



 ST JOHN
THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

De nuevo les dijo Jesús: "La paz esté con ustedes. Como el Padre me ha enviado, así también los envío yo". - Jn 20, 21

Please check our [website](#) and email blast for the updated Mass schedule.

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.

Please check our [website](#) and email blast for the updated Mass schedule.

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Shopping Hours:.....**CLOSED until further notice**
Wednesday — 11:00 am-3:00 pm; Thursday (first and last of month only) — 1:00pm-4:00 pm; Saturday — 8:30am-12:30 pm

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SIMON PARISH CENTER

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

Monday—Friday 8:30 am—4:00 pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday.....2:30 pm and 4:30 pm

Sunday7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,

..... 1:00 pm (Spanish), 3:00 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm

Mass sign up required for each weekend:

<https://signup.com/go/awKdyBT>

Masses to be livestreamed at: <https://youtu.be/lbl8-GJL4zM>

Sunday 11:00 am & 1:00 pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses

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

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..... 11:00 am-12:00 pm

.....(and by appointment)

Bulletin Deadline

Submit info by **noon on Thursday** to bulletin@saint-johns.net ten (10) days prior to the bulletin you wish info to appear.

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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@saint-johns.net (use DFF on subject line) or 1229 Vermont Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.

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 world-wide 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!

CHRIST'S PEACE HOUSE OF PRAYER

Please join us from **Friday, June 12, 2020 at 5:30 pm through Sunday, June 14 at 4:30 pm** for a Retreat on Social Justice with Dorothy Day as we delve into her teachings and her deep conviction for Social Justice. Come be inspired by the dynamic way in which this journalist's conversion propelled her to found the Catholic Worker movement and advocate for the poor. There will be conferences, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$170 Single/\$250 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$100 (Meals Included). To attend, send an email to: info@christspeace.com or call 913-773-8255.

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS GRADE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

During July and early August, Saint Thomas Aquinas High School provides a variety of summer camps for students entering grades K through 8 to explore. Our summer camps give students the chance to discover their potential in both sports and other activities. Registration and further information is available online, through our website at: www.stasaints.net/summercamps. We look forward to providing a positive camp experience not only for your son or daughter but for their friends as well! For questions, please call the Athletic Office at 913-319-2416 or email btriggs@stasaints.net.



PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Our next Unfailing Mercy retreat for help after abortion will be held on **June 12-14**. This is a weekend of focused, intensive time wherein God often brings about profound healing. To register please call Ann Marie Alvey at 913-621-2199 or email at: projectrachelkc@archkck.org.

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL



DISCOVER ST. JOHN AND SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT

Visit online at: sjevangelist.com/school, call 785-843-9511 or email Mr. Chris Reffett, Principal, at: reffett@saint-johns.net for more information and to schedule a tour for you and your student! St. John Catholic School has classes from pre-school through eighth grade.



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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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
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Joanne Feist
Colette Fisher
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Becky Kuhn
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Augustus Nelson
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Cindy Vasquez

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Ted Walker
Bob Walrafen
Susan Williams
Nancy Wright
Jon Yarnell



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 May 17, 2020.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$29,807.69
Average weekly collection amount.....	\$28,699.58
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD.....	\$1,371,153.74
Actual collection fiscal YTD.....	\$1,320,181.00
Net Shortage.....	\$.50,972.74

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

DIRECTOR DE FORMACIÓN DE LA FE

Director 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 estaría 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 Catequesis o Teología y/o tenga una experiencia laboral equivalentere-lacionada 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 tecnológica 2-4 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 hasta que se cubra.

Por favor envía una carta de presentación y curriculum vitae al padre John frjohn@saint-johns.net Use DFF en la línea de asunto o envíe a 1229 Vermont Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.



Exclamó Jesús en voz alta: “El que tenga sed, que venga a mí; y beba, aquel que cree en mí. Como dice la Escritura: Del Corazón del que cree en mí brotarán ríos de agua viva”. Al decir esto, se refería al Espíritu Santo que habían de recibir los que creyeran en él.

-Jn 7, 37-39

MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA

¿Te gusta cantar? ¿Tocas algún instrumento musical, o te gustaría aprender? Ven a practicar con nosotros, comunícate al **785-304-5509**.

CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO

A las 8 de la noche rezamos el Santo Rosario, para pedir por nuestras necesidades y por los que amamos; también si alguno de sus parientes fallece podemos hacer el novenario, nos vemos los lunes en LA CAPILLA DEL PADRE PIO, frente a las veladoras.

PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR

Cada primer sábado del mes de **6:00 a 9:00 de la noche**, sin niños, llamar antes para anotar su asistencia.

RECICLAGE

Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parróquia, por un mundo mas limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota. Gracias.

LA FE SE PUEDE ALIMENTAR

Hermano, a veces te sientes triste o con necesidad de Dios, ven yo te puedo acompañar a orar, nos podemos ver en la Iglesia o en la oficina. Estoy para ayudarte. Oro por todos, bendiciones María Mota.

Preparación al matrimonio por la Iglesia Católica, solo para parejas que viven juntos y tienen niños.

Adultos que necesitan los sacramentos de confirmación y primera comunión.

CATECISMO EN ESPAÑOL

Las Inscripciones son en agosto. Por favor para mas información llamar a Maria Mota.

CONFESIONES

De **1:00 pm a 1:45 pm** Habrá confesiones en español para quien lo necesite, y pueda recibir este sacramento.

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 31 DE MAYO

Domingo: Vigilia: Gn 11, 1-9 o Ex 19, 3-8. 16-20 o Ez 37, 1-14 o Jl 3, 1-5/Sal 104, 1-2. 24. 35. 27-28. 29. 30 [cfr. 30]/Rom 8, 22-27/Jn 7, 37-39.

Lunes: Gn 3, 9-15. 20 o Hch 1, 12-14/Sal 87, 1-2. 3 y 5. 6-7/Jn 19, 25-34

Martes: 2 Pe 3, 12-15. 17-18/Sal 90, 2. 3-4. 10. 14 y 16 [1]/Mc 12, 13-17

Miércoles: 2 Tim 1, 1-3. 6-12/Sal 123, 1-2. 2 [1]/Mc 12, 18-27

Jueves: 2 Tim 2, 8-15/Sal 4-5. 8-9. 10 y 14 [4]/Mc 12, 28-34

Viernes: 2 Tim 3, 10-17/Sal 119, 157. 160. 161. 165. 166. 168 [165]/Mc 12, 35-37

Sábado: 2 Tim 4, 1-8/Sal 71, 8-9. 14-15. 16-17. 22 [cfr. 15]/Mc 12, 38-44

Domingo siguiente: Ex 34, 4-6. 8-9/Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56 [52]/2 Cor 13, 11-13/Jn 3, 16-18

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor
Social Concerns for Peace
and Justice Committee



St. John has been a support congregation for Family Promise of Lawrence since the inception of Family Promise. We provide support to Corpus Christi when they house Family Promise guests.

Since Covid-19, Family Promise is providing services to not only their guests, but also guest families from Willow Domestic Violence Center and the Lawrence Community Shelter. Transitional housing has been arranged for all these families. Congregations are not providing housing and meals at churches at this time.

We received the following information from Family Promise recently:

As you are aware, our normal rotation model of sheltering families has changed due to COVID-19. We are currently sheltering several families in-place, outside of the congregational setting, and we anticipate this will continue for the foreseeable future.

Family Promise still needs your help. We are asking that the host church and supporting congregation/organization continue to provide food for the families during their hosting week, but in a slightly different way:

We ask that congregations/organizations provide groceries for the week for each family, rather than prepared meals. Grocery lists are provided as guidance.

The Family Promise Roster email will still go out on Wednesday each week to the host church and support congregation/organization and those hosting the two following weeks. This will contain the number of families, names of family members and ages of those who are in shelter and will receive the groceries.

John Booth is coordinating food delivery. He will contact coordinators several weeks prior to your hosting week, and will introduce you to Kathy McCurley, who organizes the actual food drop off. John can be reached by email at: john@lawrencefamilypromise.org.

Meals certainly look different right now, but the need is present. We appreciate your recognition of this need and your support of the families. Thank you for the continuation of hospitality

shown through your service. Please recognize that we are hard at work as an organization to minimize the impact that COVID-19 has on guests and volunteers. Our hope is that you all stay safe and healthy. We appreciate your willingness to help these families in all the unique ways presented during this time. Stay well and God bless each of you for your commitment to people and this community. Thank you!"

We still will be asked for frozen meals for families from time to time. If you are interested in helping in this way, please contact Susan Tabor at: souljourner@sbcglobal.net or at **785-865-9949** or Jana Wallen at: janawallen@sbcglobal.net.

Because of the increases in and the re-configurations of Family Promise staff work loads, Family Promise has identified some new areas for volunteering. At the end of this article, I will post the Sign-Up Genius link where you can sign up or make inquiries.

Here is a general list of the newly identified service areas, with a link to a description of each area:

- Volunteer/Donor Communication
- Hospitality/Encouragement of Families
- Courier Service/Distribution
- Review and Delivering of Housing Documents
- Maintenance/Lawn Care
- Whatever is Needed

Sign-Up Genius sign-up and further information is at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4ba5a72ea0fe3-fplvolunteer>

People can select tasks that fit their skills and interests, and this puts their names on a list to be called when there is a need. Some of these tasks are infrequent, so there could be a gap of time before they hear from us for those tasks. Needs will likely be changing as time goes on, so there will be new and different tasks posted from time to time.

*Be who God
created you to be.*

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AREA NEWS



BCYC
VIRTUAL
enc-ounter



Youth Ministers,

With camps, conferences and mission trips being canceled, we know this summer is going to look different from any other. Despite the challenges of COVID-19, we are still committed to transforming lives in Christ! This summer, we will be offering **BCYC Virtual Encounter** so that you can host a life-changing conference for your teens right at your own Parish!

Although the format will look a little bit different, we are committed to have the Benedictine Charisms of Community, Stability and Simplicity at the heart of our conference, and to focus on the needs of Gen Z. This was true for our regular in-person experience and will hold true for BCYC Virtual Encounter as well!

Our keynote speakers this year will also remain the same! We are excited to be joined by Sr. Bethany Madonna, Noelle Garcia and Mark Bocinsky! Of course the Monks of St. Benedict's Abbey will be with us as well, and our BCYC Missionaries will be here giving testimonies, leading activities, and supporting parishes remotely!



Sr. Bethany Madonna



Noelle Garcia



Mark Bocinsky

When you register for BCYC Virtual Encounter, we will provide all the content you need to host your own life-changing youth conference in your own Parish! Our vision is for you to build community among your teens right at home. We will stream all sessions for you and your group to watch live (or you can watch them after they air to allow for more flexibility), send your leaders small group questions for each session, provide printable booklets for your teens for the weekend, and more! We would love to talk with you about registering your group for BCYC Virtual Encounter. Please check out [our website](#) to see the schedule and find details of how the virtual conference will work. If you have any questions, please reach out to us!

BCYC
VIRTUAL
enc-ounter

KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

SHARING THE GOSPEL

The apostles were given the power to forgive sins. When you tell the priest your sins, He has the power to remind you of God's forgiveness. Jesus died on the cross so your sins can be forgiven. Because God forgives you, He wants you to forgive others. Forgiving those who hurt you is very hard when you are angry and hurt. Ask God to fill you with love and make you strong enough to say, "I forgive you."

PRAYER

God, help me admit it when I am wrong.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of the apostles traveling and baptizing children all over the world.

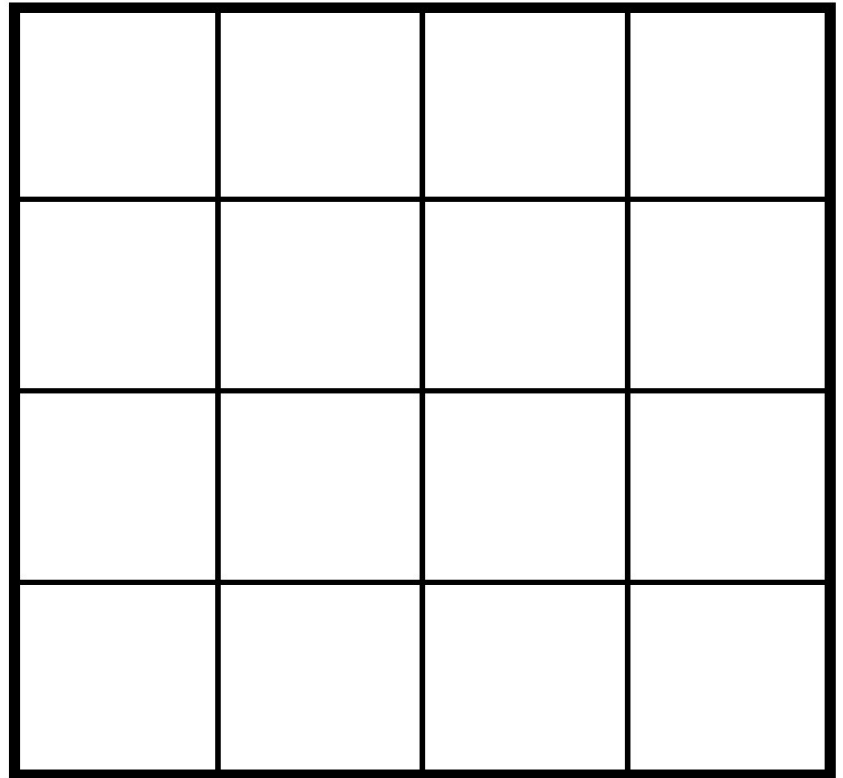
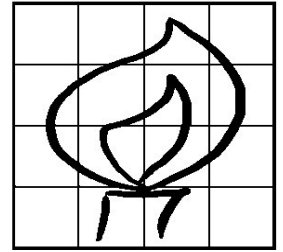
MISSION FOR THE WEEK

When I hurt others, I will say, "I'm sorry. Will you forgive me?"



Puzzle

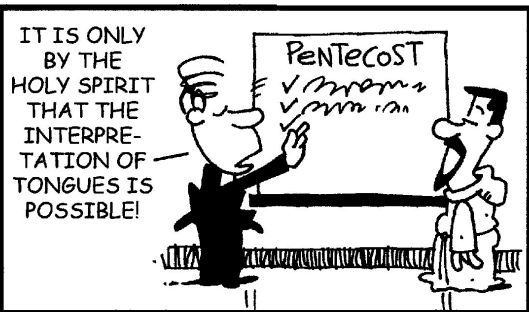
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PENTECOST



DAILY READINGS

- Sunday: Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.
- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday:** 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27
- Thursday:** 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34
- Friday:** 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-37
- Saturday:** 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44 Next
- Sunday:** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday
- Monday:** The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- Tuesday:** Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
- Saturday:** St. Norbert, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity

FOCUS ON THE WORD

UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating none-

theless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of



God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone. ©LPi

JUSTICE MATTERS

Justice Matters – an interfaith network working for justice

Join us on **Monday, June 8, from 6:30-7:15pm** for the first-ever Justice Matters Drive-In! Inspired by several congregations that have been doing parking lot services on Sundays, we will gather in the safety of our cars at River City Church. The Rev. Susan Candea, Bishop of the Central States Synod of the ELCA, will share a reflection about the role of faith communities during global crisis. We'll also celebrate our accomplishments and enjoy each other's company.

Our Investment Drive is in full swing, and so we'll also announce

progress towards our \$79,000 Congregation Drive goal! Checks have been flowing into the office--thank you to those of you who have already invested this year. And for those of you who haven't, check in with your Team Leader, staff, or plan to invest at the Drive-In. We'll have pledge cards and envelopes available.

Please note that we are taking public health and safety seriously, and will be complying with all local guidelines for events during COVID-19. We will record the event for those who do not feel safe participating in the Drive-In.



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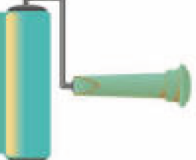
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