

STJOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fr. John and
Fr. Don will be on
retreat beginning
April 5 and
returning April 10
for Confessions
from 3:00-4:00 pm
and 4:30 pm Mass.

Masses will be canceled for this week as well as Wednesday

Confessions

EASTER SUNDAY

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He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA4A82DA0FDCE9-thesacred

Easter Sunday link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA4A82DA0FDCE9-april

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

Holy Week schedule: Please see page 4



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.

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM MIGHT NOT PERISH BUT MIGHT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE."

-John 3:16

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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	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/10C0D4DA4A82DA0FDCE9-april

Masses to be livestreamed at: https://sjevangelist.com/live/ Sunday.......11:00 am & 1:00 pm (Spanish) Weekday Masses

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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 <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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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@sjeagles.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

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@sjevangelist.com**.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

2021 ST. JOHN MEXICAN FIESTA SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships are offered to qualifying students of Mexican descent from the Lawrence Catholic community who wish to pursue or continue a higher education either at a college, technical or trade school. Applicants must complete the financial assistance application form

that is available at the St. John Parish office or by contacting Michael Ramirez at **785-766-5723** or ramirezmarj@hotmail.com. These forms must be

completed and returned to the St. John Parish office by April 5.

CATHOLIC JEWELRY AND ROSARIES

Please enjoy viewing the selection of beautiful religious articles displayed at: www.totallycatholicfundraising.com/shop while you search for a treasured item to treat you godchild, sponsored teen, or special friend in anticipation of the Easter, First Communion, and Confirmation. Items will ship directly to you within a week of purchase. If you decide to purchase an item, the code 301 will ensure that St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church will benefit from a return donation of 50 percent. Fr. John will earmark any such donation toward beautifying the North entryway of the church with repaired cement work. Questions? Email: nora7@sbcglobal.net, or leave a message at

785-331-0421.

LENTEN OFFERINGS

DONATE ONLINE TO CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES, RICE BOWL

The season of Lent gives us a wonderful opportunity to reflect and make room in our hearts to welcome the stranger. Through our prayer, we encounter Jesus,



who is present in the face of every member of our human family. When we fast, we encounter the obstacles that stop us from fully loving God and our neighbor. When we give alms, we share what we have with others. For a Rice Bowl contact St. John Church office at 785-843-0109 or donate to Catholic Relief Services, Rice Bowl at: https://www.crsricebowl.org/

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.



MEN OF ST. JOHN: Ongoing Wednesday

PARADISUS DEI®

mornings, The Men of St. John Ministry is currently using the "That Man is You" program presented by its parent group, Paradisus Dei. Due to the pandemic, each week a video segment is emailed to participants. There are currently **two different Zoom meetings held at 6:00 am and 7:00 am on Wednesday mornings**. During the Zoom meetings the group discusses the current weeks video and how it applies to our growth a Christians. All men are welcome to join us as the material covers Christian men and their faith journey and their journey as husbands, fathers, and friends.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

APRIL 1, HOLY THURSDAY

Morning Prayer at 7:30 am - there is no morning Mass Liturgy of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm

APRIL 2, GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer at 7:30 am - there is no morning Mass Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord at 7:30 pm Parish office will be closed.

APRIL 3, HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer at 8:00 am - there is no morning Mass Blessing of Easter Food at 11:00 am The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night at 8:30 pm

APRIL 4, EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 1:00 pm (in Spanish). 5:00 pm Mass is Cancelled.

APRIL 5. EASTER MONDAY

Parish office will be closed.

EASTER MASS SIGN-UP

If you see that a Mass is filled for Easter, please remember that in our experience there are those who sign up and then don't show. Walk-ins are welcome. But please know that if we are filled to capacity, you may watch the 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm Mass on your mobile devices (link) and receive communion in the church. Please let the Knights know at the door that you plan to do that so they can be waiting for you to let you into the communion line.

It is a blessing to have so many of you excited to come to Mass at St. John!

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.

VOLUNTEER POSTIONS OPENINGS

Looking to help out? Please consider being a part of our elite SAFETY SENTINELS who care for our parishioners during the COVID 19 Pandemic. Duties include: Checking people in, sanitizing hands, helping people maintain six feet of social distancing, guarding the offerings, and providing directions to people to maintain a safe environment at the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday mornings. Volunteers would need to be present by 10:40 am. The more volunteers, the less times that you would be needed. If interested, Please call or email Lisa or Meg at the Parish office. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS MEDIA

Check out radio station 1090 AM and EWTN Ch 92 on Midco cable TV for Catholic faith programs and information.



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 March 28, 2021.

 Budgeted weekly collection amount
 \$30,254.80

 Average weekly collection amount
 \$26,680.63

 Budgeted collection fiscal YTD
 \$1,149,682.40

 Actual collection fiscal YTD
 \$1,013,864.17

 NET SHORTAGE
 \$135,818.23

 FY 2020/2021 Current Net Deficit
 \$257,811.13

 FY 2019/2020 Total Deficit
 \$267,486.68

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Contact Cris Denning at: 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 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** Lonná Hamm **Christian Heady Luke Henry** Patsy Heptig Charles Hermann **Kathy Higley** Janet Ikenberry Michele Johnsón Joani Kampschroeder Allen Kehde **Gretchen Kehde Becky Kuhn** Diana Matthews Leo Mauler

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IN MEMORIAM
-ETHEL GARCIA
-JAMES SANDY

MINISTERS APRIL 10-APRIL 11 LECTORS

Saturday	
4:30pm	R Entwistle
Sunday	
7:00am	
9:00am	L/W Smith
11:00am	S Tabor
5:00pm	D Carlin

PRAYER REQUESTS

APRIL 5 - APRIL 11 **Mon.:** 7:30 am......NO MASS **Tues.:** 7:30 am......NO MASS **Wed.:** 7:30 am......NO MASS 5:10 pm (Sp.).....NO MASS **Thurs.:** 7:30 amNO MASS 12:10 pmNO MASS 7:30 am.....NO MASS 12:10 pmNO MASS **Sat.:** 8:00 amNO MASS 4:30 pmBetty Erickson† Sun.: 7:00 amClement Alan Tulley† 9:00am Timothy & Mary Wilson† 11:00 am.....Stephen Peter† 5:00 pm.....Parishioners of St. John

FOCUS ON THE WORD

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.



Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are. ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"



I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation,

and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Mary Magdalene was surprised when she found the empty tomb of Jesus. She ran and told Peter and John that his body was gone. Peter and John ran to the tomb. They found no body, just strips of cloth. One piece was the cloth that covered the face of Jesus. Peter and John knew that Jesus was not in the grave, even though they did not understand what it meant to rise from the dead.

PRAYER

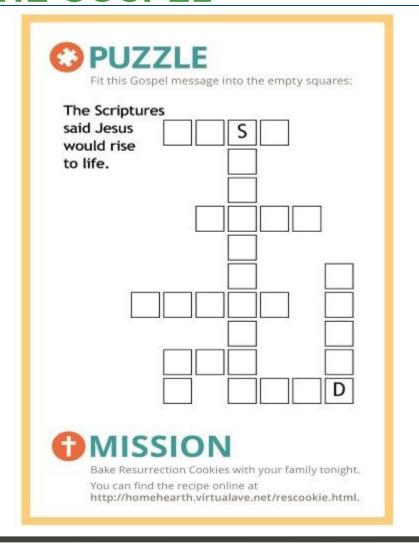
Jesus, you died and rose from the dead so I can share your life on earth and in heaven. Thank you.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw Mary, Peter, and John looking inside the empty tomb

We cannot give up in the face of evil.
God is Love and he has defeated evil through Christ's death and resurrection.

Pope Francis



EASTER





DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor

5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15 **Next Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Nos narra el evangelio de hoy que: "El primer día después del sábado, María Magdalena fue al sepulcro muy temprano, cuando todavía estaba oscuro, y vio que la piedra que cerraba la entrada del sepulcro había sido removida". (Juan 20:1-2). Triste y confundida por el dolor y sin ninguna esperanza debió de haber llegado María Magdalena al sepulcro. Imagínese el silencio de la mañana. Gozar sin saber ella que era el silencio de la Pascua. Estar ahí de pie ante el sepulcro donde su amado había sido puesto. Dejarse ella interrogar por lo que ve. Abrir el corazón a la esperanza, a causa de un sepulcro vacío. ¡María quiere encontrar al Señor! Ninguno de los tres protagonistas de la escena ve al Señor todavía.

Tal como María, Pedro y el otro discípulo, debemos situarnos en la mañana de la Pascua. Hemos sufrido tanto durante la pandemia. Vacíos enormes se han tenido que llenar. Cada familia, cada persona ha formado su camino de búsqueda durante este tiempo. El Señor se deja encontrar. Solo hay que buscarlo y seguirlo con el corazón disponible a su encuentro. La Iglesia se inunda de alegría con Dios al resucitar a Cristo de entre los muertos. El mensaje de este Domingo de Pascua es que todos los que sufren, saldrán vencedores. La muerte, ¿dónde está la muerte? Ya no existe, los sepulcros son provisionales, son de paso, quedarán vacíos al resucitar. Para entender todo esto hay que entender la Escritura: "Él debía resucitar de entre los muertos". (Juan 20:9).



Inclinándose, miró los lienzos puestos en el suelo, pero no entró. En eso llegó también Simón Pedro, que lo venía siguiendo, y entró en el sepulcro. Contempló los lienzos puestos en el suelo y el sudario, que había estado sobre la cabeza de Jesús, puesto no con los lienzos en el suelo, sino doblado en sitio aparte.

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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

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 4 DE ABRIL

Domingo: Hch 10, 34. 37-43/Sal 117, 1-2. 16-17. 22-23 [24]/ Col 3, 1-4 o 1 Cor 5, 6-8/Jn 20, 1-9 o Mc 16, 1-7 o Lc 24, 13-35 **Lunes:** Hch 2, 14. 22-33/Sal 15, 1-2. 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11 [1]/Mt 28, 8-15

Martes: Hch 2, 36-41/Sal 32, 4-5.18-19.20.22[5]/Jn 20,11-18 **Miércoles:** Hch 3, 1-10/Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9 [3]/Lc 24, 13-35

Jueves: Hch 3, 11-26/Sal 8, 2. 5. 6-7. 8-9 [2]/Lc 24, 35-48 **Viernes:** Hch 4, 1-12/Sal 117, 1-2. 4. 22-24. 25-27 [22]/Jn 21, 1-14 **Sábado:** Hch 4, 13-21/Sal 117, 1. 14-15. 16-18. 19-21 [21]/Mc 16 9-15

Domingo siguiente: Hch 4, 32-35/Sal 117, 2-4. 13-15. 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5, 1-6/Jn 20, 19-3

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

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

A happy and joyous Easter to all! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Easter and springtime are times of renewal of re-birth; of re-commitment. I invite you to join me in using this time to renew your commitment to live the Gospel life, and by doing so, justice will be strengthened and championed, making our world a stronger, better place. I'm placing a prayer below that you may feel free to use.

Spirit of God,

We have heard your call to share in building up the Kingdom of God.

Fill us with the desire to change ourselves and to change the world.

Enflame our passion for justice into a commitment to address unjust situations and structures.

Deepen our concern for our sisters and brothers in America and overseas who endure the burdens of poverty, war, exploitation and persecution.

Let us enthusiastically play our part in the mission of the Church in the modern world.

Banish any complacency in our hearts and minds.

Teach us to recognize the lack of justice.

May we always act in the Spirit of justice.

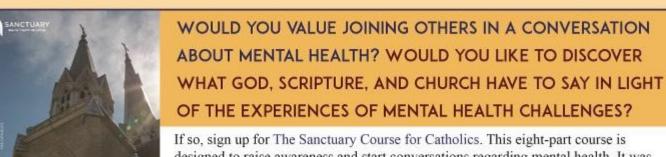
May we envisage, pray about and create a different sort of world in which injustice is replaced with a renewed sense of solidarity and care.

Enlivened by the Spirit, may we go forth in the peace of the Holy Spirit to love and serve the Lord.

Amen

-Australian Catholic Social Justice Council





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.

SANCTUARY COURSE

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FOR CATHOLICS

PRESENTED BY:

traveling life together

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

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- Pam Kaufman 785.218.7437 pambkaufman@gmail.com
- Brad Phipps 785.766.2647- reelmanmd@gmail.com

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

ENFLAME OUR HOMES

April's theme is Joyful Homes CELEBRATE! What we choose to celebrate and how speaks volumes to our kids about what is important to our family. Who knew that family celebrations could be one of the most effective (and fun!) ways to pass on the Faith? Here's this month's page:



archkcks.org/celebrate

EASTER JOY! An Ignatian Mini-Retreat (online)

April 17 – 18, Begins Friday, April 17 at 7:00 pm We are an Easter people! Moving from Lent to Easter is not as easy as one might think. Sometimes we rush by the Easter joy offered by Christ, our Savior. Join the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City for a short retreat to pause



and notice Easter joy offered by our RisenLord. You will be given input for prayer, Friday at 7:00 pm, Saturday at 9:00 am and 11:00 am, and a guided meditation and sharing on Saturday evening at 7:00 pm. To learn more, please visit: www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events

ST. JOSEPH WEBSITE

We just celebrated the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19. St. Joseph is widely honored as the foster father of Jesus, husband to the Virgin Mary and protector of the Catholic Church. 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/ to find great resources for individuals, families, parishes, and schools to grow during this year through the guidance of St. Joseph.

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.

UPDATE: LOCATION CHANGE EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Divine Mercy Sunday with Archbishop Naumann Each year on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. All are encouraged to join together in prayer and adoration seeking God's mercy for ourselves and for our nation. Please join Archbishop Naumann in a Eucharistic Holy Hour.

Sunday, April 11, 3:00 pm

Location: TBD

In-person or Livestream link: TBD

THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA; GOOD FRIDAYDIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Jesus revealed to Saint Faustina, a nine- day novena that He

desired be prayed in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday. The novena was to begin on Good Friday and be prayed each day of the Triduum and of Easter Week in preparation for the glorious Feast of Mercy which was to take place on the Eighth Day of Easter. The novena includes praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and a prayer for each of the nine days dedicated to different groups of people. More information and history



can be found at: thedivinemercy.org.

*Due to Covid we will not gather as a group this year. We hope in 2022 we can resume our regular schedules.

THE CALIX SOCIETY

The Calix Society, www.calixsociety.org, is a national association of Catholics in 12-Step recovery (AA, NA, OA, AlAnon, etc.). The Calix Society usually meets the first Friday of each 2 month at Church of the Ascension in Overland Park. Due to Good Friday on April 2, the next meeting will be **Friday, April 9**. For specific information on time and meeting format, call Neil at **913-645-7244**, or Mary at **913-747-5039**.





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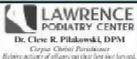


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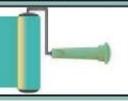
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