

“YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD, YOUR GOD, WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.” — MT 22:37

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“AMARÁS AL SEÑOR, TU DIOS, CON TODO TU CORAZÓN, CON TODA TU ALMA Y CON TODA TU MENTE”. — MT 22, 37

30^º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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Saint 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.

HOW HAPPY IS THAT GUARDIAN ANGEL
WHO ACCOMPANIES A SOUL TO HOLY MASS!
-ST. JEAN VIANNEY

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

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Monday-Friday7:30 am

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Wednesday 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Saturday 3:00 pm-4:00 pm

.....(and by appointment)

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SAINT JOHN SCHOOL



A LETTER FROM ST. JOHN PRINCIPAL

October 16th, 2020

RE: Reopening of St. John

SCHOOL MISSION

Faith-Knowledge-

Service-Growth

All St. John Catholic School students will be challenged to grow in their faith and knowledge, learn to show respect and compassion for themselves and others, and live their beliefs through service in their community and the world.

The school has begun a phased-in reopening plan. On October 5th, the preschool and kindergarten returned to school. Preschool is naturally hybrid because students are in small groups and there are two separate sections. Kindergarten was split into two groups in two separate classrooms and is operating in a hybrid fashion. Preschool is in session five days a week and Kindergarten attends in person Monday-Thursday and has remote learning on Friday.

On October 19th, 1st-5th grade will return to the building. After surveying our school families, we assessed the number of students who would continue with the virtual learning platform and those who preferred to return in a hybrid or in-person format. We also undertook a careful assessment of our building's floor plan and available space and made adjustments to accommodate for different class sizes and allow for adequate social distancing for all students in attendance. The number of students anticipated to return in-person is within the recommended cohort size for each individual class, and this will allow us to resume an in-person option Monday-Thursday. Fridays will be used for teachers' office hours and electives.

If all goes well, middle school students will return to the building on November 2nd following the same protocols as K-5th grade.

All classrooms will have students spaced 6 feet apart with a personal barrier on the desk. Each student and teacher will be wearing a mask all day except when eating or drinking.

At this time, the county is in Yellow on the Douglas county gating criteria. This is why we are moving forward with our plans to reopen. If we are to move to Orange or Red, we would move the entire school back to remote learning. If the gated criteria moved to Green, we would still continue with the reopening path we have created.

Thank you,
Chris Reffett

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT

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





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PRESCHOOL

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING NOVEMBER

Two Masses on Wednesdays - **7:30 am** (English) & **5:10 pm** (Spanish)

Two Masses on Thursdays - **7:30 am & 12:10 pm** (both English)

Two Masses on Friday - **7:30 am & 12:10 pm** (both English)

The return of the Saturday **8:00 am** Mass.

If there is a funeral on a Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, the later Mass will be cancelled. The intention for that Mass will be said on a later date.

Also, please remember, the **Wednesday evening** confessions are by appointment only. Wednesday from **11:00 am - 12:00 pm** will remain as is (no appointment necessary).



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Knights of Columbus will have a table set up **after all Masses this weekend** for our Tootsie Roll Drive. All proceeds will be donated to ARC of Douglas County & Special Olympics of Douglas County.



THE WILD GOOSE—DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Join Suzy Novotny for one session or come for all three! Together we will discover the Holy Spirit who has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and who leads us to our heavenly Father. This adventure begins on Formed.org and consists of Fr. Dave Pivonka speaking on an attribute of the Holy Spirit, a practical application on how to respond to the Holy Spirit and testimonies of people from across the country whose lives have been impacted by the Spirit of God. This Adult Formation opportunity begins **October 31**. Contact Suzy Novotny for more information contact snovotny47@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP INVITATION

Our next ZOOM meeting is October 27 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. It is a time we give to God and each other to pray and study either from the Bible or reflect on an inspirational saint. No outside prep necessary. So if you are interested in joining please contact Cheryl Hicklin by voicemail or text at **785-691-5607**. Or you can email at: chicklin8566@gmail.com

2020 ELECTION NOVENA

The USCCB is offering an Election Novena to help Catholics prepare for the upcoming election. For nine consecutive days, **Monday, October 26 through Tuesday, November 3**, participants will be encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the day's intention. A closing prayer for elected leaders will be offered on day 10, **Wednesday, November 4**. To sign up to receive the Novena daily by email, please visit: <https://www.usccb.org/2020-election-novena> and scroll to the bottom of the page.



ORA ET LABORA RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Christ's Peace House of Prayer, an Archdiocesan retreat center in Easton, KS, has openings for applicants to participate in an Ora et Labora Retreat. These retreats are designed for high school and college students who are looking for a fun and unique way to fulfill community service hours or simply make a new experience. Start the day with prayer, work on a variety of projects suitable for all ages and skill levels, break for lunch and good conversation and end the day with evening prayers or the rosary down by the pond. Learn new skills. Enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Practice being present to God. In appreciation for the group's work, there is no charge for this retreat. Please note that masks and social distancing are implemented at this time. Invite friends and schedule a date for a prayer and working retreat designed to your needs! Contact us if interested: **913-773-8255** or info@christspeace.com

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

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

Below reflects donations received July 1, 2020 through October 18, 2020.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$30,254.80
Average weekly collection amount.....	\$22,732.57
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD	\$484,076.80
Actual collection fiscal YTD.....	\$363,721.19
NET SHORTAGE.....	\$120,355.61

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

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

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



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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.

Jenn Bole
 Andrew Bouchard
 Susan Guenther Brown
 Donna Callaghan
 Ricky Dalton
 Hank Desch
 Garrett Dreiling
 Anna Dukart
 Nathan Dukart
 Linda Erp
 Joanne Feist
 Colette Fisher
 Linda Flyer
 Janet Fox
 Rudy Fritz
 Ed Garza
 Wendy Glick
 Bonnie Griggs
 Tony Guadian
 Buddy Hadl
 Lonna Hamm
 Peggy Harders
 Newt Hasson
 Christian Heady
 Luke Henry
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 Kathy Higley
 Tina Jinkens
 Michele Johnson
 Allen Kehde
 Becky Kuhn
 Diana Matthews
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 Russ McDonald

Jim McMurray
 Ed Medrano
 Jim Mercier
 Zackary Messerly
 Linden Morgan
 Lisa Morrow-Welsh
 Augustus Nelson
 Danny Nguyen
 Theophilus Obiefule
 Mike Owens
 Julie Patterson
 Josephine Ramirez
 Mike Reilly
 Joel Rivera
 Virginia Romero
 Jon Rossillon
 James Sandy
 Alexander Ramirez Salazar
 Jerry Scherer
 Greg Schurer
 Carole Scott
 Amanda See
 Mary Kay Seidl
 Pete Sethatut
 Christine Shipley
 Gerald Simon
 Brett Smith
 Linda Snyder
 Joseph Soza
 Cameron Stupansky
 Jack Taylor
 Deloris Tharp
 Oscar Tharp, Jr.
 Amelia Tinio

Enriqueta Valverde
 Cindy Vasquez
 Leonard Vasquez
 Marianne Vietti
 Trent Wallace

Jeanette Walker
 Susan Williams
 Jon Yarnell
 IN MEMORIAM
 -MICHAEL NUNEZ

OCTOBER 26– NOVEMBER 1

Mon.: 7:30 amRicky Dalton
Tues.: 7:30 am..... Diana Matthews
Wed.: 7:30 am.....Sofia de Galarzat
Thurs.: 7:30 am Leonard Courtwright
Fri.: 7:30 amKathy Higley
Sat.: 4:30 pmAnna & Nathan Dukart
Sun.: 7:00 am Judy Gnibust
 9:00am.....Parishioners of St. John's
 11:00am..... Mary Vannicolat
 1:00 pm (Sp.).....Alicia, Rosa & Sara Estradat
 5:00 pm.....Mike Owens



FOCUS ON THE WORD

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Calculating Love

Have you ever Googled the word “love”? If you did you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife’s. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn’t read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: “Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever.” Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



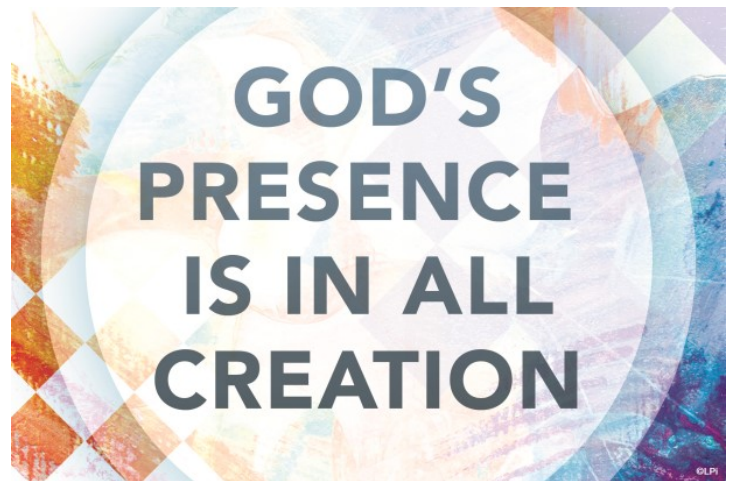
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ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person’s soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn’t work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God’s very presence is in all creation. God’s presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God’s eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world’s pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order



that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn’t square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let’s ponder that a bit.

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KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

SHARING THE GOSPEL

When you have a choice to make, think about what God wants. Make sure your choices are good and that they help other people. When you follow God's example, you will be ready to love other people. With God's help you can be gentle, forgiving and kind.

PRAYER

God, help me to love you and other people more and more every day.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself praying to God for someone who hurt your feelings.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

As a family, help an elderly person in your neighborhood. Help them clean up their home or their yard.



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

GREATEST
LAW
LOVE

LORD
HEART
SOUL

MIND
NEIGHBOR
YOURSELF

T	R	E	W	A	H	C	I	H	C	E
I	A	S	M	E	T	S	E	G	T	R
C	N	E	I	G	H	B	O	R	M	A
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E	U	S	L	R	U	I	E	T	D	P
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O	S	U	W	R	I	G	D	S	O	Y
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DAILY READINGS

- Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
- Monday:** Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
- Thursday:** Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 13:31-35
- Friday:** Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Next Sunday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Desde niños hemos escuchado este pasaje del Evangelio y hasta lo hemos cantado infinidad de veces en nuestras Misas. Hoy la liturgia, nos pone la escena nuevamente de preguntar a Jesús sobre la resurrección de los muertos y sobre cuál es el mandamiento más importante de la ley. Jesús contestó: "Amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente". Este es el gran mandamiento, el primero. Pero hay otro muy parecido: "Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo". El mandamiento nuevo, el mandamiento del amor. El amor espiritual vertical hacia el Señor, hacia arriba y el amor horizontal hacia el hermano/hermana, y hacia el interior de la persona, como a ti mismo. ¡Qué hermosa enseñanza nos heredó Jesús! Solo un desentendido no la comprende. Tres pasos, a seguir. 1. Ama al Señor con el corazón, con el alma, con todo tu ser 2. Ama a tu prójimo, en el servicio a los demás, los necesitados. 3. Como a ti mismo, vida de oración de meditación caminando siempre hacia el interior del corazón para imitar a Jesús.

Todo, absolutamente todo, se fundamenta en estos dos mandamientos. Vivimos en una sociedad que ha olvidado a Dios, lo ha hecho a un lado, la tecnología y el dinero, los negocios son primero. Ahora, a casi un año que llegó la pandemia, es el tiempo de tomar termómetro en estos tres pasos. ¿Cómo va mi relación con Dios? ¿Cómo va mi amor al prójimo? ¿Cómo va el cambio en mi corazón, sigue de piedra? Seamos honestos con nosotros mismos, pongamos en práctica lo aprendido en este tiempo de prueba.
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Una de ellos, que era doctor de la ley, le preguntó para ponerlo a prueba: "Maestro, ¿cuál es el mandamiento más grande de la ley?" Jesús le respondió: "Amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente". -Mt 22, 35-37

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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

Sábado de 3:00 pm a 4:00 pm y Miercoles de 11:00 am a 12:00 pm Habrá confesiones en español para quien lo necesite, y pueda recibir este sacramento.

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 25 DE OCTUBRE

Domingo: Ex 22, 20-26/Sal 18, 2-3. 3-4. 47. 51 [2]/1 Tes 1, 5-10/Mt 22, 34-40

Lunes: Ef 4, 32—5,8/Sal 1, 1-2. 3.4 y 6 [cfr. Ef 5, 1]/Lc 13, 10-17

Martes: Ef 5, 21-33/Sal 128, 1-2. 3. 4-5 [1]/Lc 13, 18-21

Miércoles: Ef 2, 19-22/Sal 19, 2-3. 4-5 [5]/Lc 6, 12-16

Jueves: Ef 6, 10-20/Sal 144, 1. 2. 9-10 [1]/Lc 13, 31-35

Viernes: Flp 1, 1-11/Sal 111, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [2]/Lc 14, 1-6

Sábado: Flp 1, 18-26/Sal 42, 2. 3 5/Lc 14, 1. 7-11

Domingo siguiente: Ap 7, 2-4. 9-14/Sal 24, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [cfr. 6]/1 Jn 3, 1-3/Mt 5, 1-1

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor,
Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee,

On October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis issued his latest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, On Fraternity and Social Friendship. This is more than just another Church document. It is Pope Francis' "cry from the heart" to all people of the earth to see beyond their differences—indeed, to work with their differences—and begin to grow together to build a new and peaceful world.

Using the parable of the good Samaritan as a model, the pope lays out concrete ways to begin this process: listening to one another, caring for one another, reaching out beyond our own culture, and being willing to engage in honest and open dialogue. To achieve all this, we need to be like the good Samaritan—acting as a loving neighbor, leaving behind our self-imposed border walls (prejudice, judgmentalism), and taking the risk to encounter others as they are.

Returning again and again to themes he has developed throughout his papacy, Pope Francis speaks of the need for equality and justice for all, cooperation, caring for the most vulnerable, doing the hard work of learning to listen to and accompany others, and caring for the earth that nurtures and sustains us all.

The pope ends his letter to the world with this prayer to the Holy Spirit: "Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all

are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves."

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And please, don't forget to make your financial donation for gift cards to help families with the cost of food for Thanksgiving! There is a link devoted to this on the church's website at:

www.sjevangelist.com

Or you may donate with cash or a check in the collection basket or mailed to the church at 1229 Vermont. Just specify that it is for Thanksgiving, please. Thank you so much for your love and generosity!

JUSTICE MATTERS

Justice Matters – an interfaith network doing justice

Finally! After much struggle for attention to the lack of mental health services and facilities, after a very long wait, after vying for funds intended for a jail expansion, after SO MUCH, the county commissioners approved funding for the construction of the mental health campus -- \$10.43 million of which \$7.9 million will be for constructing the facility, \$1.4 million for outfitting, furnishing and equipping the facility and \$1.1 million for professional services and contingency funds.

And, it didn't even make front page news. This is tremendously good news for our community. And many of us helped to make it happen. This is worth celebrating - especially during this time of aloneness and difficult time to party and be glad. As you read in last week's bulletin, there will be a groundbreaking on **Friday, October 23, at noon**. If you aren't able to drive to the area and stand by your car, consider standing in your front yard with balloon, streamers, horns and signs showing you are part of the celebration for something so needed in Lawrence and Douglas County for our brothers and sisters who have mental health care needs. Members of Justice Matters have yard signs

that could be raised in jubilation and raised for passers-by to see.

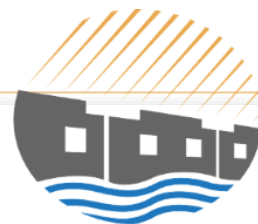
Justice Matters has finished the listening process and will meet for our Community Problems Assembly via Zoom on **Monday, October 26** to elect officers, to acknowledge our sixth year and to make decisions on how to proceed on issues through our discussions on racial discrimination. It was apparent at our team house meeting that we long for respectful conversations with those who have different opinions. To that end, one of our team members Cyndie Courtney suggested two books on non-violent conversation.

Some of the promised books on Non-Violent Communication:

<https://www.amazon.com/Nonviolent-Communication-Language-Life-Changing-Relationships/dp/189200528X/>

<https://www.amazon.com/Say-What-You-Mean-Communication/dp/161180583X>

~ Cyndie



AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Please see the link below for a guide to simple suggestions on how your parish can observe this month, including what to do to help, how to share on social media and prayers of the faithful. These small actions could help save the life of one of your parishioners! For additional resources, see www.archkck.org/domestic-violence.

REDUCED REGISTRATION FEE FOR ONLINE INTRODUCTORY NFP

The Dr. Laurie Heap, out of concern for those engaged couples adversely affected economically by the COVID-19 national quarantine, reduced the registration fee for the online introductory NFP course, "Prescription for a Long and Happy Life," from \$65.00 per couple to \$10.00 per couple. As we move closer to opening up from the quarantine, the registration fee will now return to \$65.00 per couple. This cost is not only in line with other online introductory courses, but also, in part, offsets significant costs associated with Dr. Heap's mission of evangelizing on these vital issues which she and her husband alone fund with personal resources.

PROJECT CHRYSALIS

Is a ministry offering hope through Sacred Scripture and community to parents or grandparents who have lost a child or grandchild. While this ministry is not a bereavement group, our mission is to offer support and hope through scripture in a time of transformation. Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday October 27 from 7:00-8:15 pm** - both in person and online via Zoom. Our guest will be Jerry Anselmo who lost his son Brian and began the BMA Foundation. We will meet in the St. Mark room in the lower level of Church of the Ascension, 9510 W. 127th St. in Overland Park. For more information and the Zoom invitation link, contact Deacon Ken Billinger at **913-634-4210** or email kbillinger@archkck.org. The group is open to parents who have lost a child or grandparents who have lost a grandchild.



HAYDEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR A FOODSERVICE EMPLOYEE.

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WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Walking with Moms in Need is a year of service where Catholic parishes and communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need.

Everyone should know how to help moms in difficult circumstances.



While not trying to turn Catholic parishes into pregnancy centers, we can support local pregnancy centers where they exist, and we can also find and share other resources with pregnant and parenting women.

And where there are few local resources, we can create our own, based on the gifts of the parish community!

We hope you and your parish will join us in this Year of Service. Visit: <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/>

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Grief Support Weekend Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend **November 6-8, at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas**. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For more information visit: www.beginningexperiencekc.org email: register.bekc@gmail.com or contact Laura at **308-530-1873**

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