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-stjohn5

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



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.

"THERE IS NO PLACE FOR SELFISHNESS - AND NO PLACE FOR FEAR!

DO NOT BE AFRAID, THEN, WHEN LOVE MAKES DEMANDS.

DO NOT BE AFRAID WHEN LOVE REQUIRES SACRIFICE."

~POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

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| St. John Catholic School | |

SIMON PARISH CENTER

| Mailing Address 1229 Ve | rmont St., Lawrence, KS 66044 | |
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| Friday | 8:30 am—Noon | |
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| | 1:00 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm | |
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| 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) |
| Wednesday11: | 00 am-12:00 pm, 7:00-8:00 pm |
| Saturday | 3:00 pm-4:00 pm |
| | (and by appointment) |

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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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MIDDLE SCHOOL
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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

TWO VOLUNTEER POSITIONS OPEN

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS OF MT. CALVARY CEMETERY OPERATIONS

TO ASSIST THE DIRECTOR WHEN HE IS UNAVAILABLE

- SHOW AVAILABILITY OF PLOTS TO THOSE SEEKING TO PURCHASE THEM
- NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE OF LOT NUMBER AND LOCATION OF PLOTS WHEN THEY WISH TO PURCHASE
- WHEN PLOTS ARE PURCHASED, MARK THEIR NAME IN THE CEMETERY BOOK, ON THE MAP, AND THE CARDEX FILE
- WHEN PLOTS ARE TO BE USED, MARK LOCATION AND SIZE FOR GRAVE OPENING AND RECORD ON CARDEX THE DATE WHEN THE PERSON WAS BURIED
- WHEN MARKERS/MEMORIALS ARE TO BE SET, MARK THE SIZE AND MEASUREMENT SIZE OF BASE

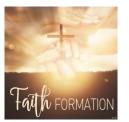
Positions are open until filled.

If interested, please call the parish office or Fr. John at 785-843-0109.

PARISH JOB OPENING

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION:

St. John Parish in Lawrence, KS is seeking a full-time Director of Faith Formation. This person would develop, articulate, and administer a vision and direction for parish faith formation programs. He/she would oversee all faith formation programs and evaluate their effectiveness, and develop/



implement ideas and programs that would be available for parishioners from womb to tomb. Ideal candidate will be a bilingual (English/Spanish) practicing Catholic who holds a degree in Catechesis or Theology and/or has equivalent work

experience relating to faith formation. This person would also have strong knowledge of Catholicism, intercultural competence in ministry, strong interpersonal skills, proven organizational and leadership skills and computer/technology competencies. 2-4 years of parish ministry experience preferred.

Please see full job description and requirements at: www.sjevangelist.com. This is a full-time position and eligible for the Archdiocesan benefits package with start date of July 20. The position will be open until filled. Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. John at:

frjohn@sjevangelist.com (use DFF on subject line) or 1229 Vermont Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NECESSITIES COLLECTION

Knights of Columbus will have tubs out on the Kentucky Street entrance of the church collecting for catholic charities: asking for: tooth brushes, toothpaste, soap, and feminine hygiene products. We will be collecting next weekend. They are also asking for volunteer workers, if you are able to volunteer to work, please contact Norb Otter at **785-633-9071**.



COVID-19 MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

If you do not have a primary care provider and feel you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, you can call the Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health Coronavirus hotline, **785-856-4343**. We have nurses online to provide initial screening and if needed, directions on how to get tested.

Always call first before showing up at a provider.



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!

Prayer to Overcome Racism

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us.

Amen.



Oración para superar el racismo

María, amiga y madre de todos, a través de tu Hijo Dios ha encontrado un camino para unirse a todos los seres humanos, llamados a ser un solo pueblo, hermanas y hermanos entre sí.

Pedimos tu ayuda al recurrir a tu Hijo, buscando el perdón por las veces en que hemos fallado en amarnos y respetarnos.

Pedimos tu ayuda para obtener de tu Hijo la gracia que necesitamos para vencer el mal del racismo y construir una sociedad justa.

Pedimos tu ayuda para seguir a tu Hijo, para que el prejuicio y la animosidad no infecten ya nuestras mentes o corazones sino que sean reemplazados por el amor que respeta la dignidad de cada persona.

Madre de la Iglesia, el Espíritu de tu Hijo Jesús alienta nuestros corazones: Ruega por nosotros.

Amén.



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www.usccb.org/racism

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Scott Anderson
Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee
Open Wide Our Hearts

In November 2018, The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love – A Pastoral Letter Against Racism. The letter begins by defining racism: "...when "either consciously or unconsciously—a person holds that his or her own race or ethnicity is superior, and therefore judges persons of other races or ethnicities as inferior or unworthy of equal regard." The document discusses the different ways that racism is expressed, including "deliberate, sinful acts," such as the increasing appearance of racist symbols and speech in the public space. Not only are these instances blatant intimidation, they threaten to normalize such discourse. We also find racism in the discrimination permeating basic aspects of everyday life, including hiring, housing, education, and the disproportionate rate of incarceration of men of color.

Perhaps the most insidious form of racism is found in "...the sin of omission, when individuals, communities, and even churches remain silent and fail to act against racial injustice when it is encountered." This is how most of us are most likely to encounter our own racism, i.e., not through overt acts of hatred but rather through a passive or uncaring attitude toward the mistreatment of people who do not look, dress, worship, or act

like we do. It is difficult to summon compassion for people who "don't fit in," who are outside the often limited circle of our acquaintance.

The bishops dispute the notion that "...racism is no longer a major affliction of our society...But racism still profoundly affects our culture, and it has no place in the Christian heart." In order to challenge the systemic, silent racism in our country, we must first undergo "a genuine conversion of heart," an expansion of our field of caring. We need to confront our ingrained beliefs, some of which we may not even acknowledge consciously. By opening our minds to seriously consider the web in which people of color have been trapped, brought on by the "generational effects of slavery, segregation, and the systemic use of violence," we can throw off the apathy and indifference which have suppressed our compassion for too long.

The bishops label racism as a "personal sin," one that must be fought by people who have accepted the truth that we are all children of God and that God loves all His children equally. When we accept this truth, we can commit to the difficult task of combatting racism in the world around us. The full text of the Bishops' letter can be found at: http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/upload/open-wide-our-hearts.pdf.

What the Catholic Church in the United States has to say about racism

The document Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love - A Pastoral Letter Against Racism was developed by the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It was approved by the full body of bishops as a formal statement of the same at its November 2018 General Meeting and has been authorized for publication by the undersigned. For more information, go to: http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/index.cfm

Msgr. J. Brian Bransfield, General Secretary, USCCB

DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-

13/Mt 11:25-30

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 9:18

-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38 **Wednesday:** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1-7 **Thursday:** Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 1

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Monday:** St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions,

Martyrs

Saturday: St. Benedict, Abbot

Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time4 and 17 [17b]/Mt

10:16-23

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





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** Kathy Higley **Bob Holek** Tina Jinkens **Michele Johnson** Allen Kehde **Becky Kuhn 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 Peté 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

Non : 7:30 am

IN MEMORIAM-RITA ROUSH

MASS INTENTIONS JULY 6 - JULY 12

| Mon.: 7:30 am | Alan Heath† |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Tues.: 7:30 am | Jim Votch† |
| Wed.: 7:30 am | Dianne Hoffman† |
| Thurs.: 7:30 am | End To The Pandemic |
| Fri.: 7:30 am | Felisa Guadian† |
| Sat.: 4:30 pm | Tina Jinkens |
| Sun.: 7:00 am | Parishioners of St. Johns |
| 9:00am | Rita Roush† |
| 11:00 am | Colette Fisher |
| 1:00 pm (Sp.) | Peace |
| 5:00 pm | Lisa Morrow-Welsh |



STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

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Until weekend
Masses resume and
the parish office
reopens,
parishioners may
send their tithe in
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JUSTICE MATTERS

Justice Matters – an interfaith network working for justice

The issue of the jail expansion may seem to be over and done with as commissioners revisit the project. The issue of voter rights is still in question. Following is a testimony given at a recent Justice Matters event.

Why I'm a Democracy Lawsuit Litigant Jabari Bradshaw, Velocity Church

y name is Jabari Bradshaw, born and raised in the state of Indiana. I moved to Lawrence after graduating in June of 2018, eager to help improve the care for those in need. In the summer of 2019, my wife and I joined Velocity Church. I have never gotten into trouble, I pay my taxes, and do my part to make this world a better place. I am a mentor in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. I graduated from Indiana University. I have a masters in healthcare administration. I am a member of professional societies. I am a son, I am a husband, I am a child of God. However, none of that matters, because to the world, when they look at me, the first thing they have been trained to see is the color of my skin, Black. So, you may be wondering why a person who is new to this community would agree to sign my name onto a lawsuit regarding voter suppression in the county's plan to illegally finance a jail expansion using bonds. It is because of what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," and jails in America are particularly problematic for Black Americans.

I was 4 years old when I first became aware that my skin was viewed as a threat. My grandmother used to take care of me while my mom was at work, and she had me read books and stories about Black heroes, stories that I never heard in the public school system. From a very early age we were taught that the normal rules of society did not apply to us, and it was understood that we could be punished simply because of the beliefs, power and Influence of white Americans. In school, we were taught that the 13th Amendment ended slavery in America, it marked a new era in this country. The film, "13th," which I highly recommend everyone listening to watch, opened my eyes to the truth behind the 13th Amendment. The 13th amendment was passed in 1865 and Section 1 reads "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." It essentially reads, 'Slavery is illegal, unless the person is guilty of a crime'. The 13th Amendment did NOT end slavery, it simply made it legal. Immediately after the 13th Amendment was passed the government had "Black Codes" better known as "Jim Crow Laws" that severely restricted the

freedoms of Black Americans and this converted mass slavery to mass incarceration. We are now in the year 2020, and our prisons and jails are modern day versions of slavery. So, I as a Black American, am very opposed to this county's obsession with expanding the jail instead of looking for modern solutions. This system is designed to incarcerate people who look like me. I have lost count of the number of friends and close associates from my youth who have been incarcerated at some point in their lives.

Our middle school sits almost in the center of the city, and attended by a mix of students, but predominantly white. Naturally, I fellowshipped with Black students, some of whom I grew up with, and others who were new friends. Over the years, I watched my friends be suspended and expelled from school on a frequent basis, and initially, I didn't think much of it, it was just how school worked. However, as we became more observant, educated, and participated in after-school programs led by Black mentors, we began to notice racial disparities in the treatment of Black students. Studies show minority students are suspended more frequently and disciplined more often than white counterparts for similar offenses. At least three of my friends had to wear an ankle monitoring device during middle school. Out of the 15 of us who were tightly knit, only four have not been incarcerated in our lifetimes. 73% have been through the criminal "justice" system, many multiple times. Not a coincidence that this trend continues into adulthood. We are tired, and this is why I am so invested in the initiatives of Justice Matters. I want to put an end to the system that continues to enslave Black and brown Americans.

On June 3, during the county commissioner call, it was refreshing to hear the county commissioners speak on racial injustices and systemic racism that has been under the brightest of spotlights over the past two weeks. I could tell from their words, they were deeply touched, and concerned by the murder of George Floyd. During this call, commissioners announced a work session to take place June 10 to review the factors in the pending jail expansion. I call on all of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, to reach out to your commissioners and let them know that you are happy they are reviewing the current situation at the jail and let them know you will be watching. Until the County rescinds the resolution to expand the jail and actually invests in reforms and alternatives we need, we must be vigilant. For people who look like me "injustice to one of us, is injustice to all of us" because it perpetuates the systemic racism embedded in our society, and makes it more likely to occur again. We cannot stop fighting for justice until true reform happens, because Justice Matters.



Maria J. Mota, Animadora 785-304-5509

DIRECTOR DE FORMACIÓN DE LA FE

irector de formación de la Fe: La Parroquia de San Juan en Lawrence, KS. estabuscando un Director de Formación de Fe de tiempo completo. Esta persona estaria encargada de desarrollar, articular y administrar una visión y dirección para los programas de formación de fe Parroquial. El o Ella supervisara toda la información y programas de fe y evaluará su efectividad, desarrollará e implementará ideas y programas que estarían disponibles para los feligreses desde el nacimiento hasta la muerte. El candidato ideal será un Católico practicante bilingüe Inglés/Español. Que tenga un título en Categuesis o Teología y/o tenga una experiencia laboral equivalenterelacionada con la formación en la fe. Esta persona también tendría un gran conocimiento del Catolicismo, competencia Intercultural en el ministerio, fuertes habilidades interpersonales, organización y liderazgo comprobados, habilidades competentes en informática y tecnológica2-4 años de experiencia en el ministerio parroquial.

Consulte la descripción completa del trabajo y los requisitos en **www.sjevangelist.com.** Esta es una posición de tiempo completo y elegible para el paquete de beneficios Arquidiocesano con fecha de inicio del 20, de Julio del 2020, La posición estará abierta hastaQue se cubra.

Por favor envía una carta de presentación y curriculum vitae al padre John <u>frjohn@sjevangelist.com</u> Use DFF en la línea de asunto o envíe a 1229 Vermont Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

I domingo pasado, la lectura del Evangelio retaba al creyente a tomar la cruz y seguir a Jesús, ahora, la invitación es reposar en quien podemos confiar y profundizar en amistad. Es el amigo íntimo que nunca falla, está ahí en las buenas y en las no tan buenas. Ahora, Jesús nos invita a ir a él. "Vengan a mí los que van cansados, llevando pesadas cargas, y yo los aliviaré. Carguen con mi yugo y aprendan de mí, que soy paciente y humilde de corazón, y sus almas encontrarán descanso. Pues mi yugo es suave y mi carga liviana". (Mateo 11:28-30). La palabra yugo significa sujetar y dar dirección, ya sea a mulas o bueyes para trabajar.

Muy distinto es el yugo del que habla Jesús en esta ocasión. Muchas manos trabajando juntas por la justicia logran grandes cosas. Juntos, para hacer tareas maravillosas en la misión del Evangelio. Cuando nos unimos a Jesús es que la carga es ligera y suave, porque la cargamos todos y él nos sostiene. En una enfermedad, en familia juntos lo podemos todo. El ministerio no se hace aislado, se trabaja en equipo, nadie es número uno. En la familia los esposos están atados al yugo de la mancuerna de su sí el día de su boda. Esa mancuerna es lo suave del matrimonio para dar dirección y apoyo a los hijos. El trabajo es duro, demandante y a veces imposible de hacer. Entonces, aprendamos y tomemos el yugo de Jesús. Él es el único camino, el da a lo difícil un nuevo comienzo y se logra con la oración y la intimidad con Jesucristo. ©LPi

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 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 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. 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 5 DE JULI

Domingo: Zac 9, 9-10/Sal 145, 1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13-14 [cfr. 1]/

Rom 8, 9. 11-13/Mt 11, 25-30

Lunes: Os 2, 16. 17-18. 21-22/Sal 145, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 [8]/Mt 9, 18-26

9, 10-20

Martes: Os 8, 4-7. 11-13/Sal 115, 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. 9-10 [9]/Mt 9, 32-38

DA: 4...

Miércoles: Os 10, 1-3. 7-8. 12/Sal 105, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7 [4]/Mt 10, 1-7

Jueves: Os 11, 1-4. 8-9/Sal 80, 2 y 3. 15-16 [4]/Mt 10, 7-15 **Viernes:** Os 14, 2-10/Sal 51, 3-4. 8-9. 12-13. 14 y 17 [17]/Mt 10, 16-23

Sábado: Is 6, 1-8/Sal 93, 1ab. 1-2. 5 [1]/Mt 10, 24-33

Domingo siguiente: Is 55, 10-11/Sal 65, 10. 11. 12-13. 14 [Lc

8, 8]/Rom 8, 18-23/Mt 13, 1-23 o 13, 1-9

FOCUS ON THE WORD

UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We are all familiar with the refrain, "You have put on Christ. In him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!" In Baptism, we "put on" Christ. In putting on Christ, we put on all that Christ is and represents: hope, faith, and love. We are no longer bound to the sins and failures of the flesh, that part of us that resists God and relies exclusively on human means. It also means that we are not in debt to our past, complete with its sins, failures, regrets, fears, and unfulfilled dreams. There is always hope. In putting on Christ, we put on God's vision for the world, for all of His children and for us. We have been given a road map to guide our paths and a blueprint to follow for our life's journey.

There is no need for regret, and we are not tethered to our past. Is there anything in your past that you regret? Any decision or memory that continues to haunt you? We have all made mistakes, and we have this uncanny ability to continue beating ourselves up over things we can no longer do anything about, except learn from them. To put on Christ means that I can now bring God's unconditional love to my hurtful memories and sinful choices.

With each new moment and every new choice, I can start clean and live in freedom.

Imagine adults when the disciples were preaching and baptizing. They came to baptism not really knowing who they were, with pasts that were broken, seeking to live the joy of the Gospel they heard spoken to them and wanting the love they saw witnessed in the lives of those who believed. What tremendous celebrations their baptisms must have been! They could now have the support of a community, full participation in the sacraments of the church, focus for their disordered



lives, consolation, healing, and an understanding of what life is really all about.

Our lives are meant to be celebrations of the Spirit we have received in Baptism. How does that joy get expressed in and through you? When we truly understand that we have put on Christ, our burdens can become much lighter. It is odd that so many Christians look like they are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. Wouldn't it be wonderful if those weights could be lifted and joy experienced! **©LPi**

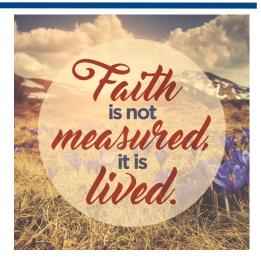
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY **MOMENTS**

Faith Like a Child

If you Google Search recommendations on how to raise generous children, almost every list of ideas begins with or at least contains — the directive for adults to be good models of generosity themselves. Our children learn from our actions much more than from our words. Of course, when I think back over the years while my children were growing up, I think I may have learned as much from them as they learned from me. There is a time between early childhood and middle school where a child seems to be freer to give and share than at any other time in life. It is around the age of First Communion when the cries of "mine" turn to

laughter and smiles, and the urge to be a part of something bigger than oneself leads to sharing. Before you know it, the child hits the pre-teen years, and once again, he or she becomes the center of the universe.

I believe that the previous paragraph is all true, however, the stages described seem to repeat themselves throughout adulthood. Don't you agree? Sometimes we fall into seeing ourselves as the center of the universe, or we become consumed by our state in life or with what we have acquired. Also, we at times are generous and loving people. It is sin that draws us back into ourselves and away from any meaningful life of stewardship and generosity. In order to be freed for love, we need role models to help us see what really matters. We need to reflect



on the example of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And, yes, we need to look to children who may be at the point in their lives where sharing is fun, and love is something in abundance. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS **©LPi**



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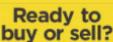
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