

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,

1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm

Mass sign up required for each weekend:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4da4a82da0fdce9-mass6

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm

Wednesday: 11:00-noon, 7:00-8:00 pm

WELCOME TO SAINT JOHN

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.

"EVIL WALKS IN SMALL STEPS. IF IT WERE TO COME ALL AT ONCE, WE WOULD NOT BE DECEIVED."

~St. Paisios of Athos

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Shopping Hours:Open (if staff is available)		
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SIMON PARISH CENTER

Mailing Address	1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044
Phone	785-843-0109
Office Hours	PLEASE WEAR A MASK
Monday—Friday	8:30 am—4:00 pm
Weekend Masses	
Saturday	4:30 pm
Sunday	7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,
	1:00 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm

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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
Sacrament of Reconciliation	
In the Padre Pio Chapel (inside	the north church entrance)
Wednesday11:	00 am-12:00 pm, 7:00-8:00 pm
Saturday	3:00 pm-4:00 pm
	(and by appointment)

Bulletin Deadline

Submit info by **noon on Thursday** to <u>bulletin@sjevangelist.com</u> 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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SAINT JOHN SCHOOL

St. John Parish **Catholic School Night Custodian**

The position will entail nightly cleaning of the school building. Disinfecting, vacuuming, and general cleaning of classrooms and hallways will be done on a normal schedule. The job would also entail summer projects such as shampooing carpets and waxing floors. If interested, please call or email Chris Reffett at 785-843-9511 or creffett@sieagles.com. God bless, Mr. Reffett





2020 School Year Wish List

As we have been working on our plans for this coming year, the staff has been developing safety protocols and a list of needed materials. Some of the materials on this list are part of our daily routines and some are precautions. I have created a Amazon Wish List if parents or extended family members would like to help the school. Any item you purchase will ship directly to the school to help with coordination. Any help that you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to share the link with friends and family if they would also like to help. Here is the link for the Wish List: https://a.co/10K4BEi. God bless. Mr. Reffett

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

We are so excited to get started with Faith Formation for this year. With COVID, it will look very different and will be home based (at

least through November). Never fear, the parish and Shelly Bole, the Director of Faith Formation will be with you every step of the way, guiding and encouraging you.

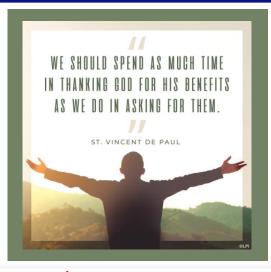


The goal is to

have Formation for Families, Sacraments and Youth Group begin October 4.

https://form.jotform.com/202524577880158 If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Bole at:

Please use this link to find more information and register!! sbole@sjevangelist.com or 785-843-0109.



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit: www.usccb.org/ peters-pence.



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 September 20, 2020.

Budgeted weekly collection amount\$30,25	4.80
Average weekly collection amount \$23,38	
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD\$363,05	
Actual collection fiscal YTD\$280,61	
NET SHORTAGE\$82,44	3.58

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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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

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 **Bonnié Griggs** Tony Guadian **Buddy Hadl** Lonna Hamm Peggy Harders **Newt Hasson Christian Heady Luke Henry** Charles Hermann **Kathy Higley** Tina Jinkens Michele Johnson Allen Kehde **Becky Kuhn** Patti Lyon Diana Matthews Leo Mauler **Russ McDonald** Jim McMurray

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Susan Williams

Nancy Wright Jon Yarnell IN MEMORIAM-REGGIE ROBINSON

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 4

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Mon.: 7:3	0 am	Leonard H. Monroet
Tues.: 7:30	0 am	Reggie Robinson†
Wed.: 7:3	0 am	Santa Berlioz
Thurs.: 7:	:30am	Osborne-O'Connor Family
Fri.: 7:30	am	Rosalie Burkhead†
Sat.: 4:30	pm	Jim Mercier
Sun.: 7:00)am	Rev. Walter J. Tulley†
9:00)am	Larry Alllensworth†
11:00	am	Parishioners of St. Johns
1:00	pm (Sp.)	Pedro Marcial†
		Michele Carlson



EVERYDAY REFLECTIONS

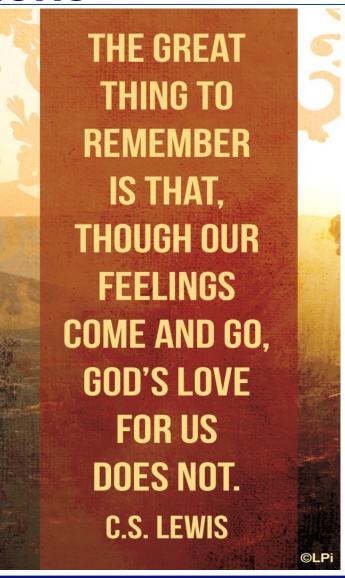
IS IT THE THOUGHT **THAT COUNTS?**

I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that "it was the thought that counts." I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, "it was the thought that really counts." Really!?! I don't think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous.

This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don't you? Don't pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found.

- Tracy Earl Welliver

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62 **Thursday:** Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/Mt 18:1-5, 10 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24 Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-4



FOCUS ON THE WORD

UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The



hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is

immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect. ©LPi

WHY DO CATHOLICS GENUFLECT?

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during Eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed

Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed



Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord's Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Una invitación directa de Dios para ir a trabajar a la viña. ¿Debemos atender a este llamado? Señor, estamos muy ocupados en muchas otras cosas. El trabajo del ministerio en la Iglesia y comunidad no nos interesa mucho, porque no deja dividendos. Al contario, es pérdida de tiempo para muchos. O también se piensa que es cosa de mujeres y de niños. Para animar a salir del confort y decir sí a algún ministerio en la parroquia o en la comunidad, San Pablo en la Carta a los Filipenses anima a la comunidad, con las siguientes recomendaciones que no nos caen nada mal en la actualidad. "No hagan nada por rivalidad o vanagloria. Que cada uno tenga la humildad de creer que los otros son mejores que él mismo. No busque nadie sus propios intereses, sino que más bien preocúpese cada uno por los demás. Tengan unos con otros los mismos sentimientos que tuvieron en Cristo Jesús". (Filipenses 2:3 -5). ¿Practicamos, ya, alguno de estos consejos?

Siempre es tiempo de escuchar la voz de Dios en nuestro interior. Decirle que sí vamos a donde él nos pida, cumpliéndolo con fidelidad y cariño, para el bien de uno mismo y de la comunidad. Asistir a Misa cada domingo es una gracia de Dios. Sin embargo, es un reto muy grande porque exige un cambio radical de vida y un compromiso de hacer algo. Lo fundamental en este Evangelio, es la respuesta de conversión individual. Dios te llama a ti personalmente: "Hijo/hija, hoy tienes que ir a trabajar en la viña". (Mateo 21:28).



"¿Cuál de los dos hizo la voluntad del padre?" Ellos le respondieron: "El Segundo". Entonces Jesús les dijo: "Yo les aseguro que los publicanos y las prostitutas se les han adelantado en el camino del Reino de Dios". - Mt 21. 31

Leccionario ll $^{\odot}$ 1987 Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Litúrgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano.

MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA

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

CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO

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

PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR

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

RECICLAGE

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

LA FE SE PUEDE ALIMENTAR

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

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

Adultos que necesitan los sacramentos de confirmación y primera comunión.

CATECISMO EN ESPANOL

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

CONFESIONES

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

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 27 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Domingo: Ez 18, 25-28/Sal 25, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 [6]/Flp 2, 1-11 o 2, 1-5/Mt 21, 28-32

Lunes: Job 1, 6-22/Sal 17, 1. 2-3. 6-7 [6]/Lc 9, 46-50

Martes: Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14 o Ap 12, 7-12/Sal 138, 1-2. 2-3. 4-

5 [1]/Jn 1, 47-51

Miércoles: Job 9, 1-12. 14-16/Sal 88, 10-11. 12-13. 14-15

[3]/Lc 9, 57-62

Jueves: Job 19, 21-27/Sal 27,7-8.8-9.13-14 [13]/Lc 10, 1-12 **Viernes:** Job 38, 1. 12-21; 40, 3-5/Sal 91, 1-2. 3-4. 4-6. 10-11

[11]/Mt 18, 1-5. 10

Sábado: Job 42, 1-3. 5-6. 12-17/Sal 119, 66. 71. 75. 91. 125.

130 [135]/Lc 10, 17-24

Domingo siguiente: Is 5, 1-7/Sal 80, 9. 12. 13-14. 15-16. 19-20 [Is

5, 7]/Flp 4, 6-9/Mt 21, 33-43

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

Bv Tonv Schmidt Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee,

Part I The Gospel of Creation

Faith Formation is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Laudato Si, Care for Our Common Home

Time: **September 28 at 7:00 pm** Central Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/i/84738166291? pwd=NXk0TkxVYlhvMzFjVjUyajAwdzdldz09

Meeting ID: 847 3816 6291 Passcode: 616598

Or email tschmidt@eaglecom.net for an easy clickable invitation link.

Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si' challenges us to reflect on the ways we use or mis-use earth's resources and how those actions may disproportionately affect the poor. Catholics join other Christian faiths in observing the Season of Creation between September 1 and October 4. September 1 is chosen as the first day of the Season because it is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season ends on October 4. the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and the



traditional day for the Blessing of the Animals. You are invited to join with others in prayer on the final day of this year's remembrance, as we pray for God's guidance and inspiration. Some ultra-conservative Catholics have dismissed the Popes encyclical. To counter that unfortunate response, parishioner

Tony Schmidt will lead a customized, colorful, fast paced, visual slide presentation for our first session. This will include very brief highlights from: I The Light Offered By Faith, II The Wisdom Of The Biblical Accounts, III The Mystery Of The Universe, IV The Message Of Each Creature In The Harmony Of Creation, V A Universal Communion, VI The Common Destination Of Goods, and VII The Gaze Of Jesus as well as samples from his important introduction to the letter.

I am leading these sessions with hopes of planting seed for an Earth Care program with a few great Catholic (and non-Catholic) members from our Kansas parishes. I grew up in Hays and have been in Lawrence attending St. Johns for 32 years. I believe God is calling us to pay attention to the Care for Our Common Home. My wife and I have four children and we are concerned about what just our little neck of the woods will be like by mid-century. The Pope asks us to dialogue about our low prioritization of earth care. We can work together to develop a profound appreciation for God's creation and find great spiritual meaning in his intricate systems. I love sharing this encyclical and the message of spirituality as it relates to why we, as people of faith, should care more. Instead of politics, economics or even science the Pope shows us the way. I am an average guy, I studied biology and forestry in college but also did evangelical work for one year. And these days as an environmentalist. I steward 65 acres. But the environment is my passion. I encourage you as a parishioner to join me for this ½ hour talk and our ½ hour discussion following that, THIS MONDAY at 7:00 pm. The Pope's message is so blessed!

The following three Mondays, October 5, 12 and 19, the other three sessions of the four-part series will take place. All sessions will begin at 7:00 pm. For links to the other three sessions, please contact Tony Schmidt at: tschmidt@eaglecom.net.

THE QUR'AN AND THE BIBLE: **RELATIVES OR ENEMIES?**

What does the Qur'an have to do with the Bible? Wednesday Evenings:

September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:00-9:00 pm

Repeated Thursday Mornings:

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:00 am-Noon

The Qur'an, God's revelation to Muslims through the prophet Muhammad, shares many similarities with the Bible in terms of stories and persons. Yet they are two completely different books in terms of composition, literary style and purpose. Ultimately they both intend to draw believers closer to God, alerting them to God's mind set, wishes, desire and intention for all humanity. These sessions explore the similarities and the differences between the Bible and the Qur'an. Stories and persons that appear in both texts will be examined, pointing out both similarities and differences in tone, perspectives and details. Qur'anic texts dealing with Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah,

Abraham, Moses, Mary and Jesus will be examined, correlating them to their parallel Biblical story and perspective. Come to deepen your knowledge of Islam, Muslims, the Qur'an and the Bible. All faith traditions are most welcome. The sessions will be conducted via Zoom and facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate at St. Sabina Catholic Church in Belton, MO. For more information, or to register please e-mail Biagio at: biagio46@gmail.com. Once registered, you will be sent a Zoom link to the sessions.

Scripture Study is the soul of theology and a solid foundation for immersion into the Sunday Eucharist. Sessions will be facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate, St. Sabina Parish.

To register e-mail Biagio at: biagio46@gmail.com St. Sabina Parish, 700 Trevis Avenue, Belton, MO 64012, www.stsabinaparish.org 816-979-3153

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

PROJECT ANDREW EVENT FOR YOUNG MEN IN HIGH SCHOOL

An Invitation from Jesus Christ to "Follow Me" Jesus Christ is calling you to follow Him. It's a fact. The question which remains is – What does that look like for you? What is it about a relationship with Jesus Christ that has the power to transform a boy into a man - a man who is willing to lay down his life for his friends – as a spiritual father and priest? Join Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Vocation Director Fr. Dan Morris, seminarian George Rhodes, and area priests as together we unpack those two simple but life-giving words of Jesus: "Follow me" (Matthew 4:19). Project Andrew will include a witness talk from an area high school senior, and how he has gone about discerning his vocation these past 4 years. Next you will hear from a seminarian, and how his time in seminary has helped form him into the man God is calling him to be. Third, you will hear insights and highlights from a day in the life of one of our newly ordained priests. Last but not least, our own shepherd and successor of the Apostles, Archbishop Naumann, will share his wisdom while leading us in a time of Eucharistic Adoration. Parents are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend, as the parents of one of our seminarians will speak about this calling, and what it has been like to journey with their son from their perspective. New to Project Andrew this year, is an invitation to journey with the Vocation Director and area priests – just like Andrew, Simon, James and John did with Jesus. They didn't settle for one encounter with Christ, and you shouldn't either. This high school group will meet regularly at Good Shepherd Parish in Shawnee. There will be formation, prayer, conversation, brotherhood, and developing virtue using books and videos like The Chosen, and Into the Breach. The goal is to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ in a way that will prepare you to say "Yes" to the vocation God calls you to, whatever that may be. Project Andrew is Sunday from 1:00 - 4:00 pm, October 4 at St. Joseph in Topeka. Come and see how your next few years can be more fulfilling, rather than risking being lost in the culture and temptations of the day. This is an invitation every young man should take seriously. Register at: https://www.archkck.org/page.aspx? pid=877, or email vocation@archkck.org or call 913-647-0303.

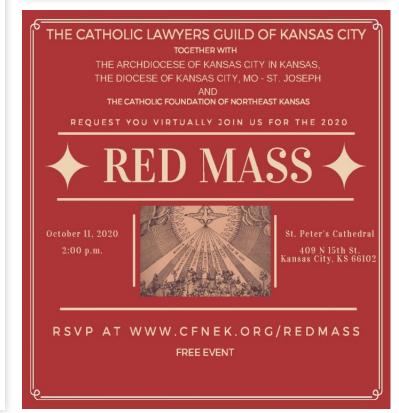
OCTOBER IS RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH

Each October the Church celebrates Respect Life Month, when we pray, reflect and become engaged in building a

culture that cherishes every human life. This year's theme, "Live the Gospel of Life", was chosen to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's prophetic pro-life encyclical, Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life). As Catholics, may we always strive to "see in every human face the face of Christ" (EV81) and treat



each person as we would treat Christ Himself. Please join us for a special celebration with Archbishop Naumann on Respect Life Sunday. Sunday, October 4 at 11:00 am. St. Patrick Catholic Church 1086 N. 94th St. Kansas City, KS There will be an outdoor reception after Mass, weather-permitting.



A VIRTUAL DAY OF SPIRITUAL REFRESHMENT FOR CAREGIVERS

Caregiving is a holy vocation that truly imitates the loving example of Jesus Christ. But it is not an easy activity, and it can take a toll on the very people who bring great blessings to others. Fatigue, depression, frustration – these and other effects can wear down the most conscientious caregiver, especially during the unprecedented times in which we are living.

Presented by Maureen Pratt Catholic Author and Speaker Saturday October 3, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Kansas City Special Needs Ministry For more information and to register go to: www.archkck.org/special-needs

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

OPEN GATE SERIES AT PRAIRIE STAR RANCH

Did you know that Prairie Star Ranch, home of Camp Tekakwitha, is open year-round? Are you looking for opportunities to get out of the house and enjoy some COVID-friendly time together as a family? On select Saturdays in the months of September and October, the gates of Prairie Star Ranch will be open for families to enjoy some casual, open-air fun. Come fish (bring your own poles!), picnic, hike, and more! On each Open Gate day, a different staff-facilitated camp activity will be offered for a small fee. Otherwise, the experience is free, and donations are welcome. Gates will be open from 10am to 4pm, and no registration is required. **Upcoming Open Gate Days include October 3, and October 10!**. For a full schedule of event dates, the staff-facilitated activity for each weekend, our COVID-19 precautions and more, visit our website at: archkek.org/ranch

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VOTER REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020 ELECTION

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. In order to be able to vote, you must be registered. The deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, October 13. You can register at: www.kdor.ks.gov/Apps/VoterReg. It is important to register especially if you recently turned 18, recently moved or had a name change, have not voted in recent elections, or if you are unsure if you have registered. As Catholics, we are called not simply to vote, but to be well informed voters who in casting our ballots apply the moral principles and priorities of our Faith. The Catholic Church does not tell its members how to vote. At the same time, it is the responsibility of the Church to help form the consciences of her members to understand the principles and priorities that should guide their decisions as voters. Please see Archbishop Naumann's statement on the moral responsibility of voting, at: www.archkck.org/ prolife. The USCCB's Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship can be found at: http://www.usccb.org/issues -andaction/faithful-citizenship/index.cfm.

NATIONAL LIFECHAIN

Please join us for the National LifeChain on **October 4, from 12:30-2:00 pm in Lawrence at the corner of lowa Street and 23rd Street**. We stand as witnesses to the beauty of human life from conception to natural death. Signs to hold will be available under the big oak tree at the northeast side of the intersection. Please remain six feet apart from one another. Bottled water will be available. Never participated before? Don't be afraid -- we will walk you through the whole thing. See you there!





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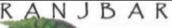


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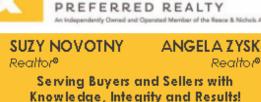




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