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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.

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Weekend Masses (CANCELLED until further notice)

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

Weekday Masses (CANCELLED until further notice)

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, 6:00-8:00 pm

Saturday.....3:00-4:00 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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A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falcioni.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

KNIGHTS OF  COLUMBUS

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL



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@sjegales.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=>
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VACANT POSITIONS AT ST. JOHN SCHOOL

3rd grade positions

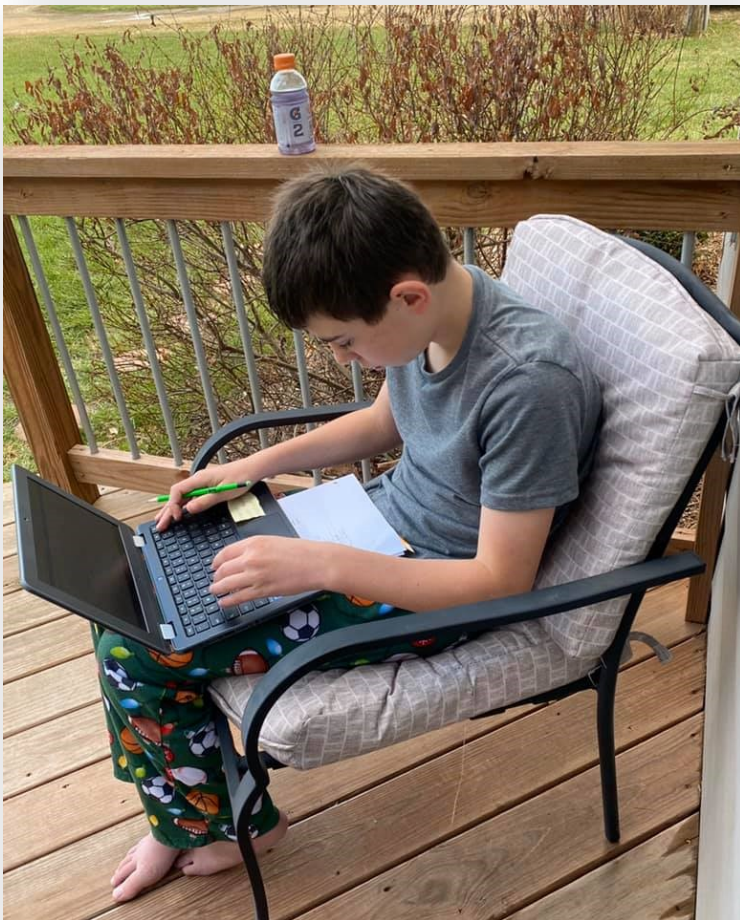
Interested applicants should complete the teacher application process at: www.archkckcs.org.

4th/5th Grade Science/ Social Studies

Seeking a 4th/5th grade teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Duties will include the development of classroom plans for the development of science and social studies. Interested applicants should complete the teacher application process at: www.archkckcs.org.

ST. JOHN MEXICAN FIESTA SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships are offered to qualifying students of Mexican descent from the Lawrence Catholic community who wish to pursue or continue a higher education either at a college, technical, or trade school. Applicants must complete the financial assistance application form that is available at the **St. John Parish office** or by contacting Michael Ramirez at 785-766-5723 or ramirezmarj@hotmail.com. Please **complete and return to St. John Parish office by April 13.**



With the schools doing "distance learning," students can turn anywhere into a classroom.

FOCUS ON THE WORD

UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is “why me?” as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a “why me” attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price.

True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life’s successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it’s the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying that we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control. Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do?

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Six Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Accountable

Easter is only a week away, and churches everywhere in the West are beginning the holiest of weeks. For a moment, even the secular world will bow to religious observances: closings on Good Friday, Easter baskets filled with treats, and television specials featuring Biblical figures. You and I will be reflecting on the meaning of Lent and how we have died and risen with Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Either we have prepared well for this Holy Week observance, or we are left lamenting that maybe next year will be when we get back on track.

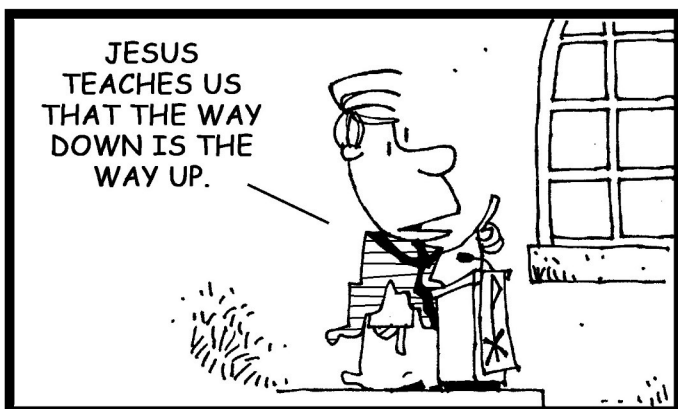
The question before us is: “To whom are we accountable?” Did our Lenten observance only have to do with us? Does it matter to anyone if we really took this time seriously or not?

Both faith and community are gifts from God to us. The Church exists so we may live out that faith and respond to God’s call, being strengthened by the grace imparted through the sacraments and the community in which we find ourselves. If we are accountable to no one, then the community is simply an option on a Sunday morning, much like golf or household chores. If we are not accountable to God, then our faith is simply something we look to periodically when we are sad or frightened.

However, if we are accountable to each other and to Jesus Christ, then we must answer for our stewardship gifts of faith and community. The Body of Christ is counting on us. Without a strong sense of accountability, we think our actions only affect us. In the end, we are connected to each other through Christ in such a manner that no one ever stands alone.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

PALM SUNDAY



OBSERVING LENT AT ST. JOHN'S PARISH

Stewardship Spotlight

Did you know the three traditional Lenten practices have a special connection with stewardship?

Temperance (or fasting) means doing with less and connecting with those who always have less.

Generosity (or almsgiving) means sharing with the poor.

Prayer means opening our mind and heart to the God who loves all of God's creation.

We wish you a very fruitful Lent, and as always, we are grateful for your generosity to St. John!



Knights of Columbus
Friday Fish Fry
has been **CANCELLED**
due to health concerns.

“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.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

formed.org/lent
free access to FORMED videos

47 EPISODES



Holy Week

How has your journey with CRS Rice Bowl this Lent changed your life?

Find all the resources you need this Holy Week here at:

crsricebowl.org for more information.

OBSERVING LENT AT ST. JOHN'S PARISH



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Mass Opportunities

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

Please watch your email, Facebook, Instagram and other social media for news regarding St. John Holy Week activities.

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/achbishopnaumann](https://www.facebook.com/achbishopnaumann)

The Capuchins Franciscan of Denver will live stream Mass every Sunday from the St. Francis of Assis Friary Chapel. Mass will begin at 8:55 am.
Capuchin Franciscans: [capuchins.org/mass](https://www.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, effective immediately.
[facebook.com/kucatholic](https://www.facebook.com/kucatholic)

MONDAY - THURSDAY: 5:15 pm
FRIDAY - SATURDAY: 12:10 pm
SUNDAY: 11:00 am

Other Resources

Additional resources for prayer and reflection:

Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas:
[archkck.org](https://www.archkck.org)

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

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:
<http://www.usccb.org/>

LIFE WILL BE VICTORIOUS

by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann

We are one week closer to the end of the coronavirus crisis! Father Bill McEvoy, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Lansing, sent me this take on the coronavirus safety measures: "FIRST TIME IN HISTORY WE CAN SAVE THE HUMAN RACE BY LAYING IN FRONT OF THE TV AND DOING NOTHING. LET'S NOT SCREW THIS UP!"

We have to keep a sense of humor. It is true. What we are being asked to do in our high-risk counties — to shelter in place is basically to do our best not to contract the virus and not to infect others.

On the Monday of the Third Week of Lent, the first reading for Mass was taken from the Fifth Chapter of the Second Book of Kings. It describes the gentile military officer Naaman, who had contracted leprosy, approaching the Jewish prophet Elisha for a healing. When Elisha tells him to go wash seven times in the Jordan River, Naaman becomes indignant, because in his opinion there were better rivers in his homeland. Naaman was prepared to do something heroic or extraordinary for his healing. But to go wash seven times in the Jordan seemed just too inconsequential. Naaman is convinced by one of his servants that it cannot hurt to try what Elisha requested. Naaman washes seven times in the Jordan and is healed.

As Christians, we have a responsibility to work for the common good.

All of us have a responsibility to do our best to avoid contracting the coronavirus — not only for our own safety, but also for the safety of others. Despite our best efforts, some of us will contract or perhaps already have contracted the coronavirus.

However, if we can minimize the number of cases, we can save lives. I urge you out of respect for the common good to follow what our public health officials are requesting.

As Christians, we see everything through the prism of the paschal mystery — the dying and rising of Jesus. God bringing forth good from evil, life from death, is a pattern that we recognize everywhere.

I have been impressed by the creativity of our priests and lay leaders in developing amazing ways to keep our parishioners spiritually nourished and our parish communities united during this extraordinary time.

While we are being voluntarily prevented from our ability to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist, many parishes are livestreaming the celebration of the Mass and encouraging parishioners to pray spiritual acts of Communion.

During this time when we are being isolated from so many usual human interactions, parishes are finding ways to keep connected with parishioners — especially those who live alone. Pastors are using modern technology to inspire and spiritually nourish their people. Contrasting with pictures of some college students on beaches ignoring social distancing, the St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center at the University of Kansas conducted a video conference with more than 100 student leaders exploring ways to be missionary disciples, while faithfully observing public health safety measures.



Through the use of social media, it is an opportune moment to witness to their peers the peace and joy that friendship with Jesus provides us even in the midst of the current crisis.

I am so grateful that we had the "Enflame Our Hearts" convocation this past October. Our Evangelization team is working through social media to empower our 1,500 delegates to help their pastors provide for the spiritual and pastoral needs of their parish communities and to take advantage of opportunities to witness to the joy of the Gospel, despite the many natural reasons to be overwhelmed with anxiety. Our Enflame Adult Facebook participants grew from 4 to 900 people in just 5 days. You do not have to have been a convocation delegate to participate. All are welcome!

One of the unnerving aspects of the coronavirus is that it is a hidden enemy. The infected cells are so minuscule that we cannot see them with the naked eye. Another frightening aspect of the coronavirus is that it is so highly contagious.

We can learn something from this menacing threat to our health. Our Catholic faith should also be highly contagious.

The Gospel of Jesus, when it is lived authentically and beautifully, is irresistible. The joy of experiencing the friendship of Jesus and the awareness that we are beloved daughters and sons of a loving Father should radiate from us.

Our efforts to love others and to serve the community often in such seemingly small and barely perceivable ways are a potent means to transform a culture that was already — pre-coronavirus — suffering from an epidemic of loneliness and depression.

We have the vaccine to protect ourselves from despair. We have the antidote to loneliness and isolation. In this most difficult and trying of times, our ability to offer peace in the midst of the coronavirus storm will be like a magnet drawing people not to us, but to Jesus — the one who can vanquish fear and anxiety from our hearts.

Lying in front of the television and doing nothing might be a way to avoid the coronavirus, but disciples of Jesus are called to be doing so much more.

While defeating this public health enemy, we can also seize the opportunity to pray more, to love more, and to witness to the joy and hope of the Gospel more.

Let us infect our world with the truth, goodness and beauty of our Catholic faith!

Reprinted from The Leaven, March 27, 2020

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
Marianne Gowen
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
Dianne Hofmann
Bob Holec
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
Josephine Ramirez
Eva Ricketts, mother of Ingrid Hartman
Joel Rivera

Virginia Romero
Jon Rossillon
James Sandy
Alexander Ramirez Salazar
Jerry Scherer
Greg Schurer, brother of Mick Schurer
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
Cameron Stupansky, friend of Kathy Colson
Jack Taylor, brother of Daniel Taylor
Deloris Tharp
Amelia Tinio
Enriqueta Valverde
Mary Vannicola
Cindy Vasquez, sister of Gina Hodges
Trent Wallace
Jeanette Walker
Ted Walker
Susan Williams
Nancy Wright
Jon Yarnell

IN MEMORIAM-KATHY RENNELS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54; **Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11; **Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38; **Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25; **Thursday: Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21; **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15; **Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42; **Saturday: Vigil:** Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10; **Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

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 March 29, 2020.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$29,807.69
Average weekly collection amount	\$28,704.66
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD	\$1,162,499.91
Actual collection fiscal YTD	\$1,119,481.76
Net Shortage	\$43,018.15

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

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

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5 de abril de 2020

Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión de Cristo

Estamos ya en el Domingo de Ramos, empezamos la Semana Mayor o Semana Santa donde se celebra el núcleo de nuestra fe, "La resurrección de Jesucristo" pasando por la pasión y la muerte. El jueves y el viernes deben ser tomados en cuenta dando especial cuidado a las celebraciones litúrgicas que enseñan una catequesis centrada en lo que se vive durante el Año Litúrgico en la Iglesia. "Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor"; El pueblo le daba la bienvenida al Señor, tal como lo hacemos ahora nosotros en este Domingo de Ramos o de palmas como se dice.

El Papa Francisco, nos invita a reflexionar sobre este día con las siguientes palabras: "La Liturgia de hoy nos enseña que el Señor no nos ha salvado con una entrada triunfal o mediante milagros poderosos. Pero si queremos seguir al Maestro, más que alegrarnos porque el viene a salvarnos, estamos llamados a elegir su camino: el camino del servicio, de la donación, del olvido de uno mismo... Jesús se despojó de sí mismo: renunció a la gloria de Hijo de Dios y se convirtió en Hijo del hombre, para ser en todo solidario con nosotros pecadores, él que no conoce el pecado. Pero no solamente esto: ha vivido entre nosotros en una «condición de esclavo» (Filipenses 2:7): no de rey, ni de príncipe, sino de esclavo... con su humillación, Jesús nos invita a purificar nuestra vida. Volvamos a él la mirada, pidamos la gracia de entender algo de su anonadación por nosotros; reconozcámoslo Señor de nuestra vida y respondamos a su amor infinito con un poco de amor concreto." ¡Viva Cristo, nuestro Rey!

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LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 5 DE ABRIL DE

Domingo: Mt 21, 1-11/Is 50, 4-7/Sal 22, 8-9. 17-18. 19-20. 23-24 [2]/Flp 2, 6-11/Mt 26, 14—27, 66 o 27, 11-54

Lunes: Is 42, 1-7/Sal 27, 1. 2. 3. 13-14 [1]/Jn 12, 1-11

Martes: Is 49, 1-6/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 15 y 17 [cfr. 15]/Jn 13, 21-33. 36-38; **Miércoles:** Is 50, 4-9/Sal 69, 8-10. 21-22. 31 y 33-34 [14]/Mt 26, 14-25; **Jueves: Misa del Santo Crisma:** Is 61, 1-3. 6. 8-9/Sal 89, 21-22. 25 y 27 [2]/Ap 1, 5-8/Lc 4, 16-21

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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.

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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 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.

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 mas información llamar a Maria Mota.

CONFESIONES

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



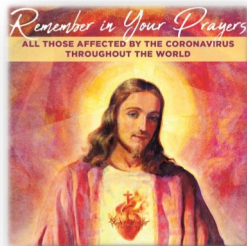
SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor

Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee

I've learned a lot throughout this coronavirus "quarantining." I've relearned how much I love my faith community and our shepherds; I've learned how much I miss the Mass, not only in the liturgies of the Word and the Eucharist, but also in the gift of the assembly. What a joyful time it will be when we can pray and worship and be together again!

In the meantime, I want to share a prayer with you. I like this prayer very much because it contains petitions for our internal strength and also for our wisdom and strength and creativity in being Christ to the world during this time of the Covid-19 virus and of the end of Lent, the upcoming Triduum and upcoming Easter!



A Prayer for Peace and Solidarity in a Time of Pandemic

Creator God,
We look to you during this time of illness, uncertainty, & physical distancing from others. Be with us as we place our anxieties and fears in your hands.

Free us from the illusion of invincibility, so that we might remember our actions affect others, especially the most vulnerable.

Free us from the fear of scarcity, which leads to competition and hoarding.

Free us from painful anxiety, so that it can be transformed into caring actions for ourselves and others.

Jesus, our brother,
As your ministry of healing brought physical wellness and connection and restored community, help us remember that we are not alone.

As you mourned the death of your friend Lazarus, be with those who grieve the loss of loved ones. May they feel your presence and peace.

As you experienced death, be with those who have died from the coronavirus. May they be in your eternal embrace.

As you challenged your disciples to act for the common good, be with national and local leaders who have the power to ensure that the "least of these" have their basic needs met. Inspire them to have a global vision of solidarity, a consciousness and priority to provide healthcare to all.

Spirit of God, breath of life,
Thank you for the countless nurses, custodial staff, doctors, receptionists, therapists, healthcare providers, and all others who are working to care for those who are sick and suffering. As they live their vocations, may they be sustained by your Spirit.

Open our eyes to see the devastating implications of economic and racial injustice during this crisis. Be with vulnerable populations who are unable to have "social distance" from others, thereby increasing their likelihood of contagion.

Inspire our actions for equitable access to testing, treatment, and financial support for all affected by coronavirus.

We pray together that, during this Lenten season and current pandemic, we can turn away from fear and be faithful to our sacred and civic responsibility for others. AMEN.

--Slightly Modified From Pax Christi USA, March 2020

JUSTICE MATTERS

Justice Matters – an interfaith network working for justice

Justice Matters Solutions Briefing 2020 was an unusual event -- online instead of in person. There were 140 households tuned into the virtual event, which probably means about 250-300 people viewed the reports on homelessness and jail alternatives. There is still an opportunity to view the videos if you weren't able to participate that evening. Please contact any of the Justice Matters organizers for the link to either YouTube or Facebook ben@justicemattersinkansas.org, anna@justicemattersinkansas.org, katie@justicemattersinkansas.org

There is an urgent need for landlords with apartments or houses to come forward with their property for homeless individuals and families. Willow is the clearing house, but any of our organizers listed above will be happy to get your information to the right people. There are funds available for deposits and rent for several months after which most of these renters will be stable enough to continue payment on their own -- most are employed, but don't have enough money for deposits and other move in expenses.



See *Justice Matters*, page 12

PARISH AND ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS



ARCHDIOCESAN 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is hosting a special Mass and reception for couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The event will be held from **2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Sunday, June 7** at the Church of the Nativity in Leawood. To receive an invitation from Archbishop Naumann please call Mary Anne Kierl at the Marriage and Family Life Office at **913-647-0345**.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Archbishop Joseph Naumann, as USSB Chairman of the Pro-Life Committee, announced this initiative in November 2019. Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference." Everyone in the parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need. The 25th anniversary year of Evangelium vitae gives us a wonderful opportunity to assess, expand, and communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need. We are inviting parishes, through the support of their bishop and pastor, to join a nationwide effort from **March 25, 2020 to March 25, 2021** entitled: "Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service." To learn more about the National effort please visit: www.walkingwithmoms.com

ENFLAME OUR HEARTS

Jesus is inviting you into the overflowing love of His merciful heart. His heart overflowing with love and mercy. You are an important part of our Catholic family and you are known and loved without condition. Wherever you are, this is your invitation. Enter into the abundance of a deep, life-changing relationship with Jesus. For more information and resources visit: www.archkcks.org



JUSTICE MATTERS

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The city has been approached to contribute to the Housing First fund. Contact all of the city commissioners and ask them to allocate \$50,000 for the Housing First initiative which is taking place now. This is for those without homes and to move people out of close proximity to avoid spreading Covid-19.

Policies recently implemented because of the pandemic have resulted in reducing the number of people in jail. These measures could have been taken without a pandemic. It proves that there are

alternatives to incarceration. In preparation for the possibility of a petition that would put the jail expansion to a vote you can make a commitment to sign a petition if and when needed. Text the word 'democracy' to 33777 and answer a couple of response questions. This is a commitment to sign a petition -- not a signature. This is important -- make the petition commitment yourself and invite lots of others to do the same. We will need about 2500 signatures. Our goal is to reach 1500 by the time we would have held the Nehemiah Action Assembly at the Lied Center. It should be easier to get commitments to sign a petition than to attend the action event which has been cancelled for 2020.

Lord, in 1879 the Apparition in Knock gave comfort and hope to your people in a time of distress and worry. In the presence of Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist and the Lamb of

God you showed us that we are neither alone nor abandoned in times of great need, personally and as a people. We ask you Lord, to walk with us again as we face the Coronavirus. Help our medical personnel to bring the virus to a swift end and bless them in their work.

We ask healing and recovery to be given to all who are suffering from the virus and their families. May all of us, Lord, be strengthened by the spiritual support of the Christian community at this time through prayer, fasting and concern for one another. May we never abandon hope in the face of adversity and trust in your love for us.

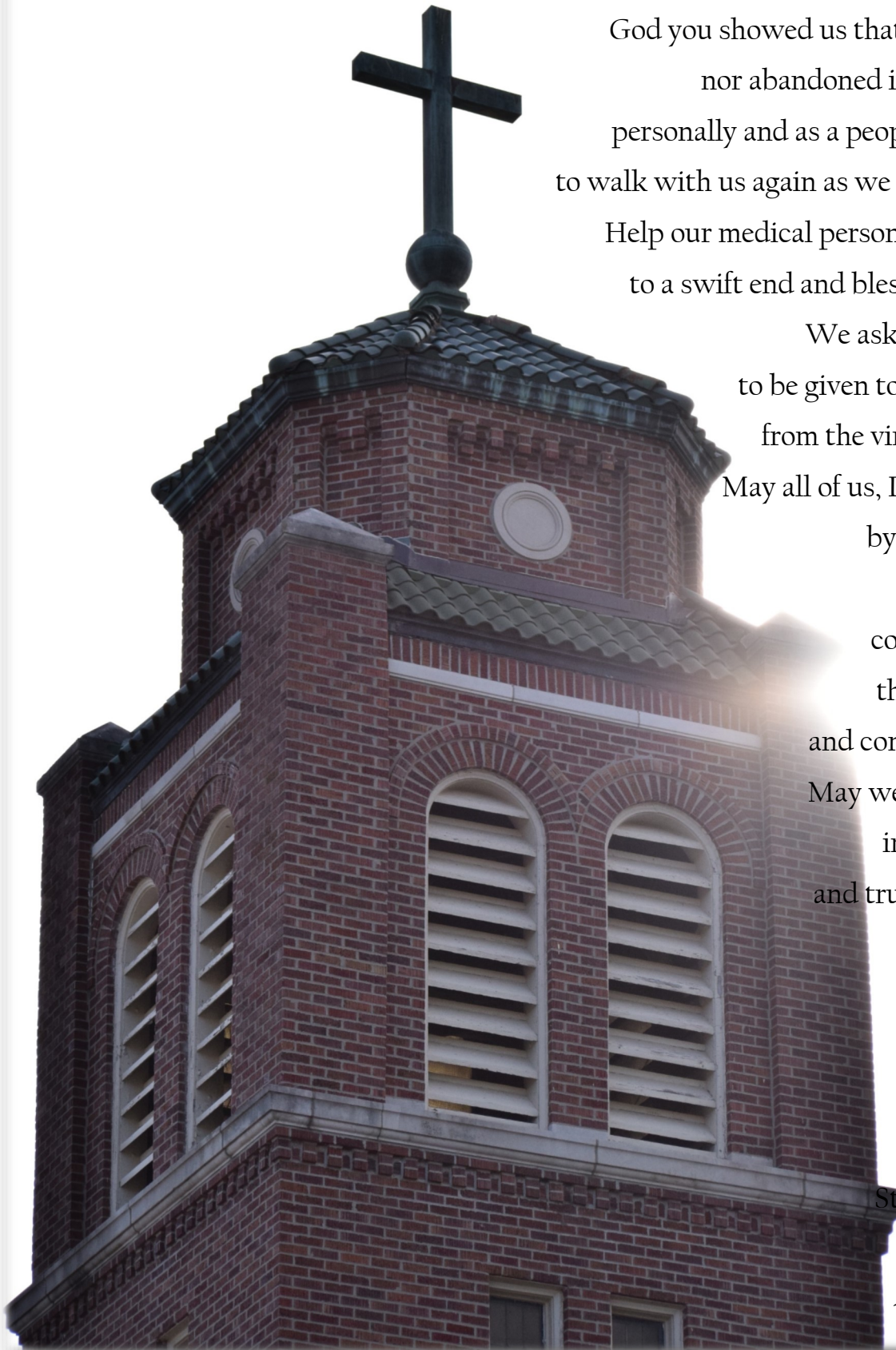
Amen

Our Lady of Knock,
pray for us.

St. Joseph,
pray for us.

St. John the Evangelist,
pray for us.

-Father Brian Grogan SJ



3 EASY STEPS

TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



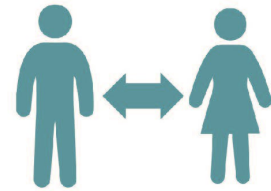
WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



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