

June 18, 2017

SOLEMNITY OF THE
Body and Blood
OF CHRIST



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.

Note: Due to construction during the summer months, our parish office will be located in Room 209 of St. John School.

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

Centro Hispano Lydia Diebolt
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SIMON PARISH CENTER

Mailing Address 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044
Phone.....(785) 843-0109

Summer Office Hours (located in Room 209 of the school):
..... Monday—Friday: 8:30am—12:00pm

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

In the Padre Pio Chapel (inside the north church entrance)
Wednesday 11:00am-12:00pm, 7:00-8:00pm
Saturday..... 3:00-4:00pm
(and by appointment)

Adoration Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 6:00am—1:00pm,
..... Wednesday: 6:00-11:00am in the Padre Pio Chapel

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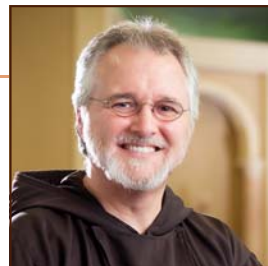
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13, 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!





FAITH AND FAMILY

Last weekend I wrote about the Ramadan “fast-breaking” dinner and the purpose of it as well as the sponsorship of it by the Dialogue Institute, Kansas City. We had a great turnout on Monday evening – 84 people were in attendance! I am very proud of our parish in its efforts to work toward peace and concord among people of other faiths, especially regarding Islam, which has a negative reputation due to violence from radical fundamentalist interpretations of the Koran. The purpose of hosting a Ramadan fast-breaking dinner was not to provide an opportunity to proselytize – to convert Catholics to Islam or Muslims to Catholicism – but to encourage fellowship, dialogue, and support of people of a different faith tradition. As Catholics we believe and profess Jesus Christ and his suffering, death, resurrection; that he is truly God and truly human; and that he is the full revelation of God. Our hosting of the fast-breaking meal was simply an attempt to create a positive and hospitable environment for people of the Islamic tradition and for them to know that, while we acknowledge our differences regarding our understanding of God and the Scriptures, we support them as people of God, who wish to be represented in a truthful and dignified way.

On a vastly different but necessary note, today is a special day for fathers among us. Father’s Day is a special time, like Mother’s Day, when we pause and reflect upon the gift that Fatherhood is to all of us. Fathers sometimes feel overwhelmed by their responsibility. Without really knowing just what exactly would be required of them in their role as a father, they married and began to have children. For some, it is a gradual realization of the immense responsibility in providing for a family. For others, it is a sudden and very sobering realization. In either case, the husband and father might feel inadequate in contrast to his wife’s intuitive and perhaps more competent knowledge with respect to rearing children, the practical necessities in conducting a household, and how to guide a family in faith and the developmental formation of children. When a husband sees after some time that it is his wife who actually runs the household, he can feel inadequate and incompetent. On the one hand, this may cause him to respond by over-imposing his God-given authority as husband and father, which then creates an awkward and sometimes difficult living situation for his wife and children. On the other hand, he might recognize the complimentary role that he shares with his wife which might lead to a deeper appreciation of his role as father and husband. The former can result in an immature and over-bearing father and husband, while the latter results in an overall sense of fulfilment and gratitude in his role as father and husband. The trick is for the father to claim his unique role as father and husband with reasonable confidence (not arrogance), while recognizing in his wife her particular gifts and sensitivities to the needs of the children and of the family as a whole. His wife is not really in competition with him as it may seem to him, but is actually acting upon her calling and intuition regarding the needs of the family and of the future of the family. If the father/husband feels threatened by his wife’s natural, intuitive, and perceptive abilities, and begins to resent her direction of the household (including at times her direction him!) the family will suffer his awkward attempts at imposing his own authority. If however, the husband/father recognizes and admires his wife’s ability and able facilitation of the family unit, he will feel proud and supported in his own role as husband and father, and will feel confident in his relationship with his wife. A Happy and Blessed Father’s Day to all of our Dad’s and Grandfathers!

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, during which the Church reflects in a particular way on the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. You might be interested in hearing my short reflection on this feast posted on our parish app.

- Fr. Jeff

Happy Father’s Day!

PARISH & ARCHDIOCESE

If you have any bottles from the Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle fundraiser, please return them this weekend!

MARRIAGE MINUTE

"A Father's blessing gives his family strong roots." Sirach 3:9
Wives, as you prepare for Father's Day this weekend, by all means plan his favorite meal or pick up a gift. In addition, take some time with your kids to reflect on how important his fatherhood is to your family... then share your answers with him!

- How is Dad strong (physically, spiritually, financially, in character, etc.)?
- In what ways does Dad's strength make me feel secure?
- What do I respect most about Dad?
- What are some of my favorite times I have spent with Dad?

Also, consider giving the gift of a stronger marriage! Find the perfect enrichment for you at:

www.joyfulmarriageproject.com

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Mike McDonald	Caroline Bennett	Mary Menendez
Fr. Jeff Ernst	Mrs. Pat Newton	

EGGS NEEDED FOR FIESTA!



Mark your calendar! This year the St. John Fiesta will be **June 23 & 24**. Please consider saving your egg shells for confetti eggs.

If you can help, it is very much appreciated. Feel free to go a step further by decorating them (no sequins or anything hard on shell covering).

Leave on the back porch of the Parish center (shelf marked Fiesta). Thanks to all who have helped with this project in the past. It is a big money maker! If you have any questions call Irene, (785) 979-3671.

MINISTERS June 24-25

LECTORS

Saturday
4:30pm..... L1: M Mauler; L2: S Ohlmacher

Sunday
7:00am..... L1: C Winkelbauer; L2: T Dowd Kelne
8:30am..... L1: J Robinson; L2: K Kohnke
11:00am..... L1: Charlie D; L2: S Tabor
5:00pm..... L1: B Walters; L2: M Williams

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday
4:30pm..... A Mattes, S Wondrack

Sunday
7:00am..... Volunteer
8:30am..... E Enyinnaya, D Enyinnaya
11:00am..... J Green, M Green
5:00pm..... Volunteer

CANTORS

Saturday
4:30pm..... Fiesta

Sunday
7:00am..... M Conn
8:30am..... K Gibb

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday
4:30pm..... B Brill, D Depenbusch, D&K Guth,
..... J Halderman, L Heiserman

Sunday
7:00am..... M Heath, B Menke, B Osborne
8:30am..... B Kessler, K Kohnke, K Ostrander, Y Ruder,
..... L Scott, M Steichen, B Volz
11:00am..... J&N Otter, S Stewart, D Thimmesch, L Tiffany,
..... T Towle, N Allensworth
5:00pm..... J Weeks, D Wulf-Walter, N Albrecht
..... L Brey, S File, N Jones

FIESTA PRIZES NEEDED

Do you have any little toys, books, kits, knick-knacks, or other items you can donate to the prize table at the Fiesta children's games? If so, please contact Nora Murphy:

(785) 331-0421 or nora7@sbcglobal.net



ST. JOHN'S MEXICAN FIESTA

NEXT WEEKEND! FRIDAY, JUNE 23 AND SATURDAY, JUNE 24
STJOHNSFIESTA.COM



ST. JOHN SCHOOL

St. John Preschool is now enrolling! Please contact us by phone at (785) 843-9511 for more information.

Tues, Thurs (AM) Mon, Wed, Fri (AM)
Mon—Fri (AM) Mon—Fri (PM)

Want to learn more about St. John School?

Schedule Your Visit:

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

K OF C GOLF CLASSIC

The 2nd Annual Knights of Columbus Council #1372 Golf Classic will be Friday, September 22, at Eagle Bend Golf Course.

This event is open to men and women and will be \$100 per golfer, \$380 per team. Entry includes the round of golf, cart, gift/snack bag, one beverage ticket, and entry to the awards ceremony located at Outlet Park.

Contact Darin Denning at (785) 760-0788 to learn more or to register you and/or your team!

JUSTICE MATTERS

AN INTERFAITH NETWORK DOING JUSTICE IN LAWRENCE AND DOUGLAS COUNTY

An update of one of the Justice Matters' current issues by Pat Lechtenberg

In 2014 Justice Matters members voted Child Welfare as the second priority to be addressed. Research during the next 5 months and led to the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACES).

It's a study that is radically transforming the way we think about health. It's a simple survey with ten basic questions that explore the trauma a person experienced in childhood. A point is given for each yes answer and the total number points is what is called a person's ACE score.

Research shows the higher your ACE score, the greater your chance of poor health outcomes later in life. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention are treating ACEs like you would exposure to lead paint or the zika virus. It's considered a transmission when children are exposed because trauma literally changes a child's body and brain structure. A person with a score of 3 or more is more likely to get diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer, depression, alcoholism. We learned 1 in 5 children in Douglas County will experience three or more ACEs before they turn 18 putting them at serious risk of poor health outcomes.

In the most advanced communities, doctors are asking expectant parents for their ACE score as part of their regular screening process. Just like you would ask about heart disease in the family. Where this is routine, the outcomes have been impressive. Simply asking these questions in a medical setting has proven to reduce ER visits for newborns by 11%. And when people are connected to services such as in-home visitation, the risk that children will be abused, neglected, or exposed to other traumas is minimized.

At our Nehemiah Action Assembly this year, Justice Matters leaders and called on two of the largest medical practices in Lawrence to begin regular ACE assessments among expectant parents and newborns this summer. Both PANDA Pediatrics and the OB-GYN Specialist Groups agreed and screening has begun.

For more information visit the Justice Matters website www.justicemattersinkansas.org or contact Pat Lechtenberg by email at plek10berg@aol.com.



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
Samantha Bell
Barbara Braddy
Remi Brown
Christine Crandon, sister-in-law of Brent Crandon
Matthew Decker
Linda Erp, mother of Emily Vigne
Mary Felton
Coleman File
Cyril Foote, Sr.
Ed Garza
Kenneth Gilbert
Mark Grosdidier
Buddy Hadl
Betty Hanna
Jenny Hernandez
Jessie Hernandez
Dianne Hofmann
Kevin Hoover
Bob Holek
Lottie Keating, daughter of Joe & Laura Keating
Diana Matthews
Barb Marden
Christian McGraw, Grandson of Coriene McGraw
Francine Mesa
Zackary Messerly, nephew of Debra Bradley
Barb Nabower, sister of Patty Lyon
Theophilus Obiefule
Allan Otter, brother of Norb Otter
Julie Patterson, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter
Kathy Rennells
Eva Ricketts, mother of Ingrid Hartman
CB Riling
Joel Rivera
Mark Salaman
Natalie Salisbury
Julia Scott, friend of Monica Cordova
Mary Kay Seidl
Nikki Shrode
Gerald Simon
Frank Stagg, father of Susan Williams
Delores Tharpe, cousin of Jackie Monroe
Chuck Umscheid
Angelica Villa
Cindy Vasquez, sister of Gina Hodges
Greg Walker, brother of Ted Walker
Christy Walters, friend of Bev Mater
Tasha Williams
John Woods

Please join our St. John prayer chain to lend your voices and thoughts for those in need. For more information contact Lois Mersmann at:

lmersmann@saint-johns.net

MASS INTENTIONS: JUNE 19 — 25

Monday: 7:30am Nora Nordhust
Tuesday: 7:30am Robert W. Smith†
Wednesday: 7:30am Maureen Osbornet
Thursday: 7:30am Benedict & Benedicta Lee
Friday: 7:30am Fr. Cyprian Nordhust
Saturday: 8:00am Sr. Trinatus Nordhust
4:30pm Robert Flukert†
Sunday: 7:00am Susan Gelvint†
8:30am Judy Hill†
11:00am Connie Cooley
2:00pm (Sp.) Paulina Morales†
5:00pm St. John Parish

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**.

QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

Besiege Heaven with Prayer: Storm Heaven with the Rosary
Join us each Wednesday at 5:30 pm at the church for one hour. We have the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and other prayers. "When two or more are joined together, Our Lord is there with us."

WOMEN'S PRAYER & REFLECTION GROUP

Over the summer The Women's Prayer and Reflection Group will meet at 6:30 pm in the church basement on July 11th, July 25th, Aug 1st and Aug 15th to be prayerfully inspired by biblical women and by women saints.

Join us any time, no preparation necessary. For more information, please contact Beth Fox 785-840-5561 or Cheryl Hicklin 785-691-5607.

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!

FAITH FORMATION

ST. JOHN CAFÉ TO GO

Got a question about the Catholic faith? Ask away! Whether it's something historical, spiritual, or related to current events, our priests will do their best to provide you with an answer!

Introducing "Café To Go," a simple way to ask your question to one of our priests! Simply scan the QR code with your phone or tablet and submit your question—it's that easy!

If we have room, we may even include your question (anonymously) and the response in the bulletin for others to read and enjoy. **Café To Go is also available on the St. John App—or see the box in the north entrance of the church!**



FALL CLASS WITH FR. BARNABAS

The Life of Christians in the Early Roman Empire

Life was dangerous for the earliest Christians. Unless they agreed to worship the gods of Rome, they could not work and would be persecuted. So how did this "small, despised and illegal Jewish cult" of a few thousand members grow to the point that it would become the dominant cultural force in Rome by 325 A.D.? How that all happened will be the subject of Fr. Barnabas's next class beginning in September. See www.sjevangelist.com for more information.

The main text for the Class will be the recent and important book Destroyer of the Gods: Early Christian Distinctiveness in the Roman World by Larry W. Hurtado.

LIGUORIAN CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

Liguorian is a leading Catholic Magazine published by the Redemptorists. It reaches about 50,000 households each month and provides solid and straightforward answers to the important questions and problems facing today's Catholics. Our mission at Liguorian is to help you navigate your day-to-day lives, assisted by your faith in both print and digital formats. Your print subscription also includes FREE access to Liguorian Online Digital Edition; register at Liguori.org to receive access. For faster service, call 1-800-325-9521.



STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

HIS HANDS MINISTRY

His Hands, St. John's ministry to those who are elderly and those who live with disability in our parish, is trying to find someone a ride to Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass. The person lives on John Doy Court, in the vicinity of Peterson Road.

If you can help in this way, please contact Susan Tabor, the His Hands service coordinator, at **(785) 865-9949** or souljourner@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!

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. Volunteers work both during store hours and behind the scenes when the store is closed. Sorting crews work Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, email Linda Brey at lbrey525@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017
Information below reflects donations received
July 1, 2016 through June 11, 2017.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$27,403.84
Average weekly collection amount	\$27,547.35
Budgeted Collection Fiscal YTD	\$1,370,192.00
Actual Collection Fiscal YTD	\$1,377,367.80
Net Overage	\$7,175.80

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!

FOCUS ON THE WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'" From the beginning, the Eucharist has been a source of controversy. Some people have always found the teaching difficult to accept. But as Catholics, the Blessed Sacrament is at the heart of our worship and our spirituality; we go to Mass to share in the holy sacrifice of Jesus' body and blood, and we receive spiritual nourishment from partaking of this heavenly food. As Jesus himself tells us in today's Gospel, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

From this passage it is clear that Jesus intended the Eucharist to be a tremendous gift for us, for "whoever eats this bread will live forever." This of course is because the bread is Christ's "flesh for the life of the world." In other words, just as he gave his body on the cross to save us from our sins, so too this same flesh is given for us at every Mass to strengthen our weakness and unite us more deeply to our Savior.

Receiving Communion isn't like taking a magic pill, however. We must beware of reducing this sacrament to an empty ritual or a foolproof guarantee of heaven. No, it is quite possible to receive Communion unworthily and reject its spiritual efficacy. Just like the benefits of a healthy meal can be undone by a habit of binging on junk food, so too we can prevent holy Communion from having its full benefits when we crowd our souls with vices and sins. If, on the other hand, we wish to let this sacrament of divine grace flourish, we should receive it with a sincere spirit of gratitude and reverence, praying that we may be made worthy to receive such a gift.

FOR KIDS: SHARING THE GOSPEL



REFLECTION

When God's people were in the desert with Moses, they got hungry. So, God gave them sweet manna from heaven every morning. It was all they needed to live. God sent Jesus to us from heaven, too, but he's much better than manna. Through Jesus, we can live forever with God.

PRAYER

God, thank you for sending Jesus from heaven.

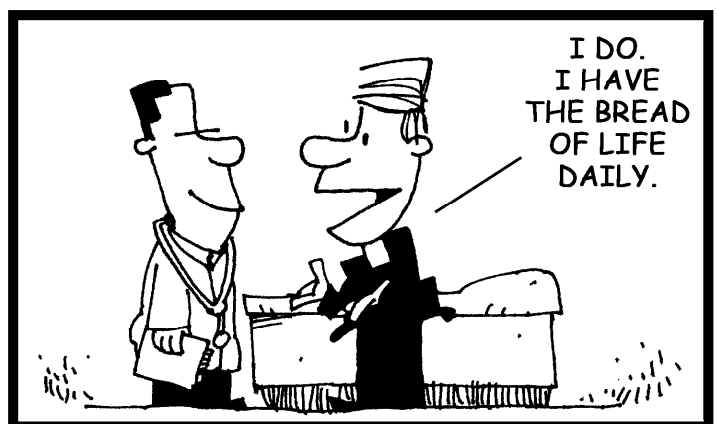
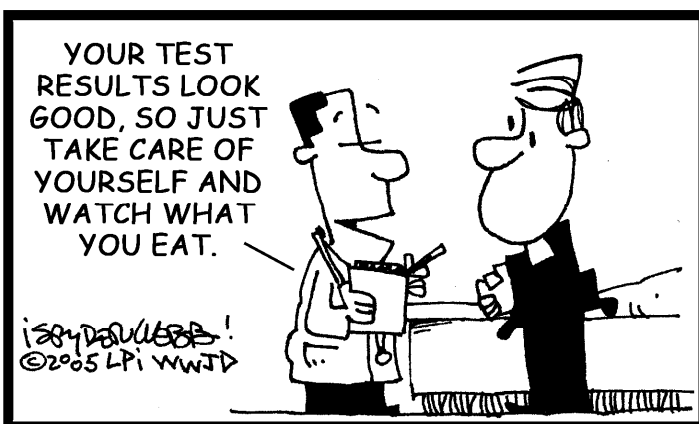
SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of manna falling from the sky.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Every morning when you eat breakfast, spend time with Jesus. Trust God to give you all that you need.

BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

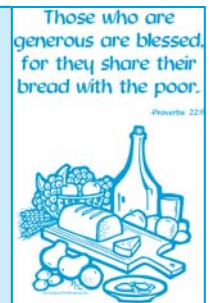


ST. JOHN LINK ON THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH

Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (LINK) is located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, and provides nutritious meals to 150 people in need. Our parish helps LINK by rotating with other Lawrence churches to furnish food and volunteers.

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Email _____ Evening Phone _____



FOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Chicken and Noodle Casserole - 11 casseroles needed. Make casserole to feed 15 people. No need to bring in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your casserole, volunteers remove the casserole immediately, take your pan, and you are done.

- I can make one casserole I can make two casseroles

Vegetarian Casserole - 1 vegetarian casserole needed. Make casserole to feed 8 people. No need to bring in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your casserole, volunteers remove the casserole immediately, take your pan, and you are done.

- I can make one casserole

Bread - 4 loaves of wheat bread, 4 loaves of white bread are needed.

- I can bring 2 loaves of wheat I can bring 4 loaves of wheat I can bring 2 loaves of white I can bring 4 loaves of white

Bananas - When you sign up to bring bananas, we ask that you bring 15 bananas.

- I can bring 15 bananas I can bring 30 bananas

Peaches - 3 industrial size cans of peaches needed. Large cans can be purchased in the large food section of the grocery store.

- I can bring one can I can bring two cans I can bring three cans

Corn - Large cans of corn needed.

- I can bring one can I can bring two cans I can bring three cans

Salad - 4 lettuce salads needed. Be creative. When you bring salad, use 3 heads of lettuce or bring 3 large bags of premixed lettuce.

- I can make one salad I can make two salads

Salad Dressing - Ranch and French salad dressing. We need 4 bottles total.

- I can bring 2 bottles of Ranch I can bring 2 bottles of French

Milk - We need 10 gallons of 2% milk.

- I can bring 1 gallon I can bring 2 gallons I can bring 3 gallons

Return this form in collection plate or Parish Office, or contact: mcmurray@sunflower.com

Bring items to the LINK kitchen located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, on June 29th between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Servers - 9 volunteers needed. There are two shifts available.

- 11:30am-2pm — prep work and serving
 12:45pm-2:30pm — serving and clean up

Help in the Kitchen - 5 volunteers needed. There are two types of jobs available.

- 12:30pm-3pm — dish washing
 12:30pm-3pm — gopher/multi-tasker

Questions? Vicki McMurray, mcmurray@sunflower.com

**Can't help with this LINK
this time around? That's
okay because St. John
serves again soon!**

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.

Preparacion al matrimonio por la Iglesia Catolica, solo para parejas que viven juntos y tienen niños.

Adultos que necesitan los sacramentos de confirmacion y primera comunión.

CURSO DE VERANO en junio y julio para prepararse a la primera comunión, niños de tercer grado para Arriba.

18 de junio de 2017

EL CUERPO Y LA SANGRE DE CRISTO

Ir a través del calendario litúrgico durante el año es una verdadera catequesis. Si recordamos bien desde la Pascua hasta Pentecostés hemos vivido grandes momentos de fe y de acercamiento al Señor. El domingo pasado escuchábamos lo que es la Trinidad. Hoy ponemos nuestra atención en la solemnidad del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Su inicio fue en Lieja (ciudad en Bélgica), en 1246, luego fue extendida a toda la Iglesia occidental por el Papa Urbano IV. Su finalidad es proclamar la fe en la presencia real de Jesucristo en la Sagrada Eucaristía.

El mismo Señor Jesús nos dice en la Sagrada Escritura: "Yo soy el pan vivo que ha bajado del cielo; el que coma de este pan vivirá para siempre. Y el pan que yo les voy a dar es mi carne para que el mundo tenga vida" (Jn 6, 51). Jesús es la Palabra divina encarnada en el mundo. Su cuerpo y su sangre son comida y bebida para vivir en comunión con él. Es un verdadero misterio que la mente humana no alcanza a comprender. Pero, la fe ayuda a por lo menos entender que en el sacramento de la Eucaristía Jesús mismo se nos da para siempre. ¿Qué le decimos al Señor cuando lo recibimos en la Eucaristía? ¿Qué sentimientos afloran en nosotros cuando vamos en procesión para recibirlo? Para nuestra reflexión semanal nos pueden ayudar las siguientes palabras. Pan, vino, cuerpo del Señor y vivir para siempre. Con estas palabras en mente y el corazón lleno de fe en la Eucaristía, solo me resta decir que cantando vamos caminando al encuentro del Señor. ¡Que así sea!

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Los seres humanos nos acostumbramos con facilidad a las cosas que nos anuncian los medios de comunicación. Pronto corremos a consumir las cremas que quitan las arrugas, el tinte nuevo para el color del cabello y píldoras maravillosas que nos darán unos añitos más de vida, aunque de sobra sabemos que ni la crema nos quitará las arrugas, ni el tinte quitará las canas y mucho menos la píldora nos devolverá la juventud. Entonces, ¿por qué lo hacemos? ¿Qué nos motiva a creer en esto? ¿Por qué nos dejamos engañar?

Les digo esto porque hoy viene Cristo, que nunca nos engaña, a anunciarnos con todo su amor que "Mi carne es verdadera comida y mi sangre es verdadera bebida... El que come de este pan vivirá para siempre". Es decir, Jesús nos mantiene en perfecta forma en esta vida y en la otra lo gozaremos eternamente. ¡Y aun así no le hacemos caso! Asistimos a Misa muchas veces por costumbre y sin ganas de cambiar nuestra forma de vida. Su Palabra nos entra por un oído y sale por el otro. Peor aún, en Misa ni comemos su pan ni bebemos su sangre, cuando la Eucaristía debería ser para los cristianos el medio más importante de participación en la familia y la sociedad de lo divino. Es decir, la Eucaristía es la acción plena del Resucitado entre nosotros. Participemos pues en nuestra celebración eucarística en esta hermosa fiesta del Cuerpo y la Sangre del Señor, sabiendo de antemano que su gracia que desea comunicarnos es dada por medio de este sacramento. De esta forma tendremos fuerza para perdonar a los que nos ofenden y resistir a las tentaciones a las que estamos expuestos en nuestra vida cotidiana.

