1229 VERMONT ST, LAWRENCE, KANSAS 66044 | JANUARY 5, 2020



# Epiphany

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"

Matthew 2:2

The Magi ask a good question: where is the king? For us, it can mean: What is most important in our life? As we enter this new year, let's resolve to prioritize our compassionate concern for others.

# 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.

# LET EVERY NATION ADORE YOU, LORD ~PSALM 72

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Saturday4:30 pm
Sunday7:00 am, 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 2:00 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm
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Saturday8:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation
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Wednesday11:00 am-12:00 pm, 7:00-8:00 pm
Saturday3:00-4:00 pm
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# ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR A SCIENCE TEACHER FOR 4TH – 8TH GRADE

The teacher will be responsible for: instructing students on lessons aligned to Next Generation Science Standards for each grade; teaching students in a classroom setting, managing their work output in the classroom and behavior on a daily basis; developing teaching and learning materials for use in class, including lesson plans, exams, homework, projects, and assignments that make use of all student skills. Please contact Chris Reffett at: reffett@saint-johns.net or 785-843-9511.





### HOST FAMILY NEEDED

We are currently looking for a host family for an 8th grade girl from South Korea. She will be arriving in January and will attend St. John until the end of the school year. Peter Jang from Guardian EDU provides a generous stipend to families. Please email me at: reffett@saint-johns.net if you have any questions or are interested in taking part in this unique opportunity.

### SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT

Visit online at:
sjevangelist.com/school,
call 785- 843-9511 or email
Mr. Chris Reffett, Principal, at:
reffett@saint-johns.net 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.

## SCHOOLS WEEK

We will be observing Catholic Schools Week from January 27 through 31. Please watch for special events held this week, including our traditional Grandparents Day held on January 27. Thank you for your support of Catholic education.

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### PARISH **NEWS AND EVENTS**

# VIRTUS, PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN FOR ADULTS, SESSION TO BE HELD AT ST. JOHN

Virtus, the awareness session of the Archdiocese's child abuse program Protecting God's Children, is required training for all adults who work with the children/youth of our parish. Who should attend this training session? All St. John school teachers and substitutes, parents, grandparents, anyone who plans to assist/teach in any of the parish Religious Education programs, coach any of the CYO sports and parents who want to volunteer in the school or with school activities youth, ages 16 – 18 years of age, may attend with a parent or with a permission form signed by their parent. The material presented is good information for all parishioners.

The next Virtus session hosted at St. John Church will be held in the St. John church, lower level, Tuesday, January 14, from 6:00 to approximately 9:00 pm. All who plan to attend are required to pre- register for the session.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

You will need to register an account with our Archdiocese and complete the background check and paperwork. Go to: https://www.virtusonline.org.

- VIRTUS Registration MUST BE DONE ON A COMPUTER, not a tablet, iPad or phone. The system will not allow these devices due to security reasons click on "First-Time Registrant"
- Click on "Begin the registration process."
- On the "Select" organization drop-down menu, select "Kansas City in Kansas (Archdiocese)."
- 4. Create a User ID and Password, complete the profile information, and select a class to attend.
- 5. You must complete the background check and paperwork at this point.
- 6. Plan to have at least 30 minutes to register and complete the online paperwork. You will need your social security number, driver's license number and 3 personal reference's information available. The system will not allow you to save what you start working on and return at a later time to complete. DO NOT USE THE BACK BUTTON ON THE ADDRESS BAR, OR IT WILL DELETE YOUR PROGRESS AND YOU WILL HAVE TO START OVER.

Contact Lois at: Imersmann@saint-johns.net or 785-843-0109, if you need assistance.



### PARISH **NEWS AND EVENTS**

### ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE MINISTRY

*Iesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for* the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." That is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction... (Matthew 19:14)

Please join me in praying for the children in families who choose to open their homes and hearts to children in need. These kids share space, belongings and parental attention with kids from hard places. They may have to miss out on opportunities other kids get (things like sleep overs, one on one time or special events when these things conflict with the foster child's needs).

We rarely acknowledge that the children serve in their own way. They risk sadness by saying hello and often, all too soon, goodbye, to children in foster care. May these children's lives be enriched by the experiences and may they be rewarded for the love they pour out.

Contact Patti Fisher at: givethemafuture@gmail.com for more information on how you might meet the need.

### PRAY THE ROSARY WITH THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Fatima Praesidium, leads the Rosary 30 minutes before Mass on Sundays at the Padre Pio Chapel. Come join us in praying the Rosary at 6:30 am, 8:00 am and 10:30 am in English, and at 1:30 pm in Spanish.

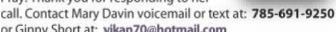


### QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

Our Lady asked for prayer groups around the world to pray

for peace in our hearts, peace in our families and peace in the world. St. John the Evangelist parish began the Queen of Peace Prayer Group to do her request. Please join us each

Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the church for the rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and other prayers for one hour to do as Our Lady asks .... Pray Pray Pray. Thank you for responding to her



or Ginny Short at: vikan70@hotmail.com

### ST. MONICA'S PRAYER GROUP

This group meets every Monday at noon in the church to pray for our children and grandchildren. In addition to the prayers to St. Monica, we pray the rosary and other prayers for special intentions. Everyone welcome!

### STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT - AULD LANG SYNE

This popular New Year's Eve song (the title perhaps translated from the Scots as "old long since") celebrates the passing of the old and the beginning of the new.

The St. John parish community is so grateful to you for your loving support in the past. You have helped make our parish a warm and vibrant home of faith. Thank you.

We look forward to the time to come. We trust that the gifts of your faith, hope and love will continue to bless our church as we journey with Christ into the new year and beyond.

Happy New Year!

### PLANNING FOR A MARDI GRAS PARTY

Would you like to help plan a Mardi Gras party to raise funds for the church Carpet Project? You might help sell tickets, set up, make food, decorate, serve, clean up, or share ideas! Email nora7@sbcglobal.net, or



phone 785-331-0421 to learn more.

### WOMEN'S PRAYER & REFLECTION GROUP

This group meets in St. John school library at 6:30 pm, twice a month on Tuesdays evenings. Meetings are open to all women who wish to be inspired by historical women, including biblical figures and saints. Please bring a journal and bible. For more information contact: Cheryl Hicklin at 785-691-5607 or Beth Fox at 785-840-5561.

### HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Do you love talking to people? Do you enjoy hosting parties? Or cooking and baking? We need your hospitality skills on this team. You can commit ongoing or as few as one time per year. Please contact Samantha Romero to learn more about being part of this ministry at: sromero@saintjohns.net or 785-843-0109.

### 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.

### PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### THAT MAN IS YOU CONTINUES

The Men of St. John ministry is presenting: That Man Is You - The Vision of Man Fully Alive, each Wednesday September through May. This is a new series from TMIY. The program is as follows: 6:00 am - Breakfast/Social; 6:30 am Video; 7:00 am - Small Group Discussion; 7:25 am - Dismissal; No registration necessary, just show up. Contact Kent Beisner at: kdbeisner@gmail.com



### **ROOM RESERVATIONS**

To reserve the use of space at St. John's parish, please call Ellen Sickinger at **785-843-0109** or email at: esickinger@saint-johns.net.

### **OUR HOPE LEGACY SOCIETY MINUTE**

**Did you know...** You can have a portion of your estate to establish a donor advised fund. One of our parishioners modified their will to direct the establishment of a donor advised fund as part of their estate planning. The plan is to have their children and grandchildren meet every year to determine which charities should receive the annual earnings from the fund. The objective of this strategy is to promote legacy of giving for their grandchildren.

### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

St. Jude Circle meets on the **second**Monday of each month in Holy Family
Hall at Corpus Christi, at 7:00 pm. If you need additional information and/or would like to join us in the coming month, please contact Regent Sandy Hare at 518-573-3478.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus regularly meet on the second Thursday of each month in the basement of St. John the Evangelist Church. Social and dinner, provided by the Knights, beginning at 6:30 pm.



# 2020 Kansas March for Life & IGNITE Pro-Life Youth Rally

Join us in Topeka for a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and to acknowledge the 47th year of the Roe vs Wade Supreme Court decision. January 22, Topeka Performing Arts Center 9:00 am. IGNITE Pro-Life Youth Rally 11:00 am. Mass with the Kansas bishops and priests 12:30 pm March to the Capitol for the Kansans for Life Rally presented by the Pro-Life Office, Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. For more information, visit archkck.org/prolife. The event is free and open to all! Please register groups at: www.archkck.org/ignite.

### FAMILY PROMISE OF LAWRENCE

St. John Church continues to minister to Family Promise of Lawrence, an organization helping homeless families with

children achieve and maintain permanent housing. Volunteers are needed to fulfill a variety of roles including meal preparation, overnight hosting, and evening hosts. This is also a great way for small groups to participate in a service ministry. Please contact



Jana Wallen at **785-331-9047** or **janawallen@sbcglobal.net** if you or your group is interested.

### PARISH DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

Copies of the 2019-20 St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church directory are available in the church at all entrances.

### STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

### WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 Information below reflects donations received July 1, 2019 through December 15, 2019.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$29,807.69
Average weekly collection amount	
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD	
Actual collection fiscal YTD	\$679,889.27
Net Shortage	\$35,720.29

Visit: sjevangelist.com/
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information or to set up
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Contact Cris Denning at: cdenning@saint-johns.net or by phone at 785-843-0109 if you have any questions.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE** SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor Social Concerns Committee

appy New Year, everyone! May all of you have a peaceful, prayerful and joyous New Year!

Since it's the chronological beginning of 2020, I thought it would be a good time for a quick review of the principles of Catholic social teaching. Yes, I know, I've done this before, but a quick review from time to time never hurts.

Catholic Social Teaching sums up the teachings of the Church on issues of justice between groups in society, and with creation. It shines the light of the Gospel on the social justice issues that arise in the complex network of relationships in which we live. These teachings make use of reason, tradition and experience as well as Scripture to respond to social justice issues.

Catholic Social Teaching's vision of a just society is grounded in biblical revelation, the teachings of the leaders of the early church, and in the wisdom gathered from experience by the Christian community as it has tried to respond to social justice issues through history.

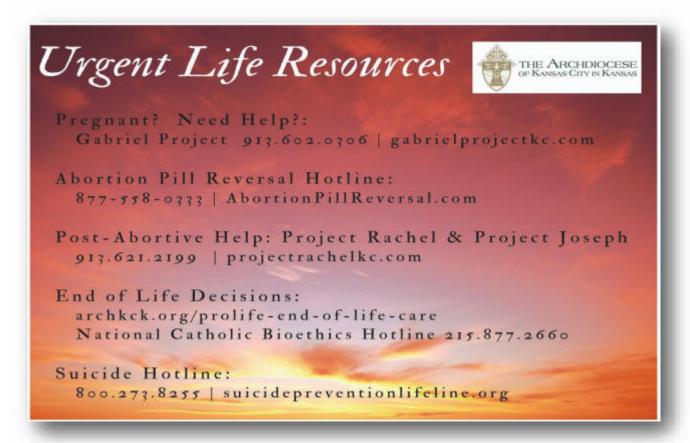
There have been Catholic social justice teachings since the very beginning of the Church. Since the nineteenth century, a systematic, formal body of international teachings for the modern era

has developed.

Scripture, tradition, reason and experience are the major sources of Catholic Social Teaching. Catholic Social Teaching has three distinct elements: principles for reflection; criteria for judgment; and guidelines for action. Each has a different level of authority. You may find one, two or all three of these elements in a Catholic Social Teaching document.

The key principles for reflection are sometimes called perennial principles because they apply across every time and place. They are highly authoritative, but also rather abstract and general. Guidelines for action, on the other hand, can vary for different times and places. Because societies are very different from one another, and they are always changing, uniform guidelines for action are rarely possible. Guidelines for action always depend on judgments made with the information available at the time, so there is often scope for legitimate differences of opinion. Criteria for judgment help us to connect general principles and the need for action guidelines in specific situations. They are less authoritative than the principles for reflection but more so than the guidelines for action.

The four key principles of Catholic Social Teaching are: human dignity; the common good; subsidiarity; and solidarity. The teachings also include other principles, criteria for judgement, and guidelines for action.



### JUSTICE MATTERS

Justice Matters - an interfaith network working for justice



everal members of St. John Parish participated in the December Research to Action Kick Off. Here are summaries from two of our network members of two of the issues being addressed this year and a call to help support the efforts of Justice Matters to make changes for a more just community.

From Jean Drumm on Jail Alternatives:

Time is critical for the jail alternative committee. Because numbers of Kansas jail inmates have skyrocketed in the past five years, serious study is greatly needed on how to shorten the length of stay of prisoners and how to divert cases to drug courts and behavioral health courts so as to cut back on the crowding at our local jail. This committee encourages as many citizens as possible come to county commission meetings on January 8, and February 5 to support our Justice Matters speakers who are seeking alternative solutions to this problem. Our presence is greatly needed from 5:15 to 6:30 at the county courthouse. Research shows: a) just three days in jail increases the odds of future incarceration; b) increased jail time has shown no link to improved public safety; and c) jails are extremely expensive to build and operate with significant opportunity costs, particularly for investments in alternatives.

From Sylvia Scoby on Homelessness:

At the end of the day most of us will retire to a safe dwelling, a roof over our head, as we say. It will be warm in the winter and most likely air conditioned in the summer. We may be renters in good standing or we've secured a bank loan and are buying a house. Or we may already own our home. Perhaps we'll pick up a meal or purchase groceries on the way home. We may cook a meal for ourselves or for our family or be joining housemate or two at the at the supper table. Our ordinary routine....but this cannot be said for approximately 1,000 individuals living in this community who, like us, call Lawrence home. Whether it is from a bone-chilling pouring down rain which they seek shelter, or the intense summer heat and humidity, or the fridgid days of winter, their search for shelter from the elements and food for their grumbling bellies is a daily given... their ordinary routine. They are

the homeless. They are our brothers and sisters. "Their" needs are the same as "our" needs:

Food

Shelter

Clothing

Transportation

Employment

Supportive others

How many of us have given thought to these needs of others? Wondered why some people are less successful in meeting these needs for themselves?

Why are there so many homeless?

Why is the number of homeless families growing?

What are the contributing factors leading to homelessness? What impact does homelessness have on children?

Why should I be concerned?

What can I do to help resolve these issues?

Certainly, the answers to such questions are clear to us. Our Christian teachings inform us that Christ himself has demanded that we recognize one another as brothers and sisters, and that we respond to the needs of one another. He tells us that we must reach out to the suffering, assist the needy, and care for the disadvantaged.

The questions raised in this article, and others, are being addressed by one group within Justice Matters. In the research phase of our work, the group will study the contributing factors for and the impact of homelessness in our community. We will familiarize ourselves with resources already in place to assist in meeting these needs. Then with prayers for God's guidance and blessings on our efforts, we will work to identify even more effective and lasting solutions. Our ultimate goal is to totally eradicate homelessness in Lawrence. You can participate in solving part of this problem by saving the date of **April 20**, to participate in the Nehemiah Action Assembly.

Check out the Justice Matters website for information on Restorative Practices in schools and events at:

www.justicemattersinkansas.org

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# 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.

Justice Allensworth Nicole Allensworth Susan Guenther Brown. friend of Craig Fincham Curtis Burns, friend of Joe & Bev Mater Roger Caldwell, brother of Leila Soper Linda Erp, mother of **Emily Vigne** Joanne Feist, friend of Ginny Short Jocile Fisher Linda Flyer, friend of Le Marie Gilbert Janet Fox, family of Norb & Jeanette Otter Rudy Fritz Ed Garza Marianne Gowen **Bonnie Griggs** Tony Guadian

Buddy Hadl, brother of Shirley Steffen Lonna Hamm, daughter of Larry & Martha Hamm Mary Hane

Peggy Harders, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter Newt Hasson

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### MASS INTENTIONS: JAN 6 – JAN 12

Monday: 7:30am .....Pat Steinbacher† Tuesday: 7:30am.....Larry Steinbacher† Wednesday: 7:30am ......Carol Thomas† Thursday: 7:30am.....Ray Schenkel† 7:30am..... Paul Schmidt & Bergert Friday: Saturday: 8:00am ...... Newt Hasson 4:30pm.....Becca Lobell 7:00am ......Parishioners of St. John Sunday: 8:30am .....Robert Roy Limpitlaw† 11:00am.....Christina Lee 2:00pm(Sp.).....Rafael Garcia† 5:00pm...... Foster Care & Adoption Ministry

### MINISTERS JAN 11 - JAN 12 Lectors

Saturday	
4:30pm	D Rogers, M Mauler
Sunday	
7:00am	M Delaney, D Saunders
8:30am	K Beauford, N Smith
11:00am	J Gripka, J Monroe
5:00pm	T Edgecomb, B Walter

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday	
4:30pm	A Mattes, H Mattes
Sunday	
7:00am	L Alexander, F Alexander
8:30am	S Liu, L Kelne
11:00am	J Malin, T Urban
5:00pm	C Denton, F Hano

### **CANTORS**

Saturday	1
	L and J Brensing
Sunday	
7:00am.	L Koster
8:30am.	A Koster

### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

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Halderman, L Heiserman, A Hewit	t
Sunday	
7:00am J Grzymala-Busse J Hannah, M Hannah	1
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G Diepenbrock, J Fox, S Galarza, E Grob-Creasey	y
11:00amC Bial, A Brill, C Buchheister, B DeWitt	,
C Ehrlich, D Ehrlich, J Even	S
5:00pmS File, A Hill, P Hould	
R Houle M LeGresley, A McCabe	e

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5**

**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

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 **Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52 **Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk

4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2,3-4,5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-3

Maria J. Mota, Animadora 785-304-5509

### CUENTO NÚMERO 91 EL GALLO

Una laboriosa ama de casa tenía la costumbre de despertar a las criadas de la granja, apenas escuchaba el primer canto del gallo.

Las mujeres estaban indignadas contra el ave madrugadora, y para poder dormir un poco más, terminaron cortándole el cuello.

Pero la dueña tenía el sueño muy ligero y, como después de la muerte del gallo no sabía por la mañana qué hora era, llamaba siempre a las criadas demasiado temprano y a veces llegó a despertarlas a media noche.

Así, para evitar un pequeño inconveniente, aquellas pobres cayeron en un mal mayor.

### MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGÉLIO La Epifanía del Señor

La Epifanía del Señor es una de las Solemnidades que más disfrutan los niños en la comunidad hispana (Fiesta de los Reyes Magos), por aquello de que llegan los regalos y las piñatas llenando de alegría este tiempo navideño. Las familias se preparan para la ocasión y disfrutan el reunirse con amigos y familiares cercanos. Sin embargo, aparte de regalos y fiesta, hay muchas cosas que aprender sobre está solemnidad y, una de ellas es lo que significa la palabra Epifanía, Manifestación del Señor. Cristo se revela de muchas maneras como: Señor y Rey. Y algo importante, la forma de como Dios se manifiesta en Jesús con hechos (Milagros). Todas las manifestaciones de Jesús en su tiempo histórico fueron luces de amor para la humanidad. Las lecturas de hoy, de alguna manera, y de formas diferentes, manifiestan quien es Cristo para el que cree en Él.

El profeta Isaías dice: "Levanta los ojos y mira alrededor: todos se reúnen y vienen a ti; tus hijos llegan de lejos, a tus hijas las traen en brazos." San Pablo aclara que "también los paganos son coherederos de la misma herencia, miembros del mismo cuerpo y participes de la misma promesa en Jesucristo." El Evangelio de Mateo nos orienta hacia el punto clave de quien se manifiesta: "Y tú, Belén, tierra de Judá, no eres en manera alguna la menor entre las ciudades ilustres de Judá, pues de ti saldrá un jefe, que será el pastor de mi pueblo, Israel". Estos pasajes de la Sagrada Escritura muestran la universalidad del Mesías, que ha venido a redimir a toda la humanidad. ¡Feliz Epifanía!

### **REUNIONES DE BIBLIA**

En la oficina de la Iglesia Miercoles 7:00 pm, Viernes 7:00 pm. Sabados 11:00 am sólo para mujeres. Sabados 6:00 pm hombres y mujeres. Domingo 7:00 pm to do adulto. Elige que día puedes asistir. Bendiciones



#### 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 pos 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 Parroquia, 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 Catolica, solo para parejas que viven juntos y tienen niños.

Adultos que necesitan los sacramentos de confirmación y primera comunión.

#### CATECISMO EN ESPANOL

Las Inscripciones son en agosto y en mayo. Por favor para mas informacion llamar a Maria Mota.

### CONFESIONES

A partir del mes de septiembre, de 1:00 pm a 1:45 pm Habrá confesiones es español para quien lo necesite, y pueda recibir este sacramento.

#### LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 5 DE ENERO

**Domingo:** Is 60, 1-6/Sal 72, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 [cfr. 11]/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12

Lunes: 1 Jn 3, 22—4, 6/Sal 2, 7-8. 10-12 [8]/Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25 Martes: 1 Jn 4, 7-10/Sal 72, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8 [cfr. 11]/Mc 6, 34-44 Miércoles: 1 Jn 4, 11-18/Sal 72, 1-2. 10. 12-13 [cfr. 11]/Mc 6, 45-52

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### AREA EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

# LECTIO DIVINA: LISTENING WITH THE EAR OF YOUR HEART

Tuesday, January 14,10:00 am—Wednesday, January 15, 2:00 pm. Sister Micaela Randolph, OSB Lectio Divina, the ancient art of prayerfully reading scripture, leads to a contemplative attitude, and changes our perspective on life.

Come and experience a time of sharing, silence, solitude and reflection.
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Register by January 7.

For more information or to register, call 913-360-6173 or visit Sophia Spirituality

Center's website – www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org Sister Micaela Randolph, OSB, is a member of Mount St. Scholastica. She is a staff member of Sophia Center and the Souljourners program.

### SOUP AND SILENCE

### Wednesday, January 8, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Come for the morning or spend the day. We'll have hot soup and warm bread for you at noon. Spend time in silence, walk our beautiful grounds, or pray in the St. Scholastica Chapel. Free-will offering. Registration required. Register online or call 913-360-6173.

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