

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-stjohn10>

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.

“SEEK GOD IN ALL THINGS
AND WE SHALL FIND GOD BY OUR SIDE.”
~ST. PETER CLAVER

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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

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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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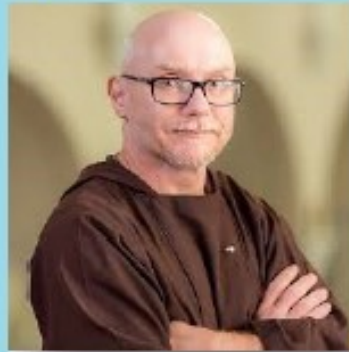
SAINT JOHN SCHOOL

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Fr. Barnabas



YOUR INVITED TO A CARD PARTY FOR FATHER BARNABAS

Due to the Corona virus, it will not be feasible to have a formal going away party for Father Barnabas as he leaves St. John. While we cannot let him leave without some way to honor his time here, we thought having a card party would be a wonderful idea! Parishioners could send him a card with thoughts about his friendship with them, times spent together, or whatever memory you feel like sharing. If possible, please send your card to arrive the week of August 24, 2020.

Please send the card to Father Barnabas at: 1229 Vermont Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.

Thank you and please continue to stay safe!

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
Donna Callaghan
Hank Desch
Garrett Dreiling
Linda Erp
Joanne Feist
Colette Fisher
Linda Flyer
Janet Fox
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Enriqueta Valverde
Mary Vannicola
Cindy Vasquez
Marianne Vietti
Trent Wallace

Jeanette Walker
Susan Williams

Nancy Wright
Jon Yarnell

MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST 10 – AUGUST 16

Mon.: 7:30 am..... Cathy Rousht
Tues.: 7:30 am..... People with Corona Virus
Wed.: 7:30 am..... Mary Hope
Thurs.: 7:30 am Trent Wallace
Fri.: 7:30 am..... Marianne Vietti
Sat.: 4:30 pm Christian Heady
Sun.: 7:00 am Tom Kellogg
9:00am Jo Ann Malet
11:00 am..... Parishioners of St. Johns
1:00 pm (Sp.) Ed Garza
5:00 pm..... End To The Pandemic



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 Aug. 2, 2020.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$30,254.80
Average weekly collection amount	\$24,163.10
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD	\$151,274.00
Actual collection fiscal YTD	\$120,815.50
Net Shortage.....	\$30,458.50

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

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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:

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Ojalá, que como Pedro deseemos pedirle al Señor que nos mande a caminar sobre las aguas. En las situaciones difíciles de enfermedad, pérdida de trabajo, falta de vivienda y muerte de seres queridos, sepamos correr el riesgo de buscar a Dios a ejemplo de Pedro. Pero, sin dudar, sino con una confianza firme. Nuestra vida está en manos de Dios, dice mucha gente y hasta nosotros lo decimos continuamente. En otras palabras, aceptar la voluntad de Dios, que sea lo que Dios quiera, Dios no nos abandona, y en fin tantas palabras muchas veces vanas porque a las primeras de cambio, nos hundimos y perdemos la fe. En el fondo, como Pedro, confiamos más en nuestras fuerzas que en la misericordia de Dios.

Cada quien trae su propio costal y sabe lo que contiene, sus propias tempestades y altas olas que lo desubican y que le impiden confiar en Jesús. Hoy, el Evangelio nos pide confianza y la seguridad de dejarnos tomar de la mano de Jesús. Dios, es suave confianza e intimidad segura. Santa Teresa de Ávila lo asegura en la siguiente oración. "Nada te turbe, nada te espante. Todo se pasa, Dios no se muda. La paciencia todo lo alcanza; quien a Dios tiene nada le falta: sólo Dios basta". El Señor nos dice que no tengamos miedo, que como Pedro o cualquier discípulo de su tiempo y de este tiempo, Él extenderá su mano y nos sujetará ante la tempestad. Sólo se pide fidelidad y confianza. Hagamos la prueba y veremos la misericordia del Señor. No perdamos de vista al que camina sobre las aguas y nos pide que vayamos a su encuentro. Él tiene el poder de hacer cosas nunca vistas en todos los que creen.
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Entonces le dijo Pedro: "Señor, si eres tú, mándame ir a ti caminando sobre el agua". Jesús le contestó: "Ven". Pedro bajó de la barca y comenzó a caminar sobre el agua hacia Jesús; pero al sentir la fuerza del viento, le entró miedo, comenzó a hundirse y gritó: "¡Sálvame, Señor!"

— Mt 14, 28-30

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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 9 DE AGOSTO

Domingo: 1 Re 19, 9. 11-13/Sal 85, 9. 10. 11-12. 13-14 [8]/Rom 9, 1-5/Mt 14, 22-33

Lunes: 2 Cor 9, 6-10/Sal 112, 1-2. 5-6. 7-8. 9 [5]/Jn 12, 24-26

Martes: Ez 2, 8—3, 4/Sal 119, 14. 24. 72. 103. 111. 131 [103]/Mt 18, 1-5. 10. 12-14

Miércoles: Ez 9, 1-7; 10, 18-22/Sal 113, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [4]/Mt 18, 15-20

Jueves: Ez 12, 1-12/Sal 78, 56-57. 58-59. 61-62 [cfr. 7]/Mt 18, 21—19, 1

Viernes: Ez 16, 1-15. 60. 63 o 16, 59-63/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6 [1]/Mt 19, 3-12

Sábado: Vigilia: 1 Cr 15, 3-4. 15-16; 16, 1-2/Sal 132, 6-7. 9-10. 13-14 [8] 1 Cor 15, 54-57/Lc 11, 27-28. **Día:** Ap 11, 19; 12, 1-6. 10/Sal 45, 10. 11. 12. 16 [10]/1 Cor 15, 20-27/Lc 1, 39-56

Domingo siguiente: Is 56, 1. 6-7/Sal 67, 2-3. 5. 6. 8 [4]/Rom 11, 13-15. 29-32/Mt 15, 21-2

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor

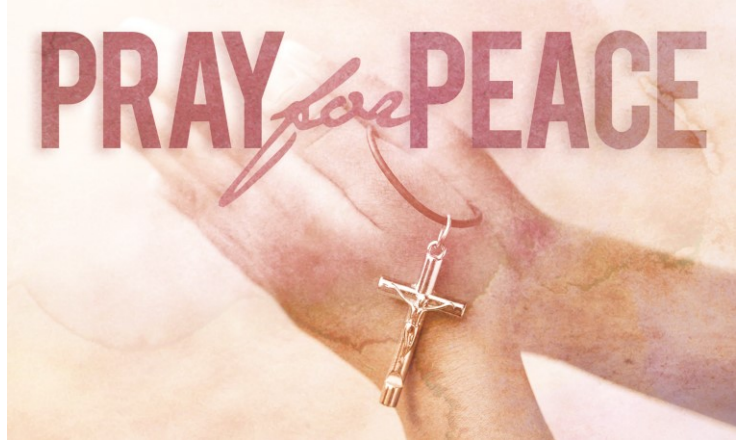
Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee

You'll be seeing more about justice in this column over the next few weeks. In Micah 6-8, we are told that the Lord asks of us is "to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God."

We've shown at this parish that we know a lot about mercy and compassion. We are so generous at holiday time and at other times when we are asked to respond to the needs of our struggling brothers in this community. Charity and mercy are important, and we need to keep developing those fruits in our spiritual life.

So what about justice? Sometimes it gets a little lost in the shuffle, and/or doesn't get noted when it happens. Our Bishops tell us that "the harvest of justice is sown in peace." To develop a spirituality of justice, it is important to understand this. To further quote our Bishops from their 1993 letter "The Harvest of Justice Is Sown In Peace):

"of The Challenge of Peace is the spirituality and ethics of peacemaking. At the heart of our faith lies "the God of peace" (Rom 15:33), who desires peace for all people far and near (Ps 85; Is 57:19). That desire has been fulfilled in Christ in whom humanity has been redeemed and reconciled. In our day, the Holy Spirit continues to call us to seek peace with one another, so that in our peacemaking we may prepare for the coming of the reign of God, a kingdom of true justice, love and peace. God created the human family as one and calls it to unity. The renewed unity we experience in Christ is to be lived out in every possible way. We are to do all we can to live at peace with everyone (Rom 12:18). Given the effects of sin, our efforts to live in peace with one another depend on our openness to God's healing grace and the unifying power of Christ's redemption. Change of mind and heart, of word and action are essential to those who would work for peace (Rom 12:2). This conversion to the God of peace has two dimensions. On the one hand, in imitation of Christ we must be humble, gentle and patient. On the other, we are called to be strong and active in our peacemaking, loving our enemies and doing good generously as God does (Lk 6:35-36, 38), filled with eagerness to spread the gospel of peace (Eph 6:15). Likewise, discovering God's peace, which exceeds all understanding, in prayer is essential to peacemaking (Phil 4:7). The peace given in prayer draws us into God, quieting our anxieties, challenging our old values and deepening wells of new energy. It arouses in us a compassionate love for all humanity and gives us heart to persevere beyond frustration, suffering and defeat. We should never forget that peace is not merely something that we ourselves as creatures do and can accomplish, but it is, in the ultimate analysis, a gift and a grace from God. By its nature, the gift of peace is not restricted to moments of prayer. It seeks to penetrate the corners of everyday life and to transform the world. But, to do so, it needs to be complemented in other ways. It requires other peaceable virtues, a practical vision of a peaceful world and an ethics to guide



peacemakers in times of conflict.

A. Virtues and a Vision for Peacemakers Peaceable Virtues

True peacemaking can be a matter of policy only if it is first a matter of the heart. In the absence of repentance and forgiveness, no peace can endure; without a spirit of courageous charity, justice cannot be won. We can take inspiration from the early Christian communities. Paul called on the Corinthians, even in the most trying circumstances, to pursue peace and bless their persecutors, never repaying evil for evil, but overcoming evil with good (Rom 12:14, 17, 21). Amid the violence of contemporary culture and in response to the growing contempt for human life, the Church must seek to foster communities where peaceable virtues can take root and be nourished. We need to nurture among ourselves faith and hope to strengthen our spirits by placing our trust in God, rather than in ourselves; courage and compassion that move us to action; humility and kindness so that we can put the needs and interests of others ahead of our own; patience and perseverance to endure the long struggle for justice."

My experience of many people who have been working in the area of justice for a long time is that they have continued their work because they are fed by their faith; they are strengthened to love their adversaries and to do the work when they're discouraged by their faith in God and by a good personal support system which they have built with prayer and intention and purpose.

So reflect on these things as we grow in our understanding of justice together. I want to end by sharing with you a quote by Robert Kennedy. Women, he uses a rhetorical he; he really does include us!

"Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

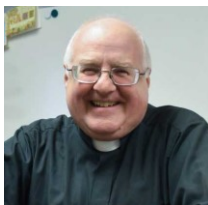
—Robert F. Kennedy

IS SOMETHING FISHY HERE?

by Father Mark Goldasich

I made my public speaking debut on Friday, Nov. 4, 1960.

The entire grade school had gathered in the gym to help our pastor, Msgr. Charles Stimac, celebrate his name day on the feast of St. Charles Borromeo.



For days, my teacher Sister Proxeda had been practicing with me. My one line was: "Happy fish day, Monsignor!" Did I mention that I was in kindergarten at the time? When my folks heard me practicing at home, my dad said gently, "Uh, son, the word is 'feast,' not 'fish.' You should be saying, 'Happy FEAST day, Monsignor.'"

"Oh, no," I answered. "Sister said it was 'fish!'"

My mom chimed in next, "No, Mark, I don't think that you're hearing Sister right." I'm sure she remembered my first day of school when, in answer to her question about who was in my class, I said, "Steven Professor and Mark Slaw." Their actual names were Steven Ferbezar and Mark Law.

"I'm sure," Mom persisted, "that Sister Proxeda is saying 'feast.'" Well, I knew better.

The big day came, and Mom was there, as she was a kindergarten room mother. When it was my turn, I proudly and defiantly proclaimed, in the loudest voice I could muster, "Happy FISH day, Monsignor!"

Later, Mom approached Msgr. Stimac to apologize. With a kindly smile and a twinkle in his eyes, he said, "Angeline, don't worry! Mark was still right. After all, it IS a Friday, isn't it?" (For our younger readers, when I was growing up, Catholics were required to abstain from meat every Friday during the year.)

I still smile at that long-ago memory. And how appropriate, because this first week of August is National Smile Week. As this pandemic continues to plague us, we need smiles now more than ever.

The late comedian Phyllis Diller once said, "A smile is a curve that

sets everything straight." Every morning, I have a routine. As I roll out of bed and head to the bathroom, I stop and smile at myself in the mirror. It has a remarkable effect: I don't concentrate on my bleary eyes or ever-disappearing hair. All I see are the happy wrinkles around my eyes as I recite my daily mantra: "Lord, I'm a mess! But a blessed mess!"

A smile helps to keep me balanced amid the sobering news that so often surrounds us. And the more that I smile, the more I discover to smile about. Here are some strategies that I've found helpful:

- Find an image of a smiling Jesus. Yes, they do exist! Can you imagine Jesus being fully human and never smiling? One of my favorites shows Jesus by the sea, holding onto a net and looking at the viewer with obvious delight.

- Conjure up some happy memories. One that sticks in my mind occurred at an Eagle ceremony for some Boy Scouts from the parish. A girl got up at one point to read a poem by Mike Wood entitled, "This Uniformed Little Boy." The only problem was she kept saying, "uninformed," instead of "uniformed." The word is repeated several times in the poem, and it got harder and harder for me to keep a straight face. I think I still have scar tissue on the inside of my cheeks from holding in the laughter!

- Shuffle through old photos. When I see those people who have been a part of my life smiling at me from the photos, it warms my heart and lights up my face.

- Write down and post uplifting quotes. A good one is this Chinese proverb: "Use your smile to change the world; don't let the world change your smile."

The nice thing about a smile is that even with a mask on people can see a genuine one because it will naturally travel to your eyes.

So, get thee to a mirror and practice flashing those pearly whites. By the way, this paper comes out on the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola. So, for all of you named Ignatius — and for all who have a special place in your heart for the Jesuit order he founded — I say, "Happy fish day!"

JUSTICE MATTERS

*Justice Matters – an interfaith network
doing justice in Lawrence and Douglas County*

Sharing a letter to the editor of the LJW in case you missed it from four local pastors.

This letter is a public confession. We confess that we have too often kept silent while our Black and brown neighbors waited for us to speak up. We confess that we have not declared that Black lives matter in unequivocal terms. We have permitted racism to fester in our congregations and communities without calling it by name. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

The Apostle Paul urges the earliest Christians to not conform to the patterns of this world, but to be transformed (Romans 12:2). We confess that we have too readily conformed to racist patterns. And we repent, which is to say we commit to the hard and holy process of transformation.

Racism in all its guises is sin. It separates us from God and from one another. Naming the sin of racism is the first step toward repentance, but it should not end there. For us, true repentance

means that we turn more faithfully toward the path of Jesus. Following Jesus means we offer ourselves to the work of transformation.

Placing our trust in God's power for life, we speak now against the death-dealing power of racism, and we commit ourselves to work for transformation toward justice. That work will look different for each of us — in our own lives, in our churches, in our community involvement. We commit to doing that work to the best of our ability, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and by the grace of God.

In peace,

The Rev. Valerie Miller-Coleman, senior pastor, Plymouth Congregational Church;

The Rev. Joanna Harader, pastor, Peace Mennonite Church;

The Rev.Carolynn Winters-Hazelton, campus minister, Ecumenical Campus Ministries;

The Rev. Matthew Sturtevant, senior pastor, First Baptist Church
—Reprinted from the LJ World



KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

SHARING THE GOSPEL

One night the disciples were caught in a storm, out in the middle of a lake. The winds were strong. The waves crashed against their boat. But Jesus was so powerful, he walked on that stormy lake. Then he completely stopped the storm. No problem you have is ever too big for Jesus. He can do anything. Put all your trust in him.

PRAYER

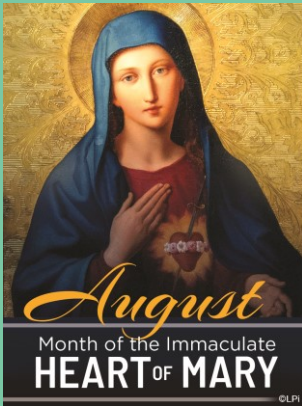
Jesus, I thank you for showing me how powerful you are.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of Jesus walking on water.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

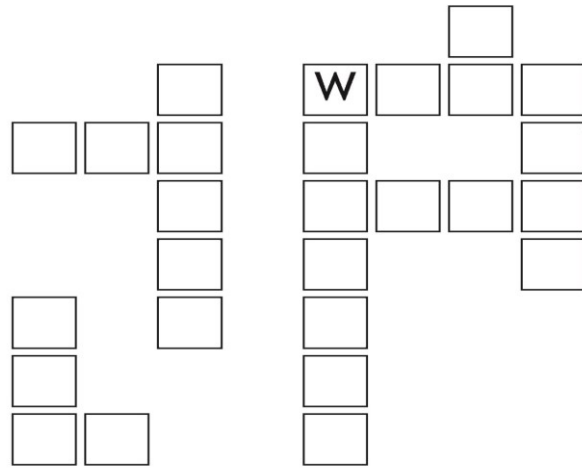
When you are afraid, ask Jesus for help. Remember how powerful he is



PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

Jesus went out to them,
walking on the lake.



MISSION

When you are afraid, ask Jesus for help. Remember how powerful he is.



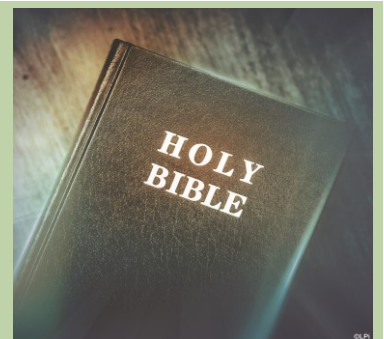
BECAUSE VIBRANT CHURCHES MATTER

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



DAILY READINGS

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8] 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. **Day:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



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.



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 flifsec@archkck.org

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.

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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.

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.



FOCUS ON THE WORD

UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God



sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be

one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace. ©LPI

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Being Human is to Doubt

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others. Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of

water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be

times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

– Tracy Earl Welliver

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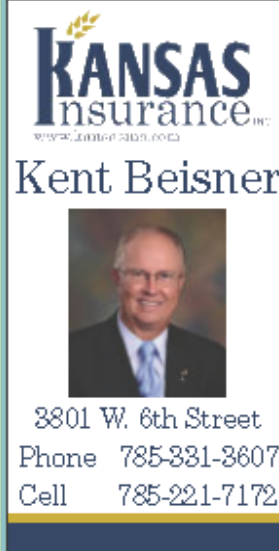
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