

1229 Vermont St, Lawrence, KS 66044 | February 11, 2018



Repent and believe in the Gospel

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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.

Parish Staff

Pastor Fr. Jeff Ernst
Associate Pastor Fr. Barnabas Eichor
In Residence Fr. Mike Scully
Principal, St. John School Mrs. Pat Newton
Director of Liturgy & Music Lisa Roush
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High School Youth Directors Amy Hill & Jeff Cramer
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1208 Kentucky St. 785-843-9511
www.sjevangelist.com/school

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1525 W. 6th, Suite A 785-856-2694

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13th & Kentucky lbrey525@gmail.com

Shopping Hours: Wednesday — 11:00am-3:00 pm
Thursday (first and last of month only) — 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Saturday — 8:30 am-12:30 pm

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204 W. 13th St. 785-843-2039

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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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By Fr. Jeffrey A Ernst, OFM, Cap.

A Season of Spiritual Refreshment

The Season of Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. Sometimes in those years when Lent is early, as it is this year, I don't feel ready for it. Having just come through the Christmas Season, I prefer a little longer period of Ordinary Time between Christmas and Lent as a way to make more of a gradual, spiritual transition from the joyful, holy, and celebratory nature of the Christmas Season to the more subdued and reflective nature of Lent. However, this year I feel ready. Perhaps that is due to the more intense winter weather we have had this year. Though the brisk, crisp winter air is refreshing, the extreme temperatures make one want to stay indoors. The accompanying ailments of the flu and cold can also inhibit the enjoyment of winter.

Lent signals the coming of springtime and pleasant temperatures, the beginning of new life and spiritual renewal. With its focus on repentance, the time of Lent is somewhat like working a garden. Before the beauty of flowers and the enjoyment of vegetables, the soil has to be tilled, fertilizer worked in, and then the planting can begin. After a year, that soil might become packed and dry, depleted of nutrients. Similarly, our hearts can become that way, hardened and spiritually dry, depleted of spiritual nutrients due to our own neglect. That is why once a year we Catholics and other Christians observe a special time of prayer, penance, and almsgiving, which are a means to refresh our spiritual lives.

Other means to spiritual refreshment are available at St. John Parish. Christ Renews His Parish will have a retreat for women the weekend of February 24–25. We are also beginning Small Groups this month, whose meetings include prayer, reflection on Scripture, and discussion. A men's prayer group meets in the church basement every Wednesday morning at 6:00, breakfast included. There are other various prayer groups, including the Legion of Mary, which meets every Saturday afternoon at 4:00 in the church basement. The Stations of the Cross will be offered every Friday evening during Lent at 5:30, with the exception of Friday, March 23, which will be a Taize Prayer and Hymns Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm. Opportunities for almsgiving and service to those in need include LINK, Family Promise, Justice Matters, the Rummage House, and Catholic Charities, among others. Please check the bulletin or website for further information on these wonderful alternatives to our human tendency to self-preoccupation and sin.

Script: This Lenten Season, what are YOU going to do in the areas of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving?

- Fr. Jeff

Lenten Dietary Restrictions

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

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 eighth grade.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Our Hope Legacy Society Minute

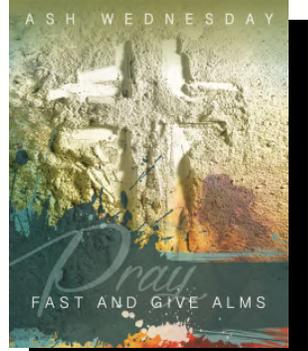
Did you know...

You can have a portion of your estate to establish a donor advised fund. One of our parishioners modified their will to direct the establishment of a donor advised fund as part of their estate planning. The plan is to have their children and grandchildren meet every year to determine which charities should receive the annual earnings from the fund. The objective of this strategy is to promote legacy of giving for their grandchildren.



Ash Wednesday & Palm Burning

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Lenten Fish Fry is Back!

St. John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council 1372 is hosting Lenten dinners Friday's from **5:00 pm - 7:00 pm** starting February 16 through March 23. Dinners are served in the Church basement.



Menu: fish tacos, fried catfish, baked tilapia, veggie lasagna, mac-n-cheese and shrimp**.

** March 2 and 9

Meals range in price from \$6 to \$10.

Advertising opportunities

The time has come again to fill our bulletin advertising space. Liturgical Publications provides the bulletin at no cost to the church, Doug Wolfe from Liturgical Publications will be in our office the week of **February 12** securing new ads. Please consider purchasing an ad, sponsoring a charity, or in Memory of a Loved One. Your participation makes our bulletin successful.

Souljourners Spiritual Formation

Thursday, February 15, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm

Are you experiencing a call to spiritual renewal by listening to God, yourself, and others? The Souljourners spiritual formation program is both an opportunity for spiritual enrichment and a training program for persons who wish to learn the skill of spiritual direction/companionship. In preparation for the 2018-2019 Souljourners program that will begin in June, staff at Sophia Spirituality Center are offering an inquiry session to provide detailed information to persons interested in this opportunity. For more information or to register, call **913-360-6173** or visit the Sophia Spirituality Center Web site at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org.

K of C Baby Shower

Please bring baby related items and place them in the crib at the north entrance to the church. All items will benefit families who receive services from the Pregnancy Care Center of

Lawrence: pcclawrence.org

If you would like to make a cash donation, please make checks out to "The Pregnancy Care Center of Lawrence," and place it in the weekly collection basket or contact John Rasmussen **785-749-1015**. Please do not leave any cash or checks in the crib.

Because of the move to our new location and transitional time in between, we are not taking any clothes or blankets at this time. A list of items of greatest need for the Pregnancy Care Center follows: **newborn diapers, nursing pads, baby hooded bath towels, baby shampoo, Similac Blue formula, baby bottles (new),**



Daughters of Isabella

St. Jude Circle meets on the **second Monday** of each month in **Holy Family Hall at Corpus Christi, at 7:00 pm**.

The Daughters of Isabella is one of the largest organizations of Catholic Women of the United States and Canada. Every day, we strive to live our motto of Unity, Friendship and Charity. We invite women of Lawrence parishes to join us we gather for religious, social and charitable experiences.



If you need additional information and/or would like to join us in the coming month, please contact Regent Dorothy Henley at **785-766-1158**.

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Beloved Marriage Enrichment A perfect course for Lent

Save the Date! St. John will offer an exciting opportunity for couples to have a date night and time to renew their marriage. The Augustine Institute course Beloved began **February 8** and takes place over 6 sessions. You can come early **6:30-7:00 pm** and eat a catered dinner (\$10 per person includes dinner, drinks, and dessert) or come at **7:00 pm** and eat while you listen to engaging videos and spend time talking with your spouse.

Understanding the true meaning of marriage is one thing, living it out is another. Beloved: Living Marriage examines the day-to-day challenges of being united as husband and wife, while maintaining individuality. Beloved shows how to put faith at the center of your marriage.

Dates Left: February 15, March 1, March 8, March 15, and March 22
Location: St. John School Bosco Room-lower level
Time: 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm.
Optional dinner 7:00 pm- 8:30 pm Session

All are welcome! Invite your friends. Please RSVP to Samantha Romero at sromero@saint-johns.net or **785-843-0109**.

**We can provide a list of babysitters if needed.*

New Small Group Ministry Coming to St. John!

St. John will launch its new Small Group Ministry!

It can be easy to get lost in a crowd—to feel lonely even though you may be surrounded by people at Mass each week. We want you to have the opportunity to be known and supported in an authentic way and to become the best version of yourself. People grow faster spiritually in a caring, interactive group where they can feel free to ask their real questions and sense the support of a group. There will be many groups to choose from: men's groups, women's groups, groups for couples with young children, married couples with no children, young adult groups, mixed groups and still others getting ready to start up.

If you'd like to get involved with a small group at St. John please contact Samantha Romero at sromero@saint-johns.net or Melissa Tanking at meltanking@yahoo.com.

Sign-ups will be available in the bulletin, online, or in person at our launch event **February 17 & 18**.

Holy Rosary Rally

Please join us for the February Holy Rosary Rally in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima—which will be held on **Sunday, February 18, 3:00 pm—4:15 pm** at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 14251 Nall Avenue, Leawood, KS 66223. We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular. For driving instructions or future dates for the Kansas City monthly Holy Rosary rallies, please visit www.rosaryrallieskc.org

MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION

KANSAS CITY'S CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Looking for peace, happiness pleasure, excitement, fulfilling life? Come hear the truth about how to live your life as a man trying to follow Christ. Spend a day with other men from our Archdiocese learning how to better live our faith.

MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION 22 is a perfect Lenten investment in your spirituality.

Featured speakers include Lamar Hunt Jr., Deacon Dana Nearmyer, Michael Shirley and Father Andrew Stroble. You

will be able to participate in reconciliation and hear from Archbishop Naumann.

No kum ba ya here! Just real men looking for some truth and happiness.

The event will be held **Saturday, February 17** at Church of the Ascension, **9510 W. 127th St. in Overland Park**. Doors open at **6:30 am** and the final blessing is at **3:30 pm**. For more information, contact the parish office or register at

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Lenten Taize Services

The 2018 Lenten Taizé season starts on **Friday, February 16**, at First United Methodist Church. The next six services will be **Friday, February 23**, at Immanuel Lutheran; **Sunday, March 4**, at First Baptist; **Friday, March 9**, at Ecumenical Campus Ministries; and **Friday, March 16** at Plymouth Congregational. On **March 23**, St. John the Evangelist will host its annual Stations of the Cross Taizé service, and on **March 30, at 7:30 pm**, Peace Mennonite will host a Good Friday Tenebrae Taizé service at First Baptist Church. All of the services, except the Good Friday service, start at 6:00 pm.

If you seek some spiritual quiet to enrich your prayer life during Lent, consider "taking on" Taizé as part of your Lenten practice. For more information or to be put on the Taizé email notification drop, please contact Judith Galas at judithcgalas@gmail.com. Bookmarks listing all services and their locations are available in the information area.

VITA volunteers needed

Did you know families and individuals who have an annual income lower than \$54,000 qualify for free income tax assistance? That's right and each year, with the help of volunteers; Catholic Charities makes this tax filing service available to those in Douglas County! We are seeking volunteers for our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program in our new Lawrence office, **1525 West 6th Street**. Volunteers must first pass the IRS exam, certification at the Basic level or higher, before they will be able to work one-on-one with families and individuals who qualify for free income tax assistance. Shifts are available Mondays and Wednesdays from **9:00 am-4:30 pm** beginning in February and ending in mid-April. If you are interested in volunteering, contact **Sasheen Cutchlow** at **913-307-6782** or scutchlow@catholiccharitiesks.org.

Women's Prayer Group

The Women's Prayer and Reflection Group meets in the St. John School library. Join us for fellowship and be inspired by women saints, historical figures, and women from the bible. Join us any time, no preparation necessary. For more information about meeting times and dates, please contact Beth Fox **785-840-5561** or Cheryl Hicklin **785-691-5607**.

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**

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



"The 11th Commandment, thou shalt not leave thy church a mess."

Please help us keep St. John's beautiful by picking up any loose items in your pew or floor and replacing all books before leaving. Thank you for your assistance!

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



STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

MINISTERS Feb. 17-18

Lectors

Contact Sean Smith
seanj@ku.edu

Altar Servers

Saturday

4:30pm G Sellet, A Mattes

Sunday

7:00am L Alexander, F Alexander

8:30am C Peltier, N Peltier

11:00am M Green, J Green

5:00pm L Hartwick, L Hartwick

Cantors

Saturday

4:30pm A Mauler

Sunday

7:00am M Conn

8:30am K Gibb

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday

4:30pm D Depenbusch, D & K Guth,

..... J Halderman, L Heiserman, A Hewitt

Sunday

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

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

..... K Lister, K Ostrander, Y Ruder, L Scott

11:00am L Tiffany, T Towle, N Allensworth,

..... B Baska, B Bermudez, C Bial, A Brill

5:00pm D Wulf-Walter, L Brey, S File,

..... C Garcia, A Hill, N Jones

Altar Servers Needed

Additional altar servers are needed for the **4:30 pm**

Saturday Mass, 7:00 am and

5:00 pm Sunday Masses. This

is an important ministry and a wonderful opportunity for the youth of our parish to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist. If your son/daughter

has been trained and willing to be scheduled for one of these

Mass times, please contact

Amanda Sellet, altar server scheduler, at

asellet@msn.com or 785-856-1910.



Mass Intentions: Feb. 12—Feb. 18

Monday: 7:30am Elise & Edward Plute†

Tuesday: 7:30am Jaunita Bailey†

Ash Wednesday: 7:00am Jim O'Toole†

12:10pm Edna Zillnert†

5:15pm Jack Lowery

7:00pm St. John Parish

Thursday: 7:30am Leon P. Stallbaum†

Friday: 7:30am Melania & Karol Thomas†

Saturday: 8:00am Tom Rainbolt†

4:30pm Mike Born

Sunday: 7:00am Witold Grzymala-Busset†

8:30am John Alexander

11:00am Larry Nordhus†

2:00pm (Sp.) St. John Parish

5:00pm Mary Green†

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 Center to request someone for the "Prayer List" and be sure to update the Center monthly regarding their condition or the name will be removed.

Frank Acinger, brother of Bernadette West

Gayla Barnes, friend of Jackie Monroe

Mike Born, brother of Phyllis Stone

Remi Brown

Curtis Burns, friend of Joe & Bev Mater

Christine Crandon, sister-in-law of Brent Crandon

Diane Darwin

Cyril Foote, Sr.

Gloria Garcia

Ed Garza

Betty Hanna

Dianne Hofmann

Bob Holek

Connie Jensen, friend of Steve & Tammy Buckner

Jack Lowery, friend of Fleda & Chuck Umscheid

Tim Maniez, friend of Charlene Hodge

Diana Matthews

Zackary Messerly, nephew of Debra Bradley

John Murray, the father of Donna Callewaert

Leo Nau

Theophilus Obiefule

Kathryn Olden

Allan Otter, brother of Norb Otter

Anthony Pawlicki, brother of Fred & Cathie Pawlicki

Joseph Malloy Pohrer, son in law of Carol Von Tersch

Alison Quin

Kathy Rennells

Eva Ricketts, mother of Ingrid Hartman

Mick Schurer

Julie Scott, friend of Monica Cordova

Mary Kay Seidl, sister of Loretta Seidl

Gerald Simon

Meyer Sneed, son of Taylor & Melissa Sneed

Tony Soper

Brian Soza, son of Joseph Soza

Cameron Stupansky, friend of Kathy Colson

Jack Taylor, brother of Daniel Taylor

Chuck Umscheid

Mary Vannicola

Cindy Vasquez, sister of Gina Hodges

Theresa Wells

Jon Yarnell

IN MEMORIAM— Jesse & Juanita Hernandez

FAITH FORMATION

The Lent 1:1:1 Plan

KEEP • IT • SIMPLE

All too often, people either take on too much or don't take on enough during Lent. The solution is to simplify our disciplines, focus our intentions and concentrate more clearly on our spiritual goals. To keep it simple this Lent, try the "1-1-1 Plan": one sin, one add-in, one give-up.

Concentrate or focus on one sin or fault that is getting in the way of your relationship with God and with others. Add one positive activity that will deepen your prayer and spiritual life (especially if you think you are too busy to put anything more into an impossibly busy schedule!). Deny yourself something you really like or are attached to.

ONE SIN

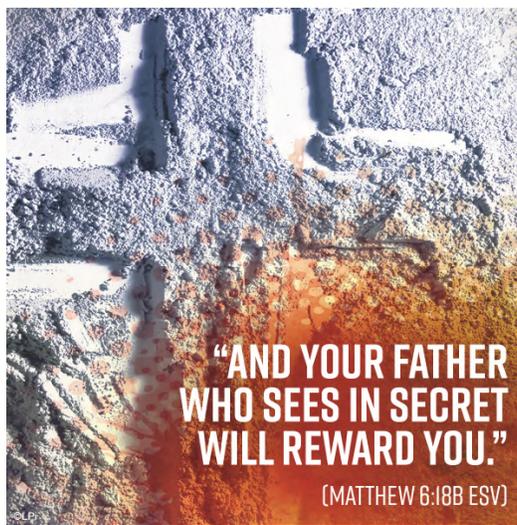
Most of us, if we are honest, know at least one area of sin to focus on during Lent. If you need help in identifying which sin to concentrate on this year, ask God in prayer to reveal it to you. If you still aren't sure, ask your family or close friends. Just be sure you are willing to listen to them and accept their assessment. Try to go to confession to receive God's mercy in this area of your life.

ONE ADD-IN

The next step in 1-1-1 Lent is to add one thing of God to your routine that you haven't been doing. Because we are all so busy, it's a good idea to not just pick an add-in, but to schedule a regular time when you put it on your

calendar so you don't "forget." Ideas for add-ins are pretty much endless, but some include:

- Go to Mass in the middle of the week
- Attend the Stations of the Cross as family
- Read a Gospel
- Volunteer at a social ministry
- Get up early to pray



ONE GIVE UP

Giving up something for Lent has been part of the Church almost since the beginning. While giving up sweets and alcohol are time-honored, consider giving up one thing that you really like or enjoy. Just make sure it is

something that lets you feel the deprivation and is at least a little bit challenging. Make it difficult but doable.

- Fast from fault finding and nagging, and fast from a critical tongue or a closed mind.
- Give up impulse purchases.
- Give up an unhealthy habit, like smoking.
- Limit the time you watch television or surf the Web.
- Give up fast food and donate the money you save.

- Abbreviated from Our Sunday Visitor article *Your Guide to a Catholic Lent*

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 January 28, 2017.

Budgeted weekly collection amount\$28,846.15
Average weekly collection amount.....\$29,401.53

Budgeted Collection Fiscal YTD\$894,230.65
Actual Collection Fiscal YTD \$903,894.93

Net Overage\$9,664.28

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!

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS & EVENTS

Rest Stops for Busy Women

If you are going high-speed on the road of life with schedules and commitments, this one-day retreat will help you pay attention to the road signs and give yourself permission to take a "rest stop." Facilitators: Cathy Newton and Sister Noreen Walter, SCL. **Saturday, February 24, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm**, Marillac Center on the campus of the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, 4200 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan. Donation of \$40 includes lunch; scholarships available. For more information, visit www.marillaccenter.org. To register or for more information: retreats@scls.org or **913-758-6552**. Registration deadline: **February 17**.

22nd Annual Regional Mass and Sacrament of Healing

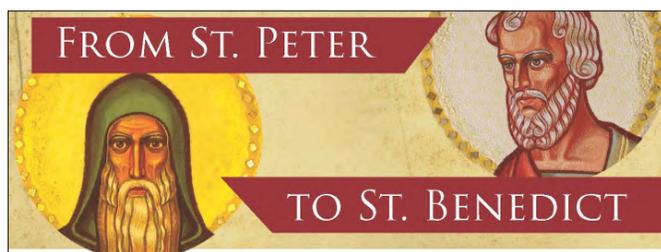
Most Reverend Joseph E. Naumann will be the Principal Celebrant with the Most Reverend James P. Keleher as Homilist in a communal Mass to administer the sacrament of the sick to Catholics of both Dioceses. The special concelebration of the Mass, anointing and blessing of the sick, comparable to that done in Lourdes, France, will be conducted at **10:00am, Saturday, March 3**, at Curé of Ars Parish, 94th and Mission Road, Leawood, Kansas. All are invited to attend. The church is especially accessible for those with handicaps. Prior to Mass, the sacrament of reconciliation will be offered from 8:45 to 9:30 am. Those wishing to receive the sacraments are asked to pre-registered by phone or email. Please call **816-579-1370** or maltakansascity@gmail.com and leave your name and correct spelling. Thank you very much for your assistance in past years and for helping us get the word out again this year.



Coffee & Silence

February 14, February 20, February 28, March 8, March 14, March 23, March 28 from **9:00 am–4:00 pm** once a week during Lent. Sophia Spirituality Center at Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, Kansas, is offering guests the opportunity to spend a day in quiet prayer and reflection. Coffee will be provided; bring a sack lunch and enjoy a Lenten day of silent prayer, reading, journaling, meditative walking, and rest.

For more information or to register, call **913-360-6173** or visit the Sophia Spirituality Center Web site at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org.



AN ITALIAN PILGRIMAGE
WITH ABBOT JAMES ALBERS
OCTOBER 11-22, 2018



Join Abbot James Albers
and friends Jeannine Wyatt MSSC '69 and JD Benning BC '08
for a pilgrimage to Rome
and Benedictine sites in Italy



Tour Roman basilicas, the birthplace of St. Benedict, the Benedictine abbey at Monte Cassino, the birthplace of St. Catherine of Siena, and much more – including a special tour and vineyard luncheon in San Gimignano.

\$2,850 + flight - more information at
KANSASMONKS.ORG/ITALY



Archdiocese news to your home

If you would like to receive or cancel your subscription to The Leaven, the Catholic newspaper of the Archdiocese, contact Becky Calvert: bcavert@archkck.org or **913-647-0380**.

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 communion.

CATECISMO EN ESPAÑOL

Las Inscripciones son en agosto y en mayo. Por favor para mas informacion llamar a Maria Mota.

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 11 DE FEBRERO

Domingo: Lv 13, 1-2. 44-46/Sal 32, 1-2. 5. 11 [7]/1 Cor 10, 31--11, 1/Mc 1, 40-45

Lunes: Sant 1, 1-11/Sal 119, 67. 68. 71. 72. 75. 76 [77]/Mc 8, 11-13

Martes: Sant 1, 12-18/Sal 94, 12-13. 14-15. 18-19 [12]/Mc 8, 14-21

Miércoles: Jl 2, 12-18/2 Cor 5, 20--6, 2/Sal 51, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14 y 17 [cfr. 3]/Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18

Jueves: Dt 30, 15-20/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6 [40, 5]/Lc 9, 22-25

Viernes: Is 58, 1-9/Sal 51, 3-4. 5-6. 18-19 [19]/Mt 9, 14-15

Sábado: Is 58, 9-14/Sal 86, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [11]/Lc 5, 27

11 de febrero de 2018

6º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

La Palabra de Dios en este Domingo nos enseña el estilo de Jesús para hacer sus milagros prodigiosos. Pero, quizá te preguntas. ¿Cuál era su estilo? Identificarse con los demás. Dice el dicho popular meterse en el zapato del otro", para entender la situación al cien por ciento. Identificarse con los necesitados, con los marginados de su tiempo. En el caso de hoy, el leproso, que si observamos bien, sucede algo curioso se intercambian los papeles. El leproso, por su condición de impuro no podía entrar en la ciudad y al ser curado, Jesús, le ordena no decir nada a nadie hasta ir a presentarse al sacerdote para su purificación. Pero, el papel se invirtió el leproso no obedeció dijo a la gente del pueblo que fue sanado. Por lo tanto ahora Jesús, ya no podía entrar públicamente al pueblo. ¡Se quedo fuera!

Lo importante, es, que, en ese tiempo y ahora Jesús sigue expulsado, encontrando, fuera en las periferias a muchos enfermos. La situación llega al punto de ser crucificado fuera de Jerusalén en medio de dos ladrones. ¿Has entendido el estilo de Jesús? ¿Te gustaría intentar a partir de hoy su estilo? Ciertamente, que no podremos curar del todo las diferentes enfermedades de nuestro tiempo. Sin embargo, si podemos tener el poder de acompañar, de orar, de visitar, de tocar con amor a los que sufren, en casa y hospitales. Aún, yendo más lejos, pidamos a Jesús que nos cure a nosotros mismos, para, luego aliviar a los demás. ¡Dios nos conoce hasta el fondo del corazón, dejémonos tocar por él?

EL QUINTO ENCUENTRO NACIONAL

Te invite a una reunion para preparar el Quinto Encuentro Nacional del Ministerio Hispano/Latino. Este Encuentro es apoyado por los Obispos de los Estados Unidos.

El proposito del Encuentro es, escuchar la voz de los latinos que viven en los Estados Unidos y conocer sus preocupaciones y experiencias. El Encuentro sera del **20 al 23 de septiembre 2018**. Podrias ayudarme? Favor de llamarme al **785-843-0109** o mandarme un email: frjeff@saint



My Path...Our Journey...February Tool for the Journey : Gratitude

Gratitude as a virtue is talked about often. Sometimes we can feel like it is watered down, used too much, or the word becomes inauthentic. As we enter Lent in the coming weeks, gratitude becomes an important focus as we recognize God's greatest gift to us...his very own life. So what is gratitude really? How do we develop this attitude even when life is tough?

German mystic Meister Eckhart once said, "If the only prayer you said your whole life was 'thank you,' that would suffice."

Prayer is at the heart of gratitude. By being daily connected with the one who gives so much; our hearts become open to the graces he freely gives. We make connections to the ways that God works in our lives always for good. Lent is a good time to think about gratitude. As we are in this time of "darkness" in the church liturgical year we are challenged to have "Resurrection Eyes" or eyes that can see through the darkness to the light in the world. This is gratitude! Understanding life will have challenges, but even in these challenges the light of Christ is ever present and blessings are still being bestowed upon us. How we



respond in thankfulness each day is how we grow in the virtue of gratitude. Having a level of humility to know we do not deserve God's love and mercy, but we have and in response should share it with the world. Not out of obligation, but a true understanding that all we have is because of Christ Jesus.

Let our challenge this Lent be to keep a Gratitude Journal. Start one or continue one and every day list those things we have "Resurrection Eyes" about. Let's become a community with an attitude of gratitude! This just may be one of our strongest tools for the stewardship journey. As famous singer Willie Nelson once said, "When I started counting my blessings my whole life turned around."

Other Great Ways to show our Gratitude:

- Give one hour to Jesus in Adoration.
- Join a Rosary group (St. John has 2).
- Volunteer to help someone in need.
- Carry blankets, water, food packs to give to homeless.
- Give extra financially when you can. Maybe a special Lenten tithe?
- No complaining!
- Make someone feel welcome at work or in your

JUSTICE MATTERS

Justice Matters – an interfaith network working for justice

In all the flurry of the pending county referendum on the jail expansion and mental health crisis center we cannot lose sight of other issues that are important to address in our community. Gary Schmidt, a member of First United Methodist and chair of the Restorative Justice Research committee, has written the following brief description of our proposed solution for injustices in our school system in Lawrence.

In Lawrence Public Schools students of color are suspended at two times the rate of white students. They are also only one-half as likely to be enrolled in advanced placement classes. These figures are reflective of national data. The school district has had an equity plan attempting to mitigate this for 11 years without significantly impacting these data. In our research, the Justice Matters Racial Justice Committee came across a concept of restorative justice and its outgrowth, restorative practices for schools. Whenever someone violates rules of conduct it impacts an individual or individuals as well as the larger community. In traditional discipline systems, the perpetrator receives a sentence for his/her violation and little is done to repair damage done to relationships with the victim(s) or the larger community. It is assumed that the perpetrator will learn his/her lesson and that others will have a sense of justice done. However, punishment doesn't work to change behavior.

With restorative practices, the emphasis is on maintaining a healthy, safe, and supportive community as well as holding persons accountable for the harm their behavior causes others. Accountability is not the same thing as punishment, although some form of punishment may also occur, depending on the severity or type of violation. Implementation of restorative practices requires a basic change in philosophy of discipline among faculty and administrative staff. Staff is trained in a variety of techniques such as positive behavioral supports to teach appropriate emotional regulatory and problem solving behaviors, discussion circles, and formal and informal restorative conferences. Beginning this fall, a pilot restorative practice program was started at Liberty Memorial Central Middle School. Some 16 staff and administrators have received training in restorative practices so far and some of the techniques are being routinely implemented to familiarize all staff with concepts of restorative practice. There are plans to train all staff and a 3-year implementation plan has been set in place.



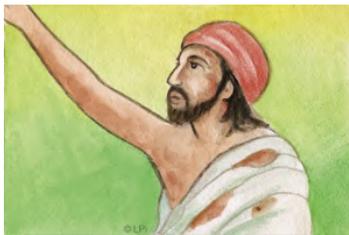
For additional information:
www.justicemattersinkansas.org For more information or to volunteer to help with opposing the jail expansion and/or to support the crisis center contact Pat Lechtenberg

FOCUS ON THE WORD

6th Sunday In Ordinary Time

We may not like it, but generosity and risk often go hand-in-hand. At least, that's what Jesus shows us in today's Gospel as a leper approaches him for healing. Until the nineteenth century, lepers were shunned to the margins of society for fear of spreading the disease. To touch a leper was to risk becoming unclean yourself. In today's Gospel, Jesus defies convention. "Moved with pity, he reached out his hand, [and] touched him." The leper is healed! But this is not the only risk Jesus takes.

Before Jesus heals the man, he knows full well the desperate nature of his situation. Jesus knows that this man will be overjoyed upon being healed and that he just might tell everyone he knows. For a Messiah looking to temporarily fly under the radar, healing this particular leper might not be the best idea. Jesus heals anyway.



It can be easy to become calculated in our giving. If I go out of my way to help this person, how will it affect my reputation? How will this charitable donation affect my budget? How could I possibly make time to volunteer regularly? In today's Gospel, Jesus casts these concerns aside. He touches the untouchable. He reaches the unreachable. For his efforts, he receives a betrayal of his request for silence. "The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter." Before long "it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly." Jesus is forced to remain "outside in the deserted places." It would appear, perhaps, that he is unable to accomplish his mission. When we take a risk to be generous, things might not follow the prescribed path. We might be disappointed. We also might be surprised! Our witness to radical generosity is attractive to a world in desperate need. Indeed, when

God in Ordinary Moments

If you witnessed a miracle, wouldn't you want to tell everyone? If you saw the sun dance in the sky, a crippled man walk, or the Virgin Mary appear in front of you, wouldn't you just want to shout about it from a rooftop so all could hear? Maybe you would be afraid others would not believe you. You might choose instead to keep it to yourself to avoid criticism and ridicule. At least, if you saw a miracle, you would have a choice: to tell or not to tell. Yet, at every Mass we witness a miracle. We witness bread and wine as it becomes the true presence of Jesus Christ. It isn't a saint



or Mary appearing before us; it is actually Jesus! When was the last time you told anybody about that miracle? It might not be easy for us to always talk about our faith, but we can show them. When we receive the Eucharist into our bodies, we become one with Christ. We go forth from the Mass as a living testimony of the miracle that occurred at Mass. People will not be able to simply look at us and see the evidence. We need to demonstrate to them the reality of this miracle by our good deeds and profound acts of charity. That is stewardship. That is bearing witness to the truth of our God being truly present to us. It is something we should want to share with everyone.

-Tracy Earl

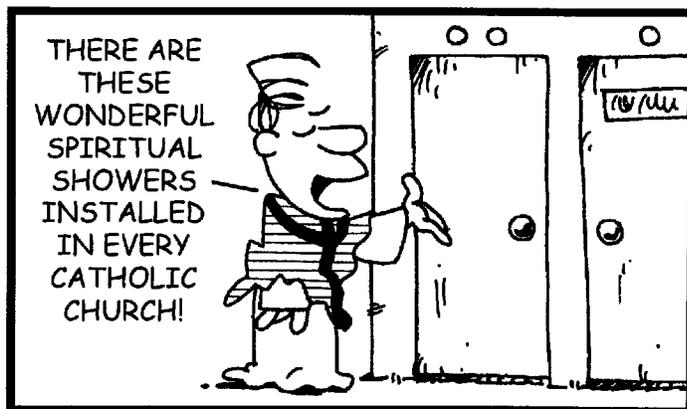
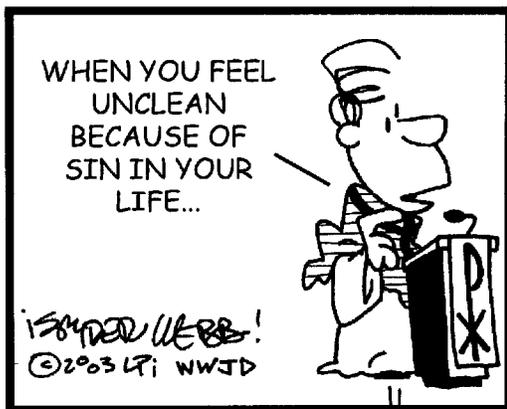
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QUOTABLE:

You don't think your way into a new kind of living. You live your way into a new kind of thinking.

--Henri Nouwen

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Christ Renews His Parish at St. John Church

This is your invitation!

Women's Retreat (February 24-25, 2018)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Nickname (for name tag):

Address: _____ City/State/Zip:

Home Phone: _____ Email Address:

Are you a registered member of St. John? (circle one) No Yes

Do you have food allergies or special dietary needs? (circle one) No Yes, they
are _____

Do you require any other special accommodations? (circle one) No Yes, they
are: _____

Emergency Contact #1 Full Name: _____ Relationship:

Home Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number:

Emergency Contact #2 Full Name: _____ Relationship:

For Office Use Only:

Date Received _____ # for desired retreat _____ Confirmed Date _____ Initials _____ Confirm Let-

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is CRHP? "Christ Renews His Parish" is a spiritual renewal process which calls together the members of the parish – priests, religious, laity – to experience personal conversion and Christian community in the environment of their own parish. It is completely oriented to the parish in order to give both the individual and the parish an opportunity for renewal and growth in the spiritual life. It is led by a team of parishioners properly formed in prayer and love and instructed in the content of the total process. It was developed in 1969 and has been experienced by hundreds of parishes across the country.

2. What happens during the weekend? Most say, "You can't explain what happens; you have to experience it." This is your invitation to the experience. You will enjoy the 30-hour Christ Renews His Parish Weekend. This includes group activities and discussions, prayer and sacraments together, and reflections by fellow parishioners on such subjects as: Father's loving care for us, Renewal, Scripture, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Discipleship, and what Christian Life is all about.

3. Where and when is the retreat weekend? There are retreats for Men and retreats for Women on different weekends.

4. How long will it last? Begins 7:30am on Saturday and ends Sunday by 5pm.

5. Who may come? Anyone 19 years or older, Catholic, and who is a registered member of St. John Church is invited.

6. I'm doubtful. Who will invite me? This is your invitation. It is up to you to make up your own mind. You are not being pressured. Praying for guidance is important. If you feel that Christ, through the Holy Spirit is calling you, COME!

7. What about Confession? There is a Reconciliation Service that concludes with confession for those who desire it.

8. What about Mass? The Eucharistic Celebration is in the church, which is reserved for the participants of the weekend.

9. Where do people sleep? Sleeping accommodations are at St. John Catholic School. It is recommended that you bring a air mattress. Service is excellent, since you make your own bed and provide whatever linens, pillows, blankets, sleeping bags etc.

10. What about meals? Hot meals are served. The food is excellent and the portions ample.

11. What is the uniform of the day? Casual and comfortable clothes. Blue jeans and track suits are the usual. No extra "Sunday best" attire is expected.

12. Can I afford the price of the weekend? Suggested donation \$35.

13. I'd like to attend the weekend, but I have a health problem. Mention that you have a special need on this form. A person from the Retreat Team will contact you.

14. I can't get up and talk in front of people. Will I have to? You will not be asked to get up and talk.

15. I'm still not sure. How do I know if I need renewal? As Christians we are called to continually renew our faith and our relationship with Christ. As a parish we are called to continually renew our community, to experience "being church for others". Do not worry about your preconceived reluctance to participate. Come and see. What do you have to lose?

16. How do I register? Invitation Registration forms are available at the back of Church and in the Parish Office. Applications are accepted on a "first come, first served" basis.

Cristo Renueva su Parroquia en la Iglesia de San Juan Evangelista

¡Esta es tu invitación!

Indica a cual retiro quieres asistir:

Retiro para las mujeres (24-25 de febrero de 2018)

Nombre: _____ Apellido: _____ Apodo (para el nombre de la etiqueta): _____

Dirección: _____ Ciudad/Estado/Código

postal: _____

Teléfono de Casa: _____ Correo

Electrónico: _____

¿Eres un miembro registrado en la parroquia de San Juan? (encierra uno) No Sí

¿Tienes alergia alguna comida o necesitas alguna dieta especial? (encierra uno) No Sí, Estos son: _____

¿Requiere otro alojamiento especial? (encierra uno) No Sí, Estos son: _____

Contacto de Emergencia #1 Nombre completo: _____ Relación: _____

Numero de Teléfono de su Casa: _____ Numero de

Teléfono Alternativo: _____

Contacto de Emergencia #2 Nombre Completo: _____ Relación: _____

Para uso de la oficina solamente: Fecha que se Recibió. _____ # Para el Retiro deseado _____

Preguntas que frecuentemente se hacen:

1. ¿Qué es CRHP? "Cristo Renueva su parroquia" es un proceso de renovación espiritual que reúne a los miembros de la parroquia – sacerdotes, religiosas y laicos – Para experimentar la conversión personal y la de la comunidad cristiana en el entorno de su propia parroquia. Para la renovación y crecimiento de la vida espiritual. Es dirigido por un equipo de feligreses adecuadamente Formados en la oración y el amor e instruido en el contenido del proceso total fue desarrollado en el año 1969 y ha sido experimentado por cientos de parroquias en todo el país.

2. ¿Qué ocurre durante el fin de semana? La mayoría se pregunta, "Pero no puedes explicarte; Tienes que vivir esta experiencia." Esta es tu invitación para que la vivas. Ven y disfruta de 30 horas el fin de semana cristo renueva su parroquia. Este incluye actividades en grupo, Discusión, oración, reflexión acerca de los sacramentos. Seguido de temas como: Cuidado amoroso del Padre hacia nosotros, Renovación, Escrituras, Eucaristía, Reconciliación, Discipulado y lo que la vida cristiana es en si.

3. ¿Dónde y cuándo es el retiro del fin de semana? Tenemos el retiro para los Hombres y el de las mujeres en diferentes fines de semana.

4. ¿Cuánto tiempo dura? Empieza a las 7:30 am el sábado y termina el domingo a las 5pm.

5. ¿Quién puede venir? Cualquiera que tenga 19 años en Adelante, Católica, que este registrado como miembro de la parroquia de St. John está invitada.

6. ¿Tengo dudas acerca de la persona que me está haciendo la invitación? Esta es tu invitación. Depende de de ti para hacer tu propia decisión. No te sientas presionado reza para una guía es importante. Si tú sientes que cristo a través del Espíritu Santo te está llamando. ¡ACEPTA Y VEN!

7. ¿Qué tal acerca de la confesión? Tendremos servicio de reconciliación que concluye con la confesión para aquellas personas que deseen hacerlo.

8. ¿Qué tal acerca de la Misa? La Celebración de la Eucaristía ese en la Iglesia la cual es solamente para las personas que están participando en el retiro del fin de semana.

9. ¿Dónde duermen las personas? El alojamiento para dormir es en las aulas de la Escuela de la Parroquia se recomienda que traigas tu colchón de aire, Sabanas, cobijas, almohada etc. ¡El Servicio será excelente ya que tú misma te podrás hacer tu propia cama!

10. ¿Qué tal acerca de las comidas? Ofrecemos comidas calientes y porciones amplias.

11. ¿Cómo debo vestirme? Casual y con ropa muy cómoda pantalones de mezclilla o pantalones es lo más común, el domingo puedes usar el mejor atuendo.

12. ¿Puedo pagar el costo del retiro del fin de semana? Una donación de \$35 dólares es sugerida.

13. ¿Le gustaría asistir al retiro del fin de semana pero tiene problemas de salud? Háganos saber en esta misma forma si necesita algún alojamiento especial, alguna persona encargada del retiro la contactara a usted.

14. ¿Me tengo que poner de pie y hablar enfrente de las personas? Si usted no desea hacerlo no lo hará.

15. Todavía no estoy segura. ¿Cómo puedo yo saber si necesito la renovación? Como cristianos nosotros somos llamados a renovar nuestra fe y relación con Cristo continuamente, como Parroquia somos llamados a renovar nuestra Comunidad de ser Iglesia para otros. No te preocupes al sentir renuencia para participar ven y mira! Que es lo que tienes que perder?

16. ¿Cómo puedo registrarme? las formas de invitación para registrarse están en la parte de la entrada de Iglesia y en la Oficina de la Parro-