



FOREVER
I WILL SING YOUR
goodness.

PSALM 89



4th Sunday
OF ADVENT

Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father.”
- Lk 1:30-32

**CHRISTMAS MASS WILL BE HELD IN TWO LOCATIONS
CHURCH & THE SCHOOL GYM**

CHURCH/BASEMENT - 60 people upstairs/ 60 downstairs / GYM - 120 people
Due to COVID-19, please follow Social Distancing guidelines and you MUST wear a mask.

Christmas Eve Mass (December 24, 2020) - 2:00 pm; 4:00 pm; 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm.

Christmas Day (December 25, 2020) - 9:00 am (Church)

1:00 pm Spanish Mass

(If more than 120 people sign up, a second Mass will be scheduled in the gym.)

Christmas Mass sign up required:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4da4a82da0fdce9-christmas>

WELCOME TO SAINT JOHN

Saint 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.

“AT THIS CHRISTMAS WHEN CHRIST COMES, WILL HE FIND A WARM HEART?
MARK THE SEASON OF ADVENT BY LOVING AND SERVING THE OTHERS
WITH GOD’S OWN LOVE AND CONCERN.”
-ST. MOTHER TERESA

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Wednesday - 11:00 am-3:00 pm; Saturday - 8:30am-12:30 pm

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SIMON PARISH CENTER

Mailing Address 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044

Phone.....785-843-0109

Office Hours.....**PLEASE WEAR A MASK**

Monday—Friday 8:30 am—4:00 pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday..... 8:00am 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/10c0d4da4a82da0fdce9-december2>

Masses to be livestreamed at: <https://sjevangelist.com/live/>

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

Weekday Masses

Monday – Tuesday: 7:30 am, Wednesdays: 7:30 am & 5:10 pm (Spanish),

Thursdays: 7:30 am & 12:10 pm, Friday: 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Wednesday 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Saturday 3:00 pm-4:00 pm, and by appointment

Bulletin Deadline

Submit info by **noon on Thursday** to bulletin@sjevangelist.com

ten (10) days prior to the bulletin you wish info to appear.

Please submit text electronically (via computer/email) as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.

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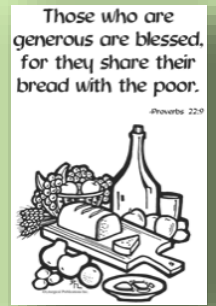
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ST. JOHN LINK ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020

Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (LINK) is located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, and provides nutritious meals to 150 people in need. Our parish helps LINK by rotating with other Lawrence churches to furnish food and volunteers.

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Email _____ Evening Phone _____



FOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Chili - 11 batches of Chili. Each batch needs to feed 15 people. No need to bring it in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your meal and volunteers will remove it immediately, you can take your pan/pot, and you are done.

- I can make one batch I can make two batches

Vegetarian Chili or Casserole - 1 batch to feed 15 people. No need to bring it in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your meal and volunteers will remove it immediately, you can take your pan/pot, and you are done.

- I can make one batch

Bananas - 120 bananas needed. When you sign up to bring bananas, we ask that you bring 15 bananas.

- I can bring 15 bananas I can bring 30 bananas

Salad - Be creative. Bring enough to serve 15 people.

- I can bring one salad I can bring two salads

Salad Dressing

- I can bring one bottle I can bring two bottles

Sliced Peaches - We need 4 large cans of sliced peaches.

- I can bring 2 large cans I can bring 4 large cans

Green Beans

- I can bring 1 can I can bring 2 cans

Shredded Cheddar Cheese - We need 5lb of cheese.

- I can bring 1lb. of cheese I can bring 2 lbs. of cheese

Fritos - We need 5 large bags.

- I can bring 1 bag I can bring 2 bags

Crackers - We need 3 boxes

- I can bring 1 box I can bring 2 boxes

Milk - We need 10 gallons of 2% milk.

- I can bring 1 gallon I can bring 2 gallons I can bring 3 gallons

Return this form in collection plate or Parish Office, or contact: vickimcmurray1944@gmail.com

Bring items to the LINK kitchen located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, on **December 31 between 11:30 am and 12:00 pm.**

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Servers - 9 volunteers needed. There are two shifts available.

- 11:30am-2:00pm — prep work and serving
 12:45pm-2:30pm — serving and clean up

Help in the Kitchen - 5 volunteers needed. There are two types of jobs available.

- 12:30pm-3:00pm—dishwashing
 12:30pm-3:00pm — gopher/multi-tasker

**Can't help with
LINK this time?
That's okay because there
is another opportunity
coming up soon!**

SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL



SCHOOL MISSION

Faith-Knowledge-Service-Growth

All St. John Catholic School students will be challenged to grow in their faith and knowledge, learn to show respect and compassion for themselves and others, and live their beliefs through service in their community and the world.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

If you might be interested or know of someone who might be interested please contact Mr. Reffett at: creffett@seagles.com or 785-843-9511.

SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT

Visit online at: sevangelist.com/school, call 785-843-9511 or email Mr. Chris Reffett, Principal, at: creffett@seagles.com for more information and to schedule a tour for you and your student! St. John Catholic School has classes from pre-school through eighth grade.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL 2021

All parish families should have received their 2021 Annual Stewardship Renewal Packet in the mail. Please return your Ministry/Gifts and Financial Pledge forms in by December 31 via mail, dropping it by the parish office, or the collection basket. If you have not received your packet or have questions please contact Cris Denning at the parish office 785-843-0109 or cdenning@sevangelist.com. Thank you in advance for discerning your prayer, generosity, and service to St. John parish! We are grateful for your sacrifice to help us fulfill our mission to love and serve.

A STEWARDSHIP RESOLUTION

People who keep track of such things say that only 8% of New Year's resolutions last beyond one month. They also note that most resolutions are self-oriented: lose weight, get fit, save money.

What if your resolution was other-oriented? What about a stewardship resolution? How about a concrete plan to benefit someone else? Because you're already a good steward, chances are great you'll be in that 8% who succeed!

For your ongoing generosity to the St. John parish family, thank you. We could not continue our mission to touch the lives of others without you. For whatever new generous resolution you plan, thank you again!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Last Fiscal Year your financial gift to Catholic Charities of Northeast helped provide essential programs and services to 75,088 people throughout the 21 counties of our Archdiocese. On behalf of those who are hungry and homeless, people who are alone and sick, and families that struggle with poverty, thank you.



THE LEAVEN ONLINE

To catch up on news, events and commentary from the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, go online and read The Leaven newspaper at: www.theleaven.com.



STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

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

Below reflects donations received July 1, 2020 through December 6, 2020.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$30,254.80
Average weekly collection amount.....	\$24,352.40
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD.....	\$695,860.40
Actual collection fiscal YTD.....	\$560,105.32
NET SHORTAGE.....	\$135,755.08
FY 2020/2021 Current Net Deficit	\$257,811.13
FY 2019/2020 Total Deficit	\$267,486.68

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

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

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

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.

Mariele Berthold
Jenn Bole
Andrew Bouchard
Susan Guenther Brown
Donna Callaghan
Bob Carlson
Ricky Dalton
Hank Desch
Garrett Dreiling
Anna Dukart
Julie Dukart
Nathan Dukart
Karen Dunn
Christopher Erickson
Linda Erp
Cora Fallaria
Noni Fallaria
Joanne Feist
Colette Fisher
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Lonna Hamm
Newt Hasson
Christian Heady
Luke Henry
Charles Hermann
Kathy Higley
Tina Jinkens
Michele Johnson

Allen Kehde
Becky Kuhn
Diana Matthews
Leo Mauler
Russ McDonald
Chris Mesa
Ellen Mesa
Vickie Mesa
Zackary Messerly
Linden Morgan
Augustus Nelson
Danny Nguyen
Theophilus Obiefule
Kathy Otter
Mike Owens
Julie Patterson
Josephine Ramirez
Mike Reilly
Joel Rivera
Virginia Romero
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Pete Sethatut
Christine Shipley
Gerald Simon
Brett Smith
Linda Snyder
Joseph Soza
Cameron Stupansky
Jack Taylor
Deloris Tharp

Oscar Tharp, Jr.
Amelia Tinio
Cindy Vasquez
Marianne Vietti
Trent Wallace
Jeanette Walker

Susan Williams
Jon Yarnell

IN MEMORIAM
-JIM McMURRAY
-ALLEN OTTER

Prayer REQUESTS

DECEMBER 21 – DECEMBER 27

Mon.: 7:30 am.....Kent Beisnert
Tues.: 7:30 amJim McMurray†
Wed.: 7:30 am.....Barbara & Don Caughlin
 5:10 pm (Sp.).....End to the Pandemic
Thurs.: 7:30 amEnd to the Pandemic
 2:00 pm.....Priest's Intention
 4:00 pmParishioners of St. John
 6:00 pmPeace
 10:00 pm.....God's Mercy & Healing
Fri.: 9:00am.....Kent Beisnert
 1:00 pm (Sp.).....For the youth of our parish
Sat.: 8:00 am.....Allen Otter†
 4:30 pmParishioners of St. John
Sun.: 7:00 amBetsy & Michael Harmon
 9:00am.....Ramon Romero†
 11:00 am.....Larry J. Schmitz†
 1:00 pm (Sp.).....Hector Cabral†
 5:00 pmAdoption & Foster Care Ministry

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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 20, 2020

WATCH

CHRISTMAS IN ROME: A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY

Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem.



THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

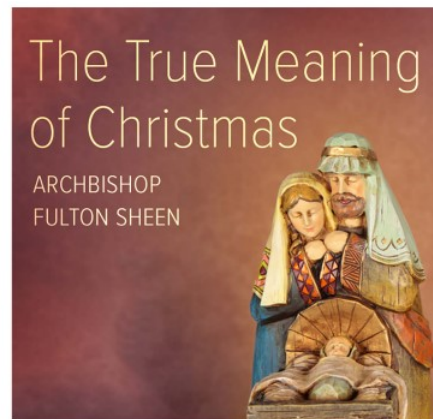
Christmas is so much more than a humdrum story we've heard since childhood. Join top scholars, speakers, and authors as they explain the gravity of Christ's miraculous birth.

LEARN

LISTEN

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS BY FULTON SHEEN

This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!



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REFLECTIONS AND DEVOTIONS

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

THE JOURNEY

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started? I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship

and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember this is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor,

Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee,

Brothers and sisters, I am speechless! Your generosity always leaves me speechless! Thank you for once again stepping up to help those in need at holiday time. We helped approximately 45 families at Christmas this year! And though the number is reduced from where it has been previously, it warms my heart and fills me with joy to know that this could happen in a year that has been so very difficult, financially and otherwise, for most everyone. Those we helped are so grateful as well; they appreciate that your giving was truly sacrificial giving and they are very appreciative. It means so much to them to be able to have something to give their families!

The Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee thanks you and wishes you and yours a merry Christmas, filled with joy, peace, love and hope.



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Think of the people you trust. These are people you can count on, no matter what happens. Both Mary and Elizabeth were amazed to learn that they were pregnant. God had surprised each of them with a special miracle - a baby. God trusted them both to take care of their babies. Mary and Elizabeth trusted God to help them. You can trust God, too.

PRAYER

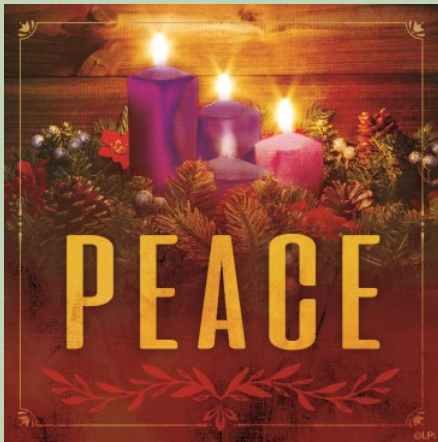
God, help me to trust you like Mary and Elizabeth did.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of three people you trust.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Name three reasons you can always trust God.



PUZZLE

Complete the picture.

MISSION

Name three reasons you can always trust God.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



DAILY READINGS

- Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
- Monday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
- Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
- Thursday: Morning:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
- Friday: Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25.
- Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
- Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

La Primera Lectura nos dice que David deseaba construir un templo de cedro a Dios, pero por medio del profeta Natán, Dios le dice que no quiere que se le construya un templo. Las intenciones de David eran buenas, pero, encerrar a Dios en un templo no era el plan de Dios para la humanidad. Su plan perfecto era la Encarnación del mismo Dios en María. Es decir, Dios afuera. Dios en todos, en cada ser humano. Nosotros somos el templo de Dios; Él desea morar en cada persona. ¡No en un templo, no en la parroquia! Dios está vivo, se mueve en cada ser humano.

María, es el mejor templo escogido por Dios, humilde, sencillo y lleno de amor para el Hijo de Dios. Con su "Sí" ella se entrega toda a él. Ahora, nosotros al rezar el santo rosario afirmamos lo que María es para Dios y para nosotros. Ella es arca de la alianza, puerta del cielo y estrella de la mañana. En resumen: las lecturas de hoy, nos invitan a ver tres puntos claves donde Dios muestra su presencia. 1. Cuando Natán va a casa de David. 2. Cuando el arcángel Gabriel va a casa de María. 3. Y cuando San Pablo dice: "¡A Dios, el único sabio, por medio de Cristo Jesús, a él sea la Gloria por siempre ¡Amén"! (Romanos 16:27). El punto 4, nos toca a cada uno de nosotros, ya sabemos que María es luz que irradia a Cristo en esta Navidad, es un misterio gozoso el ser Madre de Dios. Entonces, ¿Dónde llevare la luz de Dios que habita en mí? ¿Qué tipo de arreglos necesita el templo de mi persona para que Dios nazca en él?

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“El ángel le dijo: “No temas, María, porque has hallado gracia ante Dios. Vas a concebir y a dar a luz un hijo y le pondrás por nombre Jesús. El será grande y será llamado Hijo del Altísimo; el Señor Dios le dará el trono de David, su padre”. –Lc 1, 30-32

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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

Sábado de 3:00 pm a 4:00 pm y Miércoles de 11:00 am a 12:00 pm Habrá confesiones en español para quien lo necesite, y pueda recibir este sacramento.

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 20 DE NOVIEMBRE

Domingo: 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 89, 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29 [2]/ Rom 16, 25-27/Lc 1, 26-38

Lunes: Cant 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18/Sal 33, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21 [1; 3]/Lc 1, 39-45

Martes: 1 Sm 1, 24-28/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8/Lc 1, 46-56

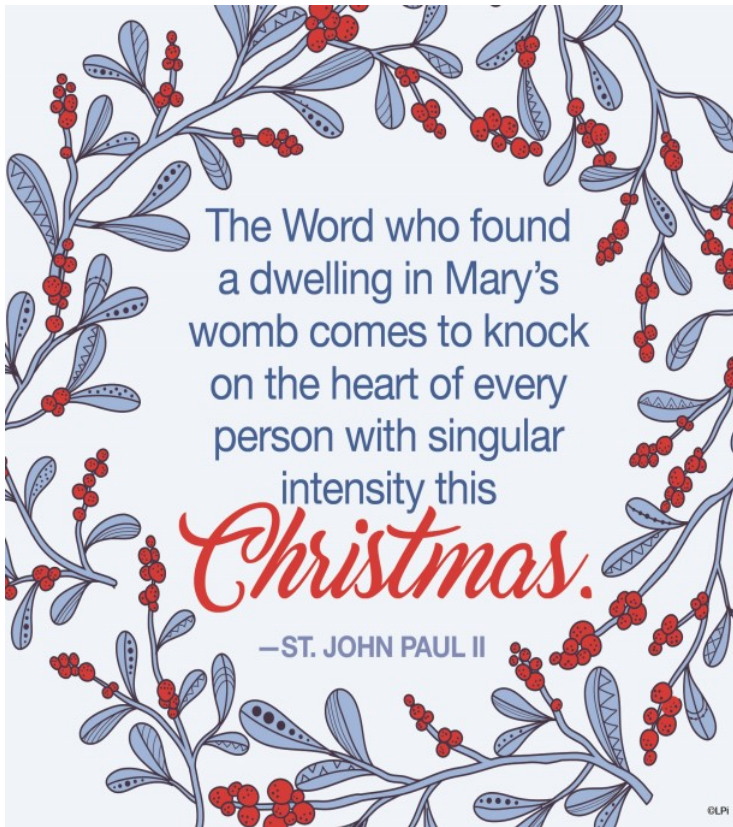
Miércoles: Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24/Sal 25, 4-5. 8-9. 10 y 14 [cfr. Lc 21, 28]/Lc 1, 57-66

Jueves: Mañana: 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 89, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29 [2]/Lc 1, 67-79

Viernes: Vigilia: Is 62, 1-5/Sal 89, 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 [2]/Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25/Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25.

Sábado: Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-59/Sal 31, 3-4. 6 y 8. 16 y 17 [6]/Mt 10, 17-22
Domingo siguiente: Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14 o Gn 15, 1-6; 21, 1-3/ Sal 128, 1-2. 3. 4-5 [cfr. 1] o Sal 105, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9 [7. 8]/Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17 o Heb 11, 8. 11-12. 17-19/Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22. 39-40

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS



NEW YEAR'S SPIRITUAL REFLECTION AND PLANNING RETREAT

Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Road - Easton, KS
Friday, January 8 starting at **5:30 pm** and ending on **January 10** at **4:30 pm**. Set aside time this year to focus on spiritual growth, create growth goals for various roles, devise steps to reach goals and write a vision statement for the year. The structure of the retreat will allow ample time for you to work on your plan. Resources and ideas will be provided to incorporate in your plan. There will be time to brainstorm and share plans with others as well as time to meet with a spiritual director if you prefer to speak on an individual basis. Private Time for Prayer/Reflection, Daily Eucharistic Adoration, Praying of the Liturgy of the Hours, Confession and Mass at the local parish will also be available. The suggested donation is \$170/Single or \$250/Couples for the Cabins and Courtyard Rooms or \$100 for the Single Guest Rooms (Meals Included). To attend, send an email to: info@christspeace.com or call **913-773-8255**.



PLANNED GIVING BRIEF

End of the Year Tax Planning: Congress enacted two tax provisions to encourage charitable donations before the end of 2020. These include: 1. Increase in tax deduction for cash gifts: For donors that itemize their tax return, before the new legislation, the annual income limit was capped at 60% for cash gifts. The new legislation allows for charitable donations up to 100% of a donor's annual income. 2. New deduction: If you do not itemize when filing your tax return, to reduce your tax liability, you will be allowed to take a special tax deduction of up to \$300 for charitable donations. Visit the Archdiocesan planned giving website, CatholicPlannedGiving.com to learn more ways to maximize your financial resources to benefit your family, charitable giving, and make a grateful response to God for the abundant gifts in your life. As always, contact an attorney or tax advisor to learn what is best for your life.

MARCH FOR LIFE & TEC

We made the difficult decision not to take a delegation to March for Life in January in DC. But this opens up the possibility for teens to attend the Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreat. We will provide a small group retreat experience for high schoolers on **January 16-18 at Prairie Star Ranch**. We will be following social distancing and other safety procedures that allowed Camp Tekakwitha to happen. TEC is a 3-day retreat based on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. TEC involves 16 and older adolescents encountering Christ in a way that many have never experienced before. On a TEC retreat, you will have the opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ through talks, group discussion, individual reflection, prayer, and sharing in the Sacraments. The weekend retreats are led by a team of youth, adults and a priest as spiritual director. To sign up go to: www.sunflowertec.org

ENFLAME OUR HOMES~DECEMBER

Joyful homes aren't perfect, but they assume the best. Advent is a time of reflection and preparation, but it can also be full of stressful family interactions! This month we will consider how joyful families assume the best of one another. Please share our free downloadable resources in English and Spanish:



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