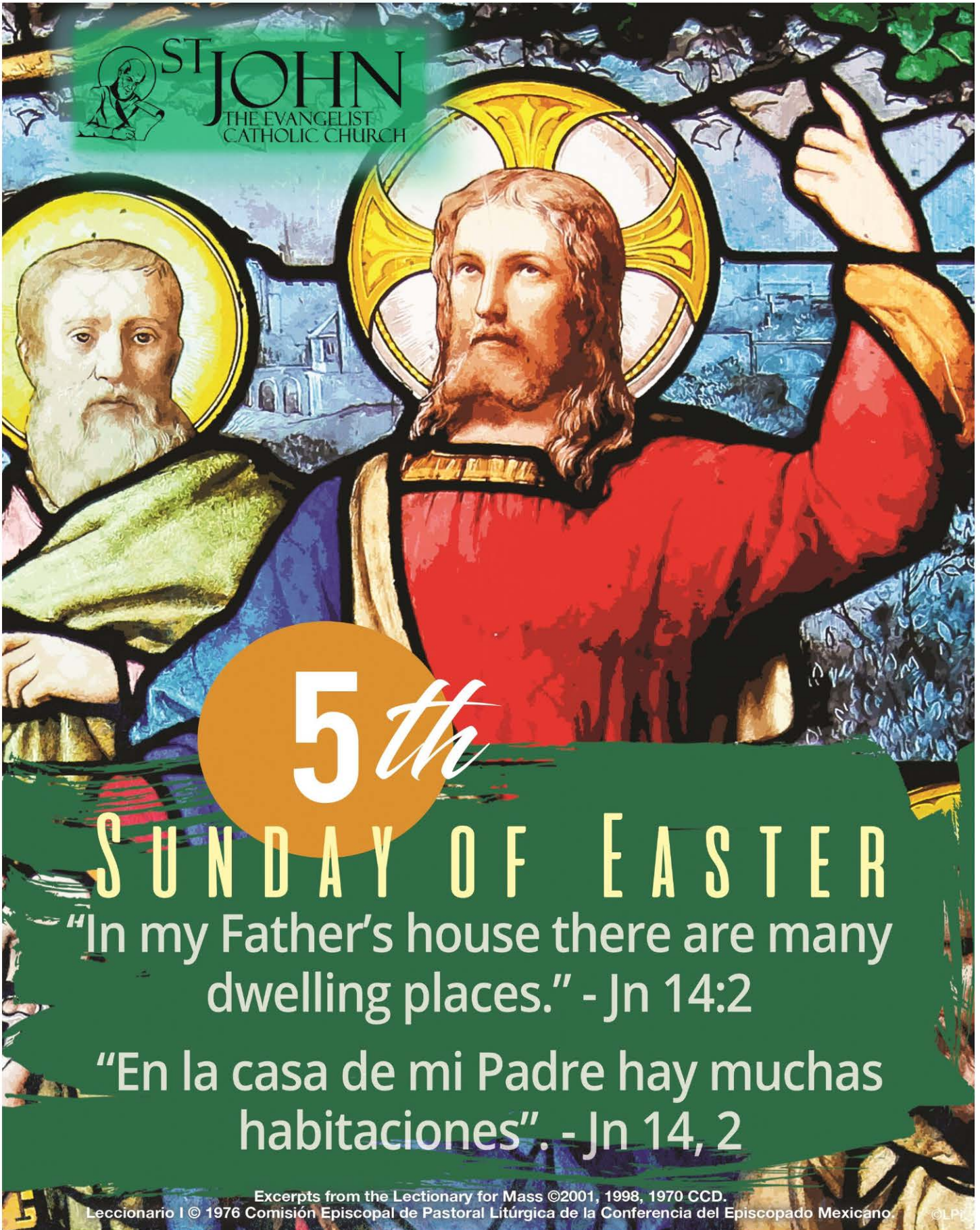




ST JOHN
THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH



5th

SUNDAY OF EASTER

“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.” - Jn 14:2

“En la casa de mi Padre hay muchas habitaciones”. - Jn 14, 2

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“THE EARTH IS FULL OF THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD.”
~PSALM 33:5

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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, 7:00-8:00 pm
Saturday.....3:00-4:00 pm
.....(and by appointment)

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.....in the Padre Pio Chapel

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

HAPPY RETIREMENT



MRS. LOIS MERSMANN HAS ANNOUNCED HER RETIREMENT

RETIREMENT: Mrs. Lois Mersmann has announced her retirement as Director of Religious Education here at St. John's effective June 30, 2020. She has been a dedicated essential part of the religious education efforts for 17 years, the last four of those years as director. She has been the backbone of the religious education programs who has unconditionally given of herself so that the children know Jesus. Fr. John has stated, "I personally appreciate Lois' sacrifice for our children and for delaying her retirement in order to make this year of transition period run smoothly."

Please follow the bulletin in the month of June for more about Lois and her service to St. John's.

Mass Opportunities

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

St. John will live stream Mass on Sunday during May (these are closed to the public). Mass will be at 10:00 am (English) and 2:00 pm (Spanish) and will be found by clicking the link on the St. John web page: sjevangelist.com

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/archbishopnaumann](https://www.facebook.com/archbishopnaumann)

The Capuchins Franciscan of Denver will



Photo by Emma Milburn

live stream Mass every Sunday from the St. Francis of Assisi Friary Chapel. Mass will begin at 8:55 am. Capuchin Franciscans: capuchins.org/mass

Father Mitchell Zimmerman 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.

[facebook.com/kucatholic](https://www.facebook.com/kucatholic)

MONDAY - THURSDAY: 5:15 pm

FRIDAY - SATURDAY: 12:10 pm

SUNDAY: 11:00 am

Other Resources

Sites for prayer and reflection:

Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas: archkck.org

The Vatican:

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

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

ST. JOHN MEXICAN FIESTA ANNOUNCEMENT

We are sad to announce that we have decided to postpone the 40th Annual St. John's Mexican Fiesta until next year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. While our summer Fiesta would bring much joy and togetherness that we all need right now, we feel that we cannot risk the well-being of our volunteers and guests. This has been a difficult decision for our Fiesta committee but necessary to protect all involved. We ask you to join us in prayer for all who have been affected by this crisis and for the end of this worldwide pandemic so we can soon come together to celebrate community, friends and family.



TITHING WHILE WE ARE AWAY ...

Thank you for your continued support of St. John Parish. Your support helps us to continue our mission during this time of change.

If you would prefer to give your weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly tithe via a check or cash you can drop your tithe in the secure lock box inside the back porch of the parish office on the SOUTH side of the church office. You can also mail your check to 1229 Vermont Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.

If electronic giving is your preferred method you can give via our electronic giving method **PushPay**. This can be a one time or recurring gift. Simply visit our website: www.sjevangelist.com and click on the Online Giving Link on the home page. Or text "stjohncc" to **77977** to give via your mobile device.

Thank you for your continued generosity to St. John Parish!



SAINT JOHN SCHOOL



TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

If you are continuing to have problems with technology or are needing to borrow a Chromebook please email Ms. Dixon at: dixon@saint-johns.net. If you are unable to continue to have internet service due to loss of income, please contact Chris Reffett at: reffett@saint-johns.net for more information. Midco has created a program that will help.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET OUTSIDE

Several of our garden areas and preschool playground areas are in need of some cleaning up. Because we are not in school, our green team has not been able to keep some of our garden areas from over growing. We also have a preschool play area that tends to get overgrown when school is not in session. If you would like to volunteer your time to get outside and help us out, please email me at: reffett@saint-johns.net to schedule a time.

COVID-19 UPDATE FOR ENROLLMENT IN ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

If you are a new family who is enrolling for the first time or a returning St. John family...

- Simply complete the [enrollment form and submit online](#)
- Paying Enrollment Fee? You can mail a check or pay using our [Pushpay online giving](#) platform

We care about you and your family! Families undergoing financial stress due to the Coronavirus are able to delay their enrollment fees or pay in installments until August 1, 2020. Please complete the enrollment form and we will work with you on how to proceed with your enrollment fee. Please contact Cris Denning at **785-843-0109** to discuss your particular situation.

Thank you for your generosity

We would like to recognize the following St. John parishioners who contributed this Easter season to provide flowers for the altar. We are grateful for your support.

Arturo and Maricela Aguilar / Ann Brill in memory of Larry B. Schmitz, Marian Brown and Mildred Brill / Martin and Cecilia Burke in memory of Harold Giebler / Hector and Fabiola Cruz Cantu / Desmond and Patricia Chikezie in memory of Bernard and Dorothy Nuosa, Kathy Brunen and John Taylor / Adrian and Debbie Fishburn in memory of The Katzfey Family / Carmen Flores / Victor and Marisela Garcia / Julio and Diana Gonzalez / Patty Guadian in memory of Michael and Felisa Guadian, and in Honor of Tony Guadian / Richard Harter, Sr. / Marie Ice / Walt and Janie Leshner in memory of Godfrey and Mary Jirak and Joe Jirak / Abraham Arroyo and Amelia Mendoza / Fred and Lois Mersmann in memory of Fred J. and Regina Mersmann, Clyde and Thelma Mersmann, Fields and Edna Holmes / Robert and Billie Mitchell in memory of Donald Mitchell / Alicia Monson in memory of Richard Monson / Maria Mota in memory of Catarino Vidal Flores / John Oberzan in memory of Rudy J. Oberzan, Agnes M. Oberzan, Rudy J. Oberzan II, and David M. Oberzan / Fausta Ortega-Garcia / Mick Schurer in memory of Mary Schurer, Pat Schurer and Michael Schurer / Teresa Schwartz in memory of Leo E. Schwartz / Joan Starks in memory of Pat and Florence Smith and Smith Ann Myers / Julia Thomas / Benny and Amelia Tinio in memory of Antonino Cipat, Sr., Faustina Cipat, Victoriano Cipat, Zoilo Catipay and Irene Catipay / Janet Todd in memory of Mom and Dad / Sarah Beth Tunget in memory of Valentin Romero / Patricia Villanueva / Bruce Woolverton.



MAY FLOWERS

April showers, they say, bring May flowers. Our hope is that the hardship and suffering of this April bring respite and relief in May, though in truth we don't know how long it may take.

We extend our love and care to all whose lives were touched by the pandemic; we are overwhelmed by gratitude for all who strove to save lives, at the risk of their own; we are deeply moved by all who stood by their posts and provided the things we needed; we stand with those who lost their jobs; we bear witness to those brave leaders who made difficult, but correct decisions.

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.

Nicole Allensworth
Andrew Bouchard, son of Steve & Patti Fisher
Susan Guenther Brown, friend of Craig Fincham
Curtis Burns, friend of Joe & Bev Mater
Roger Caldwell, brother of Leila Soper
Hank Desch
Paula Dougherty
Garrett Dreiling
Linda Erp, mother of Emily Vigne
Joanne Feist, friend of Ginny Short
Colette Fisher
Linda Flyer, friend of Le Marie Gilbert
Janet Fox, family of Norb & Jeanette Otter
Rudy Fritz
Ed Garza
Bonnie Griggs
Tony Guadian
Buddy Hadl, brother of Shirley Steffen
Michael Hamer
Lonna Hamm, daughter of Larry & Martha Hamm
Mary Hane
Peggy Harders, niece of Norb &

Jeanette Otter
Newt Haddon
Dustin Harper-Head, great-nephew of Mary Head
Lori Haynes, friend of Fleda Umscheid
Luke Henry, nephew of Galen & Beth Urrich
Kathy Higley
Bob Holec
Tina Jinkens
Michele Johnson
Allen Kehde
Diana Matthews
Leo Mauler, son of Al & Marcy Mauler
Russ McDonald
Jim McMurray
Ed Medrano
Zackary Messerly, nephew of Debra Bradley
Linden Morgan
Lisa Morrow-Welsh, daughter of Linda Brey
Augustus Nelson
Danny Nguyen
Diane Nichols, sister of Phyllis Stone
Theophilus Obiefule
Mike Owens
Josephine Ramirez

Eva Ricketts, mother of Ingrid Hartman
Joel Rivera
Virginia Romero
Jon Rossillon
James Sandy
Alexander Ramirez Salazar
Jerry Scherer
Greg Schurer, brother of Mick Schurer
Mary Kay Seidl, sister of Loretta Seidl
Pete Sethatut, father of Paula Higbie
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Gerald Simon
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"The Leaven" is on Audio Reader

Did you know "The Leaven", the Archdiocesan newspaper, 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.

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 April 26, 2020.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$29,807.69
Average weekly collection amount.....	\$28,829.27
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD.....	\$1,311,538.36
Actual collection fiscal YTD.....	\$1,268,487.66
Net Shortage.....	\$43,050.70

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

Contact Cris Denning at: cdenning@saint-johns.net or by phone at 785-843-0109 if you have any questions.

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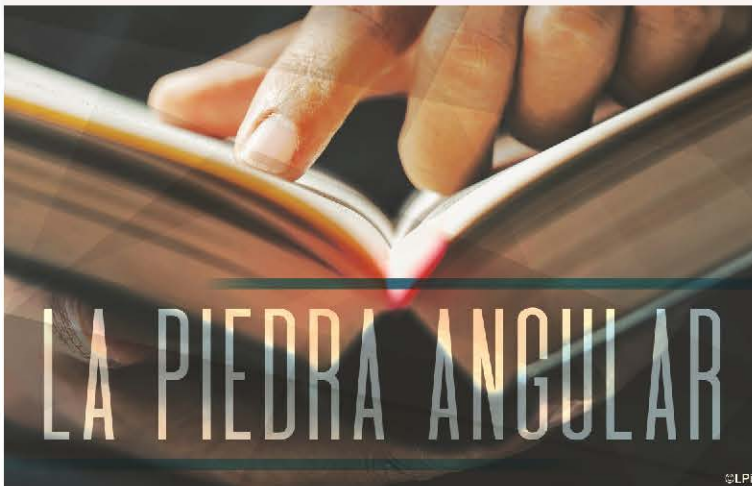
Until weekend Masses resume and the parish office reopens, parishioners may send their tithe in the mail.

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

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

10 de mayo de 2020
5º Domingo de Pascua

Todo gira alrededor del Señor resucitado; tanto en las primeras comunidades cristianas como en la Iglesia actual. La segunda carta de Pedro dice que Cristo es la piedra angular; recomienda que nos adhiramos a ella con firmeza. "Yo voy a colocar en Sión una piedra angular, escogida y preciosa: quien se afirme en ella no quedara defraudado." (1 Pedro 2:6). Jesús es la piedra viva, y Él lo afirma diciendo: "Yo soy el Camino la Verdad y la Vida. Nadie va al Padre sino por mí." (Juan 14:6). Al entender a Jesús como piedra angular, es decir como piedra viva, nos comprometemos como bautizados a hacer lo mismo, dar la vida y ser vida para otros. Las tres lecturas de este quinto Domingo de Pascua tienen su fundamento en el misterio pascual de Jesús. El centro del mensaje es que, si rechazamos a Jesús, rechazamos al Padre. Sabiendo que el único camino de llegar al Padre es por Cristo: ¿Nos damos cuenta de ello? ¿Qué harás tu para ir por el camino indicado por Jesús? La oración colectiva de este domingo nos afirma en la misericordia y amor de Jesús hacia su pueblo: "Señor, tú que te has dignado hacernos hijos tuyos, míranos siempre con amor de Padre y haz que cuantos creemos en Cristo obtengamos la verdadera libertad y la herencia eterna." Pidamos con fervor en esta Liturgia de la Eucaristía que el Señor nos de todo lo que necesitamos para conocerle y amarle a tal punto que encontremos en Él, el Camino la Verdad y la Vida, mostrándolo con el testimonio de verdaderos hijos e hijas de Dios. ¡Aleluya! ©LPi



“En la casa de mi Padre hay muchas habitaciones. Si no fuera así, yo se lo habría dicho a ustedes, porque voy a prepararles un lugar. Cuando me vaya y les prepare un sitio, volveré y los llevaré conmigo, para que donde yo esté, estén también ustedes”. — Jn 14, 2-3

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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 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 10 DE MAYO

Domingo: Hch 6, 1-7/Sal 33, 1-2. 4-5. 18-19 [22]/1 Pe 2, 4-9/Jn 14, 1-12

Lunes: Hch 14, 5-18/Sal 115, 1-2. 3-4. 15-16 [1]/Jn 14, 21-26

Martes: Hch 14, 19-28/Sal 145, 10-11. 12-13. 21 [cfr. 12]/Jn 14, 27-31

Miércoles: Hch 15, 1-6/Sal 122, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5 [cfr. 1]/Jn 15, 1-8

Jueves: Hch 1, 15-17. 20-26/Sal 113, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8 [8]/Jn 15, 9-17

Viernes: Hch 15, 22-31/Sal 57, 8-9. 10 y 12 [10]/Jn 15, 12-17

Sábado: Hch 16, 1-10/Sal 100, 1-2. 3. 5 [2]/Jn 15, 18-21

Domingo siguiente: Hch 8, 5-8. 14-17/Sal 66, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7. 16. 20 [1]/1 Pe 3, 15-18/Jn 14, 15-21

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor

Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee

As I write this, it is a beautiful spring evening with temps in the low 70's, and it looks like our state began re-opening on May 4 after a month-long quarantine due to the Covid19 virus.

We have a lot to do once we get up and going. And before we know it, we will have national and state elections at hand! Our votes are important. I always pray over mine for a long, long time. My vote is one vote, but we all have seen what one vote, and numbers of single votes can do to steer the course of an election. And the events of this year have made us all realize the value of each other and of our world in general. We have grown to value in new ways our connectedness with each other and with God and with the Sacraments of our Church and the sacraments of daily life.

I ran across a prayer that I really like, and that will help direct me as I prepare myself to cast my votes. I wanted to share it with you. I'm pasting it below.

We Pray

Almighty God, most merciful and providential, as people of faith, we come to you today in a spirit of humility and hope. During these challenging times help us to restore the sacred responsibility of our leaders to the common good, to equality and inclusion, and to protect the disempowered. We know that every human being is a person of dignity and worth. In this powerful and troubled nation, guide our efforts to shape a more just democracy that values this truth. Root out the corrosive power of

money and restore the common good as the purpose of our politics.

Dear God, we ask that you deliver this nation from cynicism and from the erosion of trust that divides us. Help us to remain ever hopeful and to hold firm to our faith in the spirit of self-governance and the dignity of democratic representation. Empower us with free and honest elections reflecting the collective wisdom and the will of the people. Watch over us in this moment of our nation's history and grant us the insight to know the right way forward and the perseverance to create a truly faithful democracy.

God of humanity, open our eyes to the rightful priority of people over money and power in our politics.

God of abundance, let the wisdom of our democracy be guided by the richness and diversity of the American people.

God of liberation, free our democracy and our elected officials from the stranglehold of money and special interests.

God of conversion, soften the hearts of our lawmakers and open them to needed reforms in our democratic institutions.

God of unity, energize people of goodwill across the nation to join movements for positive change.

God of righteousness, help us create a democracy that addresses the needs of the silenced and the marginalized.

God of truth, restore the faith of the American people in the promise and the spirit of our democracy.

God of reconciliation, help us shape a shared national identity rooted in kindness and healthy civil discourse.

Amen.

Written by Sr. Quincy Howard, OP. Sister Quincy is a Dominican Sister of Sinsinawa and a Government Relations Specialist at NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice.

JUSTICE MATTERS

Justice Matters – an interfaith network working for justice

At this writing on April 30, we are still awaiting the judge's decision on the legal action seeking to require Douglas County to allow voters the opportunity to vote on use of tax dollars for expanding the county jail. Since the Covid-19 guidelines were issued the jail population decreased from about 220 to under 120 persons. Some of the alternatives to incarceration long advocated for by Justice Matters have been implemented. It took a virus to show they could work. Many of those inmates released are not convicted of crime -- only unable to post bond or pay bail.

By the time you are reading this we should know if and when we will need signatures on a petition to continue our quest for the right to vote on this matter. If you want to help, text the word 'democracy' (without the quote marks' to 33777 or email me to let me know you are willing to sign the petition. We will need about 2700 signatures. To date we have less than, but close to 1000 people who have made a pledge to sign a petition.

If you have questions please let me know. Pat Lechtenberg at: plek10berg@aol.com



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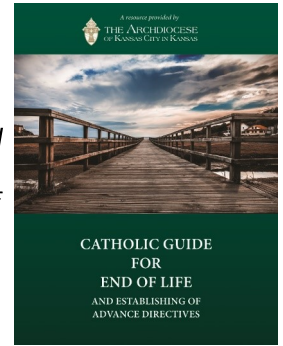
ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

End-Of-Life Planning Resources

We are excited to share a new resource with you. The Ethics Council that serves Archbishop Naumann has produced a beautiful new booklet titled "Catholic Guide For-End-Of Life and Establishing Of Advance Directives".

In order to make wise decisions about complex treatments in grave illness or as life's end approaches, and to discern what kind of advance medical directives to prepare, it is important that Catholics be familiar with what our faith reveals about human life; about its meaning and its destiny. (Catholic Guide for End of Life, pg. 2)

This guide is a comprehensive resource for End of Life Planning in accordance with our Catholic Faith. It also includes two Appendices with a Durable Power of Attorney and an Advance Directive tear-out form. A digital copy is available on the Pro-Life website at: <https://www.archkck.org/prolife-end-of-life-care> that can be downloaded for free or printed off for extra copies.



ZOOM PRESENTATIONS ON PROTECTING KIDS & TEENS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Sam and Beth Meier are available for Zoom presentations on protecting kids & teens in a digital world.

Presentations are for parent groups, schools, parishes, school staff, parish staff, etc. With COVID-19, pornography sites are reporting 13-22% increases in site traffic. Our kids and teens are dealing with increased levels of temptation. We'll share practical tips, research, cool videos from college students <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOS4ROC3Kz0> and hopeful stories.

To set up a presentation, contact Sam at **913-952-2267** or smeier@archkck.org.

Sam and Beth Meier are passionate about protecting families from pornography and our hyper-sexualized culture. They have

given numerous local and national presentations, and have been interviewed by EWTN's *Life on the Rock*, *Our Sunday Visitor* and the *National Catholic Register*.



Beth Meier, MA - 7th and 8th grade Science & Religion teacher at Prince of Peace Catholic School in Olathe. BS Biology - University of Dallas, MA Education - University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, MA Theology - Maryvale Institute / John Paul II Institute in Rome.

Sam Meier, MA, LPC - licensed professional counselor for the Archdiocese of KCK and Benedictine College. Sam co-leads the Valor and Virtue conference. He helps to lead an accountability group for 31 BC students. BA Psychology - University of Dallas, MA Counseling - University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

Marriage License Update

Please see the linked [article](#) regarding obtaining marriage licenses in various Kansas jurisdictions: Check also directly with your local jurisdiction. Rev. John Riley, Chancellor. Information can be found on the Kansas Judicial Branch web site: <http://www.kscourts.org>



UPDATE: ARCHDIOCESAN 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Due to the current health emergency, the Annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated by Archbishop Naumann, that was scheduled for June 8 at Nativity Parish, has been **rescheduled to August 23 at Nativity Parish at 2:00 pm**. Please continue to send in the names of couples from your parish to receive an invitation to the Mass via fax, mail, or email. Email to: flifsec@archkck.org

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SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus is getting a place ready for you in heaven. One day you can spend time with Jesus there. You will never get sick. You will never be sad. You will never be left out. You will be loved because you are God's special child, and He wants to spend time with you every day.

PRAYER

Thank you for promising to make a special place for me in heaven, Jesus.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus is getting ready for you. Make sure you are getting ready for Jesus. Ask God to help you grow closer to Him every day.



Puzzle

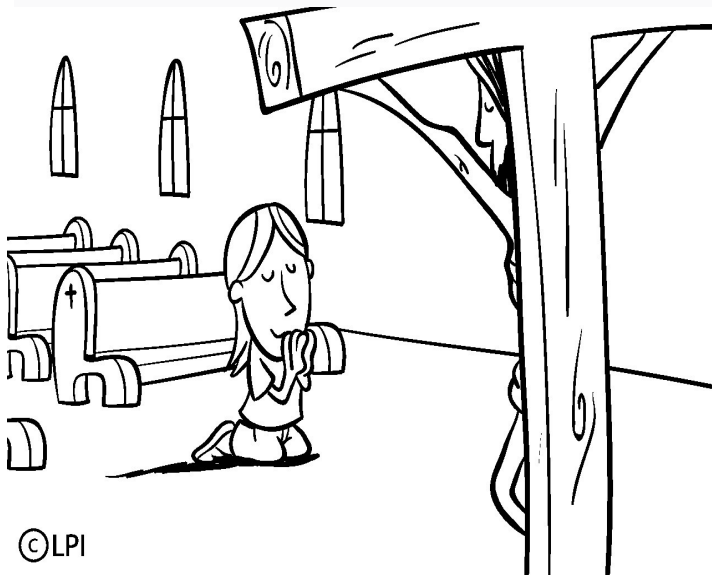
Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

HEARTS
TRUST
PREPARE

PLACE
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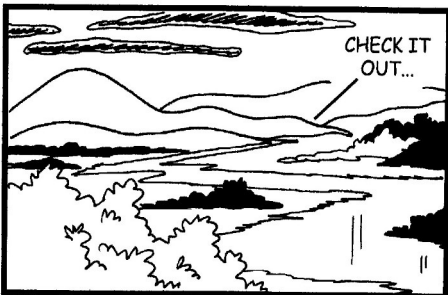
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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



DAILY READINGS

- Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
- Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
- Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

DAILY OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
- Monday:**
- Tuesday:** Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
- Wednesday:** Our Lady of Fatima
- Thursday:** St. Matthias, Apostle
- Friday:** St. Isidore
- Saturday:** Armed Forces Day
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter

FOCUS ON THE WORD

UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities — things they won't be able to see, babies they won't be able to cradle, and adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth and heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities and regrets. This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves, but are all part of the unfolding of a relationship we have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God's eternal kingdom and in God's time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world. This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It's all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It's about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular relationship of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains. ©LPI



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Saints or Sinners?

Question: Our prayer group has been reading the lives of some saints, and we were struck by how some of them thought they were such sinners. Why would someone so holy think they had such serious sin?

Answer: Professional athletes practice the fundamentals of their sport over and over again, reaching for better form, consistency, and performance. They focus on the basics, review past performances, and visualize greater success. Practice makes better, if not perfect! Spiritual masters such as the saints also looked for perfection. They practiced their faith in the search for holiness, grace, and virtue. Through sacraments, prayer, study, good works, and penance, they raised their level of awareness and their sensitivity to the presence of God, the demands of the Gospel, and the workings of the Holy Spirit. They examined their consciences daily, reviewing the day for moments of failure and times that they could have been more virtuous in one way or another. They resolved to do better, be more attentive, and alert! Therefore, anything that would distract them or interfere with their relationship with God would be like a small black spot on a bright white wall — you can't miss it! The great saints were aware of sin and the presence of evil because they were so tuned into the struggle between good and evil that was fought in their own lives, hearts, and souls.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - WITNESSES FOR JESUS

This journey of faith is not always easy. Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking. What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can't make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve Him in word and deed. We should let a joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to Him. Lastly, we must never lose hope. Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. What will it take to bring someone to Christ? It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. Place them back in God's hands, and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen.

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