



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the East arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

- Mt 2: 1-2

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. - Mt 2, 10-11

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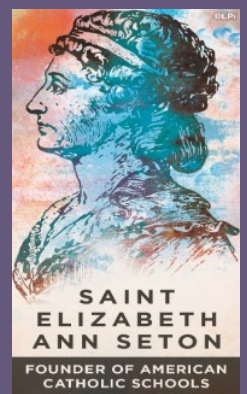
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm; Wednesday: 11:00-noon and by appointment



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.

**“WAKE UP, O HUMAN BEING!
FOR IT WAS FOR YOU THAT GOD WAS MADE MAN.
RISE UP AND REALIZE IT WAS ALL FOR YOU.”**
-ST. AUGUSTINE

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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.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

If you might be interested or know of someone who might be interested please contact Mr. Reffett at: creffett@sjeagles.com or 785-843-9511.

SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT

Visit online at: sjevangelist.com/school, call 785- 843-9511 or email Mr. Chris Reffett, Principal, at: creffett@sjeagles.com for more information and to schedule a tour for you and your student! St. John Catholic School has classes from pre-school through eighth grade.

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>

A PRAYER DURING A HEALTH CRISIS

Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and give
them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them Your
Spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and give
them Your comforting heart.
Wrap your arms around our world
and hold us in your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love to all we
meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen.
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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

A REFLECTION

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD MEN SEE GOD IN THE SIMPLE THINGS

The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing? "Born a king on Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.

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 December 20, 2020.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$30,254.80
Average weekly collection amount.....	\$25,908.85
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD.....	\$756,370.00
Actual collection fiscal YTD.....	\$647,721.27
NET SHORTAGE	\$108,648.73
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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Susan Guenther Brown
Donna Callaghan
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Linda Flyer
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-SAM JAHN
-GARRETT DREILING
-BETTY ERICKSON



JANUARY 4 – JANUARY 10

Mon.: 7:30 am.....	Arnie Morgison†
Tues.: 7:30 am	Joe Renyert†
Wed.: 7:30 am.....	Maxine Leiningert†
5:10 pm (Sp.).....	Aureliano Diaz Arellano†
Thurs.: 7:30 am	Osborne-O'Connor Family
12:10 pm.....	Jim McMurray†
Fri.: 10:00 am.....	Karol Thomast†
12:10 pm.....	Priest's Intention
Sat.: 8:00 am.....	Mariele Berthold
4:30 pm	Parishioners of St. John
Sun.: 7:00 am	Abe Gray III†
9:00am.....	Donna Callaghan
11:00 am.....	Rose Willy†
1:00 pm (Sp.).....	Adolfo Remigio-salud y trabajo
5:00 pm.....	Ricky Dalton

FAITH FORMATION



THE BLESSINGS OF THE DOOR: AN EPIPHANY TRADITION

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and
have come to do him homage.”
Matthew 2:2

After Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem, the Holy Family was visited by three Magi from the east. They came to worship Christ and bring Him gifts of gold (for the Great King), incense (for the True God) and myrrh (a symbol of His burial.)

The Feast of Epiphany is celebrated on the 12th day of Christmas, January 6, but in the United States it will be celebrated Sunday, January 3, 2021.

On Epiphany it is traditional for families to bless their homes, remembering the hospitality of the Holy Family to the Wise Men and asking for protection and blessings on the home and all who enter. During the pandemic, it is especially fitting that we ask for God’s protection.

The home blessing is done by writing on the door or the door frame with chalk, the symbols **20 + C + M + B + 21**. The **20** and **21** represent the current year. The **+** reminds us of the cross on which our Savior died. The **C, M, B** stand for the traditional names of the Wise Men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. It is also an abbreviation for the Latin Phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat* which means Christ bless this house. Writing on the door also brings to mind the Passover of the Jews during the final plague in Exodus, when the blood of the lamb protected the inhabitants within.

Feel free to bring your chalk to Mass and ask for a special blessing.

THE BLESSINGS OF THE DOOR:

Scriptures for Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72
Ephesians 3:2-6
Matthew 2:1-12
Revelation 21:22-2

Songs for Epiphany

We Three Kings
O Come All Ye Faithful
God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen
Go Tell It On the Mountain
Hark the Harold Angels Sing

PRAYER

Make the Sign of the Cross

Sing an Epiphany Song: see selection above

Read and Epiphany Scripture: see selection above

Pray: “Lord God of heaven and earth, You revealed Your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house that it may be filled with health, purity, strength, humility, goodness and mercy. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concerns for others may reflect Your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

(adapted from usccb.org)

Chalk the door, door frame or plaque with **20 + C + M + B + 21**

Together pray the Our Father

Together pray a Hail Mary

Sing an Epiphany song: see selection above

Make the Sign of the Cross

In the Magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first fruits of the nations, who welcome the Good News of salvation through the Incarnation. The Magi’s coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the One who will be the King of Nations.
CCC 528



FOCUS ON THE WORD

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

WISE MEN SEE GOD IN THE SIMPLE THINGS

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace." There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which. After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of

plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey. But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe. The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

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KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jigsaw puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God's promises, did their homework, and followed the star. When all of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.

PRAYER

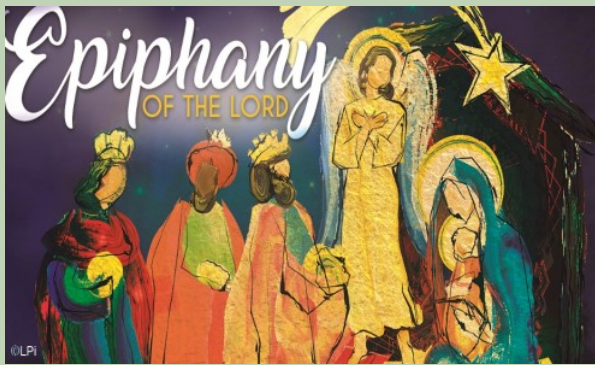
God, thank you for all the people who helped me find Jesus

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of the people who help you learn more about Jesus.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

WISE-MEN	MESSIAH	GIFTS
STAR	WORSHIP	WARNED
HEROD	EXCITED	DREAM

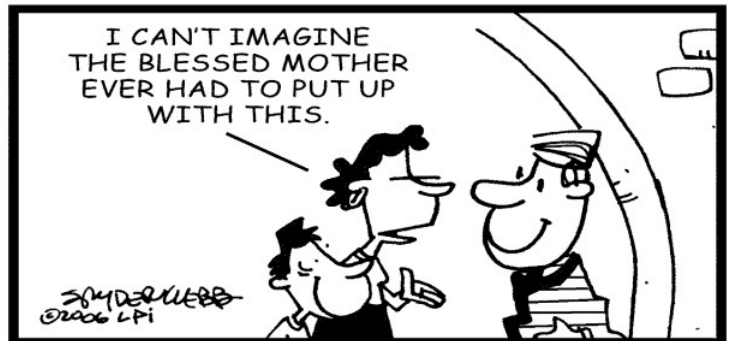
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MISSION

Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.

EPIPHANY



DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next 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



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

La Epifanía del Señor

Hoy celebramos la universalidad del Señor, fiesta conocida como la Epifanía. Celebramos, también la luz de Cristo manifestada en una estrella que guiaba a los Magos de Oriente hasta llegar a su encuentro. "Al entrar en la casa vieron al niño con María su madre; se arrodillaron y le adoraron. Abrieron después sus cofres y le ofrecieron sus regalos de oro, incienso y mirra" (Mateo 2:11). Y, nosotros, ¿Qué podemos ofrecerte en este tiempo difícil que estamos pasando? Solo, nos resta decirte: ¡Señor, que tu estrella nos guíe y nos ilumine a ser mejores personas, a integrarnos y ayudarnos en este tiempo tan duro que estamos pasando!

Las lecturas nos hablan cómo la luz, de diferentes maneras, nos orienta y marca el camino, que es Cristo. Jesús brilla en todas las personas de diferentes razas y estatus migratorio. El deseo de Jesús es esparcir su luz a toda persona, esa luz en otras palabras es su gracia, dada también en los Sacramentos. A pesar de todo lo que estamos viviendo actualmente, la invitación estriba en que el corazón palpite y desborde de alegría en el Señor. Muchas han sido nuestras experiencias en este tiempo de pandemia. Los momentos han sido difíciles, pero la luz de Cristo ha brillado de mil formas en medio de la oscuridad. Ni la oscuridad de la enfermedad, de perder a un ser querido, de la falta de trabajo, por mencionar algunos, ha matado la esperanza. Esa esperanza que nos hace ir más allá de nosotros mismos para dar ayuda a quien lo necesita. ¿Qué harás hoy para que la luz de Cristo ilumine la oscuridad de otros? ©LPi



“Jesús nació en Belén de Judá, en tiempos del rey Herodes. Unos magos de Oriente llegaron entonces a Jerusalén y preguntaron: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos venido a adorarlo”. –Mt 2, 1-2

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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 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 Católica, 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 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 3 DE ENERO

Domingo: Is 60, 1-6/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 [cfr. 11]/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12

Lunes: 1 Jn 3, 22—4, 6/Sal 2, 7-8. 10-12 [8]/Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25

Martes: 1 Jn 4, 7-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8 [cfr. 11]/Mc 6, 34-44

Miércoles: 1 Jn 4, 11-18/Sal 71, 1-2. 10. 12-13 [cfr. 11]/Mc 6, 45-52

Jueves: 1 Jn 4, 19—5, 4/Sal 71, 1-2. 14 y 15. 17 [cfr. 11]/Lc 4, 14-22

Viernes: 1 Jn 5, 5-13/Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20 [12]/Lc 5, 12-16

Sábado: 1 Jn 5, 14-21/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5 y 6 y 9 [cfr. 4]/Jn 3, 22-30

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SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor,

Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee,

On behalf of the social concerns for peace and justice committee, Happy New Year to you! Hopefully, this year will bring a resolution to the coronavirus issue and we can again return to “a normal life”, accompanied by the lessons that making through the time of covid taught us.

I don't make New Year's resolutions anymore, but I do set intentions. This year I want to work on ways to integrate these new lessons as part of my “normal life” as well.

Some of those intentions will become a part of my faith life and

my faith community. I learned not to take touch or hugs or community for granted. I learned I need to work harder on letting God love me, and accepting God's love. I learned to value resiliance with a deeper appreciation. It's such an important, valuable attribute to cultivate! It helped me to be less likely to fall into negative ruts!

What have you learned from living with the covid pandemic around you? From what you learned, do you see anything that you'd like to cultivate into a stronger aptitude or coping mechanism? Who or what could assist you in making this happen? Good luck to you as you formulate your intentions and work up your plan!

ARCHDIOCESE THOUGHTS

I GUESS I SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED

By Father Mark Goldasich

It was the most expensive bottle of hand sanitizer ever. And that's odd, because it was actually on sale.

Here's the deal: For years now, my parish has set up “angel trees,” to sponsor needy families for Christmas. Due to the pandemic, all of the “angels” this year represented gift cards in various amounts, rather than other presents.

After the weekend Masses, there were two angels left, so I decided to take care of them. Since a friend's birthday was coming up, I headed to Target to buy a card and pick up those gift cards. This was a major decision because I've refrained from shopping in person since the pandemic started.

Once masked up, I entered the store and saw a kiosk with gift cards. I grabbed two then headed to the greeting card section. I quickly picked out a birthday card and set off for the checkout counter. Along the way, though, my impulse buying gene kicked in . . . and that was to be my undoing. I didn't need hand sanitizer, but since it was by the checkout counter —



and on sale! — I picked up a bottle.

The clerk rang up my purchases. After getting my change, I scooped up the sack and left. My mind was already anticipating my next stop: carryout at Jose Peppers.

When I got home, I grabbed the Target bag and my food. After eating, I went to get the hand sanitizer. I reached into the bag and, surprise, that was the only thing in there — no gift cards, no birthday card!

Certain they'd just dropped out of the sack, I checked for them in the car. Nada! Then, it occurred to me that the clerk probably put the birthday card and the gift cards in a separate bag that I'd not seen or picked up.

I was livid. The two main things I'd “risked

my life for” I didn't have. And what I did have, the hand sanitizer, I didn't really need and hadn't intended to buy. Even though I knew it was a lost cause, I called the store to see if some good-hearted person had turned in the missing items. No such luck. And the dishonesty of the human race made me even madder.

As I was stomping around my house, two things struck me. First, I knew I had only myself and my inattentiveness to blame for this fiasco. Secondly, the often-repeated words of Pope Francis came to mind: Our God is a “God of surprises.” This caused me to re-imagine my “loss.” Those gift cards would not go to waste: They'd be used — not by the people I'd intended them for, but by someone. And, just suppose that the person behind me at Target was saying a silent prayer, lamenting that it was someone's birthday and they couldn't afford a card or gift for them. Imagine their wonder in opening up their Target bag to find not just what they prayed for, but two gift cards!

That thought made me laugh. And maybe, come Judgment Day, the Lord will commend me for being his unwitting — and unwilling — Advent angel in Target that day.

Surprise, surprise, surprise!

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

JOYFUL HOMES

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SPIRITUAL REFLECTION RETREAT

Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Road - Easton, KS
Friday, January 8 starting at **5:30 pm** and ending on **January 10** at **4:30 pm**. Set aside time this year to focus on spiritual growth, create growth goals for various roles, devise steps to reach goals and write a vision statement for the year. The structure of the retreat will allow ample time for you to work on your plan. Resources and ideas will be provided to incorporate in your plan. There will be time to brainstorm and share plans with others as well as time to meet with a spiritual director if you prefer to speak on an individual basis. Private Time for Prayer/Reflection, Daily Eucharistic Adoration, Praying of the Liturgy of the Hours, Confession and Mass at the local parish will also be available. The suggested donation is \$170/Single or \$250/Couples for the Cabins and Courtyard Rooms or \$100 for the Single Guest Rooms (Meals Included). To attend, send an email to: info@christspeace.com or call **913-773-8255**.

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- Mar 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

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.

THE CALIX SOCIETY

The Calix Society (www.calixsociety.org) is a national association of Catholics in 12-Step recovery (AA, NA, OA, AlAnon, etc.). The Calix Society meets the first Friday of each month at Church of the Ascension in Overland Park. Since the first Friday of January is New Year's Day, the next meeting will be **Friday, January 8**. For specific information on time and meeting format, call Neil at **913-645-7244**, or Mary at **913-747-5039**.

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

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