



# ST JOHN

THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 8, 2017

A close-up photograph of a spider on a branch covered in frost. The spider is in the center, with its legs spread out. The background is a soft-focus field of similar frost-covered branches.

## *The Epiphany* OF THE LORD

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Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” - Mt 2:1b-2

# 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

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.....Patty Guadian (afternoons)  
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[www.sjevangelist.com/school](http://www.sjevangelist.com/school)

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Shop our second hand store of used items at discount prices.

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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)

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# SAINT JOHN SCHOOL



*"Above all, the teaching of the faith and assurance of Jesus' love  
is the most important part of St. John School.*

*It is a privilege for us as staff to share our faith, pray, sing songs of praise,  
celebrate the liturgical seasons of the year, and attend school Mass with our students.*

*This is who we are."*

— Pat Newton, Principal

Visit online at [sjevangelist.com/school](http://sjevangelist.com/school), call (785) 843-9511 or email Mrs. Pat Newton, Principal, at [newton@saint-johns.net](mailto:newton@saint-johns.net)  
for more information and to schedule a tour for you and your student!

# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be an hour of **Reservoir Adoration this Wednesday, January 11, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** in the church. Everyone is invited to attend some or all of this hour—Reconciliation will also be available.

Silent adoration is available in the Padre Pio chapel from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of each week. We invite you to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

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](http://www.sjevangelist.com) for more ideas.



# 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 December 25, 2016.

Budgeted weekly amount .....\$27,403.84  
Average weekly amount.....**\$27,922.06**

Budgeted YTD .....\$712,499.84  
Actual YTD .....**\$725,973.76**

**Net OVERAGE .....\$13,473.92**

**Thank you for your  
continued generosity!**

## 2017 FINANCIAL PLEDGE FORMS

Thank you for your continued support and generosity of the St. John community. We ask that you return your pledge form to the parish office or in the collection basket at Mass.

If you have not received your 2017 Financial Pledge Form or have questions please contact Samantha Romero at [sromero@saint-johns.net](mailto:sromero@saint-johns.net) or by phone at (785) 843-0109. Your generosity helps to further the mission of this parish!

## ONLINE GIVING RENEWAL PROCESS

### How to renew your Online Giving account:

Thank you for generous support of St. John through the online giving program. There are some steps you will need to take in order to update your information in Online Giving for the coming pledge year. Each year these steps can be taken only if changes need to be made in the amount or the date that your tithe is withdrawn.

### Steps to take:

1. Login to your ACCOUNT. You can find the Online Giving link on the St. John website home page [www.sjevangelist.com](http://www.sjevangelist.com). (If you need to find out your username or password check your junk mail when they send the email with that information)
2. Click on "My Active Online Giving" — This gives a list of all your active giving. Take a note of the gift type that you have clicked. (Pledge or Recurring)
  - A. If the "Gift type is Pledge" — Payments will end when that pledge amount is reached. You will need to go in and change that to a recurring gift. You can do that by clicking on "Give a New Gift" and enter as a recurring gift.
  - B. If the "Gift type is Recurring" — Payments will continue until you tell them to stop. If you wish to change the amount or the date which the payment is withdrawn you will do this from the "My Active Online Giving" screen (at the end of the line there is a little pencil, click on the pencil to change the amount and/or date).

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:lbrey525@gmail.com)) for more info.

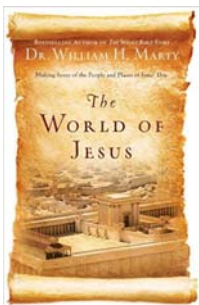
# THE WORLD JESUS KNEW

## 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?

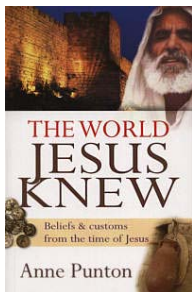
A basic understanding of the political background and history of the Holy Land is also important when it comes to growing in love, knowledge, and application of Scripture as well. This class will introduce you to a bit of the history that formed and shaped the Holy Land of the Lord's day. We will cover 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.



*The World of Jesus*  
by Dr. William H. Marty

**COURSE MATERIALS**  
Available at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)

*The World Jesus Knew*  
by Anne Punton



## COURSE SCHEDULE

Classes will meet at 7:00pm in the church basement on the following Tuesday evenings:

January 24 & 31  
February 7, 14 & 28  
March 14 & 28  
April 4 & 25



# SAINT JOHN YOUTH

Welcome to 2017! Here's what we have coming up:

## High School

**Sunday, January 8:** No large group meeting—your group leaders will be getting together to finalize plans for the semester!

### Wednesday, January 11: Reservoir Adoration

Start the New Year right with an hour of prayer time before the Holy Eucharist! 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome!

### Sunday, January 15: Bowling!!!

Jeff Cramer bowled a 300\*...do you think you can match him? (\*it took him six games all added together, but he got there!) Come show off your skills with us at Royal Crest Lanes, starting at 6:30 p.m.

### Sunday, January 22: Discipleship Groups Meet This Week

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

## Middle School

### Wednesday, January 11: The Rock & Reservoir Adoration

Students, we will have our first meeting of 2017 (gather at 6:30pm in St. Bosco Room, official start time 6:45pm). Then, everyone is invited to start the New Year right with an hour of prayer before the Holy Eucharist! 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the church.

Learn more about St. John Youth and our upcoming events: [sjevangelist.com/youth](http://sjevangelist.com/youth)

# — New Year's Resolution —

## To the Men of St. John Parish:

Do you want to be a “Go to” guy for the priests of our parish? Why not make this year’s resolution to donate a few hours each month to your church and grow your faith in Christ while doing so.

There is a group of men doing exactly that. Their mission is charity and through donating a few hours each month they are able to maintain a charitable account to fund various groups.

1. They host a golf tournament in which all proceeds go to their charities account.
2. They try to get one men’s KU basketball game to clean up the fieldhouse following the game and put that money in their charities account.
3. They host a yearly Tootsie Roll Drive in which these profits go to the Douglas County Special Olympics.
4. There is a cemetery, consisting of 10 acres, just east of the Lawrence city limits owned by the Archdiocese. As Mount Calvary starts to get closer to full capacity, this group of men are volunteering their time to get this 10 acres ready for use. This will be a 3 to 5 year project.
5. These men volunteer their time in weekly mowing and clean up of the church and friary grounds.
6. These men volunteer their time for various church functions, i.e. Fiesta, Oktoberfest, and St. John School Auction.
7. We host the Friday Lenten Fish Fry’s and all proceeds go to our charities account.
8. We host various Sunday Morning breakfasts and brunches with all proceeds also going to our charities account.
9. We volunteer our time to put on the annual parish picnic.

These are just some of the volunteer works that these men do.

## Current charities:

Lawrence Pregnancy Care Center, Boys and Girl Scouts, local seminarian support, support of the St. Lawrence Community, Pennies for Heaven, EDAP (Emergency Disaster Program), Douglas County Blood Drive, St. John Scholarship Fund for High School Parishioner, and many more smaller donations.

They gather along with their families on the first Friday of the month at 6:30pm in the church to pray and celebrate the rosary together.

Our founder, Fr. McGivney, organized a group of men to perform these deeds. We are now the largest Catholic men’s organization in the world and are looking for Catholic men to join our ranks and help with our cause of charitable ministries.

## Who are We? The Knights of Columbus

If you have interest in joining our ranks and getting to know the men and their families you pray with each Sunday, fill out the information below and drop it in the collection basket or contact one of the members below. God Bless!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**Darin Denning**, Grand Knight  
785-760-0788, [kvk\\_coach@yahoo.com](mailto:kvk_coach@yahoo.com)

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785-418-1908, [kjreed0911@gmail.com](mailto:kjreed0911@gmail.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](mailto:jakeandlaura@sunflower.com) for any questions or see the CRHP webpage for more info or to register online: [www.sjevangelist.com/crhp](http://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](mailto:frjeff@saint-johns.net)    [fbarnabas@saint-johns.net](mailto: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

## FIESTA MEETING

There will be a Fiesta meeting on Wednesday, January 11th starting at 7pm in the St. John School library.

Contact Frank Lemus with any questions by phone at **785-691-8769** or by email at [flemusjr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:flemusjr@sbcglobal.net).

## 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. 14-15

### LECTORS

#### Saturday

4:30pm ..... L1: D Rogers; L2: R Entwistle

#### Sunday

7:00am ..... L1: C Winkelbauer; L2: C Zebas

8:30am ..... L1: L Sheppard; L2: J Wyatt

11:00am ..... L1: C Bial; M Head

5:00pm ..... L1: J Cairns; B Walter

### ALTAR SERVERS

#### Saturday

4:30pm ..... P Price, G Ohlmacher

#### Sunday

7:00am ..... Volunteers

8:30am ..... S Liu, Volunteer

11:00am ..... M Green, J Green

5:00pm ..... L Schmidt, O Schmidt

### CANTORS

#### Saturday

4:30pm ..... K Beisner

#### Sunday

7:00am ..... M Conn

8:30am ..... K Gibb

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### Saturday

4:30pm ..... J Halderman, L Heiserman, A Hewitt,

..... B Johnson, J Koster, J McGraw

#### Sunday

7:00am ..... L Wustefeld, J Grzymala-Busse, B Harmon

8:30am ..... T Kempf, B Kessler, K Kohnke, K Ostrander,

..... Y Ruder, L Scott, M Steichen

11:00am ..... D, J & T Gunselman, J Mercier,

..... C Nieto-Boor, N & J Otter

5:00pm ..... J Weeks, D Wulf-Walter, N Albrecht,

..... L Brey, S File, N Jones

# 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 are starting the second half of our program, The Spirit of Nazareth, on January 11th, 2017. Come join us for inspiring programs, great food and fellowship. **Every Wednesday morning, 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. in the church basement.**

Please contact Kent Beisner, [kdbeisner@gmail.com](mailto:kdbeisner@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## THE FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Next **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.

# SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

**By Susan Tabor, Social Concerns Committee**

On December 13, Pope Francis released the annual World Day of Peace Message for January 1, 2017, called "Nonviolence—A Style of Politics for Peace." This is the Vatican's fiftieth World Day of Peace message, but it's the first statement on nonviolence, in the tradition of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—in history. Here are some more excerpts:

### ***Practicing the Nonviolence of Jesus***

Jesus lived and taught nonviolence, which Francis calls "a radically positive approach." Jesus "unfailingly preached God's unconditional love, which welcomes and forgives. He taught his disciples to love their enemies (cf. Mt 5:44) and to turn the other cheek (cf. Mt 5:39). When he stopped her accusers from stoning the woman caught in adultery (cf. Jn 8:1-11), and when, on the night before he died, he told Peter to put away his sword (cf. Mt 26:52), Jesus marked out the path of nonviolence. He walked that path to the very end, to the cross, whereby he became our peace and put an end to hostility (cf. Eph 2:14-16). Whoever accepts the Good News of Jesus is able to acknowledge the violence within and be healed by God's mercy, becoming in turn an instrument of reconciliation."

"To be true followers of Jesus today also includes embracing his teaching about nonviolence," Francis writes. He quotes Pope Benedict who said that the command to love our enemies "is the magna carta of Christian nonviolence. It does not consist in succumbing to evil..., but in responding to evil with good and thereby breaking the chain of injustice."

"The decisive and consistent practice of nonviolence has produced impressive results," Francis explains. "The achievements of Mahatma Gandhi and Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan in the liberation of India, and of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr in combating racial discrimination will never be forgotten. Women in particular are often leaders of nonviolence, as for example, was Leymah Gbowee and the thousands of Liberian women, who organized pray-ins and nonviolent protest that resulted in high-level peace talks to end the second civil war in Liberia. The Church has been involved in nonviolent peacebuilding strategies in many countries, engaging even the most violent parties in efforts to build a just and lasting peace. Let us never tire of repeating: 'The name of God cannot be used to justify violence. Peace alone is holy. Peace alone is holy, not war!'

"If violence has its source in the human heart, then it is fundamental that nonviolence be practiced within families," Francis writes. "I plead with equal urgency for an end to domestic violence and to the abuse of women and children. The politics of nonviolence have to begin in the home and then spread to the entire human family."

"An ethics of fraternity and peaceful coexistence between individuals and among peoples cannot be based on the logic of fear, violence and closed-mindedness, but on responsibility, respect and sincere dialogue," Francis continues. "I plead for disarmament and for the prohibition and abolition of nuclear weapons: nuclear deterrence and the threat of mutual assured destruction are incapable of grounding such an ethics (of nonviolence)."

# STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

## IN MEMORIAM

### JUDY HILL

Husband of Jack Hill

Mother of Mike Hill, Pat Shultz, Marti Frost and Tim Hill

## 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**

**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](mailto:lmersmann@saint-johns.net).

## MASS INTENTIONS: JANUARY 9—15

**Monday:** 7:30am ..... Michael Schurer †

**Tuesday:** 7:30am ..... Judy Hill †

**Wednesday:** 7:30am ..... Feuerborn Family

**Thursday:** 7:30am ..... Olden Family

**Friday:** 7:30am ..... Christina Lee

**Saturday:** 8:00am ..... Charles & Anna Laskowski †  
4:30pm ..... Robert Fluker †

**Sunday:** 7:00am ..... Susan Gelvin †  
8:30am ..... Ramon Romero †  
11:00am ..... St. John Parish  
2:00pm (Sp.) ..... Celia & Santos Garcia †  
5:00pm ..... Connie Cooley †

## 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!



# FOCUS ON THE WORD

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." In our day and age, the star of Christmas has become a kind of decorative symbol that adorns manger scenes and Christmas trees. It suggests something good and bright and holy, a visual indicator that the "Light of the world" has appeared. But today, on the feast of the Epiphany, we recall that originally, this star was not just a pretty symbolic ornament. This star was a sign from God that intervened in the operations of the physical universe. The Magi understood that this star was sent from God to indicate where his Son would be born.

Of course it should not surprise us in this season of all seasons that God should choose to order the universe according to his purposes. Jesus has just been born of a virgin! God has just taken on human flesh. These events in themselves are extraordinary divine interventions--miracles that defy the standard operation of things. Why shouldn't God choose to send a luminous star where he wants it, when he wants it? Why shouldn't he reveal his plan through the things that he created in the first place?

The beauty of today's feast is found, in part, in the fact that the Magi were able to recognize this sign from God. They waited for it, they saw it, and they rejoiced in it: "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." We too should be overjoyed in this season of God's special revelation to us. We may need the eyes to recognize it, but truly we have waited for a Savior, we have seen his appearance at Christmas, and now it is time to celebrate! God is at work in our physical world. He has come here, now to save us. This is cause for rejoicing!

## FOR KIDS: SHARING THE GOSPEL



### REFLECTION

When Jesus was born, angels sang. I'll bet you never thought stars could sing for Jesus, too. But the stars in the sky sang in their own way, just by moving and twinkling in the sky. The Savior was born.

Jesus was the King that God's people had been waiting for. Magi who had been watching the sky saw a star much brighter than the rest. They followed that star until they found Jesus, and they worshipped their new king.

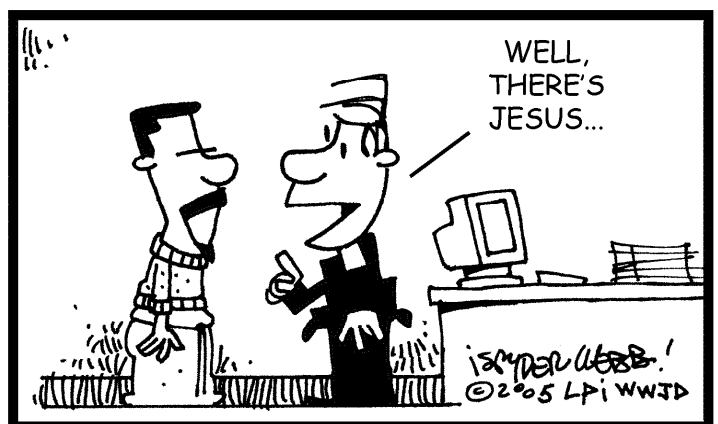
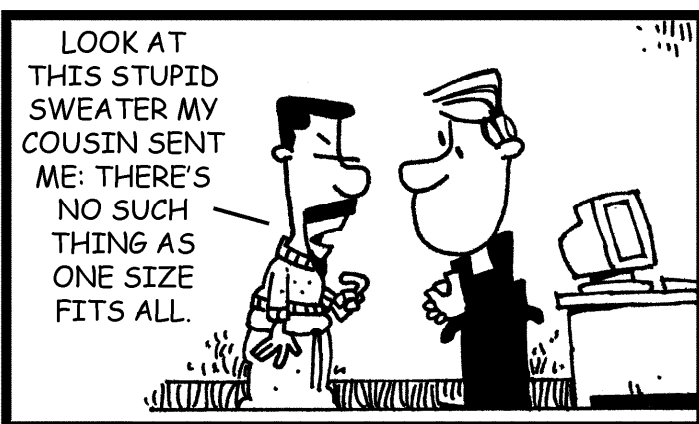
### PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for making the stars move and twinkle in a special way, so that the Magi could find Jesus.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask your family if you can visit a planetarium, or look through a special telescope, so you can see the stars God made.

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



**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.

## 8 de enero de 2017

### LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

Seguimos celebrando el nacimiento del Hijo de Dios y la liturgia nos invita hoy a entrar de lleno al misterio de la Epifanía del Señor. "Epifanía" viene del griego y significa manifestación. Hoy Dios se manifiesta al mundo por medio de los tres reyes. La Iglesia Griega celebra la Epifanía a lo grande, la Iglesia Católica la celebra después del nacimiento de Jesús. En la antigüedad se creía generalmente que las estrellas y los planetas tenían un significado especial en el nacimiento de personas importantes. Los magos que llegaron hasta Jesús no eran magos como los que vemos en el circo que hacen magia, sino que eran las personas sabias de aquellos tiempos. Es importante que expliquemos a los niños esta gran diferencia especialmente porque muchas veces esperan la magia de muchos juguetes.

¿De qué forma Dios se ha manifestado a nosotros en esta Navidad? ¿Qué hemos encontrado en la jornada de búsqueda de Dios en nuestra vida? Recordemos que en el camino de la vida nuestro enfoque principal debe ser el Señor Jesús. Hace apenas 8 días celebramos con alegría el Año Nuevo ahora tenemos casi 365 días de páginas en blanco para llenarlas con proyectos y sueños propios. El más importante es continuar moviéndonos hacia Cristo. Que no se pierda la estrella de la Navidad entre lo cotidiano de la vida. Que siempre preguntemos a los que nos rodean, "¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos venido a adorarlo" (Mt 2, 2). Que durante el año recordemos las siguientes palabras: Gloria a Dios en las alturas, nacido en Belén, magos de oriente llegaron a Jerusalén. ¡Que así sea!

**Próximo RETIRO DE QUINCEAÑERA:** va a ser el 14-15 de Enero 2017, en la cafetería de la parroquia de Our Lady of Unity (Sacred Heart campus) 2646 S. 34th Street, in Kansas City KS, 66106. Para registrarse llamar a Lety al 913 281 6644 (dejen un mensaje claro por favor).

**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.

**Taller de VIRTUS:** El Próximo Tallers de Virtus en Español va a ser en la parroquia de Todos los Santos (All Saints Parish 229 S. 8th St., in Kansas City, KS 66101, el 14 de Enero a las 10am. Para mas informaciones o registrarse llamar a Luz Diaz de All Saints 913 371 1837 o escribir al (dfc@allsaintsparishkck.org).

**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!



### Las lecturas de la semana del 8 de enero de 2017

**Domingo:** Is 60, 1-6/Sal 72/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12  
**Lunes:** Is 42, 1-4. 6-7 o Hch 10, 34-38/Sal 29/Mt 3, 13-17  
**Martes:** Heb 2, 5-12/Sal 8/Mc 1, 21-28 o Heb 1, 1-6 y 2, 5-12/Sal 8/Mc 1, 14-20 y 1, 21-28  
**Miércoles:** Heb 2, 14-18/Sal 105/Mc 1, 29-39  
**Jueves:** Heb 3, 7-14/Sal 95/Mc 1, 40-45  
**Viernes:** Heb 4, 1-5. 11/Sal 78/Mc 2, 1-12  
**Sábado:** Heb 4, 12-16/Sal 19/Mc 2, 13-17  
**Domingo siguiente:** Is 49, 3. 5-6/Sal 40/1 Cor 1, 1-3/Jn 1, 29-34