

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

- Lk 2:39-40

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm; Wednesday: 11:00-noon and by appointment

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“ARE WE READY TO RECEIVE HIM?

BEFORE THE BIRTH OF JESUS, HIS PARENTS ASKED FOR A SIMPLE DWELLING PLACE, BUT THERE WAS NONE. IF MARY AND JOSEPH WERE LOOKING FOR A HOME FOR JESUS, WOULD THEY CHOOSE...YOUR HEART, AND ALL IT HOLDS?”

-ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

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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@sjeagles.com or 785-843-9511.

SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT

Visit online at: sjevangelist.com/school, call 785- 843-9511 or email Mr. Chris Reffett, Principal, at: creffett@sjeagles.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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

On behalf of all the students at St. John School who will benefit from your generosity during the St. Johnsgiving Sweepstakes, we want to thank you for stepping up in a big way during such a trying time. Even with social distancing in effect, our community was still able to come together and raise \$75,000 for our parish school! It is people like you who made this possible. Thank you St. John community for showing up for our students!

We look forward to hosting the Annual St. John School Auction next fall, when we can all come together to safely.

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@sjevangelist.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 RENEWAL - THE GIFT OF THE MAGI

O. Henry's famous story of Jim and Della and their Christmas gifts is still a classic, now more than 110 years after it was written. It's worth an Internet search and is a very quick read.

The young heroes of the story are newly married, deeply in love, quite poor, and eager to give each other a Christmas gift. They exemplify the word Generosity.

Generosity is an exciting word, a Christmas word. It invites the hearer to a deeper sense of giving, sharing, offering, sacrificing... the qualities we see in the life of Jesus and celebrate at Christmas.

O. Henry's story adds a nuance to generosity that we don't often connect with Christmas gifts but is an obvious part of the Christmas story: the notion of sacrifice. Jim and Della discover the deepest meaning of generosity in their spirit of sacrifice.



In this Christmas season, may generosity accompany all our giving, even if generosity calls once in a while for sacrifice.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and thank you for your generous support of St. John Church!

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 13, 2020.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$30,254.80
Average weekly collection amount.....	\$23,632.05
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD.....	\$726,115.20
Actual collection fiscal YTD.....	\$604,391.96
NET SHORTAGE.....	\$121,723.24
FY 2020/2021 Current Net Deficit	\$257,811.13
FY 2019/2020 Total Deficit	\$267,486.68

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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.

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DECEMBER 28 – JANUARY 3

Mon.: 7:30 am.....	Jim McMurray†
Tues.: 7:30 am	Mary Eckart†
Wed.: 7:30 am.....	Rosalie Burkhead†
5:10 pm (Sp.).....	End to the Pandemic
Thurs.: 7:30 am	Melania Thomast
5:30 pm	Parishioners of St. John
Fri.: 10:00 am.....	Peace In the World
Sat.: 8:00 am.....	End to the Pandemic
4:30 pm	God's Mercy and Healing
Sun.: 7:00 am	Clement L. Tulley†
9:00am.....	Kent Beisnert
11:00 am.....	Bernard Crowley†
1:00 pm (Sp.).....	Alexander Ramirez Salazar†
5:00 pm.....	Parishioners of St. John

FAITH FORMATION



THE BLESSINGS OF THE DOOR: AN EPIPHANY TRADITION

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

We saw his star at its rising and
have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:2

After Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem, the Holy Family was visited by three Magi from the east. They came to worship Christ and bring Him gifts of gold (for the Great King), incense (for the True God) and myrrh (a symbol of His burial.)

The Feast of Epiphany is celebrated on the 12th day of Christmas, January 6, but in the United States it will be celebrated Sunday, January 3, 2021.

On Epiphany it is traditional for families to bless their homes, remembering the hospitality of the Holy Family to the Wise Men and asking for protection and blessings on the home and all who enter. During the pandemic, it is especially fitting that we ask for God’s protection.

The home blessing is done by writing on the door or the door frame with chalk, the symbols **20 + C + M + B + 21**. The **20** and **21** represent the current year. The **+** reminds us of the cross on which our Savior died. The **C, M, B** stand for the traditional names of the Wise Men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. It is also an abbreviation for the Latin Phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat* which means Christ bless this house. Writing on the door also brings to mind the Passover of the Jews during the final plague in Exodus, when the blood of the lamb protected the inhabitants within.

Feel free to bring your chalk to Mass and ask for a special blessing.

THE BLESSINGS OF THE DOOR:

Scriptures for Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72
Ephesians 3:2-6
Matthew 2:1-12
Revelation 21:22-2

Songs for Epiphany

We Three Kings
O Come All Ye Faithful
God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen
Go Tell It On the Mountain
Hark the Harold Angels Sing

PRAYER

Make the Sign of the Cross

Sing an Epiphany Song: see selection above

Read and Epiphany Scripture: see selection above

Pray: “Lord God of heaven and earth, You revealed Your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house that it may be filled with health, purity, strength, humility, goodness and mercy. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concerns for others may reflect Your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

(adapted from usccb.org)

Chalk the door, door frame or plaque with **20 + C + M + B + 21**

Together pray the Our Father

Together pray a Hail Mary

Sing an Epiphany song: see selection above

Make the Sign of the Cross

In the Magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first fruits of the nations, who welcome the Good News of salvation through the Incarnation. The Magi’s coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the One who will be the King of Nations.
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REFLECTIONS AND DEVOTIONS

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

THE GIFT OF FAMILY

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a

caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation? As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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EVERY DAY REFLECTION- MARY AND THE SAINTS

WHY DO CATHOLICS PRAY TO MARY AND THE SAINTS?

One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in "the communion of saints." The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our

struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible.

We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness.



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KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Mary and Joseph went to the temple and presented the baby Jesus to God. Two older people recognized that Jesus was the Messiah. They gave him special blessings. They thanked God for this child. Just like Mary and Joseph, your parents gave thanks to God when you were born. They were very happy God gave you to them. They had you baptized in church, and presented you as a gift to God, too.

PRAYER

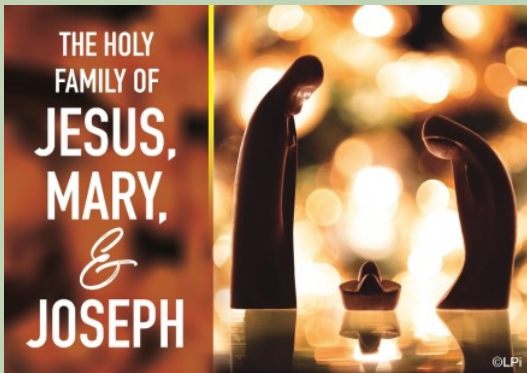
Lord, thank you for bringing the baby Jesus into my life.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw Mary and Joseph carrying the baby Jesus to the altar in the temple.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will offer everything I do for you, Lord, Jesus Christ.



PUZZLE

Find the path to bring Jesus to the temple.

MISSION

I will offer everything I do for you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

THE HOLY FAMILY



DAILY READINGS

- 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
- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Friday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
- Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor,
Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee,

On behalf of the social concerns for peace and justice committee, Happy New Year to you! Hopefully, this year will bring a resolution to the coronavirus issue and we can again return to "a normal life", accompanied by the lessons that making through the time of COVID taught us.

I don't make New Year's resolutions anymore, but I do set intentions. This year I want to work on ways to integrate these new lessons as part of my "normal life" as well.

Some of those intentions will become a part of my faith life and

my faith community. I learned not to take touch or hugs or community for granted. I learned I need to work harder on letting God love me, and accepting God's love. I learned to value resiliance with a deeper appreciation. It's such an important, valuable attribute to cultivate! It helped me to be less likely to fall into negative ruts!

What have you learned from living with the covid pandemic around you? From what you learned, do you see anything that you'd like to cultivate into a stronger aptitude or coping mechanism? Who or what could assist you in making this happen? Good luck to you as you formulate your intentions and work up your plan!

JUSTICE MATTERS

Justice Matters – an interfaith network doing justice

Let Justice Roll Like a River!

By Susan Tabor

There's a Marty Haugen song that I really like. It's called "Let Justice Roll Like a River", and the refrain goes like this: "Let justice roll like a river, and wash all oppression away; Come, O God, and take us, move and shake us, Come now, and make us anew, that we might live justly like you."

Justice Matters has begun this year's research into the areas identified at the Community Problems Assembly in October. One way that God shapes, forms and transforms us is through life experience. It can also happen when we learn new things and receive information.

I want to share with you a link to the Community Problems assembly, which was recorded. It is: <https://www.youtube.com/watchv=0qz0D9rVDyM&feature=youtu.be>

As Catholic Christians, we learn about our faith through receiving information and through life experience. It's important to do that with the justice portion of our ministry too, because not only do we learn about matters of interest in our local community, but we also learn about how and why what we're learning and doing is important to our faith. I hope you will look at the video.

If you want to join one of the research committees (homelessness, restorative justice practices or jail alternatives), you may email me at: souljourner@sbcglobal.net.

I will just tell you that I'm finding the research process to be very interesting and informative. You choose your participation level. I'll be happy to get answers for any of your questions. Join us in informing your understanding of justice! It's transformational!



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

La Sagrada Familia

La Navidad es familia, es calor de hogar, es pureza de corazón. La Liturgia nos ayuda a recordar la belleza de este tiempo y las miradas son puestas en torno a la Sagrada Familia. La familia es convocada, ahora más que nunca, a ser valorada y enriquecida con lazos de comunión. Debe estar cimentada en la fe. Como ejemplo de esa fe tenemos a Abraham, Simeón y Ana. Ellos supieron cumplir sus deberes de fe y confianza plena en Dios. Bendiciendo y alabando a Dios por tener la oportunidad de recibir a Jesús en sus brazos. "Ahora, Señor, ya puedes dejar que tu siervo muera en paz, como le has dicho. Porque mis ojos han visto a tu salvador". (Lucas 2:29-30)

La familia es un don de Dios. El Papa Francisco en diferentes ocasiones ha dicho lo siguiente sobre la familia: "En su camino familiar, ustedes comparten tantos momentos inolvidables: las comidas, el descanso, las tareas de la casa, la diversión, la oración, las excursiones y peregrinaciones, la solidaridad con los necesitados... Sin embargo, si falta el amor, falta la alegría, y el amor, y el amor auténtico nos lo da Jesús". Y añadió en otra de sus frases: "Cuando nos preocupamos por nuestras familias y sus necesidades, cuando entendemos sus problemas y esperanzas... cuando sostienen la familia, sus esfuerzos repercuten no sólo en beneficio de la Iglesia; también ayudan a la sociedad entera". La familia de estos tiempos es convocada a valorar y vivir una Iglesia doméstica auténtica, donde el centro sea Jesús. ¿Es tu familia como la de Nazaret?

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La familia es un don de Dios.



“Porque mis ojos han visto a tu Salvador, al que has preparado para bien de todos los pueblos; luz que alumbra a las naciones y gloria de tu pueblo, Israel”.

—Lc 2, 30-32

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

CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO

A las 8 de la noche rezamos el Santo Rosario, para pedir por nuestras necesidades y por los que amamos; también si alguno de sus parientes fallece podemos hacer el novenario, nos vemos los lunes en LA CAPILLA DEL PADRE PIO, frente a las veladoras.

PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR

Cada primer sábado del mes de **6:00 a 9:00 de la noche**, sin niños, llamar antes para anotar su asistencia.

RECICLAGE

Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parróquia, por un mundo más limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota. Gracias.

LA FE SE PUEDE ALIMENTAR

Hermano, a veces te sientes triste o con necesidad de Dios, ven yo te puedo acompañar a orar, nos podemos ver en la Iglesia o en la oficina. Estoy para ayudarte. Oro por todos, bendiciones María Mota.

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

Adultos que necesitan los sacramentos de confirmación y primera comunión.

CATECISMO EN ESPAÑOL

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

CONFESIONES

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: Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14 o Gn 15, 1-6; 21, 1-3/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5 [cfr. 1] o Sal 104, 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

Lunes: 1 Jn 1, 5—2, 2/Sal 123, 2-3. 4-5. 7-8 [7]/Mt 2, 13-18

Martes: 1 Jn 2, 3-11/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6 [11]/Lc 2, 22-35

Miércoles: 1 Jn 2, 12-17/Sal 95, 7-8. 8-9. 10 [11]/Lc 2, 36-40

Jueves: 1 Jn 2, 18-21/Sal 95, 1-2. 11-12. 13 [11]/Jn 1, 1-18

Viernes: Nm 6, 22-27/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6. 8 [2]/Gal 4, 4-7/Lc 2, 16-21

Sábado: 1 Jn 2, 22-28/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4 [3]/Jn 1, 19-28

Domingo siguiente: Is 60, 1-6/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 [cfr. 11]/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12

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**.

KANSAS MASS, MARCH & RALLY FOR LIFE IN TOPEKA!

The Kansas Mass, March & Rally for Life will take place this year in Topeka, KS on **Thursday, January 21** to observe the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and the 48th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Let's stand up for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life, in penance for the over 60 million lives lost, and to end violations to the dignity of the human person - both child and mother - committed through the act of abortion!

10:30 am Mass with the Kansas Bishops –

www.livestream.com/ArchKCK/KSMassforLife

12:00 pm March to the State Capitol for the Kansans for Life Rally – In-person!

Unfortunately, due to Covid gathering restrictions, in-person Mass attendance this year is by invitation only.

All are invited to join in the March for Life from the Topeka Performing Arts Center to the Kansans for Life Rally at the State Capitol steps. Visit: www.archkck.org/prolife for updated information and details on the day's event.

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.

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



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