

1229 Vermont St, Lawrence, KS 66044 | January 7, 2018



# ST JOHN

THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



## The Epiphany of the Lord

*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:10-11)*

# 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  
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Religious Education Director ..... Lois Mersmann  
Catecismo en español ..... María Mota  
High School Youth Directors ..... Amy Hill & Jeff Cramer  
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RCIA ..... Michael Podrebarac  
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1208 Kentucky St. 785-843-9511  
[www.sjevangelist.com/school](http://www.sjevangelist.com/school)

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

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**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

**Centro Hispano** ..... Lydia Diebolt  
204 W. 13th St. 785-843-2039

### Pastoral Council

Mary Menendez, Lily Romero,  
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Bob Trepinski, Luis Gonzalez,  
Connie Erlich, Jason Tanking

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Brian Green, Vince Romero,  
Meredith Lang, Chris Wenger

### 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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# FaithScript



By Fr. Jeffrey A Ernst, OFM, Cap.

## Faith

*"Faith is confident assurance concerning what we hope for, and conviction about things we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1).*

In November, the topic for this bulletin article was love. For December, it was hope. At the beginning of this month and this year, perhaps we can look at faith.

First off, there is a distinction to make with regard to faith. Faith is different, though not unrelated to, belief. Belief really has more to do with intellectual assent. "I believe in God," or "I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son," or "I believe in the Holy Spirit," are all statements about what we believe. The Creed is the prime example of that. Belief is important and what we believe is truly important in our life of faith. We have to know what it is we believe (and what we do not believe) in order to move forward in our faith journey. The above definition of faith taken from the Letter to the Hebrews articulates this difference.

Faith includes belief, but faith is more of a psychological action based upon an intellectual assent. Faith involves a great deal of trust. Faith involves more than just what we believe about God. Faith has more to do with how we live with respect to what we believe. Abraham is a good example of this distinction. God asked Abraham to prepare to offer his son Isaac as a "holocaust on a height" (Genesis 22:2). Abraham did everything he was asked to do, even to go so far as to build the altar upon which his son would be sacrificed and to pull the knife to begin the action! As we know, the angel of the Lord stayed his hand. About this same incident, St. Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, says, "*Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as justice*" (Romans 4:3). And in his letter, St. James asks, "*Was not Abraham justified by his works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?*" (2:21). Both Paul and James emphasize that Abraham acted on what he believed. It wasn't only that Abraham believed in God, but that he had acted on faith in the God in Whom he believed – that is, he trusted in God, he relied upon the God in Whom he believed.

That is why it is important to see the distinction between belief and faith. Yes, we believe that there is a God, but we also have a relationship with the God in Whom we believe. We rely upon God for our life . . . we "lean on" God for our well-being . . . we trust that God, as a reality and as a being (not a doctrine), will uphold our life if we but place our trust in him. If we do this, then we will realize the truth of the words of St. Peter, "*Although you have never seen him, you love him, and without seeing you now believe in him, and rejoice with inexpressible joy . . .*" (1 Peter 1:8).

Are you able to make a distinction between belief and faith?

**Editorial Note:** You may have noticed that the title to this article has been changed from "Bread to Offer" to "FaithScript." The idea behind the title is to challenge the reader a little more directly to live the faith. Various topics will continue to be featured here, but with an active living of our faith as the point of reference for each topic. We are called not only to believe, but to act on what we believe. The previous title, "Bread to Offer," had as its reference point "providence." Bread is provided from stores of grain. The material written in "Bread to Offer" was a spiritual wisdom provided to the reader from the stores and treasures of Catholic wisdom and teaching. Thus, the onus of the content of the article was on its writer to "offer" some kind of spiritual sustenance or "bread" to nourish the reader's life of faith. With this new title "FaithScript," the onus is still on the writer to provide something with regard to the life of faith upon which the reader might reflect, but also to more directly shift the onus onto the reader to respond to the content of the article with a plan of action or "script" that might be the fruit of the reader's personal reflection. The title also makes the obvious reference to "Faith" and to "Scripture."

It is my sincere and prayerful hope that each of you continue to work toward the growth of your faith. I truly believe that if you do so, you will experience the joy and inner peace that comes from a life of faith: not only to believe that there is a God, but to come to know God who is personal, approachable, and nearer to your heart than you are yourself!

My sincere prayerful wishes that you come to know the wonderful love and mercy of God for YOU!

- Fr. Jeff

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## My Path...Our Journey...January Tool for the Journey : Faith

Faith is, as Saint Paul says in the Letter to the Hebrews, *"the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen"* (Hebrews 11:1).

Like all of the other theological virtues, faith is a habit. In practicing the virtue our faith can be strengthened. Faith though, is a little more difficult because unlike the other virtues it is a little beyond our reason. So how practically can we "practice" the virtue of faith?

- willingly accept things for which there is no rational evidence
- choosing the next "right" choice
- regular confession
- adoration
- personal relationship with God or simply put



### PRAYER

Because faith is a supernatural gift from God, and because man has free will, we can freely reject faith. When we openly go against God through our sin, God can withdraw the gift of faith. God may choose not to do so, but if he does

truths that were once understood may become completely unknown to our understanding and not guided in faith.

As we enter a New Year where can your faith be strengthened? This tool in our journey requires daily surrender to God unseen to our eyes, but known in our hearts.

*"For we walk by faith, not by sight."* (2 Corinthians 5:7)

### Catholic Charities Open House

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas is seeking volunteers to serve in our new, bigger Lawrence location! Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks, including: assisting in the pantry, front desk reception and preparing income taxes. Morning and afternoon shifts are available Monday through Friday. Training is provided. If you are interested in volunteering or just want to come check out our new space, join us for an open house on **Wednesday, January 17 at 10:30 am** at our new location at **1525 West 6th Street**. For more information or to RSVP, contact **Namaste Manney** at **785-856-2694** or **nmanney@catholiccharitiesks.org**.

### Rosary Rally in KCK

Please join us for the January Holy Rosary Rally in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima, which will be held on **Sunday**

**January 14 from 3:00- 4:15 pm at St.**

**Mary-St. Anthony Church, 615 N 7th**

**St, Kansas City, Kan.** We will pray

the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious

mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by

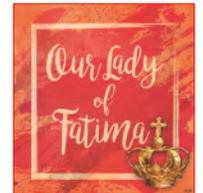
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attendees to enroll in the Brown

Scapular. For driving instructions or

future dates for the Kansas City monthly Holy Rosary

rallies, please visit **www.rosaryrallieskc.org**



# ST. JOHN SCHOOL

### Schedule your visit

Visit online at [sjevangelist.com/school](http://sjevangelist.com/school), call **785- 843-9511** or email Mrs. Pat Newton, Principal, at [newton@saint-johns.net](mailto:newton@saint-johns.net) for more information and to schedule a tour for you and your student! St. John Catholic School has classes from pre-school through eighth grade.



## THE NEW ST. JOHN SCHOOL GYM & PARISH OFFICES



*Ribbon Cutting*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**

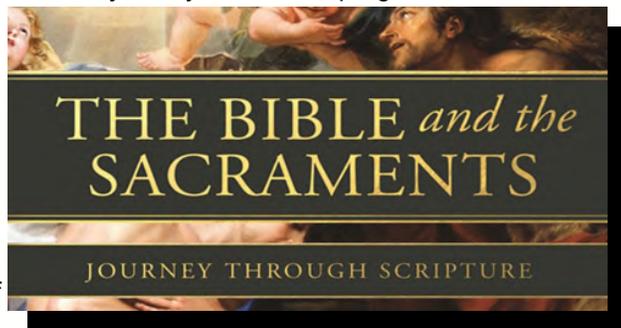
**3-5PM**



# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## Men's Prayer Group: The Bible And The Sacraments

Men of St. John, our Wednesday mornings men's group is continuing our faith journey with a new program to start off the new year. The Men of St. John are hosting an 11 week video series. The Bible and the Sacraments comes to us from the St. Paul Center which also brought to us the Bible and the Virgin Mary this fall. The Bible and the Sacraments is unlike any other study on the sacraments. Certainly it looks at the basic teaching of the Church as to their meaning and origin. But it goes further. It investigates the deeper mystery of the sacraments as illuminated by Sacred Scripture. Examining the rich relationship between the Old and New Testaments, it reveals the sacraments as more than mere earthly rituals. They are incredible "powers that come forth" from the Body of Christ" (CCC1116).



The Bible and the Sacraments is based on the work of world-renowned theologian Dr. Scott Hahn. Presented by popular speaker and author Matthew Leonard, the deep mysteries and truths of the sacraments come alive in a whole new way. This Wednesday morning men's program is as follows: Breakfast at **6:00 am**, a short video at **6:30 am** with discussion following and ending by **7:25 am**. This is a great opportunity to grow in the knowledge of our faith and to spend time with our fellow Christian brothers. The atmosphere is very relaxed and all are welcome. Please invite a friend to join us. This eleven week program will start **Wednesday, January 10**. For more information contact Brian Walter at [walterpack@sunflower.com](mailto:walterpack@sunflower.com) or **785-766-1569**.

### Archdiocese:

#### Marriage & Family Life Office "Every Day In Love"

**Do you need a common sense approach to inviting more joy into your marriage?** Every Day in Love is an upbeat series of three-hour sessions which offer positive and affirming insights and fun couple exercises to help couples love smarter not harder. Two new series begin in January, one in Overland Park and one in Burlington (**Saturday, January 13 at Holy Spirit at 5:30 pm and Sunday, January 14 at 1pm at St. Francis**) Cost: \$25 / couple per session. Child Care is included on Limited basis. This empowering series is a featured offering of the Joyful Marriage Project. Register and see more details at [www.archkck.org/everyday](http://www.archkck.org/everyday). Questions: email Brad, [bdupont@archkck.org](mailto:bdupont@archkck.org).

### Archdiocese:

#### Marriage & Family Life Office Healing Family Breakdown

Every family in America has been affected by Family Breakdown. You are not alone. Are you tired of the drama and insecurity and lovelessness, and wonder how you can feel better? Are you heartbroken, wondering what you can do to help your family, including your kids or grandkids? Do you wonder how we got into such a mess and how we can recover? Come to the Ruth Institute's "Healing Family Breakdown" Spiritual Workshop, at Ascension Parish, **Saturday, January 27 from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm**. Come, regain hope! Put into practice the practical family-building virtues of mercy, empathy, and togetherness.

Go to <http://www.ruthinstitute.org/events/healing-family-breakdown> for details and registration information.

### Women's Prayer Group

The Women's Prayer and Reflection Group will meet on **January 9 and January 23**. We will meet in the St. John School library at **6:30 pm**. Join us anytime for fellowship and to be inspired by women saints, historical figures, and women from the bible.

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING FOR THE POSTPARTUM COUPLE

- **NFP: SAFE & EFFECTIVE DURING THE POSTPARTUM PERIOD.**
- **CCL OFFERS A SEPARATE CLASS ON THE RETURN OF FERTILITY AFTER CHILDBIRTH.**



**WHERE:** ST. JOHN the EVANGELIST SCHOOL  
1208 KENTUCKY ST., ROOM 208  
LAWRENCE, KS  
**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
**TIME:** 6:30 P.M.  
**COST:** \$50 for CCL members; \$75 for others

*Pre-registration required at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).*

Call: Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015

*Offered by the Couple to Couple League*

[ccli.org](http://ccli.org)



The Faith Community of St John the Evangelist is pleased to offer

### Living in Love

January 20 - 21, 2018

Please treat yourselves to this extraordinary experience for the sake of your community, yourselves, and your children.

If you are considering working with the engaged couples of the parish, this is the initial training for "Preparing to Live in Love," a new parish pre-cana mentoring program.

Please phone for other dates and venues

Time Table: Sat 8 am - 9 pm; Sun 7 am - 2:30 pm

Cost: \$70.00 per couple. Includes all materials, refreshments, and a romantic Saturday evening meal.

Accommodations: Parish facilities are used. Couples sleep at home. The retreat will take place in the church basement and Bosco Room at the school.

Child Care: Breast fed babies can be cared for at the retreat. Please phone to discuss other situations.

Living in Love is a program of the Pastoral and Matrimonial Renewal

A mini retreat workshop for married couples designed to energize the romance and renew the excitement of being in love

### information & Online Reservations

[www.archkck.org/livinginlove](http://www.archkck.org/livinginlove)

(913)-647-0345

**A Mission to Love...** Couples who stay successfully and happily married have made marriage their mission. They choose not to 'settle down' but instead adopt a proactive approach to put the fun and delight into being a man and a woman in love. This day and a half parish-based event provides the inspiration and insight that enables each couple to create the lifestyle and marriage they have always dreamed of. Clearly there is a difference between loving and being "in love". Living in Love offers liberating insight into how differently men and women prefer to achieve intimacy and helps couples get in touch with the resources that draw them to each other and fuel their passion.

Facilitated by parish couples, the weekend is a series of presentations followed by questions for reflection and discussion so that couples can explore the topics together in complete privacy. There is no group discussion or counseling. Topics include: Dreams and Memories • Formation in the Family • Cultural Barriers • Trust • Reconciliation • Affirmation • Signs and Wonders • Living in Love • and Vision.

## Registration Form

**Wife's Name** .....  
 Religion .....  
**Husband's Name** .....  
 Religion .....  
**Address** .....  
 .....  
**Parish** .....  
**Phone (Home/Cell)** .....  
**E-mail** .....  
**Wedding Date** .....  
**Dietary Restrictions** .....

## Details

Host Parish: St John the Evangelist  
 1234 Kentucky  
 Lawrence, KS 66044  
 Date: 20-21 January 2018

## Payment Details (\$70.00 per couple)

Payment can be made at time of registration or at the time of the retreat. Full and partial scholarships are available in special circumstances.

Register online: [www.archkck.org/livinginlove](http://www.archkck.org/livinginlove)

Local Contact: Don and Angela Zysk  
 Phone: 785-760-0297  
 Email: [angela@zhomesllc.com](mailto:angela@zhomesllc.com)

# STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

## MINISTERS Jan. 13-14

### Lectors

**Saturday**  
4:30pm ..... A Sellet, B Augusto  
**Sunday**  
7:00am ..... M Delaney, S Goodwin  
8:30am ..... J Robinson, M Fox  
11:00am ..... C Bial, G Creed-Dikeogu  
5:00pm ..... D Koger, A Hill

### Altar Servers

**Saturday**  
4:30pm ..... S Wondrack  
**Sunday**  
7:00am ..... **VOLUNTEER**  
8:30am ..... C Peltier, N Peltier  
11:00am ..... G Sabatini, J Kramer  
5:00pm ..... H Diers, B Diers

### Cantors

**Saturday**  
4:30pm ..... L & J Breising  
**Sunday**  
7:00am ..... K Colson  
8:30am ..... A Zysk

### Eucharistic Ministers

**Saturday**  
4:30pm ..... L Seidl, D Weigel, L Arnold,  
..... B Brill, D Depenbusch, J Halderman  
**Sunday**  
7:00am ..... B Menke, B Osborne, L Wustefeld  
8:30am ..... K Lister, K Ostrander, Y Ruder,  
..... L Scott, M Steichen, B Volz, N Albrecht  
11:00am ..... J & N Otter, P Smith, S Stewart,  
..... D Thimmesch, L Tiffany, T Towle  
5:00pm ..... M LeGresley, A McCabe, S Murray,  
..... D & E Schmidt, J Weeks

### Stewardship Of Service

**Looking for a meaningful way to give back to the St. John community?** We are offering married couples another opportunity the weekend of **January 20-21, 2018** for a marriage retreat called Living in Love. We know an obstacle to attending these retreats can be childcare. We are asking for parishioners in St. John to consider helping take a few hours shift one of these days so that a married couple can attend this life changing renewal weekend. If you are able to help please contact Samantha Romero at [sromero@saint-johns.net](mailto:sromero@saint-johns.net) or **785-843-0109**. For more information on the Living in Love retreat visit the St. John website at [www.sjevangelist.com](http://www.sjevangelist.com).

## Mass Intentions: Jan. 8—Jan. 14

**Monday:** 9:00am ..... Karol Thomas†  
**Tuesday:** 7:30am ..... Jaunita Bailey†  
**Wednesday:** 7:30am ..... Diane Darwin  
**Thursday:** 7:30am ..... Marilyn Caldwell  
**Friday:** 7:30am ..... Fr. Mike Scully  
**Saturday:** 8:00am ..... Christina Lee  
4:30pm ..... Edna Zillner†  
**Sunday:** 7:00am ..... Linda & George Heimant†  
8:30am ..... Larry Nordhus†  
11:00am ..... Jim Freund†  
2:00pm (Sp.) ..... St. John Parish  
5:00pm ..... Marilu Virginia Hancock†

### Parish Prayer List

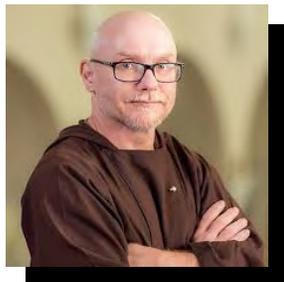
*The "Prayer List" includes the most recent information that the Simon Parish Center has about a parishioner and/or their family member. Contact the Simon Parish Center to request someone for the "Prayer List" and be sure to update the Parish Center monthly regarding their condition or the name will be removed.*

**Frank Acinger**, brother of Bernadette West  
**Gayla Barnes**, friend of Jackie Monroe  
**Mariele Berthold**  
**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  
**Tim Maniez**, friend of Charlene Hodge  
**Diana Matthews**  
**Christian McGraw**, Grandson of Coriene McGraw  
**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  
**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**  
**Brian Soza**, son of Joseph Soza  
**Jack Taylor**, brother of Daniel Taylor  
**Chuck Umscheid**  
**Cindy Vasquez**, sister of Gina Hodges  
**Theresa Wells**  
**Jon Yarnell**  
**IN MEMORIAM- LUKE TYNER, JR**

# FAITH FORMATION

## Winter Class with Fr. Barnabas

Father Barnabas is teaching his next class to help Catholics better understand the role of angels in our faith. We will use the Book Angels of God: The Bible, The Church and the Heavenly Hosts by Mike Aquilina. If you would like to learn more about the angels join Father for his class on the on **Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00-8:15 pm** in the Church basement. Class dates are **January 9, 23 and February 6, 27 and March 6, 13**. All classes are **7:00-8:15 pm** in the Church Basement. Join Fr. Barnabas and learn more about the Angels and their role in Salvation history than you every wanted to know.



## 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](mailto:asellet@msn.com) or **785-856-**

## Religious Education Schedule:

Traditional Religious Education classes, Confirmation classes and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd sessions will resume the week of **January 7, 2018**. The Sunday and Monday Catechesis of the Good Shepherd sessions are closed, **January 14 - 15, 2018**, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend.

## St. John's Café Resumes

We are resuming St. John Café on **January 7** after the **8:30 am** Mass in the **Bosco Room** in **St. John School**. *"The Hour To Awake"* ROMANS 13:4  
This is an opportunity to have time in fellowship with your fellow parishioners in a relaxed environment with good coffee, pastries, and engaging conversation on the Catholic faith moderated by one of the parish priests. You can ask all those burning questions! Each Sunday is something new. Come when you can, and bring family and friends.



## St. John on Tap

Want to dig deep into your Catholic Faith? Want to have challenging theological and philosophical conversation about what it means to be a Catholic? This is the place for you! St. John on Tap will be return in **2018**. All events are from **5:00 to 7:00 pm** in the **Bosco Room** in the school. Dates are **January 12, February 9, March 16, April 20, May 18 and June 8**. All are welcome! Good



# 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 December 31, 2017.

Budgeted weekly collection amount .....	\$28,846.15
Average weekly collection amount.....	\$29,365.04
Budgeted Collection Fiscal YTD .....	\$778,846.05
Actual Collection Fiscal YTD.....	\$792,856.27
<b>Net Overage .....</b>	<b>\$14,010.22</b>
Total Income (FY 2017-2018).....	\$674,313.35
Total Expenses (FY 2017-2018).....	\$832,684.93
<b>Net Loss (07/01/17 – 09/30/17 ) .....</b>	<b>\$158,371.58</b>

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](http://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 communion.

## CATECISMO EN ESPANOL

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

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 7 DE

**Domingo:** Is 60, 1-6/Sal 72, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 [cfr. 11]/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12

**Lunes:** Is 42, 1-4. 6-7 o Is 55, 1-11 o Hch 10, 34-38 o 1 Jn 5, 1-9/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6 [3]/Mc 1, 7-11

**Martes:** 1 Sm 1, 9-20/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8 [cfr. 1]/Mc 1, 21-28 o 1 Sm 1, 1-8 y 1, 9-20/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8 [cfr. 1]/Mc 1, 14-20 y 1, 21-28

**Miércoles:** 1 Sm 3, 1-10. 19-20/Sal 40, 2 y 5. 7-8. 8-9. 10 [8 y 9]/Mc 1, 29-39

**Jueves:** 1 Sm 4, 1-11/Sal 44, 10-11. 14-15. 24-25 [27]/Mc 1, 40-45

**Viernes:** 1 Sm 8, 4-7. 10-22/Sal 89, 16-17. 18-19 [2]/Mc 2, 1-12

**Sábado:** 1 Sm 9, 1-4. 17-19; 10, 1/Sal 21, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7 [2]/Mc 2, 13-17

**Domingo siguiente:** 1 Sm 3, 3-10. 19/Sal 40, 2. 4. 7-8. 8-9. 10 [8. 9]/1 Cor 6, 13-15. 17-20/Jn 1, 35-42

7 de enero de 2018

## LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

Estamos ya en la fiesta de la Epifanía que es una profundización de la fiesta de la Navidad. En Navidad celebramos el Nacimiento del Señor, anunciado a los pastores por los ángeles, mientras que la Epifanía, es la proclamación de ese Nacimiento ante el mundo, manifestado a los magos de Oriente que buscaban al Niño Rey recién nacido. Jesús nace para todo el mundo. Cristo es verdaderamente el corazón del mundo. ¡Con su manifestación todos sin excepción alguna somos llamados a la salvación!

El Papa Francisco en la homilía del 6 de enero de 2014 da el siguiente mensaje: "En esta fiesta de la Epifanía, que nos recuerda la manifestación de Jesús a la humanidad en el rostro de un Niño, sintamos cerca a los Magos, como sabios compañeros de camino. Su ejemplo nos anima a levantar los ojos a la estrella y a seguir los grandes deseos de nuestro corazón. Nos enseñan a no contentarnos con una vida mediocre, de 'poco calado', sino a dejarnos fascinar siempre por la bondad, la verdad, la belleza... por Dios, que es todo eso en modo siempre mayor. Y nos enseñan a no dejarnos engañar por las apariencias, por aquello que para el mundo es grande, sabio, poderoso. No nos podemos quedar ahí... Tenemos que ir más allá... ir hacia Belén, allí donde en la sencillez de una casa de la periferia, entre una mamá y un papá llenos de amor y de fe, resplandece el Sol que nace de lo alto, el Rey del universo. A ejemplo de los Magos, con

## 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-](mailto:frjeff@saint-)



# SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL ACTION

By Tony Schmidt, Social Concerns Committee

*'Humanity is one people living in a common home. The interdependence of humanity obliges us to think of "one world with a common plan."' Pope Francis, Laudato Si, Chapter V. Justice Between Generations.*

Climate denialism can kill. Not addressing climate change is fast approaching a crime against humanity. When top tobacco executives swore to Congress that nicotine wasn't addictive, their assertion, though laughable, did not make it true. Forty-six state attorneys general forced those companies to pay at least \$206 billion for their wickedness. As predicted we are seeing precursors of what climate change holds. By continuing to dump CO2 in the atmosphere, extreme (far above normal) weather events will get worse. In 2017, we've seen; hurricanes Harvey and Irma, and deluges in the Himalayan lowlands. Hurricane Sandy in 2012. Hurricane Katrina in 2005. With unprecedented droughts in California and the Midwest in between, made worse by heated oceans and atmospheric conditions.

What can you do about it? Start by sharing a copy or link to this article with 50 of your friends. "Your Questions About Climate Change, Answered" These are short straightforward answers to 17 of the most asked questions. <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/climate/what-is-climate-change.html>

Experts say the problem can be solved only by large-scale, collective action.

## The article in short form:

Climate change, global warming, what do we call it? Both are accurate. How much is the earth heating up? We are racing to keep it under 2 degrees Fahrenheit. What is the greenhouse effect, and how does it cause global warming? We need a certain level of the greenhouse house effect or our planet would be a frozen wasteland. But CO2 has increased 43% in the atmosphere since the industrial revolution. How do we

know humans are responsible? Studies use radioactivity to distinguish industrial emissions from natural emissions in the atmosphere. Why do people deny the science of climate change? Ideology. Some undermine the science calling it a hoax created by the Chinese. Even oil and coal companies have distanced themselves from these strained public claims, while financing politicians who privately espouse them. How much trouble are we in? Big trouble. Sensitive habitats are already starting to die. The effects of the changes might destabilize governments, produce waves of refugees, precipitate mass extinction of plants and animals. How much should I worry about climate change affecting me directly? If you're rich enough to shield your descendants, if you don't live on the coasts, or if you don't care about developing countries, you might be OK for a while. How much will the seas rise? The real question is how fast. They've been rising at about a foot a century, but some estimate we will hit a foot a decade sooner than later. The ultimate rise could be 80-100 feet. Is recent crazy weather tied to climate change? Some of it is. Are there any realistic solutions to the problem? The energy transition needs to speed up drastically. The warming will slow to a potentially manageable pace only when human emissions are reduced to zero. What is the Paris Agreement? Virtually every country agreed to limit future emissions. The pledges do not do enough to head off severe effects, but it is supposed to be reviewed every few years so countries can ramp up. Does clean energy help or hurt the economy? Converting to wind, solar, hydroelectric, nuclear, and natural gas may be somewhat costlier in the short term, but job growth would be strong. Expansion of clean energy is driving down costs. What about fracking or 'clean coal'? Both could help clean up the energy system. Fracking produces more natural gas which is better than coal in the short run. Clean coal (pumping emissions underground) is yet to be proven economically. What are carbon taxes, carbon trading and carbon offsets? It's just jargon for putting a price on pollution (carbon emissions). Economists say this is one of the most important steps society could take.

## JUSTICE MATTERS

*Justice Matters – an interfaith network working for justice*

If you haven't yet "blessed" your new calendars, 2018 schedules and clocks you still have time to add some very important dates and times. Here are just a few suggestions:

**Monday, March 5, 6:45 pm** in Bosco Room in St. John School This is a St. John Justice Matters network meeting for all team leaders and network members. Our pastor, Fr. Jeff Ernst, and Bill Scholl from the Archdiocesan offices will be with us to share how we fit into the scriptural call to do justice from Micah 6:8; from Jesus' imperative of doing justice in Matthew 23:23; from Catholic teachings on social justice, Pope Francis' support of popular movements and from our parish mission statement. Interested parishioners

who are not members of Justice Matters are welcome to participate.

**April 9** : Solutions Briefing, First Presbyterian

**May 7:** Nehemiah Action Assembly, Lied Center

**June 11:** Celebration & Investment Drive

Mark your calendars. Save the dates. Join in working for justice.

*For more information or to volunteer to help with opposing the jail expansion and/or to support the crisis center contact Pat Lechtenberg [plek10berg@aol.com](mailto:plek10berg@aol.com) or the JM website [www.justicemattersinkansas.org](http://www.justicemattersinkansas.org)*

