

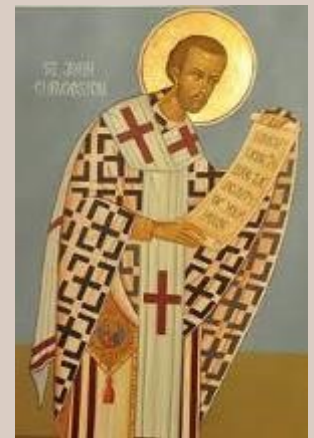


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“O Death, where  
is your sting?  
O Hell, where is  
your victory?  
Christ is risen,  
and you are  
overthrown.”

-St. John Chrysostom



## SUBFLOORING/CARPET PROJECT

At a meeting on Monday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m. we were informed that the subflooring/carpet project would begin on Monday, April 19 at 7:00 a.m. Therefore, the following will also begin that day:

1. The front doors of the church will be locked Monday through Friday and on Saturday until 2:00 p.m.
2. Saturday confessions and the 4:30 p.m. Mass and Sunday Masses will continue in the church with the normal Saturday afternoon and Sunday door opening.
3. Daily Masses will take place in the church social hall/ basement. Please enter by the North Tower door.
4. Wednesday morning confessions at 11:00 a.m. will be suspended until the end of the project.
5. Saturday afternoon 3:00 p.m. confessions will continue with the normal entry and exit door.

Thank you. We continue to pray for patience as we undergo another time of inconvenience on top of the COVID 19 protocols. May the Lord grant our petition.

### Weekend Mass Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA4A82DA0FDCE9-april2>

**Daily Masses:** Monday – Tuesday: 7:30 am, Wednesdays: 7:30 am & 5:10 pm Spanish, Thursdays: 7:30 am & 12:10 pm, Friday: 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday: 8:00 am & 4:30 pm;  
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm;  
Wednesday: 11:00-noon, 6:00-7:00 pm and by appointment



# 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.

“THE CLOSER ONE APPROACHES TO GOD, THE SIMPLER ONE BECOMES.”

-ST. TERESA OF AVILA

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....Fr. John Cousins  
Associate Pastor .....Fr. Donald Rank  
Principal, St. John School..... Mr. Chris Reffett  
Director of Liturgy & Music ..... Lisa Roush  
Director of Faith Formation .....Shelly Bole  
Catecísimo en español.....María Mota  
High School Youth Director..... Anastasia Pine  
RCIA..... Michael Podrebarac  
Business Manager..... Cris Denning  
Assistant Administrator.....Meg Milburn  
Parish Coordinator ..... Ellen Sickinger  
Database .....Patty Guadian  
Multimedia Communication Coordinator .....Jacinta Hoyt  
Maintenance.....Jeff Jenicke

**Saint John Catholic School** ..... Mr. Chris Reffett, Principal  
1208 Kentucky St. 785-843-9511  
[www.sjevangelist.com/school](http://www.sjevangelist.com/school)

**Catholic Charities** ..... Abigail Chikanda  
1525 W. 6th, Suite A 785-856-2694  
[achikanda@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:achikanda@catholiccharitiesks.org)

**Rummage House**..... Linda Brey  
13th & Kentucky [lbrey525@gmail.com](mailto:lbrey525@gmail.com)

**Shopping Hours:**.....**Open (if staff is available)**  
Wednesday - 11:00 am-3:00 pm; Saturday - 8:30am-12:30 pm

**Centro Hispano**.....Lydia Diebolt  
204 W. 13th St. 785-843-2039  
[centrohispano.lydia@gmail.com](mailto:centrohispano.lydia@gmail.com)

## 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..... 8:00am 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/10COD4DA4A82DA0FDCE9-april2>

**Masses to be livestreamed at:** <https://sjevangelist.com/live/>

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

### Weekday Masses

Monday – Tuesday: 7:30 am, Wednesdays: 7:30 am & 5:10 pm (Spanish),

Thursdays: 7:30 am & 12:10 pm, Friday: 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Wednesday ..... 11:00 am-12:00 pm & 6:00-7:00 pm

Saturday ..... 3:00 pm-4:00 pm, and by appointment

### Bulletin Deadline

Submit info by **noon on Thursday** to [bulletin@sjevangelist.com](mailto:bulletin@sjevangelist.com)

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.

### Advertise in the Bulletin

Revenue from ads is what makes the bulletin possible at no cost to our parish. Please support your bulletin advertisers. For information call Doug Wolfe:

**800-950-9952 x5833**

[dwolfe@4LPI.com](mailto:dwolfe@4LPI.com)

### **Pastoral Council** [parishcouncil@sjevangelist.com](mailto:parishcouncil@sjevangelist.com)

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Connie Ehrlich, Luis Gonzalez,  
Larry Koster, Jason Tanking,  
David Ehrlich-Finance Council Liaison

### **Finance Council**

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Michael Burrichter, Kristen Toner,  
Janice Andes, Sofia Galarza-Liu,  
Adrian Marquez,  
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Hanon Misko-Chair, Emily Malin,  
Cherry Jordon, Jordan Bass,  
Kim Green, Laura Mosconi,  
Larry Koster-Pastoral Council Liaison

# SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## JOB OPENING: BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE DIRECTOR



St. John is currently looking for a Director for our Before and After School program for the 2021-2022 school year. The Director will be in charge of managing the hiring, scheduling, and administration of the Before and After School program for the students of St. John Catholic School. If interested in this position, please contact Chris Reffett at: [creffett@sjegales.com](mailto:creffett@sjegales.com).

## 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.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

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High school youth group is now meeting weekly on Sunday from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the church basement! For more information contact: [sjyouth@sevangelist.com](mailto:sjyouth@sevangelist.com).

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## Thank You

Youth group members for helping. Those who donated candy.

Peterson, Krische, Van Horn DDS for the toothbrushes, and Mr Brews Taphouse for the kids meals!



## COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2021

Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration **June 13, 2:00 pm**, Church of the Nativity/Leawood. To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, please call the parish office and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding. Please do this as soon as possible.

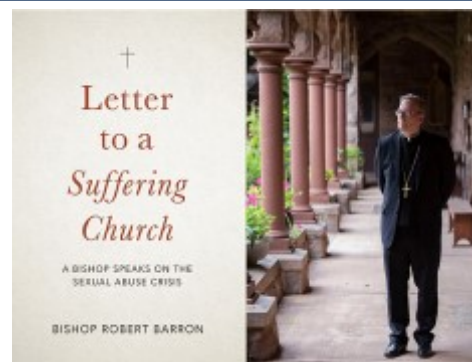
# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## THE WILD GOOSE -DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Zoom gathering Saturday 8:30 am beginning April 17. Join me 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. Here is the link to sign up: <https://form.jotform.com/210886598529070> or you can call Shelly Bole at **785-843-0109**.

"Wow, the Wild Goose study series has truly been a gift from the Holy Spirit! The content is transforming and meets you right where you are on your spiritual journey. It touches your mind, heart, and soul and calls you to return for more each week. I am grateful to St. John's for offering this program. It came into my life at just the right time and has brighten gray skies during the pandemic. Join in for one or all lessons and take away what works for you! That's the beauty. You will know the Holy Spirit is working through this beautiful opportunity. We watch, we listen, we share, and pray during this series--and we let God do all the rest! It is powerful!!!"

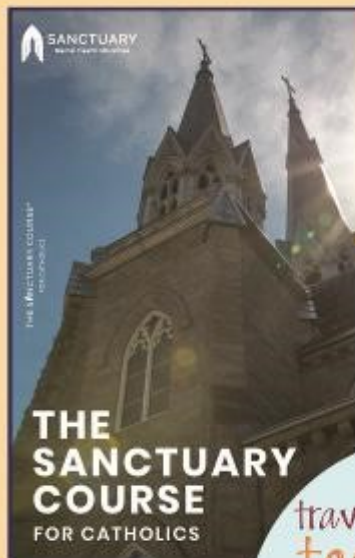
-Nancy Albrecht, St. John's Parishioner



As mentioned in Fr. Don's homily on the Third Sunday of Lent ([click here to watch](#)), Letter to a Suffering Church by Bishop Robert Barron addresses the sexual abuse crisis. Stop by to pick up a copy at the parish office.

## WOMEN'S PRAYER AND REFLECTION GROUP

This group meets at **6:30 pm virtually on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month**. No preparation is necessary and is open to all women who wish to be inspired by biblical women and saints. "Drop-ins" are always welcome.



PRESENTED BY:

**traveling life together**

*is a ministry for St. John parishioners and affiliated with the Lawrence ministry Interfaith Mental Health Outreach*



WOULD YOU VALUE JOINING OTHERS IN A CONVERSATION ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH? WOULD YOU LIKE TO DISCOVER WHAT GOD, SCRIPTURE, AND CHURCH HAVE TO SAY IN LIGHT OF THE EXPERIENCES OF MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES?

If so, sign up for The Sanctuary Course for Catholics. This eight-part course is designed to raise awareness and start conversations regarding mental health. It was created in collaboration with Catholic mental health professionals, theologians, and clergy, and offers the opportunity to learn about mental health and grow in our ability to support our fellow parishioners living with mental health challenges.

Topics include: mental health and mental illness, stigma, recovery, companionship, self-care, and community.

**Thursday evenings, April 29 - June 17, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Zoom sessions or in-person (small groups socially distanced)

[CLICK THIS LINK TO RSVP](#)

For more information please contact:

- Shelly Bole 785.843.0109 - [sbole@sjevangelist.com](mailto:sbole@sjevangelist.com)
- Susan Tabor 785.841.3875 - [souljourner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:souljourner@sbcglobal.net)
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# 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 April 11, 2021.

Budgeted weekly collection amount .....	\$30,254.80
Average weekly collection amount.....	\$26,588.23
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD .....	\$1,240,446.80
Actual collection fiscal YTD.....	\$1,090,117.81
<b>NET SHORTAGE .....</b>	<b>\$150,328.99</b>
<b>FY 2020/2021 Current Net Deficit .....</b>	<b>\$257,811.13</b>
<b>FY 2019/2020 Total Deficit .....</b>	<b>\$267,486.68</b>

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

Contact Cris Denning at: [cdenning@sjevangelist.com](mailto:cdenning@sjevangelist.com) or phone 785-843-0109 if you have any questions.

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

# 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.

Leslee Adams  
 Mariele Berthold  
 Chris Besler  
 Jenn Bole  
 Andrew Bouchard  
 Susan Guenther Brown  
 Donna Callaghan  
 Bob Carlson  
 Ricky Dalton  
 Hank Desch  
 Christopher Erickson  
 Linda Erp  
 Noni Fallaria  
 Joanne Feist  
 Colette Fisher  
 Linda Flyer  
 Janet Fox  
 Rudy Fritz  
 Ed Garza  
 Wendy Glick  
 Michael Jay Gomez  
 Bonnie Griggs  
 Tony Guadian  
 Buddy Hadl  
 Lonna Hamm  
 Christian Heady  
 Luke Henry  
 Patsy Heptig  
 Charles Hermann  
 Kathy Higley  
 Janet Ikenberry  
 Michele Johnson  
 Joani Kampschroeder  
 Allen Kehde  
 Gretchen Kehde  
 Becky Kuhn  
 Diana Matthews  
 Leo Mauler  
 Russ McDonald  
 Ellen Mesa  
 Vickie Mesa

Zackary Messerly  
 Linden Morgan  
 Augustus Nelson  
 Mary Beth Nelson  
 Danny Nguyen  
 Theophilus Obiefule  
 Kathy Otter  
 Lydia Owen  
 Mike Owens  
 Julie Patterson  
 Mary Polfer  
 Josephine Ramirez  
 Mike Reilly  
 Joel Rivera  
 Virginia Romero  
 Jon Rossillon  
 Greg Schurer  
 Carole Scott  
 Mary Kay Seidl  
 Pete Sethatut  
 Christine Shipley  
 Gerald Simon  
 Brett Smith  
 Linda Snyder  
 Joseph Soza  
 Cameron Stupansky  
 Jack Taylor  
 Deloris Tharp  
 Amelia Tinio  
 Wendy Van Giezen  
 Cindy Vasquez  
 Marianne Vietti  
 Lou Volpe  
 Trent Wallace  
 Jeanette Walker  
 Ted Walker  
 Susan Williams  
 Jeannine Wyatt  
 Jon Yarnell  
 Dena Yepa

## MINISTERS APRIL 24-APRIL 25 LECTORS

<b>Saturday</b>	
4:30pm .....	M Mauler
<b>Sunday</b>	
7:00am.....	C Zebas
9:00am .....	J Rasmussen
11:00am.....	M Head
5:00pm.....	H Gibson



## APRIL 19 - APRIL 25

<b>Mon.:</b>	7:30 am.....	Chris Besler
<b>Tues.:</b>	7:30 am.....	Richard Gherstt
<b>Wed.:</b>	7:30 am.....	Christian Heady
	5:10 pm (Sp.)....	Proteccion a la Familia Gozalez Simon
<b>Thurs.:</b>	7:30 am .....	Christa Stinsont
	12:10 pm .....	Priest's Intention
<b>Fri.:</b>	7:30 am.....	Wendy Glick
	12:10 pm .....	Priest's Intention
<b>Sat.:</b>	8:00 am .....	Trent Wallace
	4:30 pm .....	Mary Polfer
<b>Sun.:</b>	7:00 am .....	Kent Beisnert
	9:00am .....	Joe Kernant
	11:00 am.....	James Gillispie
	1:00 pm (Sp.).....	Miguel Angel Banuelos Amarot
	5:00 pm.....	Parishioners of St. John

# APRIL Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



## The Effects of ABUSE

When a child is abused, the effects are grave and can last a lifetime. Some of the most common effects of abuse include:

- Loss of faith and trust in God.
- Post-traumatic stress disorder, psychological distress, and other indirect signs of trauma, such as anxiety, trouble sleeping, chronic stomach pain, and headaches.
- A greater risk of developing behavioral problems, substance abuse, and suicide.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt, and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place.

## Steps to Prevent ABUSE

### *Communicate with Your Children*

It is extremely important to communicate openly with your children. Let them know that they can talk to you about anything that bothers them. This will help you identify warning signs and grooming behaviors perpetrated by offenders before they escalate to abuse.

### *Educate Yourself and Your Children on Abuse*

Learning how to identify, prevent, and report abuse is key. Parents and guardians should empower their children to protect themselves from harm and to report abuse. Ask your diocesan safe environment coordinator or parish delegate about opportunities for safe environment training.

### *Identify and Report Warning Signs of Child Abusers*

Grooming behaviors are the actions abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, while others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling. Abusers also often try to isolate their victims from family or friends and encourage their victims to keep secrets from their parents or other caring adults.

## Holding Offenders ACCOUNTABLE

To help hold offenders accountable, report all suspected abuse to local public authorities. You can also contact your local diocesan victim assistance coordinator to make a report and seek outreach for the abused.

In accordance with diocesan policy, when a single act of sexual abuse is admitted or established, the offender is to be removed permanently from ministry.



"Let it be clear that before these abominations the Church will spare no effort to do all that is necessary to bring to justice whosoever has committed such crimes . . . To those who abuse minors I would say this: convert and hand yourself over to human justice, and prepare for divine justice."

—Pope Francis, Dec. 21, 2018



# ST. JOHN LINK ON THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021

Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (LINK) is located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, and provides nutritious meals to 150 people in need. Our parish helps LINK by rotating with other Lawrence churches to furnish food and volunteers.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## FOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Those who are  
generous are blessed,  
for they share their  
bread with the poor.



**Chicken and Noodle Casserole** - 11 casseroles needed. Make casserole to feed 15 people. No need to bring in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your casserole, volunteers remove the casserole immediately, take your pan, and you are done.

- I can make one casserole       I can make two casseroles

**Vegetarian Casserole** - 1 vegetarian casserole needed. Make casserole to feed 8 people. No need to bring in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your casserole, volunteers remove the casserole immediately, take your pan, and you are done.

- I can make one casserole

**Bananas** - 120 bananas needed. When you sign up to bring bananas, we ask that you bring 15 bananas.

- I can bring 15 bananas       I can bring 30 bananas

**Peaches** - 3 industrial size cans of peaches needed. Large cans can be purchased in the large food section of the grocery store.

- I can bring one can       I can bring two cans       I can bring three cans

**Corn** - Large cans of corn needed.

- I can bring one can       I can bring two cans       I can bring three cans

**Salad** - 6 lettuce salads needed. Be creative. When you bring salad, use 3 heads of lettuce or bring 3 large bags of premixed lettuce.

- I can make one salad       I can make two salads

**Salad Dressing** - Ranch and Italian salad dressing. We need 4 bottles total.

- I can bring 2 bottles of Ranch       I can bring 2 bottles of Italian

Return this form in collection plate or Parish Office, or contact:

[vickimcmurray1944@gmail.com](mailto:vickimcmurray1944@gmail.com)

Bring items to the LINK kitchen located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, on April 29 between 12:00 and 12:30 p.m.

Can't help with  
LINK this time?  
That's okay because there is another  
opportunity coming up soon!

## MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

**S**er testigos del Evangelio es el pedido de Jesús en este tercer Domingo de Pascua. ¿Qué significa esto? ¿Cómo hacerlo? De hecho, no es sencillo este pedido, ya que implica la propia vida de cada persona. Por esa razón los apóstoles al ver a Jesús, quedaron atónitos y asustados. Comprometerse con el Evangelio asusta, e implica un cambio radical del modo de vivir y de comportarse. Para lograr esto, el Señor insiste al presentarse ante ellos y darles el saludo de paz. Ya lo decíamos en el domingo anterior, la paz de Cristo quita cualquier susto y miedo. ¿Has experimentado esa paz? ¿Qué sentimientos afloran en tu corazón al tenerla?

El Papa Francisco insiste en: "Ser testigos de Cristo donde estamos, con una nueva vida transformada por su amor". (Angelus 6-1-2020). Continúa diciendo el Papa: "La experiencia de Dios no nos bloquea, sino que nos libera; no nos aprisiona, sino que nos pone de nuevo en el camino, nos devuelve a los lugares habituales de nuestra existencia. Los lugares son y serán los mismos, pero nosotros, después del encuentro con Jesús, no somos los mismos de antes. El encuentro con Jesús nos cambia, nos transforma. Toda experiencia del encuentro con Jesús nos induce a emprender caminos diferentes, porque de Él proviene una buena fuerza que sana el corazón y nos separa del mal". Esto es ser testigo de la Resurrección. Que, de discípulos asustados, seamos discípulos alegres y generosos en cualquier lugar y circunstancia, como nos lo indica el Papa Francisco. ©LPi



Entonces les abrió el entendimiento para que comprendieran las Escrituras y les dijo: "Está escrito que el Mesías tenía que padecer y había de resucitar de entre los muertos al tercer día".

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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 18 DE ABRIL

**Domingo:** Hch 3, 13-15. 17-19/Sal 4, 2. 4. 7-8. 9 [7]/1 Jn 2, 1-5/Lc 24, 35-48

**Lunes:** Hch 6, 8-15/Sal 118, 23-24. 26-27. 29-30 [1]/Jn 6, 22-29

**Martes:** Hch 7, 51—8, 1/Sal 30, 3-4. 6 y 7 y 8. 17 y 21 [6]/Jn 6, 30-35

**Miércoles:** Hch 8, 1-8/Sal 65, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7 [1]/Jn 6, 35-40

**Jueves:** Hch 8, 26-40/Sal 65, 8-9. 16-17. 20 [1]/Jn 6, 44-51

**Viernes:** Hch 9, 1-20/Sal 116, 1. 2 [Mc 16, 15]/Jn 6, 52-59

**Sábado:** Hch 9, 31-42/Sal 115, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17 [12]/Jn 6, 60-69

**Domingo siguiente:** Hch 4, 8-12/Sal 117, 1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28. 29 [22]/1 Jn 3, 1-2/Jn 10, 11-18



# SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

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



We hope and pray that your Easter time is happy and joyful!

Any good social action is grounded in prayer, whether it be a peace, charity or justice activity. Easter is a time of hope, which has special meaning for us all this year. May the prayer we are sharing with you below sustain your hope and assist you as you pray for and carry out your acts of peace, charity and justice.

## An Easter Prayer

Good and gracious God,  
Our most glorious Creator,  
As we greet the signs in nature around us:  
Of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,  
In the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted,  
We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of your Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time. The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise of immortality.  
For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death.  
As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the promise given to us,  
By imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the least among us,

As we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet,  
We ask your special blessings each and every day on our President.

Working with him may we strive to make this great country of ours a beacon of hope and justice in a world hungry for peace and so in need of your love.

We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope.  
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever.

Amen.

- Fr. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, offered at the fourth annual White House Easter Prayer Breakfast on April 8, 2013

## JUSTICE MATTERS

### FREE TICKETS TO THE JUSTICE MATTERS ACTION ASSEMBLY

Monday, May 3 at 6:30 pm

The annual Justice Matters Action Assembly (formerly called the Nehemiah event) will take place in the comfort of your car this year, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Parked at the Fairgrounds, you will turn on the car radio to hear the Justice Matters call for action. Carpooling with people in your "pod" is encouraged. St. John Church has been an active supporter of

this Justice Matters event since 2015, and we need all of our parishioners to pack the house!

Please print out a (free!) ticket for each person in your car. Printer problems? Pick up tickets after all Masses May 1 and 2, or contact Nora at: [nora7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nora7@sbcglobal.net), or **785-331-0421**. Get organized to build a movement of people to do justice at the Justice Matters Action Assembly on May 3, 2021.



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# ARCHDIOCESE THOUGHTS

## CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN 'IN DEEDS'

APRIL 2, 2021

This year, maybe more than ever, we need to celebrate Easter — not just Easter Sunday but the whole Easter season, right up to Pentecost on May 23.

As we struggle with the continuing effects of the pandemic, people are looking for some hope, some joy and some light. We Christians have the answer — not just a fleeting solution, but an eternal one.

This story can illustrate the dilemma:

On June 18, 1815, the Battle of Waterloo was being fought. The French under the command of Napoleon were fighting the Allies (British, Dutch and Germans) under the command of the Duke of Wellington. The people of England depended on a system of flag semaphore signals to find out how the battle was going. One of these signal stations was on the tower of Winchester Cathedral.

Late in the day, it flashed a signal: "W-E-L-L-I-N-G-T-O-N- -- D-E-F-E-A-T-E-D -"

Just at that moment, a sudden fog made it impossible to read the message. News of the defeat quickly spread. The whole countryside was sad and gloomy when they heard the news that their country had lost the war. Just as suddenly, though, the fog lifted, and the remainder of the message could be read. It had four words, not two. The complete message was: "W-E-L-L-I-N-G-T-O-N- -- D-E-F-E-A-T-E-D -- T-H-E -- E-N-E-M-Y." It took only a few minutes for that good news to spread.



Fr. Mark Goldasich

Sorrow was turned into joy; defeat was turned into victory! (Story found in "Illustrations Unlimited," edited by James S. Hewett.)

Many people in our world today seem to be walking in a fog. There's an attitude of "Jesus defeated." He's defeated by death, by irrelevance, by indifference. And even we Christians may feel that way, given the growing number of unchurched people and the declining numbers of people attending church.

While I can't do much in converting society as a whole, I can examine my own faith. Am I a person who truly believes the whole message, that Jesus defeated the enemy — death, despair, darkness? Am I someone who is excited about my faith and who lives it joyfully? Am I willing to share that message fearlessly?

The Easter season is the perfect time to keep the new life of Jesus on the minds of others by doing some simple deeds of kindness:

- Buy some plastic eggs and fill them with a small treat. Leave one each day for a different person: on a neighbor's porch, a co-worker's desk, for the person who takes your order at a fast-food drive-thru, for your pastor, for your barber or hairdresser, for a teacher, for the trash collectors.

- Visit a cemetery and place flowers on the graves of your loved ones as a sign of Resurrection hope.

- Make others laugh . . . several times a day.

- Mail out Easter cards — all through the season — to remind recipients to keep up the joy of Easter.

- Take care of your health by doing something each day that makes you smile.

On the Easter before he died, D. William Sangster, a Methodist preacher who spearheaded a renewal movement in the British Isles after World War II, painfully printed a short note to his daughter. His ministry, except for prayer, was ended by a disease which progressively paralyzed his body, even his vocal cords. But on that last Easter Sunday, still able to move his fingers, he wrote: "How terrible to wake up on Easter and have no voice to shout, 'He is risen!' Far worse, though, to have a voice and not want to shout." (Found in "Illustrations Unlimited.")

May we not be silent this Easter season, but proclaim by our joyful words and actions that the living Christ continues to defeat death, darkness and despair. And let's inspire many others to shout along with us: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

## AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer will be observed on **Sunday, April 25**, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

### ST. JOSEPH WEBSITE

As we continue our journey, we can all be encouraged to consider the individual virtues that strengthened St. Joseph in his roles. Through his model, we can find ways to strengthen our commitments in our lives. To help you find ways to pray with and learn from St. Joseph, please visit: <https://archkck.org/yearofstjoseph/>.

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