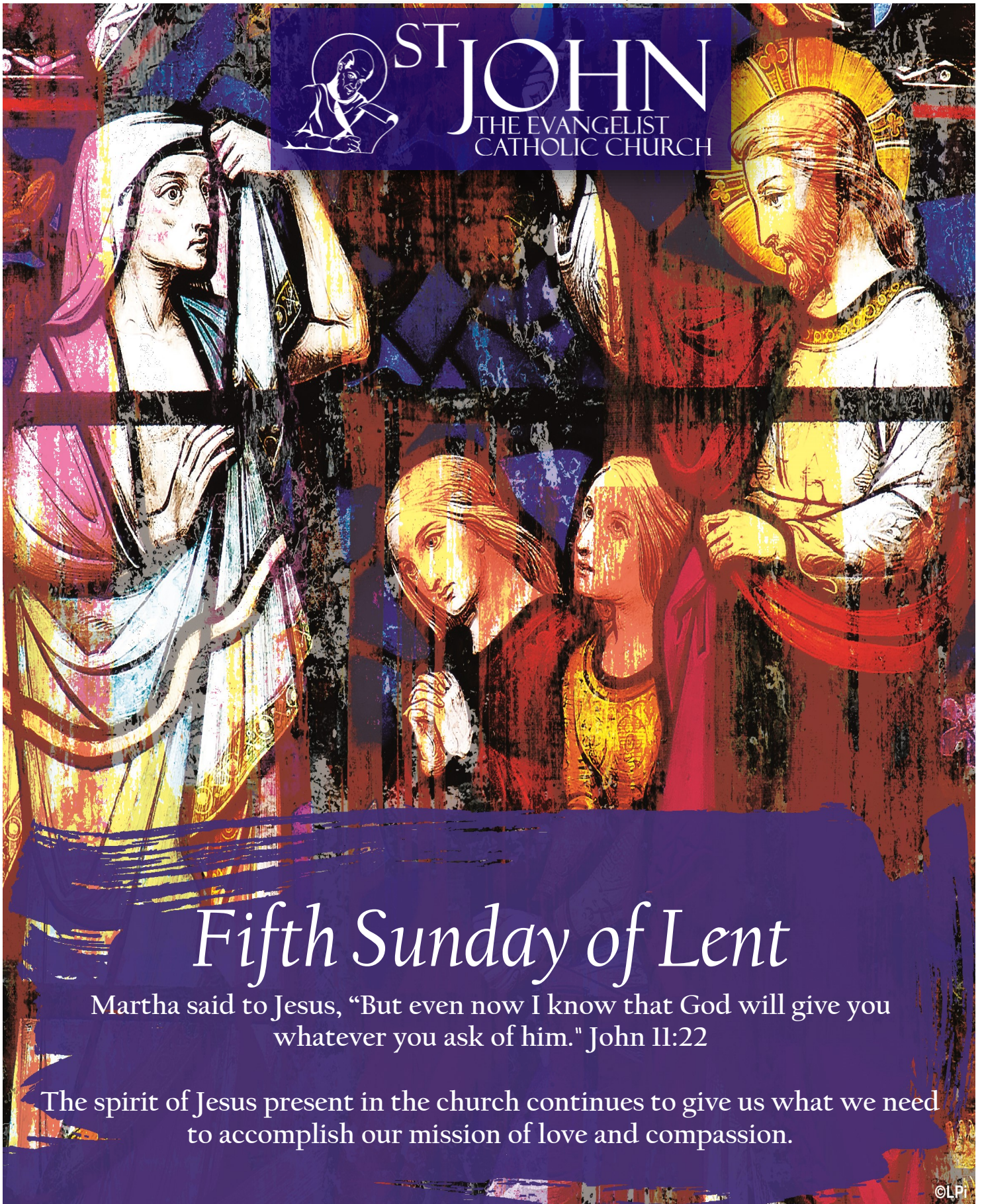




# ST JOHN

THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



## *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Martha said to Jesus, "But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." John 11:22

The spirit of Jesus present in the church continues to give us what we need to accomplish our mission of love and compassion.

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All weekend, weekday Masses, Adoration, Fish Fries and Stations of the Cross are **CANCELLED** until further notice.

Office hours: **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**, please call 785-843-0109. Website: [www.sjevangelist.com](http://www.sjevangelist.com)

Reconciliation: Wednesday 11:00 am-12:00 pm, 6:00-8:00 pm; Saturday 3:00-4:00 pm



# 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.

“TO ONE WHO HAS FAITH, NO EXPLANATION IS NECESSARY.  
TO ONE WITHOUT FAITH, NO EXPLANATION IS POSSIBLE.”  
-ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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**Weekend Masses (CANCELLED until further notice)**

Saturday..... 4:30 pm

Sunday.....7:00 am, 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 2:00 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm

**Weekday Masses (CANCELLED until further notice)**

Monday-Friday.....7:30 am

Saturday.....8:00 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

Wednesday..... 11:00 am-12:00 pm, 6:00-8:00 pm

Saturday..... 3:00-4:00 pm

.....(and by appointment)

**Adoration** ..... **CANCELLED until further notice.**

.....Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 7:00 am—9:00 pm

..... in the Padre Pio Chapel

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

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

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# A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falcioni.

O Mary,  
you always brighten our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain  
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,  
you know what we need,  
and we are confident you will provide for us  
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,  
the Divine Physician,  
for those who have fallen ill,  
for those who are vulnerable,  
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with  
protecting the health and safety of others  
and for those who are tending to the sick  
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who took upon himself our  
sufferings and carried our sorrows,  
so as to lead us, through the Cross,  
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God.  
In our needs, despise not our petitions,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

*Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis*

KNIGHTS OF  COLUMBUS



# SAINT JOHN SCHOOL



## STUDENT RESOURCES WITH SCHOOL CLOSED

Because of the ongoing concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, St. John School is closed until further notice. Teachers and staff have placed resources on student Google Classroom pages so that students may stay current with their studies. Additional staff links are posted below for other subject areas. Our plan is to provide educational resources as a way to keep the learning going. We don't want to overwhelm everyone but wanted to make sure we stay connected to our students. Teachers are available by email, so feel free to ask questions if needed.



Karen Dixon is going to be coordinating technology needs. Here is a note from her: "In order to provide educational activities for your student(s) during the school closure, the St. John staff is posting suggested activities on their websites. Many of these activities require devices with internet access. If you need a laptop for your child(ren), and have internet at home, please contact Ms. Dixon [kdixon@sjeagles.com](mailto:kdixon@sjeagles.com) or Chris Reffett [reffett@saint-johns.net](mailto:reffett@saint-johns.net). We will arrange a pickup time at school. By signing out a laptop, you will be accepting financial responsibility for any damages. Please only check one out if you absolutely need it but we want to make sure it is accessible if needed. All teacher websites are located here: <https://saint-johns.eduk12.net/facultyinfo>." Paper packets of materials can be made available if needed.

Jessica Dunn, Art: <https://saint-johns.eduk12.net/webpages?Teacher=Jessica+Dunn&Salutation=>  
Chelsea Solomon, Music: <https://saint-johns.eduk12.net/webpages?Teacher=Chelsea+Solomon&Salutation=>  
Michael Kennedy, Physical Education: <https://saint-johns.eduk12.net/webpages?Teacher=Michael+Kennedy&Salutation=>  
Karen Dixon, Technology: <https://saint-johns.eduk12.net/webpages?Teacher=Karen+Dixon&Salutation=>  
Karen Rinke, Library: <https://saint-johns.eduk12.net/webpages?Teacher=Karen+Rinke&Salutation=>

## VACANT POSITIONS AT ST. JOHN SCHOOL

### 3rd grade positions

Interested applicants should complete the teacher application process at: [www.archkcks.org](http://www.archkcks.org).

### 4th/5th Grade Science/ Social Studies

Seeking a 4th/5th grade teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Duties will include the development of classroom plans for the development of science and social studies. Interested applicants should complete the teacher application process at: [www.archkcks.org](http://www.archkcks.org).

## ST. JOHN MEXICAN FIESTA SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships are offered to qualifying students of Mexican descent from the Lawrence Catholic community who wish to pursue or continue a higher education either at a college, technical or trade school. Applicants must complete the financial assistance application form that is available at the **St. John Parish office** or by contacting Michael Ramirez at **785-766-5723** or [ramirezmarj@hotmail.com](mailto:ramirezmarj@hotmail.com). Please **complete and return to St. John Parish office by April 13.**



Eight graders taking tours of high schools. It won't be long before they will be leaving us and moving on to new adventures.



# FOCUS ON THE WORD

## UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this time?

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Committed

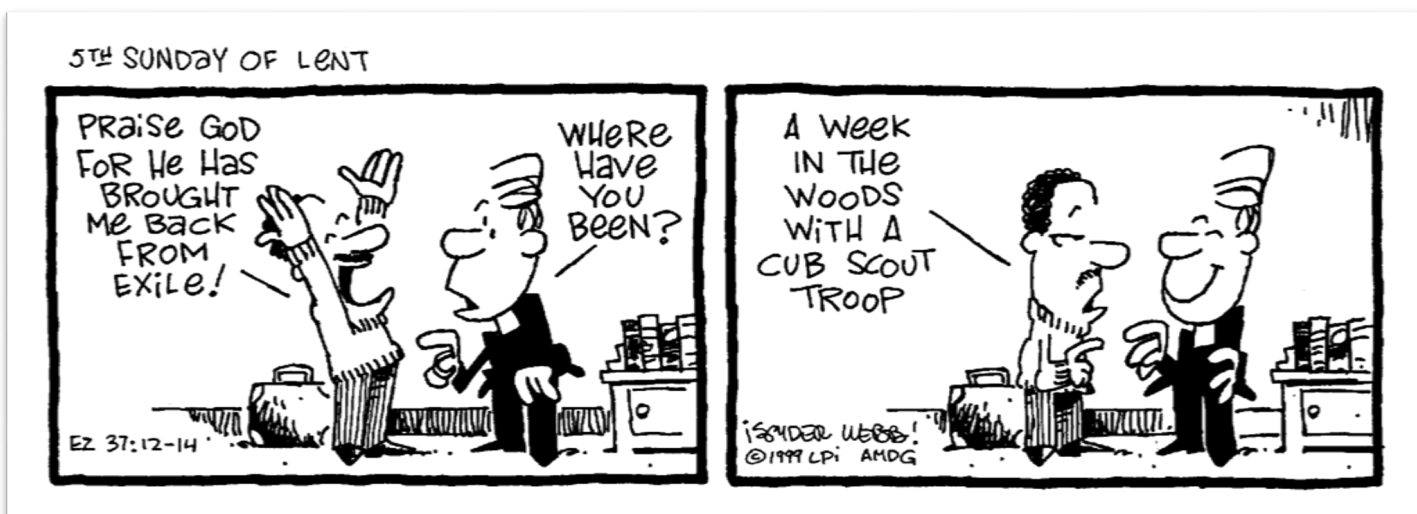
I remember Jim Valvano, Jimmy V to many, saying the iconic words, "Don't give up; you can never give up." The former coach of the NC State men's basketball team was dying of cancer, yet he refused to throw in the towel and give in to his disease. His words exemplified the best of the human spirit we all share. Sometimes, living out those words seem much more difficult than saying them.

These words are also important for our faith life. The life Jesus calls us to is not easy. When working toward a life of greater generosity and surrender of all to God, we are prone to fall flat on our face many times. We are not called to this life only when we are strong. It is how we respond when times are the most difficult that truly defines us as disciples and stewards. The world may think we are down for the count, but rising again gives testimony that in Christ we are stronger.

Commitment takes a willingness to do the things needed to get stronger and build our spiritual muscles. We cannot expect to find success in the spiritual life unless we continue to work on our resolve and grow in our knowledge of the faith. A marathon runner would never be able to make it to the finish line unless they have trained and prepared in advance. We must work hard to stay the course and prepare for the race at hand. No matter what this life may have in store for us, we are called to not give up. God will never give up on us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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# OBSERVING LENT AT ST. JOHN'S PARISH

## Stewardship Spotlight

Did you know the three traditional Lenten practices have a special connection with stewardship?

Temperance (or fasting) means doing with less and connecting with those who always have less.

Generosity (or almsgiving) means sharing with the poor.

Prayer means opening our mind and heart to the God who loves all of God's creation.

We wish you a very fruitful Lent, and as always, we are grateful for your generosity to St. John!



Knights of Columbus  
Friday Fish Fry  
has been **CANCELED**  
due to health concerns.

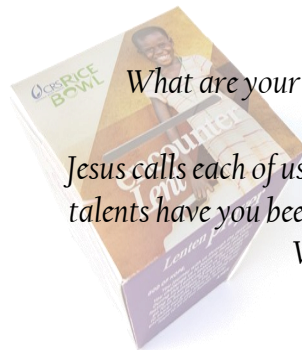
## *“The Leaven” is on Audio Reader*

If you or someone you know would benefit from an audio version of “The Leaven”, the Archdiocesan newspaper, one is available! It is available through Audio-Reader here in Lawrence. All you need is to be able to have someone certify that you have an impairment that impairs your ability to hold or to read printed material. To receive the service, please call Audio-Reader at 785-864-4600.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

[formed.org/lent](https://formed.org/lent)  
free access to FORMED videos

47 EPISODES



## *Fifth Week of Lent*

What are your hopes and dreams for the future? What will you need to do to accomplish those dreams?  
Jesus calls each of us to use our gifts and talents in the service of others. What gifts and talents have you been blessed with? How might you use your gifts to help other people?

Visit [crsricebowl.org](https://crsricebowl.org) for more information.

Get a rice bowl at the back of the church.



# OBSERVING LENT AT ST. JOHN'S PARISH



**CAPUCHIN**  
FRANCISCANS



**ST. LAWRENCE**  
CATHOLIC CAMPUS CENTER



## Mass Opportunities

While our sanctuaries are closed in effort to contain the spread of the virus, there are several opportunities to “virtually” attend Mass on a daily and weekly basis.

Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas  
Archbishop Joseph Naumann is broadcasting daily Mass at 8:30 am each day on his Facebook page at: [facebook.com/achbishopnaumann](https://www.facebook.com/achbishopnaumann)

The Capuchins Franciscan of Denver will live stream Mass every Sunday from the St. Francis of Assis Friary Chapel. Mass will begin at 8:55 am.  
Capuchin Franciscans: [capuchins.org/mass](https://www.capuchins.org/mass)

Father Mitchell Zimmeman and the St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center at the University of Kansas are offering several online opportunities throughout the week.

Holy Mass, Adoration and Holy Hour  
St. Lawrence will stream private Masses on its KU Catholic Facebook Page according to the following schedule, effective immediately.  
[facebook.com/kucatholic](https://www.facebook.com/kucatholic)

MONDAY - THURSDAY: 5:15 pm\*  
FRIDAY - SATURDAY: 12:10 pm\*  
SUNDAY: 11:00 am\*

\*Each Mass will be preceded by an hour of ‘virtual’ adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and include the rosary and Liturgy of the Hours.

## Other Resources

Additional resources for prayer and reflection:

Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas:  
[archkck.org](https://www.archkck.org)

The Vatican:  
<http://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:  
<http://www.usccb.org/>



# 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.

<p><b>Nicole Allensworth</b>  <b>Andrew Bouchard</b>, son of Steve &amp; Patti Fisher  <b>Susan Guenther Brown</b>, friend of Craig Fincham  <b>Curtis Burns</b>, friend of Joe &amp; Bev Mater  <b>Roger Caldwell</b>, brother of Leila Soper  <b>Hank Desch</b>  <b>Garrett Dreiling</b>  <b>Linda Erp</b>, mother of Emily Vigne  <b>Joanne Feist</b>, friend of Ginny Short  <b>Colette Fisher</b>  <b>Linda Flyer</b>, friend of Le Marie Gilbert  <b>Janet Fox</b>, family of Norb &amp; Jeanette Otter  <b>Rudy Fritz</b>  <b>Ed Garza</b>  <b>Marianne Gowen</b>  <b>Bonnie Griggs</b>  <b>Tony Guadian</b>  <b>Buddy Hadl</b>, brother of Shirley Steffen  <b>Michael Hamer</b>  <b>Lonna Hamm</b>, daughter of Larry &amp; Martha Hamm  <b>Mary Hane</b>  <b>Peggy Harders</b>, niece of Norb &amp; Jeanette Otter</p>	<p><b>Newt Hasson</b>  <b>Dustin Harper-Head</b>, great-nephew of Mary Head  <b>Lori Haynes</b>, friend of Fleda Umscheid  <b>Luke Henry</b>, nephew of Galen &amp; Beth Uhrich  <b>Kathy Higley</b>  <b>Dianne Hofmann</b>  <b>Bob Holek</b>  <b>Tina Jinkens</b>  <b>Michele Johnson</b>  <b>Allen Kehde</b>  <b>Diana Matthews</b>  <b>Leo Mauler</b>, son of Al &amp; Marcy Mauler  <b>Russ McDonald</b>  <b>Jim McMurray</b>  <b>Ed Medrano</b>  <b>Zackary Messerly</b>, nephew of Debra Bradley  <b>Linden Morgan</b>  <b>Lisa Morrow-Welsh</b>, daughter of Linda Brey  <b>Augustus Nelson</b>  <b>Danny Nguyen</b>  <b>Diane Nichols</b>, sister of Phyllis Stone  <b>Theophilus Obiefule</b>  <b>Josephine Ramirez</b>  <b>Kathy Rennells</b>  <b>Eva Ricketts</b>, mother of Ingrid Hartman</p>	<p><b>Joel Rivera</b>  <b>Virginia Romero</b>  <b>Jon Rossillon</b>  <b>James Sandy</b>  <b>Alexander Ramirez Salazar</b>  <b>Jerry Scherer</b>  <b>Greg Schurer</b>, brother of Mick Schurer  <b>Mary Kay Seidl</b>, sister of Loretta Seidl  <b>Pete Sethatut</b>, father of Paula Higbie  <b>Christine Shipley</b>  <b>Gerald Simon</b>  <b>Brett Smith</b>  <b>Meyer Sneed</b>, son of Taylor &amp; Melissa Sneed  <b>Linda Snyder</b>, aunt of Dan Taylor  <b>Cameron Stupansky</b>, friend of Kathy Colson  <b>Jack Taylor</b>, brother of Daniel Taylor  <b>Deloris Tharp</b>  <b>Amelia Tinio</b>  <b>Enriqueta Valverde</b>  <b>Mary Vannicola</b>  <b>Cindy Vasquez</b>, sister of Gina Hodges  <b>Trent Wallace</b>  <b>Jeanette Walker</b>  <b>Ted Walker</b>  <b>Susan Williams</b>  <b>Nancy Wright</b>  <b>Jon Yarnell</b></p>
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29

- Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-5



# 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 March 22, 2020.

Budgeted weekly collection amount .....	\$29,807.69
Average weekly collection amount .....	\$29,055.74
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD .....	\$1,132,692.22
Actual collection fiscal YTD .....	\$1,104,118.36
<b>Net Shortage.....</b>	<b>\$28,573.86</b>

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

Contact Cris Denning at: [cdenning@saint-johns.net](mailto:cdenning@saint-johns.net) or by phone at **785-843-0109** if you have any questions.

Until weekend Masses resume and the parish office reopens, parishioners may send their tithe in the mail. Or you may sign up for PushPay for auto bank withdraws at: [sjevangelist.com](http://sjevangelist.com)



## MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGÉLIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

5º Domingo de la Cuaresma  
29 de marzo de 2020

La semana pasada, el ciego de nacimiento nos ilumina a creer en Jesús y postrarnos ante él para adorarlo. Ahora, la Liturgia, nos presenta otro gran milagro y las amigas de Jesús lo afirman de manera diferente al ciego. El diálogo es diferente pero la pregunta es la misma: ¿Crees tú esto? Es decir, que Jesús es la resurrección y la vida. La respuesta es afirmativa: “Sí, Señor. Creo firmemente que tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, el que tenía que venir al mundo.” (Juan 11:27) Para que el milagro sucediera, Jesús se tardó a propósito dos días en llegar, como nos lo relata el Evangelio. Tiempo muy largo para las hermanas. Era demasiado retraso; cuatro días tenía ya su hermano en el sepulcro. Sin embargo, para tener fe el tiempo no cuenta. Ellas tenían fe y el Señor las pone a prueba. Salieron triunfantes; Marta y María son modelo para todas las generaciones.

Estamos por terminar el camino en el desierto; la Cuaresma pronto llegará a su fin. El próximo Domingo celebraremos el Domingo de Ramos. A estas alturas, ya debe la fe rebozar en el corazón de cada creyente. Tal como las amigas de Jesús: “Marta y María, protagonistas del Evangelio de hoy, nos enseñan cómo debe vivirse la vida del cristiano, ‘el enamorado’ del Señor... ‘Contemplación y servicio’: éste es el camino de nuestra vida. Cada uno de nosotros piense: ¿Cuánto tiempo al día dedico a contemplar el misterio de Jesús? Y después: ¿Cómo trabajo? Trabajo tanto ¿que parece una alienación, o trabajo de modo coherente con mi fe?... Nos hará bien pensar esto”. (Papa Francisco)

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Jesús le dijo: “Yo soy la resurrección y la vida. El que cree en mí, aunque haya muerto, vivirá; y todo aquel que está vivo y cree en mí, no morirá para siempre. ¿Crees tú esto?” Ella le contestó: “Sí, Señor. Creo firmemente que tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, el que tenía que venir al mundo”. — Jn 11, 25-27

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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 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

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 29 DE MARZO

**Domingo:** Ez 37, 12-14/Sal 130, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8 [7]/Rom 8, 8-11/Jn 11, 1-45 o 11, 3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

**Lunes:** Dn 13, 1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62 o 13, 41-62/Sal 23, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 [4]/Jn 8, 1-11

**Martes:** Nm 21, 4-9/Sal 102, 2-3. 16-18. 19-21/Jn 8, 21-30

**Miércoles:** Dn 3, 14-20. 91-92. 95/Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56/Jn 8, 31-42

**Jueves:** Gn 17, 3-9/Sal 105, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 [8]/Jn 8, 51-59

**Viernes:** Jr 20, 10-13/Sal 18, 2-3. 3-4. 5-6. 7 [cfr. 7]/Jn 10, 31-42

**Sábado:** Ez 37, 21-28/Jr 31, 10. 11-12. 13 [cfr. 10]/Jn 11, 45-56

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# SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

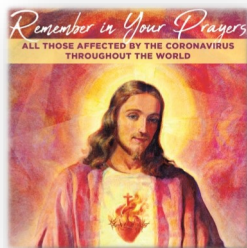
By Susan Tabor

Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee

We are experiencing an extraordinary time in our country's history; indeed, in the history of the world. The novel coronavirus pandemic has brought life almost to a standstill: Social distancing, mitigation and virus containment are becoming part of our regular vocabulary. Our abilities to be creative and efficient with our time and resources are being challenged in new ways. Mass and other meaningful church functions have been cancelled until further notice!

And though alternatives are popping up out there (virtual Mass, for instance), it's just not quite the same. But I find myself being grateful for them in a new, awe-driven sort of way.

Despite all the challenges facing us, there is hope, and it's in the Eucharist, that Sacrament we're all missing terribly. As Jesus died and rose, we are dying and rising! We can still take the Eucharist out into the world with us to be Christ's hands and feet and ears and eyes and touch (well, maybe not so much touching right now) to others. Giving of ourselves as we feel the pain and loss in all the sacrifices we're making and will make will bring us closer to Jesus, if we let it. And it can be not only big things, but also little things; calling people who have little to no support system to see how they're doing and if they need anything; emailing encouragement to friends and family; checking in on friends and offering to pick something up for them if you're going to be out; teaching a child how to cook or do laundry; really taking advantage of the extra time you may have now with your family; all learning a new skill or activity together through the internet or



through a book; taking extra food or personal care items to the homeless shelter or the drop-in center; spending extra time in prayer; writing letters... And the list goes on and on.

And there's a prayer we can all share together. You may have already seen it. It's popped up from a number of sources this week. May God help us stand with each other as a church, a country, a world! Holy Mary Blessed Mother, pray for us! Angels and saints, pray for us!

## Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.  
May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.  
May we who have the luxury of working from home  
Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.  
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close  
Remember those who have no options.  
May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those that have no safe place to go.  
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market  
Remember those who have no margin at all.  
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.  
As fear grips our country,  
let us choose love.  
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,  
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.  
Amen.

## JUSTICE MATTERS

Justice Matters – an interfaith network working for justice

Unusual circumstances call for unusual measures: **Nehemiah Action Assembly 2020 is cancelled.** Action will continue with community support in weeks to come. Please read this statement from our Co-Presidents regarding the COVID-19 virus:

Justice Matters Community,  
It is with heavy hearts and deep love for our community that we will be cancelling this year's Nehemiah Action Assembly, scheduled for April 20, due to the COVID-19 virus. As an organization it is our mission to better the lives of everyone in our community, particularly those people who are the most vulnerable or pushed to the margins. It is for that same reason that we are choosing to cancel—not postpone—the Nehemiah Assembly; we do not know how long this public health crisis will

last, and we do not want to run the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus.

The stories our members shared in house meetings, as well as those we've heard throughout our research process, have shown us that the need for justice in our community is great. We've heard stories about the hundreds of people in Douglas County who are experiencing homelessness. We've heard stories about black and brown students in our community being suspended from school just for acting like kids. We've heard stories about people who are unjustly locked up in our county jail even though they may be pre-conviction, unable to afford the low bail set for them, and/or not a threat to public safety or a flight risk.

COVID-19 is simply highlighting what we already know: our systems are stacked against the most vulnerable in our community. And it is those on the margins of our community



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# PARISH AND ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS



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## ARCHDIOCESAN 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is hosting a special Mass and reception for couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The event will be held from **2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Sunday, June 7** at the Church of the Nativity in Leawood. To receive an invitation from Archbishop Naumann please call Mary Anne Kierl at the Marriage and Family Life Office at **913-647-0345**.

## WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Archbishop Joseph Naumann, as USSB Chairman of the Pro-Life Committee, announced this initiative in November 2019. Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference." Everyone in the parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need. The 25th anniversary year of Evangelium vitae gives us a wonderful opportunity to assess, expand, and communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need. We are inviting parishes, through the support of their bishop and pastor, to join a nationwide effort from **March 25, 2020 to March 25, 2021** entitled: "Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service." To learn more visit: [www.walkingwithmoms.com](http://www.walkingwithmoms.com)

## ENFLAME OUR HEARTS

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## JUSTICE MATTERS

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who will feel the effects of COVID-19 the most deeply. Hourly workers who see their wages decrease will be at an even greater risk of eviction and homelessness. Kids who rely on eating two meals a day at school will be hungry. The people locked up in our already-overcrowded jail won't be able to create the distance necessary to avoid the spread of the virus. We know that the need for justice in our community will only increase after the COVID-19 virus runs its course.

As an organization we will continue to listen and fight for systemic changes in our community. However, for the next few weeks, these important practices will look different than usual. As we announced last week, our March 23 Solutions Briefing will be held online. Your participation in this event is critical, as we will share actionable items you can do from your homes to advance justice in our community. All smaller meetings will also be moved to online platforms, and our staff is working from home for the foreseeable future. More details are forthcoming, so please keep an eye on your email and our Facebook page for ways to engage virtually with us and to stay updated on our issue work.

Throughout the Gospel Jesus reminds us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Right now, the best way we can care for ourselves and love our neighbors is to stay home. And for now, we are sending prayers for good health to you and yours.

Sincerely,

*Aileen Ball & Brent Hoffmann*  
*Justice Matters Co-Presidents*

Lord, in 1879 the Apparition in Knock gave comfort and hope to your people in a time of distress and worry. In the presence of Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist and the Lamb of

God you showed us that we are neither alone nor abandoned in times of great need, personally and as a people. We ask you Lord, to walk with us again as we face the Coronavirus. Help our medical personnel to bring the virus to a swift end and bless them in their work.

We ask healing and recovery to be given to all who are suffering from the virus and their families. May all of us, Lord, be strengthened by the spiritual support of the Christian community at this time through prayer, fasting and concern for one another. May we never abandon hope in the face of adversity and trust in your love for us.

Amen

Our Lady of Knock,  
pray for us.

St. Joseph,  
pray for us.

St. John the Evangelist,  
pray for us.

*-Father Brian Grogan SJ*



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