he lamented the lack of support from the Christian churches. Quoting from his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail":

"There was a time when the church was very powerful. It was during that period that the early Christians rejoiced when they were deemed worthy to suffer for what they believed. In those days the church was not merely a thermometer that recorded the ideas and principles of popular opinion; it was the thermostat that transformed the mores of society. Whenever the early Christians entered a town the power structure got disturbed and immediately sought to convict them for being "disturbers of the peace" and "outside agitators." But they went on with the conviction that they were "a colony of heaven" and had to obey God rather than man. They were small in number but big in commitment."

He goes on to say:

"If the church of today does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authentic ring, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club..."

JUSTICE MATTERS seeks to transform the mores of society. The five biggest justice issues facing our city are:

- Lack of mental services for those in crisis
- Life-altering Traumas for Children of Douglas County
- Shortage of Affordable Housing
- Institutional Racism, and
- Growing Incarceration affecting women, children, and minorities

Are these social issues that the gospel has nothing to do with? At the very least we are called to be informed about these issues in our community and to recognize that it is morally right to speak out for those whose voices may not otherwise be heard.

For more information about Justice Matters please contact Joe Synder (785-550-6421 or joesynder42@gmail.com) or Pat Lechtenberg (785-842-1992 or plek10berg@aol.com).

The Justice Matters website is www.justicemattersinkansas.org

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 11-12, 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.

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.**

GROCERY CARDS & TRASH BAGS

February 4-5

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Purchase Checkers gift cards and Checkers donates 6% back to the school. Sold in \$50 and \$100 increments.

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PRE-ORDER FORM

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Hy-Vee	\$50	<input type="text"/>
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The Merc	\$50	<input type="text"/>

Hy-Vee \$50 Coupon Book	Amount	# of Books
	\$5	<input type="text"/>

TRASH BAGS

Color	Size	Bags/Roll	Amt.	# of Rolls
White	18 gal.	60	\$12	<input type="text"/>
Yellow	39 gal.	20	\$12	<input type="text"/>
Blue	55 gal.	15	\$12	<input type="text"/>

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$

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.

29 de enero de 2017

4º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Las lecturas de este domingo nos invitan a estar siempre en constante búsqueda del Señor. Las personas sencillas y humildes solo pueden esperar en Dios, son los que con su fe en medio de las tribulaciones salen al frente de sus dificultades. Y no se diga en cuestión de justicia es su baluarte. La humildad en estos tiempos no tiene cabida, es más, muchos ni siquiera saben el significado de la humildad. "El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica" en el número 2540 nos da pautas de cómo poner en práctica la humildad. "La envidia procede con frecuencia del orgullo; el bautizado ha de esforzarse por vivir en la humildad".

Tengamos cuidado esmerado en este asunto ya que en nuestra época muchas veces no se aprecia el llevar una vida sencilla y humilde. El ser humilde consiste en confiar en Dios, es también la verdad sobre nosotros mismos. La persona verdaderamente humilde no se infla de orgullo y vanidad, sino que es capaz de llevar una vida equilibrada. San Pablo lo describe de otra manera. "El que se gloria, que se glorie en el Señor" (1 Cor 1, 31). Qué bello sería el apreciar con sencillez de corazón el ser hijos de Dios, el querernos como hermanos y hermanas. Finalmente, quiero dedicar unas frases al sermón del monte o bienaventuranzas, donde el humilde tiene un papel muy importante. Alcanzar la pobreza de corazón, la mansedumbre, la misericordia, la capacidad de trabajar por la paz y la pureza del corazón es el reto de nuestra vida. Porque solo así podremos vivir felices. ¡Jesús, que es manso y humilde de corazón, tenga piedad de nosotros! ¿Qué piensa usted de la humildad? ¿Conoce personas sencillas y humildes en su vida?

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Las lecturas de la semana del 29 de enero de 2017

Domingo: Sof 2, 3; 3, 12-13/Sal 146/1 Cor 1, 26-31/Mt 5, 1-12
Lunes: Heb 11, 32-40/Sal 31/Mc 5, 1-20
Martes: Heb 12, 1-4/Sal 22/Mc 5, 21-43
Miércoles: Heb 12, 4-7. 11-15/Sal 103/Mc 6, 1-6
Jueves: Mal 3, 1-4/Sal 24/Heb 2, 14-18/Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22-32
Viernes: Heb 13, 1-8/Sal 27/Mc 6, 14-29
Sábado: Heb 13, 15-17. 20-21/Sal 23/Mc 6, 30-34
Domingo siguiente: Is 58, 7-10/Sal 112/1 Cor 2, 1-5/Mt 5, 13-16

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 subteraneo 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 centrandolo 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!



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