1229 VERMONT ST, LAWRENCE, KANSAS 66044 | FEBRUARY 14, 2021

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

En aquel tiempo, se le acercó a Jesús un leproso para suplicarle de rodillas: "Si tú quieres, puedes curarme". Jesús se compadeció de él, y extendiendo la mano, lo tocó y le dijo: "¡Sí quiero: Sana!" - Mc 1, 40-41

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 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 and by appointment



"He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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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.

"HAPPINESS CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY LOOKING INWARD AND LEARNING TO ENJOY WHATEVER LIFE HAS, AND THIS REQUIRES TRANSFORMING GREED INTO GRATITUDE." -St. John Chrysostom

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The preschool playground is needing more mulch. It has

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donate please contact Mrs. Cast at: <u>cast@sjeagles.com</u> or Mr. Reffett at: <u>creffett@sjeagles.com</u>.

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU

I am Patrick Wiesner. I started attending Mass at Saint Johns in 1989 when I moved to Lawrence to attend law school. I've been a member of Saint John the Evangelist Parish for more than 30 years. My two children attended elementary school through sixth grade at Saint Johns. This week I will be moving to Overland Park. This parish has been a wonderful place to worship and provide an education to my children. I am grateful to all the pastors, priests, teachers, paraprofessionals, principals, cooks, custodians, cantors, pianists, lectors, ushers, and other support staff who serve and who have served our parish. I want to wish the staff and parishioners all the best. Thank you.

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 <u>ramirezmarj@hotmail.com</u>. These forms must be **completed and returned to the St. John Church office by April 5**.



LENTEN OFFERINGS

BROWN BAGGIN' WITH JESUS: *People of the Passion* Beginning February 23

Join Shelly Bole for this weekly virtual lunch bible study, every **Tuesday of Lent at 12:10 pm**. We will be studying the *People of the Passion* book. Suffering seems to bring out the best and

the worst in our human nature. The people of the passion in this book are the characters who participated in some dramatic way in the suffering and death of Jesus. Wellknown characters include Peter,



Pilate and Mary Magdalene; lesser known include Simon of Cyrene, the daughters of Jerusalem and the woman who anointed Jesus. Participants will need to pre-order the book through the parish office \$13.00.

WORDS FOR THE WEARY: Embracing the Lenten Season after a Challenging Pandemic Year

Daily Reflections or Group Study, Beginning February 18

After a tumultuous year, these words will help parishioners

reflect on where they have come and where they are headed this Lenten season. Ann Naffziger draws from her experience as a mother, wife and spiritual director in these honest reflections on a year of



pandemic challenges and how they can guide us in our discipleship journey. She guides us in embracing the difficulties, frustrations and sorrows of this time, but also the graces that continue to break through. If you would like to receive the daily reflection, please sign up through the link above. In addition, Susan Tabor will be leading a virtual weekly reflection on **Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm**.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Living in the Father's Love from Walking with Purpose

In a world where women are measured by their beauty, achievements and possessions, wouldn't it be nice to find a place where you could just be valued for who you are?

This brief but powerful six-lesson Bible Study is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself. Discover how much God loves you and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and those we love. Facilitated by Suzy Novotny, this study does include a book, which will be available for pick up February 14 for an in-kind donation of \$25. There are two opportunities for this study: Monday 7:00-8:30 pm (beginning **February 22**) OR Thursday 1:30-3:00 pm (beginning **February 18**.)



Lenten Offerings: To register for any of these please click here: https://form.jotform.com/210254515747151 For any questions please contact Shelly Bole at sbole@sjevangelist.com or 785-843-0109

Ash Wednesday is February 17

7:00 am Mass in English - There will not be sign-ups, but there will be someone counting as people come in to make sure we don't go over our limit for social distancing. Ashes will be distributed outside after Mass at both entrances.

12:10 pm-1:30 pm - Drive-thru distribution of ashes in the north parking lot. People will pull into the lot in a line, park, exit their vehicles, receive ashes, return to their vehicles and drive away.

5:10 pm Mass in Spanish - There will not be sign-ups, but there will be someone counting as people come in to make sure we don't go over our limit for social distancing. Ashes will be distributed outside after Mass at both church entrances.

ADDITIONAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

March 15, 7:00-9:00 pm, Padre Pio chapel (1 priest) March 16, 7:00-9:00 pm, Padre Pio chapel (1 priest) March 17, 7:00-9:00 pm, 2 priests available - 1 in Padre Pio chapel, 1 in church basement

March 18, 7:00-9:00 pm, 2 priests available - 1 in Padre Pio chapel, 1 in church basement

March 19, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Padre Pio chapel (1 priest (priests will change after 1.5 hours))

People must enter through the north tower doors as the church will be off limits during the month of March due to the flooring project. This also means that people will have to cue up on the stairs rather than in the church. We will not have communal celebrations of Stations of the Cross in the church this Lent, but stay tuned for other opportunities to pray this devotion.

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.

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 January 31, 2021.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$30,254.80
Average weekly collection amount	\$26,570.85
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD	\$937,898.80
Actual collection fiscal YTD	\$823,696.41
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FY 2020/2021 Current Net Deficit	\$257,811.13
FY 2019/2020 Total Deficit	\$267,486.68

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-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** Lonna Hamm Newt Hasson **Christian Heady** Luke Henry **Patsy Heptig** Charles Hermann Kathv Higlev Michele Johnson Joani Kampschroeder Allen Kehde

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IN MEMORIAM -OSCAR THARP, JR.



February 15 – February 21

Mon.:	: 7:30 am	Don Walkert
Tues.	: 7:30 am	Oscar Tharp, Jr.†
Wed.:	: 7:00 am	End to the Pandemic
		Peace in the World
Thurs		Vocations
		Youth of Our Parish
Fri.:		Michael Guadian, Sr.†
	12:10 pm	Priest's Intention
Sat.:	8:00 am	Jon Yarnell
	4:30 pm	Cora Fallaria†
Sun.:		Jim McMurray†
	9:00am	Rosemary Werth†
	11:00 am	Nicholas Petert
	1:00 pm (Sp.)	Maria del Refugio Perez Torres†
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. John

FOCUS ON THE WORD

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

THE UNFAILING GOODNESS OF GOD I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen? Yes, God is all-good and allknowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also allpowerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision. ©LPi

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you leave. You will brighten their day.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

It is not fun to be sick. You miss your friends at school. You can't go outside to play. On top of being bored and lonely, you don't feel well at all. The man with leprosy in today's Gospel was sick a long, long time. He was really bored, lonely, and feeling awful. There was no medicine for leprosy. Jesus was the only one who could help him.

PRAYER

God, you have the power to heal. Help me to trust you, even when I'm sick.

Something to Draw

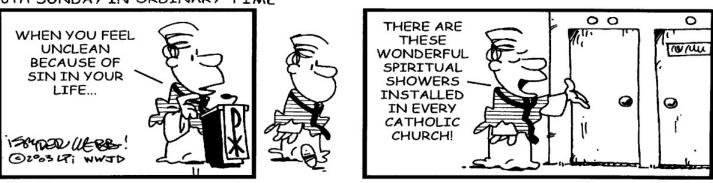
Draw a picture of yourself sick in bed.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Make a card for a friend or family member. Give them something to read. Pray for them. You will brighten their day.



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45 Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32 Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

"Pero la gente venía a el de todas partes" (Marcos 1:45). Tengo presente en mi mente, los inicios de la pandemia que azota al mundo desde el 2019. Conforme llegó el 2020, los casos se multiplicaron en todo el mundo. La angustia se apoderó de muchos de nosotros por la enfermedad, la falta de trabajo, la pérdida de viviendas, y más. También, fluye el recuerdo del Papa Francisco haciendo oración por el fin de la pandemia. Acudimos a orar gente de todos los lugares de la tierra. Cada país, cada gobierno encontró la forma de orar juntos, Misa, Hora Santa, y el Rosario. ¿Lo recuerdas? Nuestra oración continúa sin cesar. ¡Sananos, Señor, como aquel leproso del Evangelio! Límpianos, necesitamos tu compasión.

La Iglesia tiene grandes santos y santas que se han dedicado al cuidado de los enfermos. Uno de ellos es San Camilo de Lelis. Nació el 25 de mayo de 1550 en Abruzzo, Italia. Fue sacerdote. Murió el 4 de julio de 1614. Es el Santo protector de los enfermos, a quienes cuidaba y atendía con amor. Parte de su oración dice así: "Haznos, como San Camilo, conscientes de que, en el rostro del enfermo, del que sufre y está agobiado o del que padece grandes necesidades, está tu mano acariciando a nuestro corazón". Ojalá, que el ejemplo de este santo católico nos ayude, ahora, a nosotros, a girar nuestro corazón y la mente hacia a Dios. Para, lograr así, ser personas de compasión y servicio. Dejarse tocar por Jesús tiene su compromiso. Arrodillarse, pedir, y lo más importante querer. ¡Quiero Señor, no me dejes!



"Jesús le mandó con severidad: "No se lo cuentes a nadie; pero para que conste, ve a presentarte al sacerdote y ofrece por tu purificación lo prescrito por Moisés". Pero aquel hombre comenzó a divulgar tanto el hecho, que Jesús no podía ya entrar abiertamente en la ciudad." - Mc 1, 44-45

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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 14 DE FEBRERO

Domingo: Lv 13, 1-2. 44-46/Sal 31, 1-2. 5. 11 [7]/1 Cor 10, 31—11, 1/Mc 1, 40-45

Lunes: Gn 4, 1-15. 25/Sal 49, 1 y 8. 16-17. 20-21 [14]/Mc 8, 11-13 **Martes:** Gn 6, 5-8; 7, 1-5. 10/Sal 28, 1 y 2. 3-4. 3 y 9-10 [11]/Mc 8, 14-21

Miércoles: Jl 2, 12-18/Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14 y 17 [cfr. 3]/2 Cor 5, 20—6, 2/Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18

Jueves: Dt 30, 15-20/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6 [Sal 40, 5]/Lc 9, 22-25 **Viernes:** Is 58, 1-9/Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 18-19 [19]/Mt 9, 14-15 **Sábado:** Is 58, 9-14/Sal 85, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [11]/Lc 5, 27-32 **Domingo siguiente:** Gn 9, 8-15/Sal 24, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 [cfr. 10]/1 Pe 3, 18-22/Mc 1, 12-15

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By Scott Anderson, Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee.

Catholic Social Teaching states that we all have the right to flourish as individuals. This includes the right to private property and to develop ourselves consistent with the talents that God has given us. This is an essential part of the dignity of the human being. As stated in the Bishops' Document, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, "Every human being has a right to life, the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible, and a right to access to those things required for human decency—food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing, freedom of religion and family life."

That said, the overwhelming emphasis of Catholic Social Teaching is on our need for community. As God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone," Genesis 2:18. In the words of Robert Christian, "Church teaching is infused with a personalist, communitarian worldview. Each person has intrinsic dignity

and worth, since we are all made in the image of God. We realize our full potential as human persons within communities -- from the family to the office to the neighborhood to the global community."

Many Church leaders have warned that individualism can interfere with the solidarity of the community. The late Cardinal Francis George of Chicago wrote, "In the United States, individualism as an ideology is so closely associated with creativity and personal freedom that the Gospel's injunction to surrender oneself to Christ and others in order to be free has become largely incomprehensible."

Basic to Catholic Social Teaching is the idea that our rights are entwined with our responsibilities, that to emphasize only our prerogatives is immature and serves only to alienate ourselves from God. As Pope Francis has said, "Now more than ever the claim to focus everything on ourselves is illusory - to make individualism the guiding principle of society has proved to be illusory,"

JUSTICE **MATTER**

Justice Matters - an interfaith network working for justice

The Justice Matters Homelessness Research to Action group has been visiting with representatives from communities who have eliminated homeless for some or all groups of people in their cities who have formerly been unsheltered.

Frequently, the first groups given priority are military veterans and youth aging out of the foster systems. This time of year is especially important to protect people from the harsh winter temperatures and conditions. This is very difficult now that we have the additional restrictions for health safety due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Currently, our city, county and various health and community service providers have cooperated in using tents and motel rooms for night time housing.

Douglas County contracted with Built for Zero in April 2020. This is the program many of the successful communities have used. This chart shows some of the aspects of the



program. At present, we know a team has been established but beyond that we are still researching to see what if any implementation has begun. (see chart below).

Here at St. John Parish, we now have six team leaders and 45 network members. The four team leaders from last year, Jean Drumm, Nora Murphy, Ruth Entwistle and Pat Lechtenberg, are joined by Susan Tabor and Suzy Novotny. We are happy to have Susan and Suzy and their teams as part of St. John Parish Justice Matters Network.

THE PROBLEMS



A problem that many touch, but no single agency or organization owns



A definition of success limited to program outcomes



Efforts driven by static, aggregate, and nameless data

A problem solely understood as a problem of resource scarcity

THE BUILT FOR ZERO SOLUTIONS

A command center that breaks down silos and shares accountability

A commitment to reducing the number of individuals experiencing homelessness to zero



Comprehensive, real-time, individual-level data and coaching in problem-solving skills adapted from other sectors



Data for targeted investments that optimize benefits

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

K OF C ANNUAL BABY SHOWER

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the pro-life baby shower during the months of January and February. These items will be donated to the Insight Women's Center in Lawrence to help expectant families. Please place new donations in the crib located at the bell tower entrance to the church. If you would like to make a cash donation, please make the checks payable to "Insight Women's Center" Please put the check in an envelope in the weekly donation basket. Do not place cash or checks in the crib. Below is the list of items requested for this year's baby shower:

Cram the Crib Campaign

Will you help us reach out with Jesus' love to women and men facing a pregnancy crisis?

Buttons & Bows Boutique Wishlist

- Diapers sizes 5 & 6
- Pull-ups sizes 4T & 5T
- Baby wipes
- Nursing pads
- Baby wash
- Pacifiers
- Diaper bags
- Toddler boy winter jackets
- Toddler toys
- New Car Seats
- New Strollers
- Toilet paper
- Kleenex
- Printer paper
- Hand sanitizer pump (30 oz or more)
- Water bottles To invest online, please visit: https://secure.qgiv.com/for/ictcc

Thank you for investing in Lawrence families!



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The Leaven Online

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ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO SHARE

Have you ever met someone, had a teacher or coach, listened to a speaker or been to a concert and been blown away by the person in charge or leading the event? You walk away thinking "Wow! That was excellent!" What was it about that person? It's not so much what they said, but HOW they said it. Well, that's what it was like when Jesus spoke in the synagogue. He blew people away...even the evil spirits! We should be blown away too. Maybe we need to listen more closely. He speaks to us every day. He'll drive out what needs to driven out of you as well. Let's begin today to listen more intently, and ask for his help to cleanse us from the things that keep us from him. Ask him to be the authority in your life and for his guidance in your participation in the Archbishop's Call to Share appeal. You can make your online contributions to Call to Share at: https://mission.archkck.org/ There is still time. Thank you.



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MEETINGS: Three
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Call: Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015

Offered by the Couple-to-Couple League

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VALUE THEM BOTH PASSES THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE!

Many thanks to all who prayed for the passage of the Value Them Both state constitutional amendment for life by the Kansas Legislature. This is the first of two steps needed to stop an unlimited and unregulated abortion industry in Kansas. A statewide vote of the people will now take place in August of 2022. An extensive educational effort explaining the grave need for Value Them Both will be needed to counter the disinformation already being spread by abortion advocates. Parishes will be crucial to this campaign. To learn more go to: www valuethemboth.com





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