

“I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER; HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.” - MK 1:8

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“YO LOS HE BAUTIZADO A USTEDES CON AGUA, PERO ÉL LOS BAUTIZARÁ CON EL ESPÍRITU SANTO”. - MC 1, 8

EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

- Mark 1:9-11

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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

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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.

“ON THIS NIGHT, TIME OPENS TO ETERNITY, BECAUSE YOU,
O CHRIST, ARE BORN AMONG US, COMING FROM ON HIGH.”
-POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

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

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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.

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who sent Christmas cards to the staff. We appreciate your Christmas greetings.



ST. JOHN INCLUSION MINISTRY SURVEY

The St. John Inclusion Ministry is seeking feedback from parishioners with disabilities and their family members, to better understand and meet their needs in our St. John faith community. We would like to invite any parishioners with disabilities, as well as their family members, to participate. The survey can be accessed at the following link: <https://bit.ly/2WhqyAw>

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL 2021

All parish families should have received their 2021 Annual Stewardship Renewal Packet in the mail. Please return your Ministry/Gifts and Financial Pledge forms via mail, dropping it by the parish office, or the collection basket. If you have not received your packet or have questions please contact Cris Denning at the parish office 785-843-0109 or cdenning@sjevangelist.com. Thank you in advance for discerning your prayer, generosity, and service to St. John parish! We are grateful for your sacrifice to help us fulfill our mission to love and serve.

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 Church office by April 5.**



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Please support Scout Troop 52 raise funds to offset cost for the Troop's equipment, supplies and summer camp cost. Order online or by phone for curbside pickup or delivery on January 31, between 11:00am and 2:00 pm. More information can be found at: <https://troop-52.square.site/> or www.troopwebhost.org/Troop52Lawrence/.



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- An additional \$5 delivery fee with a minimum of four orders (great for leftovers!)

Thank you, Dan Sabatini, Troop 52 Committee Chair

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 3, 2021.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$30,254.80
Average weekly collection amount.....	\$26,342.48
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD.....	\$816,879.60
Actual collection fiscal YTD.....	\$711,246.99
NET SHORTAGE	\$105,632.61
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.

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JANUARY 11 – JANUARY 17

Mon.: 7:30 am.....	Sam Jahnt
Tues.: 7:30 am	Mary Eckart
Wed.: 7:30 am.....	Don Walkert
5:10 pm (Sp.).....	Agripina Mendozat
Thurs.: 7:30 am	Bob Brownt
12:10 pm.....	Kirby Ostrandert
Fri.: 7:30 am.....	Bernetta Mary Longt
12:10 pm.....	Priest's Intention
Sat.: 8:00 am.....	Don Walkert
4:30 pm	Jim McMurrayt
Sun.: 7:00 am	Jim O'Toolet
9:00am.....	Parishioners of St. John
11:00 am.....	Allen Ottert
1:00 pm (Sp.).....	Resendo Diazt
5:00 pm.....	Adoption & Foster Care Ministry

FOCUS ON THE WORD

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

WHEN GOD WHISPERS

"You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine."

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in

a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

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KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

SHARING THE GOSPEL

"Keep trying. You're doing great. I'm so proud of you." Every child should hear words like that. Every child wants to feel God's love. As Jesus grew from a boy to a man, he showed he was ready to live for God. At Jesus' baptism, God told Jesus, "You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you." God loves you as his child, too

PRAYER

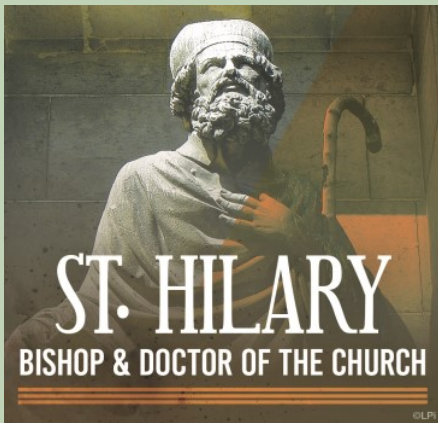
God, I am so glad you love me.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself telling someone special, "I love you."

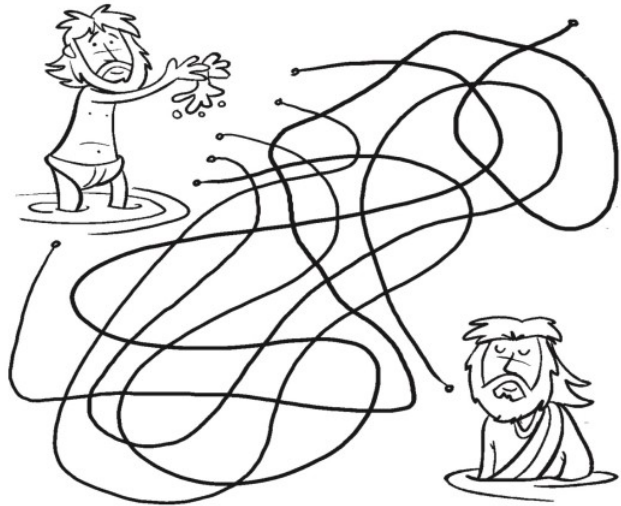
MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Be careful to use kind words with your family and friends.



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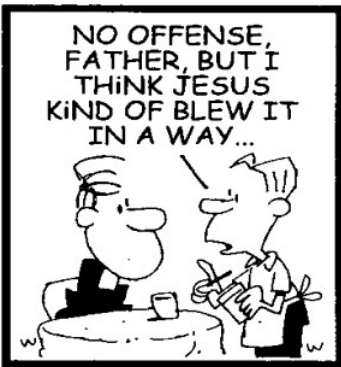
Show John the path to baptize Jesus.



MISSION

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD



DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

El Bautismo del Señor

Con la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor se termina el ciclo de la Navidad. El Bautismo del Señor es como una nueva Epifanía o manifestación. "Jesús, el Mesías enviado por Dios", se manifiesta al pueblo para salvarlo. En este Evangelio se manifiestan dos voces. La voz de Juan que dice: "Detrás de mí viene uno con más poder que yo. Yo no soy digno de desatar la correa de sus sandalias, aunque fuera arrodillándome ante él. "El mensaje de Juan es simple pero muy claro. Desaparecer él para que Jesús crezca. No menciona su nombre, pero sí, su grandeza y la magnitud de su humildad. Juan se considera indigno, inclusive de arrodillarse ante él. Jesús, es el Hijo de Dios. La segunda voz, es la Divina, se escucha desde el cielo. "Al momento de salir del agua, Jesús vio los Cielos abiertos: el Espíritu bajaba sobre él como lo hace la paloma, mientras se escuchaban estas palabras del Cielo: "Tu eres mi Hijo, el Amado, mi Elegido." (Marcos 1:10-11). Jesús, es el predilecto del Padre. Por eso esas palabras hermosas.

La liturgia de este domingo es un llamado a la comunidad parroquial para no quebrantarse en los momentos difíciles que está pasando. Nuestro compromiso como bautizado, por el contrario, debe salir a flote en cada momento de la vida cotidiana. Como hijo-hija predilecto de Dios debemos seguir a Jesús como único camino. Cada día el deber del bautizado es conocer más y más a Jesucristo, caminando hacia su interior para dar paso al diálogo sincero que torna la vida a Dios. ¡Goza tu bautismo, goza el ser hijo-hija de Dios haciendo el bien!

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“En aquel tiempo, Juan predicaba diciendo: “Ya viene detrás de mí uno que es más poderoso que yo, uno ante quien no merezco ni siquiera inclinarme para desatarle la correa de sus sandalias. Yo los he bautizado a ustedes con agua, pero él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo”. - Mc 1, 7-8

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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 más 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 más información llamar a María Mota.

CONFESIONES

Sábado de 3:00 pm a 4:00 pm y Miércoles 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 10 DE ENERO

Domingo: Is 42, 1-4. 6-7/Sal 28, 1-2. 3-4. 3. 9-10 [11]/Hch 10, 34-38/ Mc 1, 7-11 o Is 55, 1-11/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5, 1-9/ Mc 1, 7-11

Lunes: Heb 1, 1-6/Sal 96, 1 y 2. 6 y 7. 9 [cfr. 7]/Mc 1, 14-20

Martes: Heb 2, 5-12/Sal 8, 2 y 5. 6-7. 8-9 [cfr. 7]/Mc 1, 21-28

Miércoles: Heb 2, 14-18/Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9 [8]/Mc 1, 29-39

Jueves: Heb 3, 7-14/Sal 94, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11 [8]/Mc 1, 40-45

Viernes: Heb 4, 1-5. 11/Sal 77, 3 y 4. 6-7. 8 [cfr. 7]/Mc 2, 1-12

Sábado: Heb 4, 12-16/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15 [cfr. Jn 6, 63]/Mc 2, 13-17

Domingo siguiente: 1 Sm 3, 3-10. 19/Sal 39, 2. 4. 7-8. 8-9. 10 [8. 9]/1 Cor 6, 13-15. 17-20/Jn 1, 35-42

MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. DAY

LAWRENCE TOUR OF INJUSTICE

Monday, January 18, 2021
2 PM - 4 PM

Justice Matters invites you to a virtual tour of Lawrence and reflection on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Learn about the most pressing justice issues facing our community today and how you can take action.

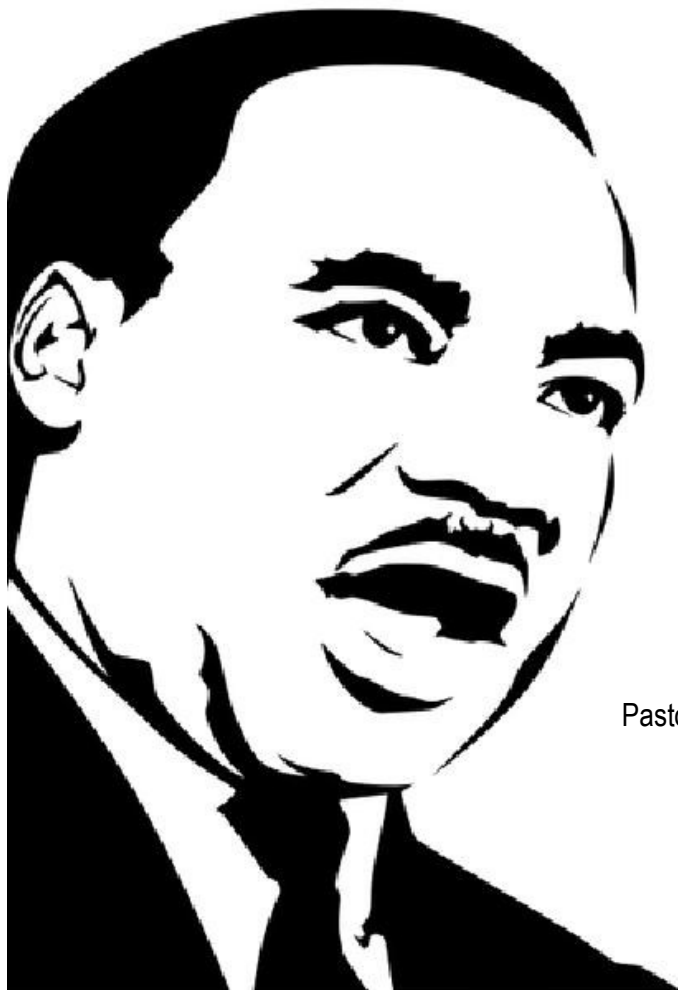
EVENT SCHEDULE

Welcome and Introduction
Pastor Justin Jenkins, Velocity Church
Issue Overviews of Justice Matters' Key Areas
of Focus for Research and Action in 2021

- Homelessness
- Restorative Practices in Schools
- Jail Alternatives

Keynote Speaker
Edith Guffey, United Church of Christ
Call to Action
Pastor Eric Galbreath, 9th Street Missionary Baptist Church
Closing Song
Pastor Leo Barbee, Victory Bible Church
Please register to attend using the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZU5fu6srTssH9GOQvC-g7SEM-gCBHk0HbNA>



SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor,

Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee,

As I prepared myself to write this column, it occurred to me that I hadn't given a ministry update in awhile. So here goes!

The Inclusion Ministry has developed a survey that they'd like you to know about. This survey aims to determine what needs to make our parish more accessible to people with disabilities, architecturally, programmatically and, for lack of a better term, attitudinally. There is information in the bulletin and the website, and it will appear in the weekly e-blasts from the church. **The deadline for completing this survey is February 1.** Thanks in advance for your participation, and if you know anyone who has been part of the parish and who has or had an access issue in the parish, please print out a copy of the survey for them to complete and send or bring their completed survey to the church or direct them to the church website or fill it out online, or get it to the church yourself. If someone needs an accommodation to complete the survey, contact Susan at: souljourner@sbcglobal.net and assistance will be obtained. The Interfaith Mental Health Outreach now has a name designated for our parish's IMHO program. It is Traveling Life Together. The program is ready for referrals. See the bulletin and website for more information. In short, we travel with people who are going through transitions or who need help with information and resources to address a challenge in their lives.

The guests in the Family Promise program are still living in a housing collective put together by several social programs when the pandemic began. We are still being asked to provide grocery store gift cards and frozen meals for four each rotation.

Please support Centro Hispano financially, with grocery cards, and pray for the immigrants and migrants in our local community who are separated from family members, who are feeling they need to hide from ICE and who are fighting deportation or are dealing with other challenges related to their citizenship status in our country.

The earth care committee is re-forming! Watch the bulletin, e-blasts and church website for details.

Justice Matters is heavily involved in the research phase of building recommended policies concerning homelessness, restorative practices and jail alternatives. If you are interested in participating in the research process, please contact one of the Justice Matters team leaders: Pat Lechtenberg, Ruth Entwistle, Jean Drumm, Nora Murphy or Susan Tabor for more information.

For the last several years, the plight of homeless persons in our local community has been a big issue in our city. We would like to acknowledge and thank our mayor, Brad Finkeldei, and our city commission and their staff for promptly addressing the need for an overflow sheltering plan for nights under 32 degrees in the winter. Now we can sleep at night, knowing that anyone who is homeless and wants a place to sleep when temperatures are freezing or below, can have a place to sleep if they want one. CARES and general fund monies will help fund this initiative and we thank them for being so open and accessible while working out funding and other details. Anyone needing a warm place to sleep may obtain a voucher for a hotel room from the Lawrence Community Shelter or the Bert Nash homelessness program.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

We need your help to make this year's Support Our Seminarians (SOS) event the best yet. This will be our final SOS event, and sadly due to the pandemic, we won't be able to gather in person; we will be gathering virtually. We need your help to make this final SOS event our most successful ever! You can support our seminarians and the future of the Church by making a donation, purchasing raffle tickets, praying for vocations, and joining us **online at 6:00 pm on Friday, January 29**, for the final SOS event. To donate or purchase raffle tickets, visit: www.supportourseminarians.com or contact Martha Hodes at **913-207-9893** or mmmhsos512@gmail.com. We hope you will join us in supporting our seminarians and vocations to the priesthood.



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PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE! JANUARY 21-29

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Please visit:

www.9daysforlife.com

to join the novena (either via text or email) and for additional information.



MARCH FOR LIFE & TEC

We made the difficult decision not to take a delegation to March for Life in January in DC. But this opens up the possibility for teens to attend the Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreat. We will provide a small group retreat experience for high schoolers on **January 16-18 at Prairie Star Ranch**. We will be following social distancing and other safety procedures that allowed Camp Tekakwitha to happen. TEC is a 3-day retreat based on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. TEC involves 16 and older adolescents encountering Christ in a way that many have never experienced before. On a TEC retreat, you will have the opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ through talks, group discussion, individual reflection, prayer, and sharing in the Sacraments. The weekend retreats are led by a team of youth, adults and a priest as spiritual director. To sign up go to:

www.sunflowertec.org

KANSAS MASS, MARCH & RALLY FOR LIFE IN TOPEKA!

The Kansas Mass, March & Rally for Life will take place this year in Topeka, KS on **Thursday, January 21** to observe the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and the 48th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Let's stand up for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life, in penance for the over 60 million lives lost, and to end violations to the dignity of the human person - both child and mother - committed through the act of abortion!

10:30 am Mass with the Kansas Bishops –

www.livestream.com/ArchKCK/KSMassforLife

12:00 pm March to the State Capitol for the Kansans for Life Rally – In-person!

Unfortunately, due to Covid gathering restrictions, in-person Mass attendance this year is by invitation only.

All are invited to join in the March for Life from the Topeka Performing Arts Center to the Kansans for Life Rally at the State Capitol steps. Visit: www.archkck.org/prolife for updated information and details on the day's event.

EVERY DAY IN LOVE

If you ate too many cookies at Christmas, it won't ruin your health if you eat well the rest of the year. Unfortunately, you also can't expect one salad per year to make you healthy! It's the little things, done daily, that affect our lives. Start this new year right by taking 7 date nights with your spouse to learn some simple, effective daily habits that will fill your 2021 with love! 7 Thursdays, **January 21- March 4, 7:30-9:00 pm** Live on Zoom, with recordings available to registered participants Scholarships available More info and register:

<https://archkck.org/our-church/who-we-are/offices/marriage-and-family-life/divorce/> Brad DuPont: bdupont@archkck.org

BECOME A FOCCUS FACILITATOR

Become a FOCCUS Facilitator Cost: \$115 per individual (includes one FOCCUS and one REFOCCUS manual & shipping). Click on the date to register for the "Zoom" class you would like to attend. Time is Central Time. Catholic Edition of FOCCUS.

• **Jan 16, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm** • **Feb 11, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

• **Mar 13, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm** • **April 8, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

• **May 8, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm** • **June 10, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

For additional information, please contact Deacon Tony Zimmerman at: famlife@archkck.org or **913-647-0329** or contact FOCCUS at:

foccus@foccusinc.com or **877-883-5422**.

JOYFUL HOMES

JANUARY 2021 THEME: Joyful families aren't perfect, but they're affectionate!

We want to set you up for success this year with a simple but effective way of inviting more joy into your family: AFFECTION. Find discussion questions, monthly scripture passage, a fun family date night and more here: archkcks.org/affectionate



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