



33rd

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'" - Mt 25:21

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, and the sacraments. 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.

St. John Parish offices in transition

Due to the ongoing construction of the renovated St. John Parish office, some staff members have moved to a temporary location. Office times are 8:30 am until 4:00 pm daily. Email is the best way to reach staff if you need to contact the office. The main office, including Father Jeff, Father Barnabas, and Meg Milburn, is located in the Atrium House at 200 West 13th.

If you have questions, please call the main number at 785-843-0109. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Offices will be closed Wednesday afternoon November 22, Thanksgiving Day and Friday,

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Associate Pastor Fr. Barnabas Eichor
In Residence Fr. Mike Scully
Principal, St. John School Mrs. Pat Newton
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Religious Education Director..... Lois Mersmann
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1525 W. 6th, Suite A 785-856-2694

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Shopping Hours: Wednesday — 11:00am-3:00 pm
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Saturday — 8:30 am-12:30 pm

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Simon Parish Center

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

Office Hours

..... Monday—Friday: 8:30 am—4:00 pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday..... 4:30 pm
Sunday 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 2:00 pm (Spanish)
5:00 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 7:30 am
Saturday..... 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Adoration Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 6:00 am—9:00 pm
in the Padre Pio Chapel

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BREAD TO OFFER

By Fr. Jeffrey A. Ernst, OFM,



Thanksgiving

This Thursday is that unique holiday we know as Thanksgiving. While the many other holidays and cultural celebrations are good and necessary, it seems that Thanksgiving is the least demanding in terms of preparation. Yes, the food has to be prepared and yes, if we are the host, then there is quite a bit of cleaning and organization. Still, Thanksgiving does not have the stress and hectic schedule that might be more associated with Christmas. The latter has always been my personal favorite because it is the celebration of the Birth of our Lord and because St. Francis of Assisi loved Christmas. Yet, Thanksgiving is gaining ground for me as a favorite holiday. Thanksgiving is simply about family and friends, it is about gratitude to God for the bounty and the many blessings of life, and it is about good food to share with one another. In short, Thanksgiving is about love.

We would not have a holiday dedicated to thankfulness, were it not for our gratitude for the many ways that God's love has been manifest. Thanksgiving is founded on the premise that we have received so much from our Creator, that we ought as a nation and as a people, dedicate an entire day to ritualize our gratitude with a celebration of warmth, mirth, and goodwill. This is a celebration of love. That love is manifest in the kind and charitable acts through which we serve one another; it is manifest in the affection we have for one another and for the poor and disadvantaged. That love is made manifest when we forgive someone an offense and when we offer to assist someone in need. Love is manifest when we sacrifice our preferences and comfort for the sake of others. Most importantly and most assuredly, the love we show to others in so many ways flows from the love that was made manifest in the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for us! How can we not be grateful for God's great love for us? And how can we not be moved to share that love with others?

Love is not a feeling, though love includes feelings. Love is not a reward, though love is rewarding. Love is not pain-free, though love soothes pain. Love is not self-gratifying though it is gratifying to love. Love is a way of living . . . a way to forget oneself . . . to give of oneself . . . to sacrifice oneself for the sake of the other so that the other might be touched by the love and healing mercy of God. To sacrifice is "to make sacred" or "to make holy," from the meaning of the word "sacrifice," which is from the root word "sacri" from "sacred" and the Latin "facere" which means "to make." Any time we sacrifice ourselves for someone, we "make holy" that exchange between ourselves and another person. And when we sacrifice ourselves for the sake of others, we perhaps make that other person "holy" in the sense that they experience at least a bit of the holiness of God through our act of selfless love.

And so this Thanksgiving, may we realize that the best expression of gratitude is to pass on what we ourselves have received – to allow ourselves to be the instruments through which God wishes to show great love and mercy to others whom we encounter . . . to be the love of God to others . . . to be the "good news" of mercy and salvation to those around us . . . and to be grateful for the gifts that God has given to us. May we generously express our gratitude for all we have received from God, especially the love and mercy that God has given to us in the gift of Jesus the Lord!

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 information and to schedule a tour for you and your student! St. John Catholic School has classes from pre-school through



Registration for CYO Basketball now open

St. John Catholic School has basketball teams forming at each grade level for boys and girls. Parents need to register their children online at www.cyojwa.org, and contact the coach of their grade level to let them know who is interested in playing. A Pre-Participation Physical Examination must be completed for each child by a doctor, and on file with the CYO office prior to children being allowed to participate (get this done soon!). **Scholarships are available (information is on the CYO website).**



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Stewardship of Generosity: Renewal 2018

As a St. John parishioner, you should have received your 2018 Annual Stewardship Renewal Packet in the mail. We encourage you to prayerfully consider the journey God is calling you/your family on this year in prayer, generosity, and service. How can your path contribute to the greater good of the entire St. John community? For school families this is a required form as part of your enrollment at St. John Catholic School. If you have not received your renewal forms or have questions please contact Samantha Romero at sromero@saint-johns.net or **785-843-9511**. Please return the forms by December 31. Thank you for your support!

Confirmation 2017-18

All confirmation candidates and their sponsor or a parent should attend a reorganization meeting in St. Bosco on **Sunday, November 19 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.**

Bake Sale And Coffee Stand To Benefit Church Steps Project

A bake sale and coffee stand will await you in the church basement after Masses **November 18 and 19**. Stop by for a treat while you are downstairs visiting the Rummage House Christmas shop. Proceeds of the bake sale and coffee stand will benefit the Church Steps Project.

If you would like to donate a delicacy for our bake sale, please call Nora at **785-331-0421**, or email nora7@sbcglobal.net.



Advent Wreath Sale

St. John Middle School STUCO (Student Council) is selling Advent wreaths and candles.

The sets which include a wreath, four candles, and daily Advent prayers are \$15.

Replacement candles (pack of 4) are \$6. Proceeds will help fund the middle school trips.

St. John Student Council representatives will be selling the wreaths and candles after the Masses on **December 2 and 3.**



Deck The Halls!

St. John's Rummage House invites you to its annual Christmas shopping experience located in the church basement. We will be open for business all day **Saturday, November 18, (8:30 am until after evening Mass), and Sunday, November 19, (7:00 am until after the 2:00 pm Mass)**. We have decorations, gift items, trees, clothing and accessories available for a goodwill donation. This year, proceeds from all Christmas Shop sales will benefit the Church Steps Project!



Our Lady Of Guadalupe Mass

On **Saturday, December 9 at 9:00 am** St. John will have a Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe (with Mariachi Girasol). Come as you are, or dress in traditional attire! Please bring non-perishable food items to place in the basket during the opening procession. The celebration will continue after Mass with a reception in the parish hall which will include Mexican hot chocolate, bread and cookies, a bazaar table, raffles and a piñata for the children.



On **Saturday, December 2 at 10:00 am** we will practice our processional and pick one boy to represent Juan Diego and one girl to crown the Virgin Mary during the Mass.

My Path...Our Journey--Tools for the Journey

This month the tool we will focus on is LOVE also known as Charity which is one of the three Theological Virtues. This is a great starting point as we hear in 1 Corinthians 13:13 "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." This is the most important lesson we will learn on our path to heaven. Also the hardest to embrace at different times in our lives.

This is the virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. OR said another way... Having a positive impact on the lives of others by showing a genuine concern for the welfare of others, with unselfish acts of kindness (compassion, caring, thoughtfulness, service, and other humanitarian and noble actions). This is all done to mirror that love which God first showed us by emptying himself of everything for us.



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Give through Online Giving? Don't forget to update for 2018!

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 should 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 at 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



Formula Drive Sponsored By Jayhawks For Life

Hello! I wanted to invite you all to participate in the Formula Drive sponsored by Jayhawks for Life that will benefit the Pregnancy Care Center of Lawrence. The drive will take place from **November 18 & November 19**. The Pregnancy Care Center of Lawrence works to provide support and resources to Women facing crisis pregnancies. This drive aims to keep them supplied with baby formula so to help feed the children. We will be accepting donations of baby formula (preferably Similac Blue) or cash in the bins located in the church. Your donations are very much appreciated.

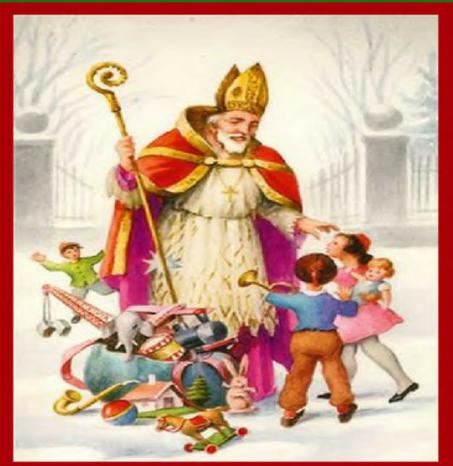
Catholic Charities has moved

Come see us at our new location in west Lawrence at 1525 West 6th, Suite A. We can be reached at **785-856-2694**.

Save the Date

Looking for the best Christmas gift ever for your spouse? The best gift you can give is time together! St. John's will be hosting a parish Retreat Workshop for Married Couples called "Living in Love" on **January 20-21, 2018**. 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 **Living in Love** right here at St.

John's. The time commitment is **8:00 am to 9:00 pm on Saturday and 7:00 am to 2:00 pm on Sunday**. Mark your calendars now and plan to participate. For more information about time schedule, topics, and cost please visit: www.archkck.org and click on Ministries and Marriage Enrichment. For questions or child care help, please call Don & Angela Zysk at **785-760-0297** or email zysk@saint-johns.net



St. Nick CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

3PM-5PM

CHURCH BASEMENT

COME FOR COOKIES, COCOA, PICTURES,
AND FUN ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!
KIDS CAN BRING A WRAPPED GIFT FOR
TOYS FOR TOTS

Sponsored by Marriage & Family Life Committee

St. John LINK on Thursday, November 30, 2017

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 _____

Those who are
generous are blessed,
for they share their
bread with the poor.

-Proverbs 22:9



FOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Check mark what you can do to help

Chili - 11 batches of Chili. Each batch needs to feed 15 people. No need to bring it in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your meal and volunteers will remove it immediately, you can take your pan/pot, and you are done.

- I can make one batch I can make two batches

Vegetarian Chili or Casserole - 1 batch to feed 15 people. No need to bring it in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your meal and volunteers will remove it immediately, you can take your pan/pot, and you are done.

- I can make one batch

Bananas - 120 bananas needed. When you sign up to bring bananas, we ask that you bring 15 bananas.

- I can bring 15 bananas I can bring 30 bananas

Salad - Be creative. Bring enough to serve 15 people.

- I can bring one salad I can bring two salads

Sliced Peaches - We need 4 large cans of sliced peaches.

- I can bring 2 large cans I can bring 4 large cans

Shredded Cheddar Cheese - We need 5lb of cheese.

- I can bring 1lb of cheese I can bring 2 lb of cheese

Fritos - We need 5 large bags.

- I can bring 1 bag I can bring 2 bags

Crackers - We need 3 boxes

- I can bring 1 box I can bring 2 boxes

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:

vickimcmurray1944@gmail.com

Bring items to the LINK kitchen located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, on **November 30, between 11:30 am and 12:00 pm.**

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Check mark what you can do to help

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

- 11:30am-2:00pm — 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-3:00pm — dish washing
 12:30pm-3:00pm — gopher/multi-tasker

Can't help with
LINK this time?
That's okay because
there is another
opportunity coming up
soon!

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

MINISTERS Nov. 25-26

Lectors

Saturday

4:30pm M Head, A Sellet

Sunday

7:00am B Kish, C Winkelbauer

8:30am S Smith, L Sheppard

11:00am T Edgecomb, M Menendez

5:00pm C Phipps, M Williams

Altar Servers

Saturday

4:30pm A Mattes, G Sellet

Sunday

7:00am VOLUNTEER

8:30am S Liu, N Smith

11:00am J Green, M Green

5:00pm H Diers, B Diers

Cantors

Saturday

4:30pm C Watgen

Sunday

7:00am M Steichen

8:30am A Zysk

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday

4:30pm J Koster, J McGraw, MA Roesner

..... L Seidl, D Weigel, L Arnold

Sunday

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

8:30am N Albrecht, J Dvorske, D Foster

..... E Grob-Creasey, S Galarza Liu, D Hoss, J Huss

11:00am S Goodwin, P Gripka, D&T Gunselman

..... J Mercier, C Nieto-Boor, P Smith

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

..... D & E Schmidt, J Weeks

Mass Intentions: Nov. 20 - Nov. 26

Monday: 7:30am Heim Brothers†

Tuesday: 7:30am Colin Rowell†

Wednesday: 7:30am Theophilus Obiefule

Thursday: 9:00am Dwight Johnson†

Friday: 7:30am Maria Magdalena Lee†

Saturday: 8:00am Mr. & Mrs. John McGrath†

4:30pm Akbar Yazdi

Sunday: 7:00am Edmund & Betty Mechavich†

8:30am Deceased & Living

Members of the

Grob Family

11:00am Theophilus Obiefule

2:00pm (Sp.) Juan Andres Ortega

5:00pm Robert McCullough†

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

Gayla Barnes, friend of Jackie Monroe

Mariele Berthold

Patrick Bownes, nephew of Catherine Pawlicki

Remi Brown

Curtis Burns, friend of Joe & Bev Mater

Christine Crandon, sister-in-law of Brent Crandon

Cyril Foote, Sr.

Connor Gabrielson

Gloria Garcia

Ed Garza

Betty Hanna

Judy Hannah

Dianne Hofmann

Bob Holick

Connie Jensen, friend of Steve & Tammy Buckner

Diana Matthews

Christian McGraw, Grandson of Coriene McGraw

Zackary Messerly, nephew of Debra Bradley

Leonard Monroe

Leo Nau

Kathryn Olden

Allan Otter, brother of Norb Otter

Alison Quin

Kathy Rennells

Eva Ricketts, mother of Ingrid Hartman

Darlene Rodgers

Julie Scott, friend of Monica Cordova

Mary Kay Seidl, sister of Loretta Seidl

Gerald Simon

Meyer Sneed, son of Taylor & Melissa Sneed

Tony Soper

Jack Taylor, brother of Daniel Taylor

Chuck Umscheid

Cindy Vasquez, sister of Gina Hodges

Theresa Wells

Jon Yarnell

In Memoriam - Kaiden Reece DeWitt

Our Hope Foundation A St. John Legacy Society

Would you like more information on Planned Giving? Please contact Samantha Romero at somero@saint-johns.net or 785-843-0109

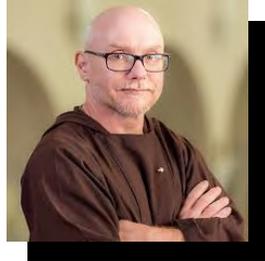


ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Fall Class with Fr. Barnabas

The World First Christians Knew

Father Barnabas has begun his series of classes on the life and times of the earliest Christians. The class discusses the perils faced by Christians. Other questions to be discussed include: Who founded the Church in Rome, Peter or Paul? How large was the Church in Rome and how quickly did it grow? Why did Christians bury themselves in the catacombs? How did the Church respond to the persecutions? What did the Romans think of Christians themselves? Finally, how did this small, often despised, "Jewish sect" rise to be the dominate religion in the Empire at the Time of Constantine?



The main text we will be using is CHRISTIANITY IN ANCIENT ROME: THE FIRST THREE CENTURIES by Bernard Green. You can purchase the book on Amazon. Upcoming Class dates: **November 28; December 5, 12.** Classes will be in the church basement **7:00 pm to 8:15**

Advent Day Of Prayer

Take pause in the midst of the upcoming holiday rush for a retreat day to reflect on four gifts that Advent can hold: peace, courage, playfulness and hope. Sister Melannie Svoboda, SND, will facilitate the Advent 2017 Day of Prayer on **Saturday, Dec. 2, 10 am to 4:30 pm** in Ross Chapel at the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth (SCLs). The day of prayer will conclude with Mass at 3:45 p.m. For more information, visit www.marillaccenter.org. Marillac Center, the SCL retreat center, is hosting the day of prayer. Cost is \$35 and includes lunch. **Register by November 27.** To

The Bible and The Virgin Mary

The Men of St. John are presenting "The Bible and the Virgin Mary" series on **Wednesday mornings from 6:00 am to 7:25 am**. Please join us for faith, fellowship, and breakfast. This is a men's ministry. For more information contact Brian Walter at walterpack@sunflower.com or **785-766-1569**.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus meet on the second Thursday of each month in the basement of St. John the Evangelist Church. Social and dinner, provided by the Knights, beginning at 6:30 pm. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm. 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



STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

Weekly Parish Giving

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018
Information below reflects donations received
July 1, 2017 through November 6, 2017.

Budgeted weekly collection amount \$28,846.15
Average weekly collection amount..... \$26,724.93

Budgeted Collection Fiscal YTD \$548,076.85
Actual Collection Fiscal YTD..... \$507,773.71

Net Shortage..... \$40,303.14

Total Income (FY 2017-2018)..... \$674,313.35
Total Expenses (FY 2017-2018)..... \$832,684.93

Net Loss (07/01/17 – 09/30/17) \$158,371.58

We are grateful for your support of St. John Parish! Our online giving program allows you to make contributions to St. John eliminating the hassle of checks or 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, manage your contributions to the pledge amount, and make one-time donations to special causes.

Visit sjevangelist.com/giving for more information or to set up and manage your account today!

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.

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.

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 12 DE NOVIEMBRE

Domingo: Prov 31, 10-13. 19-20. 30-31/Sal 128, 1-5/1 Tes 5, 1-6/Mt 25, 14-30 o 25, 14-15. 19-21

Lunes: 1 Mc 1, 10-15. 41-43. 54-57. 62-63/Sal 119, 53. 61. 134. 150. 155. 158/Lc 18, 35-43

Martes: 2 Mc 6, 18-31/Sal 3, 2-7/Lc 19, 1-10

Miércoles: 2 Mc 7, 1. 20-31/Sal 17, 1. 5-6. 8. 15/Lc 19, 11-28

Jueves: 1 Mc 2, 15-29/Sal 50, 1-2. 5-6. 14-15/Lc 19, 41-44

Viernes: 1 Mc 4, 36-37. 52-59/1 Cr 29, 10-12/Lc 19, 45-48

Sábado: 1 Mc 6, 1-13/Sal 9, 2-4. 6. 16. 19/Lc 20, 27-40

Domingo siguiente: Ez 34, 11-12. 15-17/Sal 23, 1-3. 5-6/1 Cor 15, 20-26. 28/Mt 25, 31-46

CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA DEL 19 NOVIEMBRE

Martes: La Presentación de la Santísima Virgen María; Nuestra Señora de la Paz (El Salvador)

Miércoles: Cecilia, virgen y mártir

Jueves: Clemente I, papa y mártir; Columbano, abad; Beato Miguel Agustín Pro, sacerdote y mártir; Día de Acción de Gracias

19 de noviembre 2017

33° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

El año litúrgico está llegando a su fin, el próximo domingo celebraremos la solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo. Por esta razón se nota el tono escatológico de las lecturas de los últimos domingos del tiempo ordinario. El Evangelio de este domingo nos narra la parábola de los talentos, se nos indica que hay que fructificar, hay que aprovechar el tiempo. De un momento a otro el Señor estará con nosotros como juez universal. En la parábola vemos como un hombre se va a tierras lejanas y reúne a tres de sus empleados para confiarles sus pertenencias. Reparte talentos, cinco y dos. Estos trabajan y entregan bien las cuentas. Sin embargo, el de un talento no trabaja y es reprendido y echado fuera por no sacar provecho de lo que se le había confiado.

La plegaria eucarística IV nos habla de cuidar lo que Dios nos ha encomendado, los bienes de este mundo, es decir, la creación entera, además de los bienes de nuestras propias cualidades de nuestros dones. "A imagen tuya creaste al hombre y le encomendaste el universo entero, para que, sirviéndote sólo a ti, su Creador, dominara todo lo creado". La parábola nos llama a reflexionar en: nuestros talentos, la vida familiar y la espera de la venida del Señor. Ojalá que al participar en la Eucaristía el Señor nos dé la gracia que necesitamos para vivir con seguridad y confianza en el Señor. ¿Dónde están trabajando nuestros talentos? ¿Están escondidos por vergüenza o por flojera? Al usarlos creativamente somos fieles a Dios y a la creación que nos

VENTA DE PASTELES Y CAFÉ PARA BENEFICIAR EL PROYECTO CHURCH STEPS

Una venta de pasteles y un puesto de café le esperan en el sótano de la iglesia después de las misas del 18 y 19 de noviembre. Pase por un banquete mientras está abajo, visitando la tienda navideña Rummage House. Las ganancias de la venta de repostería y el puesto de café beneficiarán al Proyecto Church Steps. Si desea donar un manjar para nuestra venta de pasteles, llame a Nora al 785-331-0421 o envíe un correo electrónico a



DECK THE HALLS!

St. John's Rummage House lo invita a su experiencia anual de compras navideñas ubicada en el sótano de la iglesia. Estaremos abiertos a los negocios todo el día el **sábado 18 de noviembre (8:30 a.m. hasta después de la misa vespertina)** y el **domingo 19 de noviembre (7:00 a.m. hasta después de la misa a las 2:00 p.m.)**. Tenemos decoraciones, artículos de regalo, árboles, ropa y accesorios disponibles para una donación de buena voluntad. ¡Este año, las ganancias de todas las ventas de Christmas Shop



SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL ACTION

Dear Saint John's Parish Family:

There are so many things I love and appreciate about my family here at St. John's! One of them is the generosity with which we respond to those who live with poverty and struggle at the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Those holidays are quickly approaching, and I challenge us all, myself included, to prayerfully consider our call to minister to the poor in our parish and local community and to embrace this opportunity to spread/share the love and the warmth of Jesus.

Here are some concrete actions you can take:

Help us buy food for Thanksgiving baskets. With a gift of \$5 per parish family, we would have enough to purchase food for 60 Thanksgiving food packages for families. Go to the church's website, www.sjevangelist.com, and make a donation! It's easy: Go to give a gift and you'll find a link for one-time gift, then go to Thanksgiving baskets. It's as easy as that! Or you may simply put your donation in the offering basket; but be sure to give us a notation with it that you'd like the money to go to holiday food. And thanks in advance for your gift!

Prepare to take gift tags from the giving trees to buy gifts for poor families beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3. And please be sure to return those gifts to

St. John's Holiday Giving

the church NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 17, the third Sunday of Advent. The gifts will be distributed to those requesting them on Monday, December 18. Getting your gift(s) to the church on time saves us from duplicitous shopping. Again, we thank you in advance!

If you are a parish family who is facing a serious financial struggle this holiday season or if you know someone who is, please know that Catholic Charities will take applications for holiday assistance beginning Monday, November 6 and ending on Thursday, November 16. They can be reached by phone at 856-2694. They are located at 1525 W. Sixth St. Again, no applications for holiday assistance will be able to be processed after November 16!

The social concerns committee, Catholic Charities, El Centro Hispano and the Haskell Catholic Campus Center thank you for your warm and immense generosity again this year!

*Susan Tabor, Chair,
Social Concerns Committee*

The St. John Social Concerns Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Please contact Susan Tabor at 785-865-9949 or at souljourner@sbcglobal.net for more information.

JUSTICE MATTERS

Justice Matters – an interfaith network doing justice in Lawrence and Douglas County

We are most pleased that Lawrence has voted to put a roof over those in Lawrence who need shelter. The sales tax measure passed and funds will be dedicated to affordable housing in our community.

At our October 30 Community Problems Assembly: Night of Hope – Get out the Vote, Rev. Ted Mosher, pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran and co-president of Justice Matters shared these words with the assembly.

A slave who became an abolitionist, Frederick Douglass once said, "I prayed for 20 years but received no answer until I prayed with my legs." We must unite prayer and action. By emphasizing prayer or action disproportionately, we miss the deeply beautiful union of both. Prayer leads us in how to act. Prayer itself is a type of action. Actions can be empty without prayer. Action, as it did for Douglass, can become a prayer when offered for the sake of God's

Kingdom. The two are truly inseparable, yet we often detach them.

We 'prayed with our legs' by going door to door to hand out leaflets, by delivering yard signs, by volunteering at tables after worship services around town and by getting to the polls and voting. We did it! Thanks to all who worked so hard on this campaign.

The next stage of the yearly process is Research to Action on the two active issues Alternatives to Incarceration and Restorative Justice in our schools and learning how to monitor the issues of childhood trauma, the mental health crisis center and affordable housing. Training for this phase will be Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Immanuel Lutheran Church from 9 am to noon. Any network member who is or thinks they might be interested in serving on a research or monitoring group is welcome to attend.

