

For August of the Year of the Pandemic 2020

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,
1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm

Mass sign up required for each weekend:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49AEA82BA1FA7-stjohn9>

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm

Wednesday: 11:00-noon, 7:00-8:00 pm

*Stay tuned for September of the Year
of the Pandemic 2020*



ST JOHN
THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

“PRAYER IS THE BEST WEAPON WE POSSESS,
THE KEY THAT OPENS THE HEART OF GOD.”

~ST. PADRE PIO

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Monday—Thursday.....8:30 am—3:00 pm

Friday.....8:30 am—Noon

Weekend Masses

Saturday.....4:30 pm

Sunday.....7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,

.....1:00 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm

Mass sign up required for each weekend:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49AEA82BA1FA7-stjohn9>

Masses to be livestreamed at: <https://youtu.be/lbl8-GJL4zM>

Sunday.....11:00 am & 1:00 pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday.....7:30 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 pm-4:00 pm

.....(and by appointment)

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SAINT JOHN SCHOOL

2020 School Year Wish List



As we have been working on our plans for this coming year, the staff has been developing safety protocols and a list of needed materials. Some of the materials on this list are part of our daily routines and some are precautions. I have created a Amazon Wish List if parents or extended family members would like to help the school. Any item you purchase will ship directly to the school to help with coordination. Any help that you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to share the link with friends and family if they would also like to help. Here is the link for the Wish List: <https://a.co/1OK4BEi>
God bless,
Mr. Reffett

VOTING A MORAL RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Friends,

In a democratic society, an essential part of Christian discipleship is to exercise our right to participate in choosing those who represent us in government. We have a responsibility to be engaged citizens who work actively for the common good. For the Catholic, voting is not just a good thing to do, but a moral responsibility. Many people have made heroic sacrifices to give us the freedoms we enjoy. We have a duty as Americans, Kansans and Catholics to take advantage of our right to vote.

Moreover, we are called not simply to vote, but to be well informed voters who in casting our ballots apply the moral principles and priorities of our Faith. Since the beginning of our nation, the Catholic Bishops have chosen not to endorse political candidates or parties. The Catholic Church does not tell its members how to vote. At the same time, it is the responsibility of the Church to help form the consciences of her members to understand the principles and priorities that should guide their decisions as voters.

There are many important moral issues facing our society. For the sake of brevity, I wish to reflect upon three that are particularly timely. Racism is an intrinsic moral evil that results in grave injustice to its victims, but also is an offense against God who has created every human being in the divine image. We must choose leaders who not only oppose racism but are committed to healing its festering wounds.

Peaceful protests are constitutional rights that need to be respected and protected. However, violent riots resulting in the deaths of innocent victims and the destruction of public monuments and private property are also grave evils. Our leaders have a responsibility to protect citizens and preserve civil order.

This past November, the Catholic Bishops of the United States again identified the protection of unborn children as the pre-eminent moral priority because: 1) abortion attacks the most vulnerable and innocent, 2) abortion occurs within the family destroying the most precious human bonds thus harming parents, and 3) the sheer number of human lives destroyed, nearly 1 million annually, adds to abortion's societal importance.

Tragically, the Kansas Supreme Court has claimed to have discovered a right to abortion in our State Constitution. To correct this grave injustice imposed by the Court, the Value Them Both Constitutional Amendment needs to be adopted by the citizens of Kansas. We need elected officials who will take action to defend the innocent life of the unborn and their mothers.

The Value Them Both Constitutional Amendment, while not prohibiting abortion, returns to our State Legislature the ability to enact laws that place restrictions on the abortion industry, protecting both mother and child. Passage of the Value Them Both Amendment requires affirmative votes by 2/3 of both the Kansas Senate and House of Representatives.

On August 4, primary elections will be held in Kansas. The first step to exercise your right to vote is being registered. The Kansas Catholic Conference has organized a voter registration drive. You can access an on-line voter registration form at kansascatholic.org. To vote in the August primary you must be registered by July 14. In this COVID19 environment, you may wish to take advantage of the opportunity to vote by mail.

Become knowledgeable about candidate positions and voting records on issues with important moral implications. Let your voice be heard. Vote in the upcoming August Primary and in the November General elections. Thank you and God bless.



Archbishop Naumann urges Catholics to vote their values



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

ST. JOHN PARISH AND SCHOOL
HAVE NEW EMAILS: VISIT

Parish staff emails: <https://sjevangelist.com/staff/>

School staff emails: <https://saint-johns.eduk12.net/facultyinfo>



Monday—Thursday: 8:30 am—3:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am—Noon

***Please wear a mask and use hand sanitizer when you enter the parish office. Thank you!**

OKTOBERFEST IS CANCELED, BUT THERE IS STILL SOME GOOD NEWS!

We will be selling our famous BIEROCKS over the weekend of August 1 and 2 from 1 to 4:00 pm by carryout or curbside pickup at St. John's Church. Stop by to buy 3 for \$15, 6 for \$30, or 12 for \$60.

We are also considering offering a limited menu by carryout or curbside pickup on September 26. Follow our Facebook page for updates. And take a survey to help us decide which Oktoberfest menu items you really want us to offer as carryout or curbside pickup on September 26. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6DBFPL8>

JUSTICE MATTERS

*Justice Matters – an interfaith network
Continues the Fight for Voter Rights*

July 24, 2020 - After rigorous discussion, the board of directors for Justice Matters unanimously agreed to continue the fight for voter rights regarding the proposed \$29.6 million jail expansion. Yesterday, veteran litigator, Bill Skepnek, officially filed an appeal and eagerly looks forward to making the case before the appellate courts.

At question is whether Douglas County voters gave away their democratic rights regarding the use of bonds back in 1994 when they voted to approve a 1 cent sales tax. Skepnek argues that voters knew they were approving an increased sales tax. However, they had little understanding that they were giving authority forever to any future County Commission to place the community in debt for any project they desire. This is particularly important now - 16 years later – after Douglas County voters rejected a jail expansion in May 2018 only to have the county commission vote on January 29, 2020 to move forward with financing the project.

While the implication of the 1994 ballot will be argued in the appellate courts, state law is clear. Voters have rights when it comes to officials placing them in debt. Under Kansas law, if local governments decide to place their constituents in debt on a project without voter approval, they are required to give the public notice of their intent to borrow [K.S.A. §12-195b(e)]. At that time, citizens can circulate a petition, and if enough signatures are collected within 90 days, a vote on the debt will be required.

In this case, the county commission decided not to put the jail

debt up for a vote, and circumvented the citizen's right to a petition by suggesting that the ballot language in 1994 provides an unending line of credit.



Justice Matters has been in contact with the county commissioners on several occasions to ask that the matter be resolved without attorneys or the courts by simply giving voters the opportunity to circulate a petition. Justice Matters argues that if voters want to go into debt for a jail expansion, they won't sign a petition. And even if enough signatures are collected, voters could still vote for or against jail expansion at the ballot box. Current county commissioners, however, have decided to fight the matter in court.

The jail expansion itself may thankfully be put to rest soon. With new proof that overcrowding at the jail can be accomplished safely, plus the tragic murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis and the international protests that followed, Commissioner Patrick Kelly requested last month to hit pause on jail expansion. Plus, several candidates running for county commission, sheriff, and district attorney have publicly stated that the jail project should be shelved in order to make way for criminal justice reform and alternatives to incarceration.

However, protecting voting rights weighed heavily on the minds of the board members at Justice Matters. If the Douglas County Commission can use a "one-and-done" ballot measure to deny voters in the future the modest democratic tool of a citizen's petition, then what's to stop other counties in other parts of the state to do the same?

- submitted by Ben MacConnell, Justice Matters lead organizer

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Scott Anderson

Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee

Anger without Hatred: The Christianity of John Lewis

The Statement of the U.S. Bishops' President on George Floyd and the Protests in American Cities, issued by Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, expresses the solidarity of the Church with the expressions of outrage as embodied in the continuing protests across the country against institutionalized racism, while condemning the sporadic violence that has accompanied some of these events:

"We should all understand that the protests we are seeing in our cities reflect the justified frustration and anger of millions of our brothers and sisters who even today experience humiliation, indignity, and unequal opportunity only because of their race... Racism has been tolerated far too long in our way of life.

"It is true what Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. said, that riots are the language of the unheard. We should be doing a lot of listening right now... But the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating."

In his lifetime of Civil Rights activism, Congressman John Lewis confronted bigotry and hatred with unflinching courage and love. He endured beatings as he rode with the Freedom Riders who aimed to integrate bus travel throughout the South, as he sat in at segregated lunch counters, used restrooms designated for whites only, and most famously, during the march on Selma in March of 1965, Alabama state troopers viciously attacked unarmed protestors and Lewis suffered a fractured skull in the confrontation which became known as Bloody Sunday. The brutality was captured by cameras and sparked a backlash which

helped grow support for the Voting Rights Act.

And yet, he refused to engage in hate and attributed the movement's successes to their refusal to harbor bitterness or thirst for revenge. When the marchers were attacked, they did not fight back or lash out but stood their ground courageously, absorbing the one-sided violence. The strength of the movement, as exemplified by Dr. King and embraced by Lewis, was its adherence to the teachings of Jesus, who allowed Himself to be taken without resistance by an unjust regime to the Cross and crucified.

Over the years, John Lewis combined stern calls for justice with an inexhaustible capacity for forgiveness toward his tormentors, including former Alabama governor George Wallace who had unleashed the state troopers in Selma. In 2009 a former Ku Klux Klan member came forward who confessed to attacking him 50 years previously and sought forgiveness, which was immediately granted. Lewis reasoned that some people came from limited and, perhaps, disturbed backgrounds and acted out of ignorance. These people were also victims, he believed, but they were also capable of redemption. As he said following the death of George Wallace, who apologized for his racist actions, "I can never forget what George Wallace said and did as Governor... But our ability to forgive serves a higher moral purpose in our society. Through genuine repentance and forgiveness, the soul of our nation is redeemed."

And though he acted in the political realm, John Lewis' vision was based on his religious faith in redemptive suffering which "touches and changes those around us as well. It opens us and those around us to a force beyond ourselves, a force that is right and moral, the force of righteous truth that is at the basis of human conscience."

Coming soon...

The new movie *Fatima*, *Inspired by the True Story* is scheduled to be released on **August 14**. A powerful and uplifting drama about the power of faith, *Fatima* tells the story of a 10-year old shepherd and her two young cousins in Fatima, Portugal, who report seeing visions of the Virgin Mary. Their revelations inspire believers but anger officials of both the Church and the secular government, who try to force them to recant their story. As word of their prophecy spreads, tens of thousands of religious pilgrims flock to the site in hopes of witnessing a miracle. What they experience will change their lives forever.

You may view the trailer at: www.fatimathemovie.com. The production company is working with groups and parishes who wish to set up hosted showings of the movie. If you are interested in such an event and would like promotional materials sent directly to your parish, please contact Lisa Wheeler, president of Carmel Communications at **404-519-1987** or lwheeler@carmelcommunications.com.



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.

Andrew Bouchard
Susan Guenther Brown
Curtis Burns
Hank Desch
Garrett Dreiling
Linda Erp
Joanne Feist
Colette Fisher
Linda Flyer
Janet Fox
Rudy Fritz
Ed Garza
Bonnie Griggs
Tony Guadian
Buddy Hadl
Michael Hamer
Lonna Hamm
Peggy Harders
Newt Hasson
Christian Heady
Luke Henry
Charles Hermann
Kathy Higley
Bob Holek
Tina Jinkens
Michele Johnson
Allen Kehde
Becky Kuhn
Patty Lyon
Diana Matthews
Leo Mauler
Russ McDonald
Jim McMurray
Ed Medrano
Zackary Messerly

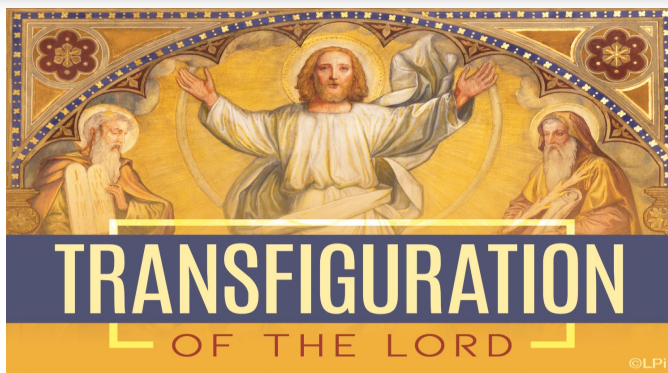
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Lisa Morrow-Welsh
Augustus Nelson
Danny Nguyen
Theophilus Obiefule
Mike Owens
Josephine Ramirez
Mike Reilly
Eva Ricketts
Joel Rivera
Virginia Romero
Jon Rossillon
James Sandy
Alexander Ramirez Salazar
Jerry Scherer
Greg Schurer
Mary Kay Seidl
Pete Sethatut
Christine Shipley
Gerald Simon
Brett Smith
Linda Snyder
Joseph Soza
Cameron Stupansky
Jack Taylor
Deloris Tharp
Oscar Tharp, Jr.
Amelia Tinio
Enriqueta Valverde
Mary Vannicola
Cindy Vasquez
Marianne Vietti
Trent Wallace
Jeanette Walker
Susan Williams

Nancy Wright
Jon Yarnell

MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST 3 – AUGUST 9

Mon.: 7:30 am Alan Heath†
Tues.: 7:30 am..... Linda Erp
Wed.: 7:30 am.....Patty Lyon
Thurs.: 7:30 am Osborne-O'Connor Family
Fri.: 7:30 am..... Jerome Floro†
Sat.: 4:30 pm Lidia Raczek†
Sun.: 7:00 am Rich & Linda McNulty
9:00am..... Parishioners of St. Johns
11:00 am..... Jerry Scherer
1:00 pm (Sp.) Peace
5:00 pm..... Jim Walkert



STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Information below reflects donations received July 1, 2020 through July 26, 2020.

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| Budgeted weekly collection amount | \$30,254.80 |
| Average weekly collection amount..... | \$23,614.57 |
| Budgeted collection fiscal YTD..... | \$121,019.20 |
| Actual collection fiscal YTD..... | \$94,458.30 |
| Net Shortage..... | \$26,560.90 |

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

Photo by: Jay Soldner/The Leaven

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

Or you may sign up for **PushPay** for auto bank withdraws at:

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KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Imagine being one of Jesus' disciples. One moment you see more than 5,000 hungry people. You don't know what to do. The next moment you see Jesus turn a small lunch into a huge feast. Jesus gives you the food, and he asks you to share it with the hungry people. Jesus asks the same thing today. Share what he gives you with others, too.

PRAYER

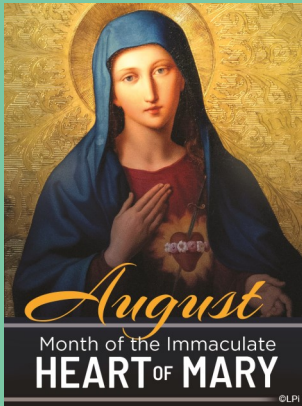
Jesus, help me to share what you have given me.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself handing out food to hungry people.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

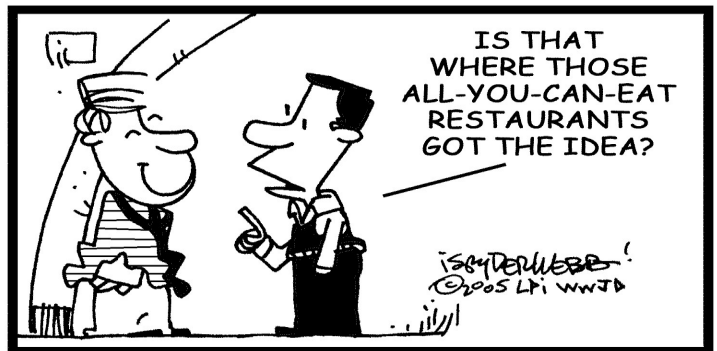
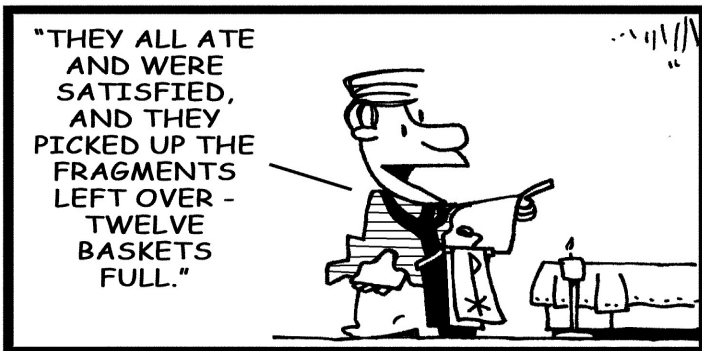
Donate groceries to a food pantry.



Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

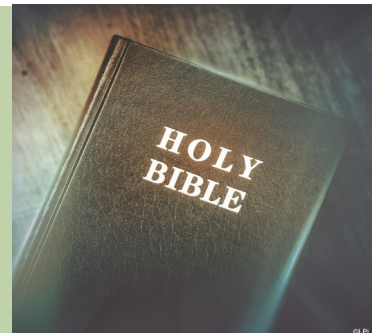
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Este pasaje del Evangelio de Mateo tiene una relación muy íntima con la institución de la Eucaristía. El Señor Jesús pronuncia las mismas palabras de la Última Cena. “Tomó los cinco panes y los dos pescados, levantó los ojos al cielo, partió los panes y los entregó a los discípulos. Y los discípulos los daban a la gente”. (Mateo 14:19). Cristo es el Pan del Cielo que se da en oblación para todos. No importa la raza ni el color de la piel, Él se compadece de la persona y se da en alimento.

El Papa Francisco nos ayuda a comprender este hermoso mensaje del Evangelio de la primera multiplicación de los panes. Pero Jesús, tranquilamente respondió: “Denles ustedes de comer”. ¡Todos comieron hasta saciarse y aun así sobró! En este acontecimiento podemos acoger tres mensajes. El primero es la compasión. Frente a la multitud que lo sigue y- por así decir- no lo deja en paz, Jesús no actúa con irritación, no dice ‘esta gente me molesta’. Sino que siente compasión. El segundo mensaje es compartir. Primero la compasión, lo que sentía Jesús y después el compartir. El tercer mensaje: el prodigio de los panes preanuncia la Eucaristía. Se ve en el gesto de Jesús que recitó la bendición antes de partir los panes y darlos a la multitud. En la Eucaristía Jesús no da un pan, sino el pan de la vida eterna se dona a Sí mismo, ofreciéndose al Padre por amor a nosotros. Pero nosotros, debemos ir a la Eucaristía con esos sentimientos de Jesús, la compasión. Y con ese deseo de Jesús, compartir. Compasión, compartir, Eucaristía, éste es el camino que Jesús nos indica en este Evangelio.

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Ellos le contestaron: “No tenemos aquí más que cinco panes y dos pescados”. El les dijo: “Tráiganmelos”. Luego mandó que la gente se sentara sobre el pasto. Tomó los cinco panes y los dos pescados, y mirando al cielo, pronunció una bendición, partió los panes y se los dio a los discípulos para que los distribuyeran a la gente. — Mt 14, 17-19

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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 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.

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 2 DE AGOSTO

Domingo: Is 55, 1-3/Sal 145, 8-9. 15-16. 17-18 [cfr. 16]/Rom 8, 35. 37-39/Mt 14, 13-21

Lunes: Jr 28, 1-17/Sal 119, 29. 43. 79. 80. 95. 102 [68]/Mt 14, 22-36

Martes: Jr 30, 1-2. 12-15. 18-22/Sal 102, 16-18. 19-21. 29 y 22-23 [17]/Mt 14, 22-36 o Mt 15, 1-2. 10-14

Miércoles: Jr 31, 1-7/Jr 31, 10. 11-12. 13 [cfr. 10]/Mt 15, 21-28

Jueves: Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14/Sal 97, 1-2. 5-6. 9 [1. 9]/2 Pe 1, 16-19/Mt 17, 1-9

Viernes: Na 2, 1. 3; 3, 1-3. 6-7/Dt 32, 35-36. 39. 41 [39]/Mt 16, 24-28

Sábado: Hab 1, 12—2, 4/Sal 9, 8-9. 10-11. 12-13 [11]/Mt 17, 14-20

Domingo siguiente: 1 Re 19, 9. 11-13/Sal 85, 9. 10. 11-12. 13-14 [8]/Rom 9, 1-5/Mt 14, 22-3

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM - ADULT TRAINING (VIRTUS) EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

In light of the current health conditions, one prudent and preventative measure we are taking is to make the VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults training available Online as an option. Effective immediately, due to COVID-19, the Archdiocesan requirement for attending a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults workshop live session will be suspended and the option of the online version of the module can be offered in lieu of live training. This is a temporary safety precaution, and parishes may still offer the live training session available as an option if they prefer as long as the local county and state ordinances in effect at the time of the event are followed. Please note, the training must still be completed prior to participants working around youth, but the requirement may now temporarily be met by completing the online Protecting God's Children module. Individuals needing to attend a session will be offered the option of the online module at the time of registration. They will still need to follow the background screening and policy completion process at the time of registration. Individuals who are already currently registered for an upcoming live session, may log back into their account and change to the online module. These procedures will be reviewed and updated periodically as needed and are in place to protect you, those you work with, and your family. Please stay safe and healthy and continue to pray for all our brothers and sisters in Christ! We are praying for all of you and your families. If you have questions, please contact Sandy Vielhauer at: svielhauer@archkck.org or Jenifer Valenti at: jvalenti@archkck.org. May God bless you and keep you safe.



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KU CATHOLIC MASS IN TOPEKA & WICHITA

St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center at the University of Kansas will be doing a parish take over at Christ the King in Topeka on July 26 at 11:30 am and Church of the Magdalen in Wichita on August 2 at a special 2:00 pm Mass and we would love to invite all KU Catholic Alums, parents and current/incoming students to join us! Our goal is to make sure incoming freshmen at KU know that we exist and we can meet them before they arrive on campus. This event will be about 2 hours long with Mass and free food, raffle prizes, KU Catholic swap and more. It's an open invite for anyone associated with or interested in the St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center. For more information at: kucatholic.org/kucatholicmass

FERTILITY CARE CENTER CLASS

Fertility Care Center is planning to hold their next Creighton Model Education Class in August (EPI) & March (EPII). They will provide the class over two extended weekends to help accommodate every-one's busy schedules.

THE DATES ARE:

Education Phase One: August 21-24 & August 28-31, 2020

Education Phase Two: March 6-8 & March 13-15, 2021

The link to their website with all the information needed to apply is:

<http://www.fertilitycarekc.com/fertilitycare-practitioner-training.html>

Questions can be referred to: admin@fertilitycarekc.com or pwhite@fertilitycarekc.com.

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ARCHDIOCESAN 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration has been rescheduled to **Sunday, August 23, 2:00 pm, Church of the Nativity in Leawood**. If you would like to receive an invitation from Archbishop Naumann and have not yet submitted your information, please call Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese **913-647-0345** or flifesecc@archkck.org



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FOCUS ON THE WORD

UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers. People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized. There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love.

It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we can. Much more needs to be done. With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at



night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness.

Folks need to know where to look for

nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. It doesn't take much. Five loaves and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. Come to the water and then help another get there.

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Power of a Simple Action

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an

interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to



plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.

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