



May 14, 2017
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day!

Last Monday the Our Lady of Fatima statue, blessed by Pope Paul VI, was on display at St. John as part of its pilgrimage across the United States in commemoration of the 100 years since Our Lady's six apparitions in Fatima, Portugal. See a full gallery of images and learn more about Our Lady of Fatima on our website: sjevangelist.com



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN

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

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

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SIMON PARISH CENTER

Mailing Address 1229 Vermont St., 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
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.....Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday,
6:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. in the Padre Pio Chapel.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11, 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**.

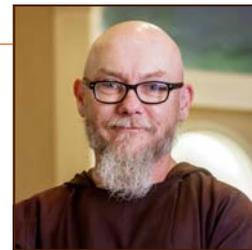
On the first Friday of each month, the Knights host a rosary in St. John Church starting at 6:30 p.m.

All are invited to attend!



BREAD TO OFFER

By Fr. Barnabas Eichor, OFM, Cap.



THE LIFE OF CHRISTIANS IN THE EARLY ROMAN EMPIRE

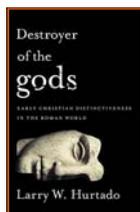
During the last few months I offered a class on "The World Jesus Knew," which covered the historical background and setting of Israel at the time of Christ. The class covered the origins of the Pharisees, Sadducees, Zealots, Samaritans and other groups one finds referred to in the New Testament. The class also covered how Herod the Great came into power and why he rebuilt the Temple at his own expense, as well as many other topics that helped us understand the historical context in which the New Testament was written. The class was popular and the students felt that it helped and improved their understanding of the New Testament. Because of the popularity of that class I have decided that starting in September I will "continue the story" by giving a class on what life was like for the first generations of Christians to follow after the passing of the Lord's first twelve disciples and the death of St. Paul.

Saints Peter and Paul were martyred around 64 A.D. The other disciples, with the exception of John the Evangelist, had also all been martyred by this time. John the Evangelist died sometime in 80-90 A.D. After the deaths of the Lord's disciples, the first Christians were now on their own. What was life like for these first Christians? In a word, very hard.

Life was dangerous for the earliest Christians. To be employed in the Roman Empire meant being a member of a labor guild. A labor guild had a specific Roman god that they were required to worship. Not doing so was illegal, and Christians could not worship the gods of Rome—so they could not work. Further, Romans were required to worship and appease the gods of Rome and obtain the favors of the gods, and it was believed that doing so is what made the Roman Empire great and powerful. Christians, again, could not commit such idolatrous acts, and so as the Empire declined and Christianity grew, the Christians would increasingly be seen as the cause of Rome's decline. That would lead to, at times, very intense persecution. 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., the year Constantine would legalize Christianity and give it strong support? How that all happened will be the subject of my class in the fall beginning in September.

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. I will also be drawing material from Christianity in Ancient Rome: The First Three Centuries by Bernard Green, The Christians as the Romans Saw Them by Robert L. Wilken, and the Didache written around 70 A.D., making it the oldest non-biblical writing that we possess. Look for more information on class meeting times closer to September, and order your books any time!

- Fr. Barnabas



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Direct URL: [smile.amazon.com/ch/48-0930227](https://www.smile.amazon.com/ch/48-0930227)

KoFC TEXAS HOLD'EM! THIS FRIDAY! ALL ARE INVITED!

The St. John's Knights of Columbus Chapter #1372 Texas Hold-Em Tournament on Friday, May 19th, at 7:00pm in St. John Church basement is filling up quickly. This is looking like it will be a great opportunity for some fun and fellowship! Registration and Donation of \$50.00 will be from 6:30 to 6:50 at the elevator entrance, then dealing starts at 7:00pm sharp. Please keep in mind that this is a fund raiser for our chapter, and half the money will go to our charity's and the other half will be paid out.

Unfortunately, due to time limits we are only able to have 42 players, and players will be selected on "first to email, first play basis". We will have 7 tables max and each table will be furnished with a dealer. If you want to play please email John Bellerive right away at jmbellerive@haynesequip.com and that will reserve your chair for the tournament. Don't worry if you don't get to play this time, the Chapter plans to host these tournaments throughout the year.

ANYONE and all level of players are welcome, but **players will need to be 18 years or older**. This is also a "Bring your own beverage & Koozie night," but water will be available.

For questions or details please contact John Bellerive at: jmbellerive@haynesequip.com

PARISH & ARCHDIOCESE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Come receive the sacrament of reconciliation in the Padre Pio chapel during any of the following times:

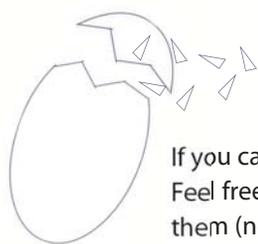
Wednesday: 11:00am-12:00pm, 7:00-8:00pm

Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm

Or by appointment. Call (785) 843-0109 to schedule, or email:

frjeff@saint-johns.net frbarnabas@saint-johns.net

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.

MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Bishops of the United States have approved a special collection to take place in parishes across the nation on Mother's Day 2017. Your generous support will help complete a beautiful mosaic that will adorn the Trinity Dome, the crowning jewel of America's Catholic Church in Washington, D.C., The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Envelopes will be provided for your gift. Thank you for your generous contribution. For more information visit:

www.trinitydome.org

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS



The Church Beautification team will be selling flowers on Mother's Day, May 14th weekend, after all Masses. Proceeds from the plant sale will go towards the fund to replace the steps at the Kentucky street entrance to the church! For more information, call 785-331-0421.

Thank you!

MINISTERS May 20-21

LECTORS

Saturday

4:30pm L1: D Rogers; L2: M Head

Sunday

7:00am L1: M Delaney; L2: J Robinson

8:30am L1: E Dvorske; L2: S Smith

11:00am L1: J Gripka; L2: Charlie D

5:00pm L1: C Phipps; L2: B Walter

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday

4:30pm G Sellet, Volunteer

Sunday

7:00am Volunteers

8:30am C Peltier, N Peltier

11:00am G Malin, E Bial

5:00pm L Schmidt, O Schmidt

CANTORS

Saturday

4:30pm A Mauler

Sunday

7:00am K Colson

8:30am J Krones

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday

4:30pm B Brill, D Depenbusch, D&K Guth, J

..... Halderman, L Heiserman

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 C&D Ehrlich, C Garcia, S Goodwin,

..... P Gripka, D&T Gunselman

5:00pm D&E Schmidt, D Wulf-Walter, N Albrecht,

..... L Brey, S File

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Brian Walter

Sarah Hartsig

Sean Smith

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Chris Wenger

Nancy Albrecht

Bob Trepinski

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LIVING IN LOVE

A Retreat for Married Couples

June 10-11 at St. John!

St. John will be hosting a parish Retreat Workshop for Married Couples called "Living in Love" on June 10-11. All married couples, whether you have been married 6 months or 60 years are invited to attend this remarkably insightful and energizing experience which will take place right in our own parish facility.

The time commitment is 8:00 am to 9:00 pm on Saturday and 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday. Mark your calendars now and plan to participate.

For more information about time schedule, topics, and cost please visit: www.livinginlove.org.

You may register online at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or pick up a registration form in the back of the church.

For local information, please contact Don and Angela Zysk by phone (785)760-0297 or email angela@zhomesllc.com.

MARRIAGE MINUTE

Did you notice the "house" imagery in this weekend's readings? What a simple analogy! Our homes set us apart from others. Our houses are our responsibility to maintain, and we all strive to create a home of which we can be proud. Our homes are also places of welcome and service.

The same is true with our marriages, which are the heart of our homes. By definition, marriage "sets us apart," as we choose to belong exclusively to our spouse. We are responsible for maintaining this relationship much like we have to maintain our house. Marriages are supposed to be a light to others, too! A joyful marriage is meant to fill us up so that we can be of service to others. To be a light as a couple, consider:

- Mentoring the engaged
- Babysit for friends, so they can attend a marriage enrichment or go on a date
- Support a marriage ministry by volunteering as a couple
- Start a marriage ministry in your parish
- For other tips, go to www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND

Kansas City, June 2

In marriage, communication is more than just talking.

At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse? Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. For more information, call **(800) 470-2230** or visit our website:

helpourmarriage.com

CYO SUMMER NEWS

Registration for all activities is available on the CYO website:

www.cyojwa.org

Golf Tournaments (two tournament dates):

June 15th, Overland Park Sykes Lady Golf course , 11 AM

June 26th, Sunflower Hills Golf course, 12pm

For 3rd–5th grade beginners, par 3 nine hole tournament

For 5th–8th grades, 9 hole tournament

Mike Sweeney Catholic Baseball Camp 2017

July 17-19 at Mid-America Sports Complex

Backyard Soccer Camp (for beginners only)

July 31-Aug 4 at Holy Spirit Church

Boys & Girls K - 3rd grade

Camp Kateri Tekakwitha

All camps are at Prairie Star Ranch

See www.archkck.org/camp for more information

FALL 2017

In preparation for next school year, CYO will offer girls volleyball, boys & girls cross country, and flag football. All sports will be offered for 3rd – 8th grade. All children who participate must be St. John students or members of the parish. All participants must complete a physical exam with their doctor, and have the approved exam form on file with the CYO office prior to being able to participate. The form must be dated after May 1, 2017 in order to be valid. If your child is planning on playing a CYO sport next fall, please plan to get this completed over the summer months.

In order for St. John to offer a sport, there must be a parent volunteer willing to coach each team age group. To coach a CYO sport, you must have completed the Play Like a Champion coaching certification class, and have completed a VIRTUS training. VIRTUS training classes will be offered throughout the summer, and Play Like a Champion trainings will be offered starting in August – more information is available on the CYO website. Flag football coaches must also complete and maintain a "Level 1 Certification" from USA Football which must be completed over the summer months prior to organizing a team. Any parent interested in coaching a sport for the fall of 2017, please contact Chris English **(785) 766-7793** or cenglish@tckansas.com for more information.

MEALS FOR FRIARS

The Capuchins are looking for volunteers who can cook meals for the six friars in Lawrence. If you are interested, please contact the St. John parish office at (785) 843-0109. Meals are needed for May 24 and 31, and the month of June. Bring meals to the Simon Parish center at St. John by 4:00 p.m. Thank you in advance!

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
Remi Brown
Stan Brown, brother of Mary Frances Riner
Chris 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
Francine Mesa
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
Dick Volmer, uncle of Jane Arnold
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: MAY 15—21

Monday: 7:30am Nicholas Peter†
Tuesday: 7:30am Stephen Peter†
Wednesday: 7:30am Ron Willist†
Thursday: 9:00am Dan Menke†
Friday: 7:30am John F. Head, Sr.†
Saturday: 8:00am Johnny Hammond†
4:30pm Darryl Steffent†
Sunday: 7:00am Melania Thomast†
8:30am Ramon Romero†
11:00am Gauna Family
2:00pm (Sp.) St. John Parish
5:00pm Raymond Hiemermant

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."

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.

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

St. John Café is on a break for the summer months, but that doesn't mean your Catholic questions have to go unanswered! We're 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!**



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!

Scan the QR code to the left to submit your question. Need help downloading a QR reader to your phone or tablet? Email phaack@saint-johns.net or call 785-843-0109 and ask for Pete.

NOTE: Depending on the volume of questions and priest availability, response time may vary.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Adult Baptized Catholics who were not Confirmed are encouraged to join the Adult Confirmation Class. Classes will meet on the following Wednesdays: May 17, May 24 and May 31 from 7:00—8:15 p.m. in the Church Basement.

Confirmation will take place Sunday, June 4, 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish in Shawnee. Archbishop Naumann will confer the sacrament on those throughout the Archdiocese who have made their preparations for Confirmation in their own parishes.

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

Please join us on Saturday, June 3, during the 4:30pm evening Mass for a special blessing of our volunteers. Immediately following the Mass will be a cake reception downstairs in the church basement. All are welcome!



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 the parish with this ministry, email Linda Brey at lbrey525@gmail.com for more info.

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 May 7, 2017.

Budgeted weekly amount	\$27,403.84
Average weekly amount.....	\$27,952.34
Budgeted YTD	\$1,233,172.80
Actual YTD.....	\$1,257,855.74
Net OVERAGE in Giving.....	\$24,682.94

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!

SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor, Social Concerns Committee

As Catholics, we study the meaning of Scripture holistically, meaning we study the context in which Scripture was written, the history of the time in which it was lived and written, Church teaching over the years as we have learned more about and discovered new documents pertaining to Scripture and how our understanding of Scripture fits into our world today.

Lately, many of our Bishops, religious orders and other Catholic organizations have taken public positions supporting justice for immigrants and refugees and supporting compassionate, inclusive health care policies and programs. How can this be?

It can be informative to read any documentation that accompanies taking positions on social issues. I do that as a matter of informing myself concerning where others are coming from and how it is that they are supporting their positions. I ask myself a few questions as I read and research further:

- Is the position supported by Scripture? If so, how? Which Scripture supports it?
- If it's a social issue, is it in line with the principles of Catholic social teaching?
- If I still have questions, I'll then look at other writing on the topic from other Catholic groups, Church encyclicals and other Church documents and further Scripture study.

This kind of study not only familiarizes me with positions that are being taken by Catholics, but it also helps me more completely form and articulate my own position.

ST. JOHN YOUTH

SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATION CLOSING SOON!



Summer trip applications available now!

Visit sjevangelist.com/youth to register now for Steubenville South in Alexandria, Louisiana (June 23-27) and Prayer and Action in Osage City (July 9-14). If you're in a small group, turn your application into your group leader — if not, text/call Kaylee for more info: 316-644-5493



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Text **sje1** to 555888 to download on an Apple device

Text **sje2** to 555888 to download on an Android device

Then simply download and go!



So, why an app?

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Host Family Needed for Next Year

St. John School will host Jaeho Park (Ryan) from South Korea next year. He will be in the seventh grade. We need a host family for Ryan. Peter Jang, of Guardian Edu, serves as the legal guardian and provides a generous stipend to the host family to cover all expenses. If you are interested in hosting and would like more information about Ryan and the hosting program, please contact Pat Newton.

Field Day: Monday, May 22

Due to construction, this year's Field Day will be limited to the afternoon of **Monday, May 22, from 1:20-3:15pm** for grades kindergarten through seventh grade. Mr. Kennedy needs parent volunteers to help with Field Day. Volunteers are needed from 12:45-3:30pm. Please email Mr. Kennedy if you can help: kennedy@saint-johns.net.

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 information and to schedule a tour for you and your student!

JUSTICE MATTERS

AN INTERFAITH NETWORK WORKING FOR JUSTICE IN LAWRENCE AND DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS

Report by Pat Lechtenberg

Justice Matters held our annual Celebration and Investment Drive on May 1. We celebrated the progress we've made and acknowledged the challenges that remain. The award for the largest attendance at the Nehemiah Action Assembly on March 30 was given to First United Methodist Church with 204 of their members participating. The award for the largest percentage of their church's average weekly attendance was given to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with 90 percent of their congregation coming out to support our solutions.

Rev. Ron Luckey, a retired minister from Lexington, KY and an executive with Direct Action and Research Training Center, was our keynote speaker and challenged us to continue to work for justice. Part of his speech follows.

Who's writing the letters to the editor criticizing your tactics? I'll tell you who is not writing those letters. The family that's looking for a place to live. The mama and daddy who have a mentally ill son or daughter who needs stabilization and can't find a crisis center to do that. Native American and black teens being harassed in school with no place to turn.

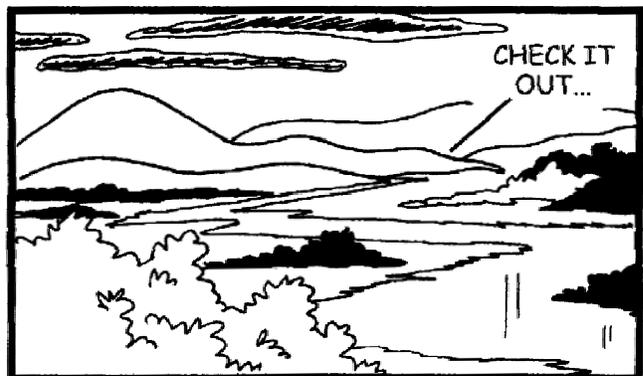
They're not the ones criticizing you. They're cheering you on. And they will join God in being heart-broken if you quit turning up the heat on public officials. I'm here tonight to celebrate with you for daring to be a faith community willing to bear the scars.

We are presently making plans to recruit more team leaders for the next season which begins in September. If you are interested in learning more or becoming involved, please contact Pat Lechtenberg 785-842-1992 or plek10berg@aol.com

Topeka's JUMP and Lawrence's Justice Matters will share a bus to Cincinnati to the annual advanced training to be held at Xavier College in July. Those attending from St. John's will be Vicki McMurray, Alice Hewitt and Pat Lechtenberg.



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

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5º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

La belleza de la Pascua estriba en la hermosura de las variadas imágenes que Jesús muestra al dialogar con sus discípulos ya resucitado. El domingo pasado nos decía el Evangelio el cómo es importante entrar por la puerta que es Cristo. Ahora, el mismo Jesús nos muestra claramente quien es él: "Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Nadie va al Padre si no es por mí" (Jn 14, 6). Conocemos a Dios en la medida de nuestro encuentro personal con su Hijo Jesús. Nuestra conversión viene de acuerdo a este encuentro. La revelación de quien es Dios dio comienzo en la Encarnación de Jesús y esta Encarnación continúa por medio de nosotros al practicar la justicia, el amor, la compasión y la reconciliación entre los que nos rodean.

¿Comprendemos esto? El ministerio que Jesús, dio comienzo hace más de 2000 años, nunca ha dejado de llevarse a cabo; lo que quiere decir que ser personas pascuales significa que estemos abiertos al Espíritu Santo para caminar en familia, comunidad y sociedad en general haciendo el cambio para el bien de todos. Sí, la Pascua nos invita cambiar la forma de vivir, de pensar y de actuar. El camino no siempre es fácil, siempre se atraviesa la ansiedad, los problemas personales y familiares. Todos los obstáculos que tengamos que vencer serán fáciles si nuestra esperanza en el Resucitado sigue en pie. Sugiero las siguientes palabras para oración durante la semana. "No pierdan la paz... Voy a prepararles un lugar... Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida". ¡Que así sea!

5º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Si creyéramos del todo en las promesas del Señor, que felices viviríamos. Pero como las preocupaciones nos abruman, no comprendemos del todo el mensaje y acabamos confundidos, tal como Felipe en el Evangelio de hoy que pide que se le muestre al Padre: "Señor, muéstranos al Padre y eso nos basta". La respuesta de Jesús no se hace esperar. Él desea que veamos cómo nos ha abierto camino a nuestra casa: "No pierdan la paz. Si creen en Dios, creen también en mí. En la casa de mi Padre hay muchas habitaciones". Es decir, en la casa del Señor hay lugar para todos nosotros. Cada uno estará en su propia casa, pero también estando en comunión con todos los demás.

Cuando somos fieles ningún problema o ansiedad debe de apartarnos del amor de Cristo. Como dice San Pablo, si deseamos saber quién es Dios, nuestro deber es conocer quién es Jesús (Rom 8, 35). Eso lo lograremos estudiando y orando con su palabra, viviendo la liturgia, haciendo justicia y no oprimiendo a los débiles. Algunas de estas obras son las que nos abrirán el camino a la casa del Padre. Ser personas activas durante la Pascua significa que seamos capaces de abrir nuestro corazón al Espíritu Santo y trabajar en el Reino para que todos vayamos al Padre. Recordemos las palabras de Jesús: "Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Nadie va al Padre si no es por mí". ¿De qué forma el Evangelio de hoy es un reto para incrementar nuestra relación con Jesús resucitado? ¿Cómo es nuestra relación con el Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo? Si estamos en buena relación con el Señor, nuestro corazón no debe de inquietarse.



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