FIRST SUNDAY OF

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How could Is bear a crown of gold when the Lord bears a crown of thorns? And bears it for me! -St. Elizabeth of Hungary

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 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

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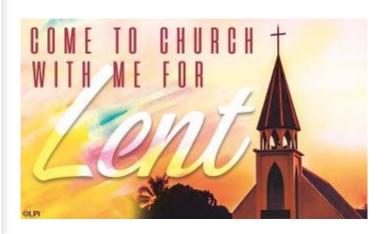
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or by contacting Michael Ramirez at 785-766-5723 or ramirezmari@hotmail.com. These forms must be completed and returned to the St. John Church office by April 5.



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

ADDITIONAL Reconciliation services

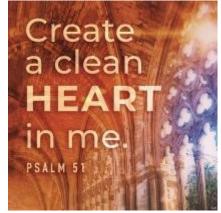
March 15, 7:00-9:00 pm, Padre Pio chapel (1 priest) March 16, 7:00-9:00 pm, Padre Pio chapel (1 priest) March 17, 6:00-8:00 pm, 2 priests available - 1 in Padre Pio chapel, 1 in church basement

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

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Our fiscal year is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 Below reflects donations received July 1, 2020 through February 14, 2021.

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Budgeted collection fiscal YTD	\$998,408.40
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STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

PARISH PRAYER LIST

The "Prayer List" includes the most recent information that the Simon Parish Center has about a parishioner and/or their family member. Contact the Center to request someone for the "Prayer List." **Thank you** on behalf of the families of those individuals for whom we pray.

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February 22 – February 28

Mon.	: 7:30 am	End to the Pandemic
Tues.	: 7:30 am	Williams Family
Wed.	: 7:30 am	Youth of Our Parish
	5:10 pm (Sp.)	Peace in the World
Thurs	5.: 7:30 am	Jim McMurray†
	12:10 pm	Vocations
Fri.:		Mary Jane Edwards†
	12:10 pm	Priest's Intention
Sat.:		Trent Wallace
	4:30 pm Living & Deceased	d Members of Monroe Family
Sun.:	7:00 am	Kermit B. Leininger†
	9:00am	Parishioners of St. John
	11:00 am	Stephen Peter†
	1:00 pm (Sp.)	Marta & Rene Hernandez†
	5:00 pm	Colette Fisher
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FOCUS ON THE WORD

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

THE UNLIKELY SUSPECTS

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation - plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that

God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikeliest suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects. ©LPi

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ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see

our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does. ©l Pi

KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

SHARING THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, Jesus spent forty days in the desert. Jesus stayed close to God, and he followed God's directions every day of his life. When Satan came to test Jesus he was ready. Jesus passed every test beautifully. He said "No" to temptation. When you write spelling words over and over, it is easier to remember them. If you are learning a new language, it helps to make flash cards to practice with. Once you memorize all your words, taking the test is pretty easy. The more you read the Bible and do what God asks in his word, the easier it will be for you to pass Satan's tests, too.

PRAYER

God, help me to stay close to you so that I am ready for my tests.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus helping you remember Bible verses.



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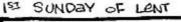
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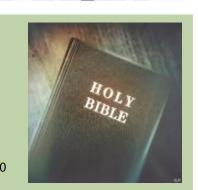
Invite your Grandma over to visit. Ask her to read John 12:12-16 to you.





DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

"Preparados o no, estamos en el primer domingo de Cuaresma. El pasado miércoles, 17 de febrero, iniciamos la Cuaresma. La Cuaresma es un tiempo para llevar a cabo más tiempo de calidad en la oración, ayuno y limosna. Estas prácticas cuaresmales ayudan a llegar a la Pascua preparados y ligeros de equipaje. Este tiempo es un llamado fuerte a la conversión. "El tiempo se ha cumplido, el Reino de Dios está cerca. Renuncien a su mal camino y crean en la Buena Nueva". (Marcos 1:15). El Evangelio de Marcos no explica las tentaciones de Jesús como Mateo y Lucas. Marcos solo lo especifica así: "Enseguida el Espíritu lo empujó al desierto. Estuvo cuarenta días en el desierto y fue tentado por Satanás. Vivía entre los animales salvajes y los ángeles le servían". (Marcos 1:12-13).

"Es saludable contemplar más a fondo el misterio pascual, por el que hemos recibido la misericordia de Dios. La experiencia de la misericordia, efectivamente, es posible sólo en un 'cara a cara' con el Señor crucificado y resucitado 'que me amó y se entregó por mí'. Un diálogo de corazón a corazón, de amigo a amigo. Por eso la oración es tan importante en el tiempo cuaresmal". El hecho de que el Señor nos ofrezca una vez más un tiempo favorable para nuestra conversión nunca debemos darlo por supuesto. Esta nueva oportunidad debería suscitar en nosotros un sentido de reconocimiento y sacudir nuestra modorra. (Tomado del Mensaje de Cuaresma del Papa Francisco 2020). ¿Qué debo sacudir de mi persona en esta Cuaresma? ©LPi



"Después de que arrestaron a Juan el Bautista, Jesús se fue a Galilea para predicar el Evangelio de Dios y decía: "Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio".

> - Mc 1, 14-15 Leccionario I º 1976 Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Litúrgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano

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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 21 DE FEBRERO

Domingo: Gn 9, 8-15/Sal 24, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 [cfr. 10]/1 Pe 3, 18-22/Mc 1, 12-15

Lunes: 1 Pe 5, 1-4/Sal 22, 1-3. 4. 5. 6 [1]/Mt 16, 13-19 **Martes:** Is 55, 10-11/Sal 33, 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19 [18]/Mt 6, 7-15

Miércoles: Jon 3, 1-10/Sal 50, 3-4. 12-13. 18-19 [19]/Lc 11, 29-32 **Jueves:** Est 12, 14-16, 23-25/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8 [3]/Mt 7, 7-12

Viernes: Ez 18, 21-28/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-7. 7-8 [3]/Mt 5, 20-26 **Sábado:** Dt 26, 16-19/Sal 118, 1-2. 4-5. 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5, 43-48 **Domingo siguiente:** Gn 22, 1-2. 9. 10-13. 15-18/Sal 115, 10. 15. 16-17. 18-19 [9]/Rom 8, 31-34/Mc 9, 2-10

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Tony Schmidt Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee,

A New Year, A Fresh Start, A New Catholic President. Our new President is off to an ambitious start and is embracing problems that have proven confounding. There is cause for optimism and I pray we will gain the upper hand on the virus

and therefore reopen the economy. As our committee's spokesman on environmental issues, I am particularly heartened with the President's early actions related to climate. He seems to be an ally to Pope Francis and our world. Besides rejoining the Paris Accord, he appointed John Kerry as

an international presidential envoy on climate, Gina McCarthy as Director of the White House Office of Climate Policy, Deb Haaland is nominated to lead the Department of Interior, Jennifer Granholm, former governor of Michigan as Energy Secretary, Michael Regan as Director of the EPA, Brenda Mallory will chair the Council on Environmental Quality and carbon tax supporter Janet Yellen was confirmed as Secretary of the Treasury. During these announcements in December the President said, "Folks, we're in a crisis. Just like we need to be a unified nation to respond to COVID-19, we need a unified national response to climate change." Social Concerns is investigating the prospect of reviving the St. John's "Green Team", or earth care committee, as a way of supporting these efforts. We need ideas. Other churches in town are attracting our members because they have earth care programs. Some ideas for our group are to explore political depolarization and bridging the divide. Nothing changes when we stay in a state

of not wanting to be bothered and of apathy. We need our Catholic brothers and sisters from all political stripes (especially those we know) to embrace the climate issue. To do this we could enlist friends from all area parishes to participate in a special "Better Angels"

seminar for Catholics. Other ideas for "Green Team" activities could include creating stories to tell, discussing air pollution and asthma with an expert, taking a nature walk to build our connection to the earth, hold a carbon footprint calculation seminar, tackle the Ecumenical Guidebook – Care for Our Common Home based on the encyclical. 2021 should be a busy year for climate. We could make it an important part of our spiritual journey this year. Contact me to help us protect our home from heat, deluge, drought, wildfires, water shortages, ice loss and ocean warming.

JUSTICE MATTERS

Justice Matters - an interfaith network working for justice

Following is an except from the Justice Matters This Week newsletter from February 5.

Is it cheaper to manage or end homelessness? End it. Last week, Douglas County Commissioner Shannon Portillo made an interesting observation while meeting with the Justice Matters Action Committee Chairman, John Krehbiel: "The three most expensive places to stay the night in Douglas County are: (1) The Lawrence Memorial ER, (2) The Douglas County Jail, and (3) The Lawrence Community Shelter."

Our conventional interpretation of 'homelessness' is really 'chronic homelessness.' Redefining the issue as a problem of the few, rather than that all homelessness is identical, we can target and eliminate the real issue.

Number of days of homelessness >>>

RENO, NEVADA – Famed author and statistician, Malcolm Gladwell, wrote an article that backs her up and would surprise many people. He writes, "Problems like

homelessness may be easier to solve than to manage..." Read the rest of the article here: [Link: https://housingmatterssc.org/ wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Million-Dollar-Murray.pdf].

What does "Functional Zero" homeless mean exactly? 14 CITIES & COUNTIES, US – Justice Matters has been investigating a specific process that communities throughout the US have adopted to eliminate homelessness called "Built for Zero". Fourteen cities – with populations as small as Douglas County and as big as 1 million – have used this process to achieve Functional Zero homeless. Below is a link to a video focused on ending veteran homelessness. But the same datadriven approach has worked to end other populations who experience homelessness (e.g., the chronically homeless, family, youth and children) throughout the country. Watch this video here to learn about "Functional Zero". [Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch? y=408mEwbF0ps&t=23s]





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.ggiv.com/for/ictcc

Thank you for investing in Lawrence families!



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ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO SHARE

Here we are. Another Lenten season is upon us. This is the year I'm going to make it all 6 weeks. I'm going to give up Coke and candy bars. I'm going to fast on Fridays, and I'm going to pray in the morning before work/school. I'm committed. (By the way, how are your New Year's resolutions going?)

Don't worry! We've all been there. Every year. All you have to do is try. All you have to do is try each day. Then, when you forget and eat something you shouldn't have, or didn't pray in the morning, just strat over the next day. The biggest thing is to NOT GIVE UP. Ask God for help this Lent. Ask him to walk with you, to guide you, to strengthen you. Then do your part - One. Day. At. A. Time. - and be sure to pray, fast and give. (Have you made your pledge to the Archbishop's Call to Share appeal?) You can make your online contributions to Call to Share at: <u>https://mission.archkck.org/</u> There is still time. Thank you.

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 WHEN: Begins Wednesday, Feb. 24th
 TIME: 6:30 P.M.
 MEETINGS: Three
 COST: \$135 (Includes all materials)

Pre-registration required at live-the-love.org. Financial assistance with fee available.

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

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