

For July 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-stjohn8>

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm

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

*Stay tuned for August 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.

“CHRISTIAN JOY IS A GIFT OF GOD
FLOWING FROM A GOOD CONSCIENCE.”

~ST. PHILIP NERI

PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....Fr. John Cousins
Associate Pastor.....Fr. Barnabas Eichor
Principal, St. John School..... Mr. Chris Reffett
Director of Liturgy & Music..... Lisa Roush
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Shopping Hours:.....**Open (if staff is available)**
Wednesday - 11:00 am-3:00 pm; Saturday - 8:30am-12:30 pm

Centro Hispano.....Lydia Diebolt
204 W. 13th St. 785-843-2039

centrohispano.lydia@gmail.com

SIMON PARISH CENTER

Mailing Address 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044

Phone.....785-843-0109

Summer Office Hours.....**CLOSED TO PUBLIC, please call**

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

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Hanon Misko, Emily Malin

Lisa Leroux-Smith

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL



PARAPROFESSIONAL OPENING

St. John Catholic Parish School is looking for a full-time paraprofessional for our Kindergarten classroom for the 2020-2021 classroom. If interested please send a cover letter and resume to Chris Reffett at: creffett@sjeagles.com.



WHAT PARENTS & TEACHERS LOVE ABOUT ST. JOHN SCHOOL

- Community and culture of St. John
- Great and caring teachers and staff
- Students develop spiritually
- Students excel academically
- Students receive more attention in St. John's small class sizes
- Teaching students to be good citizens
- Arts program
- Spirit of diversity and inclusion
- Engaged families
- Spanish language program from preschool to 8th grade

"When I would get kids at South Junior High, and they had been from St. John, I could always tell. They were completely courteous, without question. They were kind, generous to each other, and just so secure."

CLENECE HILLS
KLWN'S "TIMELINE RADIO" HOST
FORMER SOUTH JUNIOR HIGH TEACHER



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AVERAGE STUDENT
-FACULTY RATIO



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MIDDLE SCHOOL
ELECTIVES



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3RD-MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS
THROUGH
CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION



STATE OF THE ART
TOP-NOTCH
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
AND GYMNASIUM

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

ST. JOHN PARISH AND SCHOOL HAVE NEW EMAILS

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

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



Monday—Thursday: 8:30 am—3:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am—Noon

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

Congratulations to our young parishioners who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation

Ella Barton, Amelia Berndt,
Rachael Berndt, Nomso Enyinnaya,
Gordon Fineday, Jacob Gilbert,
James (Jude) Godfrey, Jacob King,
Aidan McDonald,
Isabella Shump, Mia Contreras Cruz,
Reece Diers, James Green,
Lizett Hernandez, Ava Hertach,
Roman Jasso, Andrew Lang,
Kiera Patterson, Jackson Williams,
Aubrey Augustine, Fatima Cruz,
Hannah Hayes, Claire Johnson,
Sergio Medrano, Grace Northern,
Ariana Vallejo-Cooper, Ava Wagner,
Lisa Barcus, Jaina Harleman,
Madison Oshel, Mary Ramirez,
Rebecca Revell, Brayden Rowland,
Sean Wondrack, Abigail Yother,
Jaqueline Reguera Cruz,
Valeria Guadalupe Pérez Alvarez,
Eduardo Martínez,
Luis Andrés Torres Torres,
Sebastián Saenz Villa, Pablo Bernal,
Ricardo Galindo Flores,
Victor Manuel García, Jr.,
Lizbett Areli Andrade,
Anthony Guadalupe Andrade.



SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor

Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee

Yes, yes, I know; we are all so weary of Covid19. Even so, we need bread for the journey through this pandemic. Thanks be to God this week for the hopeful glimpses in the news concerning hopeful treatments and vaccines. May these words guide you to peace, serenity and strength, and may they guide you to what is yours to do in response to this pandemic in our world.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Loving God, Your desire is for our wholeness and well being. We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time. We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened. We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future. We pray: may love, not fear, go viral. Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good. Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity. Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence, You, the God who does not abandon. Sister Christine Koelhoeffer, IHM

Prayer in a Time of Anxiety

It seems that I return to you most easily when I need comfort, O God. Hello... here I am again, knowing that you are waiting for

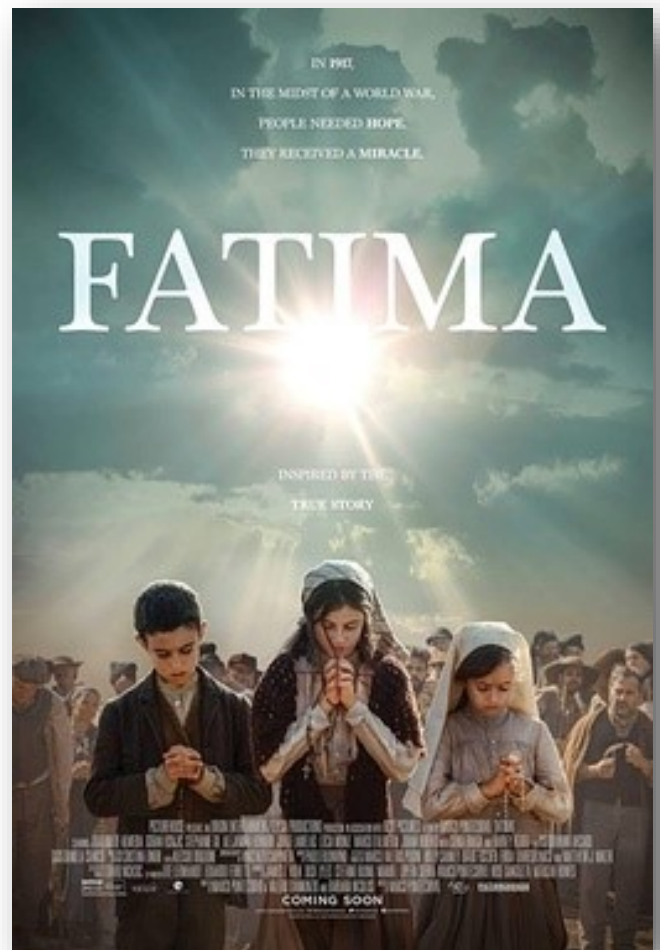
me with love and warming light. In the shadow of your wings I find respite and relief that feeds my innermost self and renews my soul. Day and night, you are my refuge. These uncertain days of news conferences and quarantines tempt me to assume the worst for my loved ones, myself and my community. "Pandemic" is a frightening word, and I can easily feel confused or helpless to respond. Now I am relying on you to lead and guide me, to put my anxiety in its place. Help me see it as a human response that keeps me conscious of the seriousness of this moment, but do not let it overwhelm my spirit. Buoyed by your love, I choose each day to let peace reign in me. Breathing deeply of your calm, I repeat, again and again, "You are here." Good and gracious Companion, my family and friends need tranquility and assurance. Help me to offer them your tenderness. Those in my community who are suffering need care. Help me to be generous and to keep contact with the forgotten. Our world calls for cooperation among national leaders, scientists, health care providers, and all who are instrumental in overcoming this crisis. May my prayers and support be with them all. I have come back to you, and I will return, knowing that your open arms will never fail. God of hope, may your love blanket the earth, as you teach us to live more generously today than yesterday. May my anxiety be transformed into love.

- Author requested to remain anonymous

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



STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

PARISH PRAYER LIST

The "Prayer List" includes the most recent information that the Simon Parish Center has about a parishioner and/or their family member. Contact the Center to request someone for the "Prayer List."

Thank you on behalf of the families of those individuals for whom we pray.

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

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

Jeanette Walker
Ted Walker
Susan Williams

Nancy Wright
Jeannine Wyatt
Jon Yarnell

MASS INTENTIONS JULY 27- AUGUST 2

Mon.: 7:30 amGreg Walkert
Tues.: 7:30 am.....Gina Bailey Carbaught
Wed.: 7:30 am.....Charles Hermann
Thurs.: 7:30 amOsborne-O'Connor Family
Fri.: 7:30 am.....Tom Kellogg
Sat.: 4:30 pmAmelia Tinio
Sun.: 7:00 amParishioners of St. Johns
9:00am..... Verna Louise Gordon Hickst
11:00 am..... Jake Larsont
1:00 pm (Sp.)Intentions of Pope Francis
5:00 pm.....Hank Descht



STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

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

Information below reflects donations received July 1, 2020 through July 19, 2020.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$30,254.80
Average weekly collection amount.....	\$24,785.10
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD.....	\$90,764.40
Actual collection fiscal YTD.....	\$74,355.32
Net Shortage.....	\$16,409.08

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

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

Photo by: Jay Soldner/The Leaven

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

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

sjevangelist.com

KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Your toys can break. Your books can tear. Your clothes can shrink and stain. Things don't last forever. The kingdom of heaven does last forever.

It is like a treasure. Heaven is worth more than anything you own. In both stories, the person who found the treasure sold everything else just to be a part of God's kingdom.

PRAYER

God, help me to love your kingdom more than the things I have.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself finding a buried treasure.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Put God's kingdom first. Read a Bible story every morning.



Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

~~KINGDOM~~
HEAVEN
TREASURE

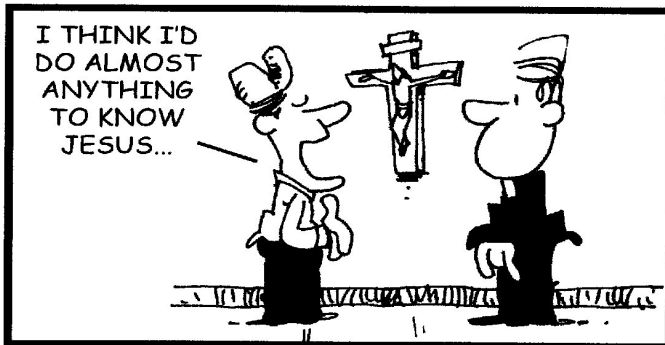
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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



DAILY READINGS

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-2

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

El Evangelio nos sigue narrando parábolas sobre el Reino de Dios y de cómo actuar en él. El domingo pasado era sobre el trigo y la cizaña. Hoy la Liturgia nos presenta, el tesoro, la perla y la red. Encontrar el tesoro de la verdad y la justicia en nuestro tiempo es un trabajo de proceso que requiere un compromiso con Dios, la familia, la comunidad y con la persona misma. Las parábolas son una catequesis que indican la forma para salir y encontrar lo que se busca. "El Reino de los Cielos es como un tesoro escondido en un campo. El hombre que lo descubre, lo vuelve a esconder: su alegría es tal, que va, vende todo lo que tiene y compra ese campo". Y el Señor continúa narrando. "Un comerciante que busca perlas finas. Si llega a sus manos una perla de gran valor, se va, vende cuanto tiene y la compra". Y ahora, la de los peces. "Una red que se ha echado al mar y que recoge peces de todas clases. Cuando está llena, los pescadores la sacan a la orilla, se sientan, escogen los peces buenos, los echan en canastos y tiran los que no sirven". (Mateo 13:44-48).

Pidamos al Señor, en esta Eucaristía que nos dé la sabiduría de Salomón para encontrar los tesoros que nos lleven a vivir como hermanos y hermanas en estos tiempos de crisis que se están viviendo en diferentes lugares del mundo. Recordemos, que, el mejor tesoro es la amistad con Dios y quien la tiene, lo tiene todo. Salomón y San Pablo en las lecturas de hoy lo confirman.

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"Lo mismo sucederá al final de los tiempos: vendrán los ángeles, separarán a los malos de los buenos y los arrojarán al horno encendido. Allí será el llanto y la desesperación. ¿Han entendido todo esto?"

Ellos les contestaron: "Sí". — Mt 13, 49-51

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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 26 DE JULIO

Domingo: 1 Re 3, 5. 7-12/Sal 119, 57. 72. 76-77. 127-128. 129-130 [97]/Rom 8, 28-30/Mt 13, 44-52 o 13, 44-46

Lunes: Jr 13, 1-11/Dt 32, 18-19. 20. 21 [cfr. 18]/Mt 13, 31-35

Martes: Jr 14, 17-22/Sal 79, 8. 9. 11 y 13 [9]/Mt 13, 36-43

Miércoles: Jr 15, 10. 16-21/Sal 34, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. 10-11 [2]/Jn 11, 19-27 o Lc 10, 38-42

Jueves: Jr 18, 1-6/Sal 146, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [5]/Mt 13, 47-53

Viernes: Jr 26, 1-9/Sal 69, 5. 8-10. 14 [14]/Mt 13, 54-58

Sábado: Jr 26, 11-16. 24/Sal 69, 15-16. 30-31. 33-34 [14]/Mt 14, 1-12

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

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR SOUGHT FOR ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish, Leawood, is seeking applicants for our Preschool Director position. Applicants must have 3 to 5 years of teaching and/or director-level experience and a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or equivalent. We are looking for a caring, team-focused leader with a passion for teaching God's Children. The successful candidate will be self-directed, possesses strong organizational and interpersonal skills, and embrace and practice the Catholic faith. Job description, application, and benefits information are available at: www.stmichaelcp.org/employment-opportunities.

ARCHBISHOP NAUMANN'S JULY PRAYER INTENTIONS

For an end to the Pandemic and for the Catholic community to comfort those who have lost a loved one to COVID 19 as well as to assist all those who are economic victims of the response to the health crisis.

For the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide those working on an ethically developed COVID 19 vaccine.

For renewed efforts to end racism in our society and a renewed respect for the dignity of the human person.

For God's blessing on our police and all those in law enforcement, the vast majority of whom serve our community with dedication and heroism.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are excited to welcome volunteers back to our ministries – as they feel comfortable.

They are vital to the success of Catholic Charities. We continue to have openings in our Family Support Centers and at TurnStyles. If you want to sign on as a recurring volunteer – contact Cari Olberding at:

colberding@catholiccharitiesks.org.



ARCHDIOCESAN 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Archdiocese 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 fifese@archkck.org

MONTHLY LIVESTREAM ROSARY FOR HEALING AND PROTECTION

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas invites you to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been wounded by sexual abuse in the Church by praying, in solidarity, for their healing and for the protection of all who are vulnerable. This rosary lifts up our collective prayers to God through Mary's loving intercession. The Healing Rosary began in June and will be **at 7:45 am and on the 3rd Wednesday of each month** thereafter. Rosaries are also recorded for access anytime throughout the month. Please join us at: <https://livestream.com/archkck/healingrosary>

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

June 2020 - July 2020 Behold, I make all things new! . . . Has all of that "togetherness" from weeks of unplanned stay-at-home orders exposed some rough edges in your relationship? Have you discovered that your communication skills aren't as good as you thought they were? Are the two of you adrift in the uncertainty of the future? Be not afraid, for our Lord has promised to make all things new! Join us on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, **July 31 - August 2**, at the Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas. The weekend is a perfect way to renew your love and commitment to each other and to learn the tools that will carry you forward to live more intimately and responsibly together, no matter the circumstances of the life. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit: www.wwme4youandme.org, or call/ email Tony & Barb Zimmerman at **816-741-4066**, tonybarbz@prodigy.net

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter and how our ministry can support the couples in your parish you can contact us at the following: Local Area Leadership Couple: Rich & Wendy Lorenz, **815-761-6591**, wendyteach3@yahoo.com Local Area Leadership Priest: Fr. Ron Will, **816-390-7950**, rwill2@juno.com Weekend Application Couple: Tony & Barb Zimmerman, **816-741-4066**, tonybarbz@prodigy.net Inviting Resource Couple: Ralph & Jan Lewis, **913-909-1028**, encounteredcouple@gmail.com

FERTILITY CARE CENTER CLASS

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

THE DATES ARE:

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

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

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

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

Questions can be referred to:

admin@fertilitycarekc.com or pwhite@fertilitycarekc.com.

FertilityCare Center
Of Kansas City



FOCUS ON THE WORD

UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We



GOD DELIGHTS IN YOU



allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the

agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.
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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What Is God Asking of You?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we all need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

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