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ST JOHN
THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. —Lk 24:35

Entonces ellos contaron lo que les había pasado por el camino y cómo lo habían reconocido al partir el pan. —Lc 24, 35

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~ST. JOHN PAUL II

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Monday-Friday 7:30 am

Saturday.....8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

In the Padre Pio Chapel (inside the north church entrance)

Wednesday11:00 am-12:00 pm, 7:00-8:00 pm

Saturday3:00-4:00 pm

.....(and by appointment)

Adoration..... **CANCELLED until further notice**

.....Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 7:00 am—9:00 pm

.....in the Padre Pio Chapel

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

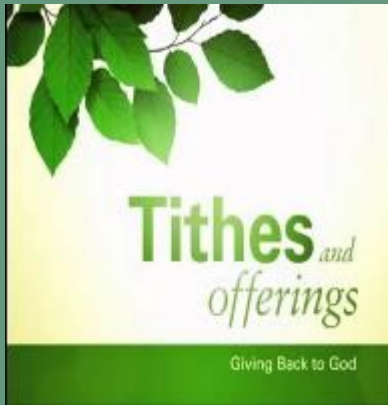
TITHING WHILE WE ARE AWAY ...

Thank you for your continued support of St. John Parish. Your support helps us to continue our mission during this time of change.

If you would prefer to give your weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly tithes via a check or cash you can drop your tithes in the secure lock box outside of the parish office porch on the SOUTH side of the church office. You can also mail your check to 1229 Vermont Street Lawrence, KS 66044.

If electronic giving is your preferred method you can give via our electronic giving method **PushPay**. This can be a one time or recurring gift. Simply visit our website: www.sjevangelist.com and click on the Online Giving Link on the home page. Or text "stjohncc" to 77977 to give via your mobile device.

Thank you for your continued generosity to St. John Parish!



Mass Opportunities

While our sanctuaries are closed in an effort to contain the spread of the virus, there are several opportunities to "virtually" attend Mass on a daily and weekly basis.

St. John will live stream Mass on Sunday, April 26 and May 3. Mass will be at 10:00 am (English) and 2:00 pm (Spanish) and will be found by clicking the link on the St. John web page: sjevangelist.com

Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas Archbishop Joseph Naumann is broadcasting daily Mass at 8:30 am each day on his Facebook page at: facebook.com/archbishopnaumann



The Capuchins Franciscan of Denver will live stream Mass every Sunday from the St. Francis of Assisi Friary Chapel. Mass will begin at 8:55 am. Capuchin Franciscans: capuchins.org/mass

Father Mitchell Zimmerman and the St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center at the University of Kansas are offering several online opportunities throughout the week. Holy Mass, Adoration and Holy Hour. St. Lawrence will stream

private Masses on its KU Catholic Facebook Page according to the following schedule.

facebook.com/kucatholic
MONDAY - THURSDAY: 5:15 pm
FRIDAY - SATURDAY: 12:10 pm
SUNDAY: 11:00 am

Other Resources

Sites for prayer and reflection:

Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas: archkck.org

The Vatican: <http://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

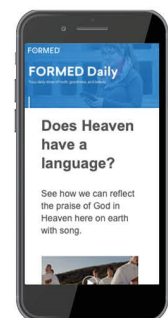
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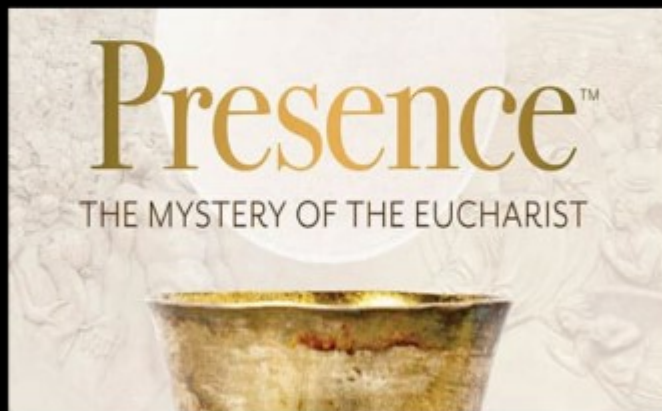
Join us for Presence Online Study

Dates: April 22, 29, and May 6

Time: 7-830pm

Where: In your living room via Zoom

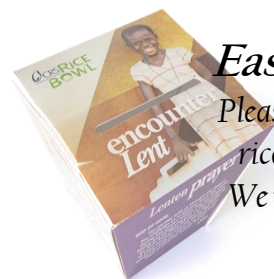
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Please RSVP or for more details contact
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UPDATE: ARCHDIOCESAN 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Due to the current health emergency, the Annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated by Archbishop Naumann, that was scheduled for June 8 at Nativity Parish, has been **rescheduled to August 23 at Nativity Parish at 2:00 pm**. Please continue to send in the names of couples from your parish to receive an invitation to the Mass via fax, mail, or email. Email to: fifesecc@archkck.org



Easter Giving

Please hold on to your
rice bowls for now.
We will be accepting
them soon.

MAGNIFICAT AVAILABLE FOR SHARING

As a result of the confinement, we find ourselves with additional copies of our May edition that were intended to be shared in the many conferences, retreats, pilgrimages, and prayer services that have had to be cancelled due to the health concerns caused by the coronavirus pandemic. We would like to ask your help in putting these copies to good use. Please share some free copies with friends, family, neighbors, and parishioners. If you have a means of sharing a minimum of 10 copies without risking your health, we would be more than happy to send them to you free of charge. Email an address where the copies may be sent to complimentary@magnificat.com. Provide your name, street address and how many copies (minimum of 10) that you would like to receive. For more information go to: us.magnificat.net/



THE FAITHFUL *traveler* in the United States:
East Coast Shrines



Take a virtual trip and visit East Coast Shrines in the United States, follow this link at Formed.org:

<https://watch.formed.org/the-faithful-traveler-in-the-united-states-east-coast-shrines>

KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Even though he had risen from the dead, two of Jesus' friends had not seen him yet. These men were still sad and confused. Imagine their surprise when Jesus walked with them, explained the Scriptures about the Savior, and then broke bread for a meal. They saw him alive!

PRAYER

Jesus, when I am sad or confused, help me to remember that you are alive and with me always.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Pack a bag with some snacks and your Bible, and take a long walk with your family. When you stop to eat your snacks, read your favorite story about Jesus.



Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Emmaus	Christ	village
talking	Moses	bread
Cleopas	Prophets	Simon

Emuams E m m a u s

Pohprets _____

vliagel _____

taklign _____

Crihts _____

berda _____

Clapoes _____

Mesos _____

Sonim _____



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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER



Daily Readings

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
 St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Daily Observances

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter
 Monday:
 Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
 Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: St. Pius V, Pope
 Friday: St. Joseph the Worker
 Saturday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL



OPPORTUNITIES TO GET OUTSIDE

Several of our garden areas and preschool playground areas are in need of some cleaning up. Because we are not in school, our green team has not been able to keep some of our garden areas from over growing. We also have a preschool play area that tends to get overgrown when school is not in session. If you would like to volunteer your time to get outside and help us out, please email me at: reffett@saint-johns.net to schedule a time.

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

If you are continuing to have problems with technology or are needing to borrow a Chromebook please email Ms. Dixon at: dixon@saint-johns.net. If you are unable to continue to have internet service due to loss of income, please contact Chris Reffett at: reffett@saint-johns.net for more information. Midco has created a program that will help.



COVID-19 UPDATE FOR ENROLLMENT IN ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

If you are a new family who is enrolling for the first time or a returning St. John family...

- Simply complete the [enrollment form and submit online](#)
- Paying Enrollment Fee? You can mail a check or pay using our [Pushpay online giving](#) platform

We care about you and your family! Families undergoing financial stress due to the Coronavirus are able to delay their enrollment fees or pay in installments until August 1, 2020. Please complete the enrollment form and we will work with you on how to proceed with your enrollment fee. Please contact Cris Denning at **785-843-0109** to discuss your particular situation.

STUDENT RESOURCES WITH SCHOOL CLOSED

Because of the ongoing concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, St. John School is closed until further notice. Teachers and staff have placed resources on student Google Classroom pages so that students may stay current with their studies. Additional staff links are posted below for other subject areas. Our plan is to provide educational resources as a way to keep the learning going. We don't want to overwhelm everyone, but wanted to make sure we stay connected to our students. Teachers are available by email, so feel free to ask questions if needed.

Karen Dixon is going to be coordinating technology needs. Here is a note from her: "In order to provide educational activities for your student(s) during the school closure, the St. John staff is posting suggested activities on their websites. Many of these activities require devices with internet access. If you need a laptop for your child(ren), and have internet at home, please contact Ms. Dixon kdixon@sjeagles.com or Chris Reffett reffett@saint-johns.net. We will arrange a pickup time at school. By signing out a laptop, you will be accepting financial responsibility for any damages. Please only check one out if you absolutely need it, but we want to make sure it is accessible if needed. All teacher websites are located here: <https://saint-johns.eduk12.net/facultyinfo>." Paper packets of materials can be made available if needed.

Jessica Dunn, Art: <https://saint-johns.eduk12.net/webpages?Teacher=Jessica+Dunn&Salutation=>
Chelsea Solomon, Music: <https://saint-johns.eduk12.net/webpages?Teacher=Chelsea+Solomon&Salutation=>
Michael Kennedy, Physical Education: <https://saint-johns.eduk12.net/webpages?Teacher=Michael+Kennedy&Salutation=>
Karen Dixon, Technology: <https://saint-johns.eduk12.net/webpages?Teacher=Karen+Dixon&Salutation=>
Karen Rinke, Library: <https://saint-johns.eduk12.net/webpages?Teacher=Karen+Rinke&Salutation=>

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

PARISH PRAYER LIST

The "Prayer List" includes the most recent information that the Simon Parish Center has about a parishioner and/or their family member. Contact the Center to request someone for the "Prayer List."

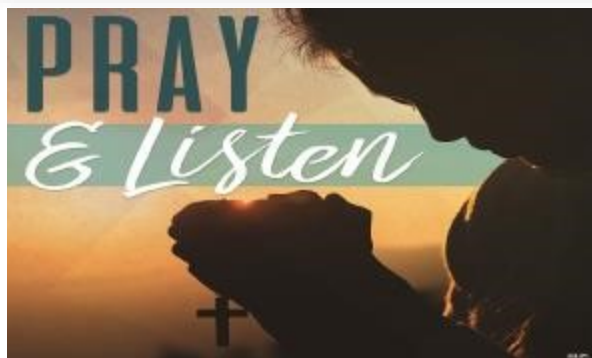
Thank you on behalf of the families of those individuals for whom we pray.

Nicole Allensworth
Andrew Bouchard, son of Steve & Patti Fisher
Susan Guenther Brown, friend of Craig Fincham
Curtis Burns, friend of Joe & Bev Mater
Roger Caldwell, brother of Leila Soper
Hank Desch
Garrett Dreiling
Linda Erp, mother of Emily Vigne
Joanne Feist, friend of Ginny Short
Colette Fisher
Linda Flyer, friend of Le Marie Gilbert
Janet Fox, family of Norb & Jeanette Otter
Rudy Fritz
Ed Garza
Bonnie Griggs
Tony Guadian
Buddy Hadl, brother of Shirley Steffen
Michael Hamer
Lonna Hamm, daughter of Larry & Martha Hamm
Mary Hane
Peggy Harders, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter
Newt Hasson

Dustin Harper-Head, great-nephew of Mary Head
Lori Haynes, friend of Fleda Umscheid
Luke Henry, nephew of Galen & Beth Uhrich
Kathy Higley
Bob Holek
Tina Jinkens
Michele Johnson
Allen Kehde
Diana Matthews
Leo Mauler, son of Al & Marcy Mauler
Russ McDonald
Jim McMurray
Ed Medrano
Zackary Messerly, nephew of Debra Bradley
Linden Morgan
Lisa Morrow-Welsh, daughter of Linda Brey
Augustus Nelson
Danny Nguyen
Diane Nichols, sister of Phyllis Stone
Theophilus Obiefule
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Alexander Ramirez Salazar
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Mary Kay Seidl, sister of Loretta Seidl
Pete Sethatut, father of Paula Higbie
Christine Shipley
Gerald Simon
Brett Smith
Meyer Sneed, son of Taylor & Melissa Sneed
Linda Snyder, aunt of Dan Taylor
Joseph Soza
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Jack Taylor, brother of Daniel Taylor
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IN MEMORIAM-MARIANNE GOWAN



"The Leaven" is on Audio Reader

If you or someone you know would benefit from an audio version of "The Leaven", the Archdiocesan newspaper, one is available! It is available through Audio-Reader here in Lawrence. All you need is to be able to have someone certify that you have an impairment that impairs your ability to hold or to read printed material. To receive the service, please call Audio-Reader at 785-864-4600.

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Information below reflects donations received July 1, 2019 through April 19, 2020.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$29,807.69
Average weekly collection amount.....	\$28,785.17
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD	\$1,251,922.98
Actual collection fiscal YTD.....	\$1,208,977.53
Net Shortage	\$42,945.45

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

Contact Cris Denning at: cdenning@saint-johns.net or by phone at **785-843-0109** if you have any questions.

Until weekend Masses resume and the parish office reopens, parishioners may send their tithe in the mail.

Or you may sign up for PushPay for auto bank withdraws at: sjevangelist.com

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGÉLIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

26 de abril de 2020
3er Domingo de Pascua

Continúa la alegría y el ambiente pascual; el aroma de las flores, la pila bautismal y el Cirio Pascual que nos alumbramos en cada celebración de la Eucaristía. Su presencia disipa toda duda y oscuridad. La antifona de entrada que ilumina la alabanza de los fieles: "Aclama a Dios, tierra entera. Canten todo un himno a su nombre. Denle gracias y alábenlo. Aleluya." La narración del Evangelio de San Lucas que invita a dejar la ceguera para vivir en la luz de Cristo; abandonando la incredulidad, profesando una fe firme en el Resucitado. Júbilo total en este Tercer Domingo de Pascua.

En el relato del camino de Emaús, Jesús se aparece a sus desanimados discípulos haciéndose el desconocido. En el camino, les explica las Escrituras y luego a su invitación de quedarse con ellos porque ya cae la tarde, se sienta a la mesa, toma el pan y lo bendice, lo parte y al dárselo a ellos desaparece. Entonces el sentimiento aflora en ellos y se dicen: "¡Con razón nuestro corazón ardía, mientras nos hablaba por el camino y nos explicaba las Escrituras!" (Lucas 24:32). ¿Reconocemos a Jesús cuando camina con nosotros? ¿Sabemos cuándo parte el pan y nos lo da? Por último, ¿Cuándo arde nuestro corazón al escuchar las Escrituras? Son simples preguntas que llevan a una conversión penetrante si se profundiza en ellas. En esta línea se mueven las lecturas de hoy; confirmar la fe y la esperanza. Acercarse al nuevo comienzo de la Pascua es lo esencial. Jesús catequiza y evangeliza, a la misma vez, a sus desalentados discípulos. Quitamos su ceguera haciéndoles ver como las Escrituras habían anunciado ese escándalo de la Cruz. ¡Aleluya!

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Regresaron a Jerusalén, donde encontraron reunidos a los Once con sus compañeros, los cuales les dijeron: "De veras ha resucitado el Señor y se le ha aparecido a Simón". Entonces ellos contaron lo que les había pasado por el camino y cómo lo habían reconocido al partir el pan. — Lc 24, 33-35

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MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA

¿Te gusta cantar? ¿Tocas algún instrumento musical, o te gustaría aprender? Ven a practicar con nosotros, comunícate al **785-304-5509**.

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 Parróquia, por un mundo más 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.

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

Adultos que necesitan los sacramentos de confirmación y primera comunión.

CATECISMO EN ESPAÑOL

Las Inscripciones son en agosto. Por favor para más información llamar a María Mota.

CONFESIONES

De **1:00 pm a 1:45 pm** Habrá confesiones en español para quien lo necesite, y pueda recibir este sacramento.

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 26 DE ABRIL

Domingo: Hch 2, 14. 22-33/Sal 16, 1-2. 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11 [11]/1 Pe 1, 17-21/Lc 24, 13-35

Lunes: Hch 6, 8-15/Sal 119, 23-24. 26-27. 29-30 [1]/Jn 6, 22-29

Martes: Hch 7, 51—8, 1/Sal 31, 3-4. 6 y 7 y 8. 17 y 21 [6]/Jn 6, 30-35

Miércoles: Hch 8, 1-8/Sal 66, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7 [1]/Jn 6, 35-40

Jueves: Hch 8, 26-40/Sal 66, 8-9. 16-17. 20 [1]/Jn 6, 44-51

Viernes: Hch 9, 1-20/Sal 117, 1. 2 [Mc 16, 15]/Jn 6, 52-59

San José, obrero: Gn 1, 26—2, 3 o Col 3, 14-15. 17. 23-24/Sal 90, 2. 3-4. 12-13. 14 y 16 [cfr. 17]/Mt 13, 54-58

Sábado: Hch 9, 31-42/Sal 116, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17 [12]/Jn 6, 60-69

Domingo siguiente: Hch 2, 14. 36-41/Sal 23, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 [1]/1 Pe 2, 20-25/Jn 10, 1-10

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor

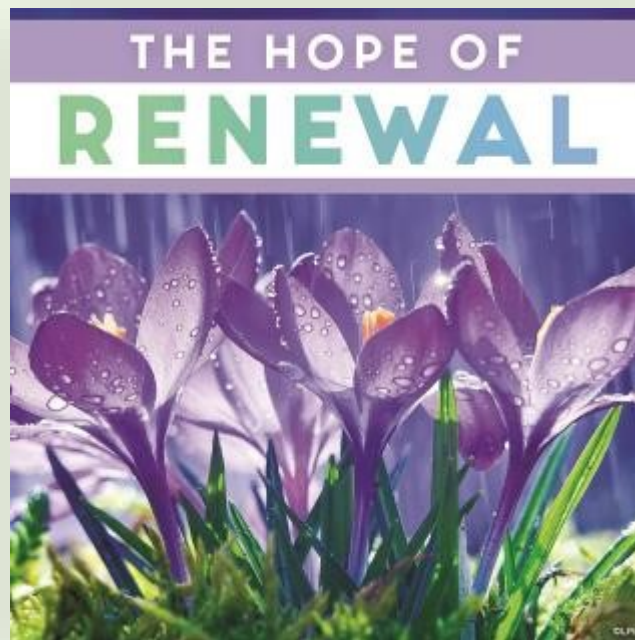
Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee

I was going to give you a ministry update this week, but it will wait until next week, as I found something that is appropriate not only for this time of Covid-19 but also for the upcoming celebration of Earth Day. This piece came to me courtesy of someone in our local Secular Franciscan fraternity, who received it from another Secular Franciscan from the state of Virginia. I found these words to be powerful and very moving, and I pray you find this to be true for you as well. May we all be moved to be better, gentler and more peaceful stewards of our world and earth!

April 15 2020

Corona virus Letter To Humanity

The earth whispered but you did not hear.
The earth spoke but you did not listen
The earth screamed but you turned her off.
And so I was born...
I was not born to punish you..
I was born to awaken you..
The earth cried out for help...
Massive flooding. But you didn't listen.
Burning fires. But you didn't listen.
Strong hurricanes. But you didn't listen.
Terrifying tornadoes. But you didn't listen.
You still don't listen to the earth when ocean animals are dying due to pollutants in the waters.
Glaciers melting at an alarming rate.
Severe drought.
You didn't listen to how much negativity the earth is receiving.
Non-stop wars.
Non-stop greed.
You just kept going on with your life..
No matter how much hate there was..
No matter how many killings daily.
It was more important to get that latest iPhone than worry about what the earth was trying to tell you.
But now I am here.
And I've made the world stop on its tracks.
I've made YOU finally listen.
I've made you take refuge.
I've made you stop thinking about materialistic things. Now you are like the earth...
You are only worried about YOUR survival.
How does that feel?
I give you fever.. as the fires burn on earth.
I give you respiratory issues.. as pollution fills the earth's air.



I give you weakness.. as the earth weakens every day.
I took away your comforts..
Your outings.
The things you would use to forget about the planet and its pain.
And I made the world stop..
And now...
China has better air quality.. Skies are clear blue because factories are not spewing pollution into the earth's air.
The water in Venice is clean and dolphins are being seen. Because the gondolas that pollute the water are not being used, YOU are having to take time to reflect on what is important in your life.

Again I am not here to punish you.. I am here to Awaken you...
When all this is over and I am gone... Please remember these moments..
Listen to the earth.
Listen to your soul.

Stop polluting the earth.
Stop fighting among each other.
Stop caring about materialistic things.
And start loving your neighbors.
Start caring about the earth and all its creatures.
Start believing in a Creator.
Because next time I may come back even stronger....

Signed,
Corona virus

Marriage License Update

Please see the linked [article](#) regarding obtaining marriage licenses in various Kansas jurisdictions: Check also directly with your local jurisdiction. Rev. John Riley, Chancellor. Information can be found on the Kansas Judicial Branch web site: <http://www.kscourts.org>

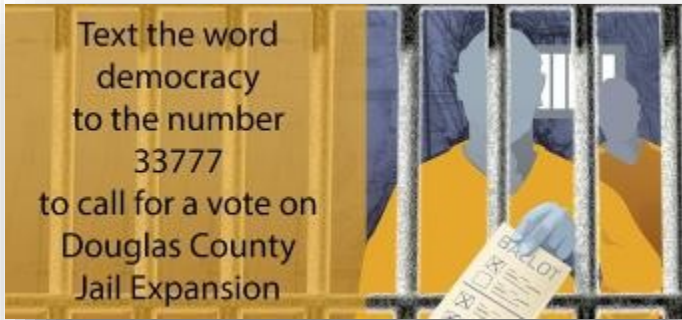
JUSTICE MATTERS

Justice Matters – an interfaith network working for justice

Justice Matters Legal Action is a Voting Rights Issue

The County Commission could decide to follow state law at any time and give Douglas County Citizens the state-designated right to petition to put the issue of jail expansion on the ballot. If they do, citizens need to be prepared to collect 2,500 signatures in less than 30 days. So Justice Matters is launching a "petition-readiness" drive to collect pledges to sign the petition when it becomes available.

Even though the Nehemiah Assembly is cancelled, Network Members can still take action by sharing the image below and content with the people you had intended to invite to Nehemiah.



Danielle Rudes, PhD, from the George Mason University's Center for Achieving Academic Excellence was hired by Justice Matters to research available alternatives to incarceration in Douglas County. Members of the Jail Alternatives Steering



Committee Zoomed with Dr. Rudes to discuss her findings. Two noteworthy comments from the study include:

1. The crime rate – with the exception of a minor uptick in violent crime – is down in Douglas County.
2. Jails are not rehabilitative environments.

Solving Homelessness and the need for Landlords Now

The Douglas County Commission approved a contract last week to become a "Built for Zero" community (i.e., eliminating homelessness). This is a tremendous first step taken by the County Commission. The Homelessness Committee remains committed to ensure this process is fully embraced.

New issues have arisen due to COVID-19 as the streets and shelters are some of the worst places to be during an outbreak of a highly-contagious virus. Local service providers are confident that there will be some financial assistance available for Housing First.

Justice Matters can help by identifying landlords with vacant rental units. If you are a landlord with a vacant property please consider talking with a housing service provider about potential tenants who have the ability to pay rent. Just text the number **202-410-4202** and put "landlord" in the body of the text. Your info will be passed onto service providers like Family Promise and Bert Nash and they will discuss possibilities within your comfort level. Taking this action does not obligate you in any way except to have a conversation.

Check out the Justice Matters' website for additional information on events and issues being addressed www.justicemattersinkansas.org

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Divine Mercy Sunday's message contained the theme "Jesus I Trust in You." This is an important message as we all navigate the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is especially important to expectant mothers as they are bringing life into a world gripped by anxiety, and many have heightened fears due to being isolated from sources of support. Unfortunately, we know that Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry are using these fears to prey on vulnerable women, telling them the responsible thing to do is to abort their children instead of bringing them into the world at this time. Sadly, this message must be resonating as we have seen reports of increased abortions around the country. The Walking With Moms in Need initiative is incredibly important right now! Our Gabriel Project Ministry is ready to help any woman in need. Please promote this ministry through your digital media and communications. Gabriel Project Ministry <https://www.gabrielprojectkc.com/> 24/7 Free,



Confidential assistance: **913-602-0306**. Please also know that all of the pregnancy centers within the Archdiocese are still working to help women in need. Some are keeping their clinics open, limiting staff and hours and implementing CDC recommendations, while others are answering calls and doing phone counseling. Many centers report that they are receiving increased calls. Please keep these pregnancy centers in your prayers and encourage your parishioners to continue their financial and material (diapers/formula) support. It is most needed at this time! Finally, with COVID-19, chemical abortions are also increasing. For women who regret their decision, it is important to know that it may be possible to reverse the effects and save a pregnancy. Please help us share this important resource: Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline - AbortionPillReversal.com / **877-558-0333**.

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