



"The soul
of the one who
serves God
always swims
in joy,
always keeps
holiday,
and is always
in the mood
for singing."

- St. John of the Cross



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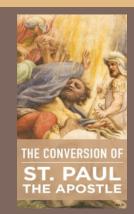
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Friday: 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

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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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"EVERYDAY I SAY TO MYSELF, TODAY I WILL BEGIN." -St. Anthony the Great

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Office Hours	PLEASE WEAR A MASK
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In the Padre Pio Chapel (inside the north church entrance)
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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 Below reflects donations received July 1, 2020 through January 17, 2021.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$30,254.80
Average weekly collection amount	\$26,611.78
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD	\$877,389.20
Actual collection fiscal YTD	\$774,741.90
NET SHORTAGE	\$105,647.30
FY 2020/2021 Current Net Deficit	\$257,811.13
FY 2019/2020 Total Deficit	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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

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.

CARD SHOWER FOR MARY GAUTHIER'S 98TH BIRTHDAY

Birthday wishes can be sent to Mary Gauthier by **February 4** at Presbyterian Manor, Room 230, 1429 Kasold, Lawrence, KS 66049. Thank you!

Troop 52 2021 Chili Feed Fundraiser

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/.



- One order consists of one bowl of chili, one piece of cornbread, a cookie, crackers, and condiments for only \$6.
- Order and pay on-line at: https://troop-52.square.site/ . Orders taken through January 28.
- For those without internet, orders can be placed starting December 28 by calling 785-766-1180 or 785-550-6564. Please leave your name, method of payment, how many orders you want, and time you will pick up. For delivery we also need an address.
- An additional \$5 delivery fee with a minimum of four orders (great for leftovers!)

Thank you, Dan Sabatini, Troop 52 Committee Chair

THE LEAVEN ONLINE

To catch up on news, events and commentary from the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, go online and read The Leaven newspaper at: www.theleaven.com.

SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL



OPEN HOUSE

Friday, January 29th

In-person tours & virtual meetings with faculty

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In-person tours from 9am-1pm. Registration required at WhyStJohn.com.

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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.

Mariele Berthold
Jenn Bole
Andrew Bouchard
Susan Guenther Brown
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	January 25 -	- January 31
Mon.:	7:30 am	Peace In The World
Tues.:	: 7:30am	End to the Pandemic
Wed.:	7:30 am	Priest's Intention
	5:10 pm (Sp.)	Alfonsa Remigio
Thurs	.: 7:30 am	The United States
	12:10 pm	Pro Popula
Fri.:		Wendy Glick
		Priest's Intention
Sat.:		Jon Rossillon
	4:30 pm	Parishioners of St. John
Sun.:	7:00 am	Maxine Leininger†
		Marianne Vietti
	11:00 am	St. John School
	1:00 pm (Sp.)	Evelia Diaz
	5:00 pm	Trent Wallace

FAITH FORMATION

DESPAIR AND HOPE: An evening of reflection and prayer

When we feel blessed in life, when we experience goodness and wholeness, we turn to God in praise and thanksgiving. But what happens when we experience the opposite? What happens when we are overcome by the presence of chaos, brokenness, suffering, death or by a sudden sense of our human vulnerability?

These past nine months we have indeed been faced with our human vulner-ability. To heal and prepare for hope, we must groan, grieving our losses both individ-ually and collectively.

God has given us a whole book of the bible giving us the tools to lament. (lament: a prayer for help coming out of pain). And God has also given us the Gospels which move us from lament-ations

to hope; specifically, our hope in Christ.

On **February 2**, we will explore Despair and Hope, we will look in the book of Lamentations for guidance on how to acknowledge our pain and move from lament to hope. Hope is that which we know, because of Christ's resurrection is a certainty,



however it is often hard to see or grasp in the throes of despair.

Join us, Shelly Bole and Susan Tabor, for an evening of soul searching as we move from lamenting to the Easter Hope of the Resurrection. This 90 minute gathering will be "hybrid" – we invite people to gather in person, socially distant in the parish hall or virtually through zoom. Please join us on **Tuesday, February 2** from 7:00-8:30pm. Please contact Shelly to register at: sbole@sjevangelist.com or call the offfice **785-843-0109**.

ARCHDIOCESE THOUGHTS

GOING FROM DECK THE HALLS TO CLEAR THE DECKS

By Father Mark Goldasich

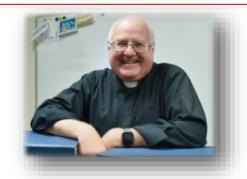
Oh, if I had only one. Maybe then, things would be different.

Because I'm determined to start 2021 on a positive note, I'll be doing something special on Jan. 11, the second Monday of the month, known as National Clean Off Your Desk Day. And if it's true that a clean desk is a productive one, then I'm in real trouble.

My first problem is that I don't have just one desk. I can happily report, however, that my Leaven desk is actually clear! That's because I haven't been there to use it since mid-March when the church offices went into lockdown.

Unfortunately, that meant the chaos simply shifted elsewhere: to the desk in my home office, to my home computer desk, to the desk in my bedroom, to the tray table in the den (which doubles as a desk) and to the most used "desk" of all: the kitchen table.

In fact, the kitchen table is so cluttered, I had to clear a 12-by-18-inch gap there just so I'd have a place to eat! My situation reminded me of this story: A woman was telling a new workplace friend, Alice, about how awful her former



boss had been. Alice laughed and said, "So, forget him! Why not just enjoy it here?"

Then Alice went on to tell a story: "I'm reminded of the time I moved a few years ago. I was making enough money to have a professional mover pack for me. When he asked what I wanted him to pack, I waved my arm and said, 'Everything!' "So, when I got to my new place, I saw that he had taken me literally. Along with my furniture, he'd packed up all of my trashcans. There I was in my beautiful new place . . . with all of my old garbage - including old newspapers, empty ketchup bottles and grapefruit rinds. So, my advice to you, my friend, is: Leave the garbage behind!" (Adapted from William J. Bausch's "A World of Stories for Preachers and Teachers.") Leaving the garbage behind is a marvelous way to start a brand-new year. That's why I've set up a schedule to clean

off my many desks. It's not all that hard, just time-consuming. My kitchen table, for example, is simply a convenient dumping spot — for mail, newspapers, magazines, receipts, papers, bookmarks, pens, old greeting cards, stamps, stationery, throat lozenges and books. Not only does it look like a mess — it literally messes with my mind and spirit. I can't honestly enjoy my morning cup of coffee when I'm surrounded by this mishmash mountain of chaos. So, I've started the clean off your "desk" "day" early. The first things to go from the kitchen table were all the items that didn't belong there: books to the bookcase; pens to a container; stamps and stationery to the home office desk; papers and receipts to the file cabinet or folders; and every newspaper or magazine that wasn't dated 2021 into the recycling bin.

I can't explain the sense of relief and accomplishment I've been feeling. And it's something that I'd like everyone to experience as well in this new year. Maybe you don't have physical clutter robbing you of peace, but your "garbage" may be feelings of resentment, anger, guilt, grudges or regrets.

Resolve to make 2021 the year to leave all

Resolve to make 2021 the year to leave all of that garbage behind. And the place to start may be as close as your desk, your kitchen table . . . or even your heart.

KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

SHARING THE GOSPEL

There's a colorful envelope addressed to you on the kitchen table. You see it's from your friend. You open it and find a party invitation inside. You parents say you can go! When Jesus invited Peter, Andrew, James and John to come along with him, they were just as excited to go. Jesus was the Savior and a good friend. They couldn't wait!

PRAYER

Jesus, I thank you for inviting me to spend time with you.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of Jesus smiling and waving to you. Mission for the Week

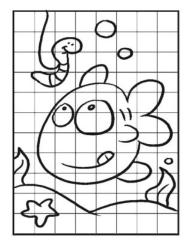
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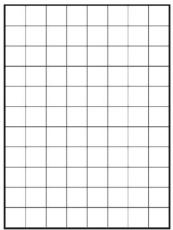
Jesus wants you to come to his home in heaven. Make a party invitation from Jesus to you. Use this invitation as a bookmark in your Bible.





Copy the picture square by square.







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3º SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Daily Readings

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20 **Monday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18 **Tuesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20 **Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25 **Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34 **Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41 **Next Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



FOCUS ON THE WORD

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

GIVE UNTIL IT HURTS

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy. But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel

mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Creer para cambiar, es el secreto para no destruirnos. Recuerdo, al inicio de la pandemia, que muchas personas no creían la magnitud y alcance del virus. Hubo quienes hasta que lo vivieron en carne propia creyeron. Y luego comenzaron a decir: "Yo no creía esto, pero les digo cuídense, no se expongan, guarden la distancia, lávense las manos". En la primera lectura, los ninivitas no creyeron hasta que Jonás predicó que la ciudad sería destruida. Sin embargo, ellos escucharon el mensaje y creyeron en la advertencia del peligro. Ayunaron e hicieron penitencia. ¡Hubo cambio del corazón, hubo conversión!

El Evangelio narra que Jesús llama a sus cuatro primeros discípulos, y proclama la Buena Nueva de Dios. Decía: "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). Observemos, que, después del anuncio viene la invitación al seguimiento. La similitud entre las lecturas es muy parecida. Jonás proclama, la gente de la ciudad responde. Jesús, anuncia la Buena Nueva y llama al ministerio a sus discípulos. Llamado, conversión, y misión están entrelazados. Lo principal en todo es creer, sin ese detalle del corazón, no puede darse respuesta. Ahora, se sigue proclamando la cercanía de Dios de muchas maneras, los caminos se abren al seguimiento, a darnos la mano unos a otros, a luchar hasta el cansancio por la salud de los demás. ¿Lo has visto o vivido así? Yo creo que sí. La conversión, sin duda es ablandar el corazón y el compromiso viene del mayor hasta el menor. **©LPi**



"Caminaba Jesús por la orilla del lago de Galilea, cuando vio a Simón y a su hermano, Andrés, echando las redes en el lago, pues eran pescadores. Jesús les dijo: "Síganme y haré de ustedes pescadores de hombres". - Mc 1, 16-17

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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 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 24 DE ENERO

Domingo: Jon 3, 1-5. 10/Sal 24, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 [4]/1 Cor 7, 29-31/Mc 1, 14-20

Lunes: Hch 22, 3-16 o Hch 9, 1-22/Sal 116, 1.2 [Mc 16, 15]/Mc 16, 15-18

Martes: 2 Tm 1, 1-8 o Tit 1, 1-5/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8. 10 [3]/Mc 3, 31-35

Miércoles: Heb 10, 11-18/Sal 109, 1. 2. 3. 4 [4]/Mc 4, 1-20 **Jueves:** Heb 10, 19-25/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [cfr. 6]/Mc 4, 21-25 **Viernes:** Heb 10, 32-39/Sal 36, 3-4. 5-6. 23-24. 39-40 [39]/Mc 4, 26-34

Sábado: Heb 11, 1-2. 8-19/Lc 1, 69-70. 71-72. 73-75 [cfr. 68]/ Mc 4, 35-41

Domingo siguiente: Dt 18, 15-20/Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7, 32-35/Mc 1, 21-28

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

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

To meet the bulletin's deadline, I'm writing this about 10 days before the time you see this. And, presumably on my part, we have made it through the inauguration of a new president of our country.

These last few weeks have been tough for all of us. As if the pandemic wasn't enough, our Capitol was attacked and the president at that time was implicated and impeached for the second time during his term of office.

Regardless of anyone's political party affiliation, everyone needs to participate in the healing of a weary, wounded nation. We can all participate.

First, I plan to pray that all of us be open to the voice of the Holy Spirit as we all go about our work and our healing. I also pray for reconciliation among relationships that were broken

due to how we handled the diversity of opinion in our country. May we be strong and open and may we have the strength to learn more about and participate in civil dialogue to prevent the pain of judgment and misunderstanding.

I pray that issues are identified and debated, that we will search for and identify common ground among all stakeholders. This has the effect of increasing community and lessening the use and effects of vitriolic speech and actions.

Before evaluating someone else's position, I pray for the wisdom and self-control to first feed back to that person what was heard, then go about quietly responding to what was said without name-calling or deliberately using provocative language.

Our newly elected officials and legislators have an exceedingly difficult job ahead of them. May they be open to God's wisdom and the example of the life of Jesus as they go about directing our country's efforts and helping its people to heal.

JUSTICE MATTERS

Justice Matters – an interfaith network working for justice

In recent days we've experienced a horrifying event that questions our democracy and loyalty to our American constitution. In Justice Matters research to action leadership training we are told the following are often used by those in power to prevent any changes of inequality, injustice and sharing of resources so that all have basic human rights. It might be of interest to each of you to see if they apply to modes of operation of any elected officials that make decisions on our behalf.

This is written before our new president and vice-president are installed I pray they are safe and that a peaceful transition has, indeed, taken place in our beloved America.

For your consideration.

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ENGAGING POWER: THE 7 D'S (Adapted from Roots to Power by Lee Staples)

- 1) **DEFLECT:** Decision makers focus the organization away from them: point to another department or staff member; change the subject/issue.
- **2) DELAY:** Power people give excuses (some may sound good and reasonable) for slowing down, changing deadlines, or setting endless meetings with no resolution. This will wear us

down.

3) **DENY:** Officials refuse to meet ("too busy", "not in", "bad time"), or they refuse to make any agreements. Stonewalling.
Sometimes, they will even deny there is a problem.

- **4) DECEIVE:** Officials lead us to believe that something is being done (or will be done); "We're all in this together" and any lack of progress is explained away by "rules and regulations" and bureaucracy out of their control.
- **5) DIVIDE:** Officials win over a few key leaders, provide symbolic concessions, or even offer special side deals. They raise issues that will create internal division among groups. There may be verbal attacks on staff or select leaders. ("You're okay, but your organizer is a problem.")
- **6) DISCREDIT AND DESTROY:** Decision makers attack the organization or its leaders. They discredit organizational positions, facts, credibility, meeting format, and goals in public and/or in small meetings with strategic people. For example, "Your organization is too confrontational" or "I don't agree with your research."
- **7) DISCOUNT:** Decision makers may discount your organization by dismissing or ignoring the organization, or by minimizing the problem.



AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

During this time of year we are motivated to make changes in our lives. Please join me in reflecting on the changes imposed on children in foster care. They have moved to new homes (sometimes enduring frequent moves), living with new families, expectations and routines. Not only have they been separated from their parents, they may be separated from their siblings. They usually attend new schools away from their friends and familiar adults. Not through their fault or within their control they face an unknown future.

Let us pray for these children. May they be surrounded by loving adults who, while unable to clarify the unknowns, give them hope for the beautiful future they deserve. Let their broken (and sometimes angry) hearts be mended by the Divine Healer. I pray that these children may know: And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

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.



COPING WITH LIFE ALONE

Peer-To-Peer Grief Support – **NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE** "Coping with Life Alone ®" is a Beginning Experience® grief support program that meets each week for 8 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. Upcoming program dates:

February 1 through April 5, 10 sessions Monday evenings, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Cost: \$50 This session will be held online using Zoom and requires internet access. Please register in advance and receive the program workbook plus detailed Zoom meeting instructions by going to:

www.beginningexperiencekc.org. For additional information please contact Donna at 816-305-3760.

HOW YOU WILL SUPPORT THE ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO SHARE

The idea behind fishing is to know the fish you are looking for and attract it so you can make the catch. To catch a fish we must know what equipment to use, where to find it and depth of the water we are fishing in, as well as the kind of bait the fish will go after. Once we understand everything we need for real fishing, then how do we relate that to being fishers of men? One sure way is to support the upcoming Archbishop's Call to Share appeal. Your financial gift will help provide the equipment needed for those "fishing for men", but also those serving the fishermen. Thank you, in advance for your support.

PROJECT CHRYSALIS

A ministry offering hope through Sacred Scripture and community to parents/grandparents who have lost a child or grandchild. While this ministry is not a bereavement group, our mission is to offer support and hope through scripture in a time of transformation. Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, **January 26 from 7:00- 8:15 pm via Zoom**. Fr. Shawn "The Baptist" Tunink will be our guest speaker. For more information and the Zoom link, contact Dcn. Ken Billinger at **913-634-4210** or email at: kbillinger@archkck.org. The group is open to parents or grandparents who have lost a child.

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 mmmmsss512@gmail.com. We hope you will join us in supporting our seminarians and vocations to the priesthood.

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.

- 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: familife@archkck.org or 913-647-0329 or contact FOCCUS at: foccus@foccusinc.com or 877-883-5422.





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