



“Heaven is filled with converted sinners of all kinds, and there is room for more.”

-St. Joseph Cafasso



## 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

En aquel tiempo, llamó Jesús a los Doce, los envió de dos en dos y les dio poder sobre los espíritus inmundos.  
Expulsaban a los demonios, ungían con aceite a los enfermos y los curaban. - Mc 6, 7. 13

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## MASS SCHEDULE & OFFICE HOURS

### Daily Masses May 28-September 6:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:30 am

\*Tuesday Masses are available at:

Corpus Christi at 8:15 am,  
St. Lawrence Center at 12:10 pm,  
Holy Family, Eudora at 7:00 am,  
Sacred Heart, Tonganoxie at 7:30 am.

### Weekend Masses May 28-September 6:

Saturday: 4:30 pm;  
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,  
1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday: 11:00 am – Noon;  
Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm;  
Other: by appointment

### Office hours June 1-August 16:

Monday-Friday-8:30 am-2:30 pm. After 2:30 pm please call staff members direct extension (see pg. 2). Thanks.

# 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.

“NO ONE IN THE WORLD CAN CHANGE TRUTH!  
WHAT WE CAN DO AND SHOULD DO IS TO SEEK TRUTH  
AND TO SERVE IT WHEN WE HAVE FOUND IT.”  
-ST. MAXIMILAN KOLBE

## PARISH STAFF

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## SIMON PARISH CENTER

**Mailing Address** ..... 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044  
**Phone**.....785-843-0109  
**Office Hours**.....**PLEASE WEAR A MASK**  
**Monday-Friday** .....8:30 am-2:30 pm  
After 2:30 pm please call staff members direct extension.  
Thank you.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday..... 4:30 pm  
Sunday ..... 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,  
.....1:00 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm

**Masses to be livestreamed at:** <https://sjevangelist.com/live/>  
Sunday ..... 11:00 am & 1:00 pm (Spanish)

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In the Padre Pio Chapel (inside the north church entrance)  
Wednesday ..... 11:00 am-12:00 pm  
Saturday ..... 3:00 pm-4:00 pm  
Other ..... by appointment

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# SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## JOB OPENINGS

### PARAPROFESSIONAL POSITION

St. John is currently looking for a paraprofessional to work in one of our primary classrooms. If you are interested in this position or would like to learn more about the position, please email Chris Reffett at: [creffett@sj eagles.com](mailto:creffett@sj eagles.com).



## SCHOOL MISSION

### *Faith-Knowledge-Service-Growth*

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.

## CYO PARENT INFORMATION AND SURVEY

Hello St. John Community,

Robin and I are very excited to be the new CYO directors, beginning this summer. Thanks so much to Shawn and Kelly for all their hard work and assistance in the transition. Please bear with us as we learn the processes and contact us with any concerns or suggestions at: [jordanbassku@gmail.com](mailto:jordanbassku@gmail.com).

CYO sports at St. John will be returning in the fall with 3rd through 8th grade cross country and volleyball. The total cost for all grade levels of cross country is \$83 and volleyball is \$78 for 3rd and 4th grade and \$98 for 5th – 8th grade. Additionally, if there is interest in participating in flag



football at certain grade levels please send me a note so we can discuss logistics.

Finally, if you are interested in coaching or helping coach a volleyball or flag football team this fall please fill out the quick survey below. Thanks!

Link to Survey: [https://kusurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_7X77dnLYTRWr4cC](https://kusurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7X77dnLYTRWr4cC)

For information on Sports and Registration: <https://cyojwa.org/current-programs>

Best,  
Jordan and Robin Bass  
SJ Athletic Directors

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## JOB OPENING DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

St. John Church and School in Lawrence seeks a full-time Director of Advancement. The Director will develop and administer development plans to ensure the long-term viability of the Church and School. The Director will oversee all advancement activities necessary by building relationships with a broad range of parishioners, parents, alumni, volunteers and community members. Candidates with three to five years of fundraising experience and bilingual (English and Spanish) are preferred. Please see full job description and requirements at: [www.sjevangelist.com](http://www.sjevangelist.com). This position is eligible for an Archdiocesan benefits package. Position will be open until filled. Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. John Cousins at: [frjohn@sjevangelist.com](mailto:frjohn@sjevangelist.com) or 1229 Vermont Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.



## JOB OPENING BUSINESS MANAGER

St. John Church and School in Lawrence, KS seeks a full time Business Manager. The Manager will administer the finances of the parish and school, maintain accuracy of all financial operations, and serve as HR officer. Applicants need computer/new technologies competencies. Candidates with a degree in Business/Accounting with 1-3 years of experience or its equivalency, and bilingual (English and Spanish) are preferred. Please see full job description and requirements at: [www.sjevangelist.com](http://www.sjevangelist.com). This position is eligible for an archdiocesan benefits package. Anticipated start date July 26. Position open till filled. Send cover letter and resume to Fr. John Cousins at: [frjohn@sjevangelist.com](mailto:frjohn@sjevangelist.com) or mail to 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044.



# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## JOB OPENING PARISH COORDINATOR

St. John Parish and School seeks a part-time parish coordinator. The parish coordinator will be responsible for the efficient use of parish facilities and managing supportive services. Candidates with 1-3 years work experience and bilingual (English/Spanish) are preferred. Please see full job description and requirements at: [www.sjevangelist.com](http://www.sjevangelist.com). Anticipated start date August 1. Position will be open until filled. Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. John Cousins at: [frjohn@sjevangelist.com](mailto:frjohn@sjevangelist.com) or mail to: 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044.



## RCIA TEAM

We are starting our own RCIA Team here at St John's. There are several ways you could be a part of this ministry: hospitality, walking the journey with someone, being a parishioner-at-large contact or a catechist. Formation for any and all of these areas will be provided. If any of these appeal to you, please contact Shelly Bole at the parish office **785-843-0109 ext. 315** or email [sbole@sjevangelist.com](mailto:sbole@sjevangelist.com).



## THANK YOU

To those who count  
the Sunday collection.

## SOCIAL LIFE COMMITTEE: WANNA HAVE SOME FUN?

Do you enjoy planning fun events? Does community mean a lot to you? Then this is your committee! The St. John social life

committee is looking for additional members to help plan and carry out monthly events to support and restore the community in our parish. This work will be creative and fun! If interested, please email Susan Tabor at: [souljourner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:souljourner@sbcglobal.net) or phone her at **785-865-9949**. Thanks!

# SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

*Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee,*

What follows is a reflection on the common good by Fr. Steve Kluge, OFM. At the end, he invites us to reflect personally on some questions to help us in our spiritual pilgrimage toward peace and justice.

### The Common Good

Society must be so ordered or arranged that it permits all people to reach their full human potential and to realize their God-given human dignity. Essential elements of the common good are: respect for the person, the social well being and development of the group, and peace and security for all.

Too often public policy is so ordered to give that have much, more, while those who have little are ignored or even deprived of the help the need in order to survive.

The incarnation of Christ shows us that reaching our full human potential is not about the acquisition of things or having a large bank account. Rather it is about losing one's life by imitating the life of Christ and how he related to people through acts of generosity, hospitality and forgiveness. In the Eucharist, our lives are to image the breaking open of the eucharistic bread and the pouring out of the Eucharist wine.

We eat the body and blood of Christ so as to become his body and blood in the world. Pope Benedict XVI reminded us "a Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented."

### QUESTIONS

Meditate on these words from the consecration at Mass, "Do this in memory of me ..." with the understanding that the word "this" means more than the ritual action done at Mass. What needs to change within society and the church so that everyone might reach their full human potential and dignity?

How would you define full human potential?

How do the effects of the Eucharist show forth in your words and deeds during the week?

God through the spirit gives each of us gifts to be used in building up the body of Christ. What gifts has God given you? Are you using them or hiding them? How or why not?

If everyone who is church used their gifts to glorify God through ministering to him in service to the poor, how would that change the church? Society?

# 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 June 27, 2021.

Budgeted weekly collection amount .....	\$30,254.80
Average weekly collection amount.....	\$26,528.24
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD .....	\$1,573,249.60
Actual collection fiscal YTD.....	\$1,379,468.83
<b>NET SHORTAGE .....</b>	<b>\$193,780.77</b>
<b>FY 2020/2021 Current Net Deficit .....</b>	<b>\$257,811.13</b>
<b>FY 2019/2020 Total Deficit .....</b>	<b>\$267,486.68</b>

Visit: [sjevangelist.com/giving](http://sjevangelist.com/giving) for more information or to set up and manage your account today!

Contact Cris Denning at: [cdenning@sjevangelist.com](mailto:cdenning@sjevangelist.com) or phone 785-843-0109 if you have any questions.

-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.

Steven Avila  
 Mariele Berthold  
 Chris Besler  
 Jenn Bole  
 Andrew Bouchard  
 Susan Guenther Brown  
 Donna Callaghan  
 Bob Carlson  
 Loretta Chavez  
 Ricky Dalton  
 Hank Desch  
 Bill Dunn  
 Linda Erp  
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 Noni Fallaria  
 Joanne Feist  
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 Lori Fleming  
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 Lonna Hamm  
 Caeson Hatch  
 Christian Heady  
 Luke Henry  
 Patsy Heptig  
 Charles Hermann  
 Kathy Higley  
 Maureen Hirt  
 Janet Ikenberry

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 Russ McDonald  
 Ellen Mesa  
 Vickie Mesa  
 Zackary Messerly  
 Paul Milburn  
 Linden Morgan  
 Augustus Nelson  
 John Nelson  
 Mary Beth Nelson  
 Danny Nguyen  
 Theophilus Obiefule  
 Lupe Otero  
 Kathy Otter  
 Lydia Owen  
 Tim Owens  
 Julie Patterson  
 Mary Polfer  
 Mike Reilly  
 Joel Rivera  
 Virginia Romero  
 Jon Rossillon  
 Greg Schurer  
 Carole Scott  
 Mary Kay Seidl  
 Pete Sethatut  
 Christine Shipley  
 Gerald Simon  
 Brett Smith  
 Scott Smith  
 Linda Snyder

Joseph Soza  
 Cameron Stupansky  
 Jack Taylor  
 Deloris Tharp  
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 Fleda Umscheid  
 Lily Van Giezen  
 Oren Van Wallegghem  
 Cindy Vasquez

Marianne Vietti  
 Lou Volpe  
 Jeanette Walker  
 Ted Walker  
 Susan Williams  
 Jon Yarnell  
 Dena Yepa  
 IN MEMORIAM  
 -MARGARET STAHL



JULY 12 – JULY 18

<b>Mon.:</b> 7:30 am.....	Younger Family
<b>Tues.:</b> 7:30 am .....	NO MASS
<b>Wed.:</b> 7:30 am.....	Amy Tinio
5:10 pm (Sp.).....	NO MASS
<b>Thurs.:</b> 7:30 am .....	Peace In The World
12:10 pm.....	NO MASS
<b>Fri.:</b> 7:30 am.....	Blood Donors
12:10 pm.....	NO MASS
<b>Sat.:</b> 8:00 am.....	NO MASS
4:30 pm .....	John Carlost
<b>Sun.:</b> 7:00 am .....	Andy & Anna Kish
9:00am.....	Dick Martint
11:00 am.....	Jim Heimt
1:00 pm (Sp.).....	Ruiz Family
5:00 pm.....	Parishioners of St. John

## MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Este domingo, la Palabra de Dios nos invita a tener en cuenta dos características: "Hoy narra el momento en el que Jesús envía a los doce en misión: Se detiene en el estilo del enviado, que podemos resumir en dos puntos: la misión tiene un centro; la misión tiene un rostro. El discípulo misionero tiene antes que nada su centro de referencia, que es la persona de Jesús. Y la segunda característica del estilo misionero es, por así decir, un rostro que consiste en la pobreza de los medios. Su equipamiento responde a un criterio de sobriedad" (Papa Francisco (7/15/2018).

¿Quién es el responsable de responder al mensaje de Jesús y del Papa Francisco actualmente? Sencillamente, todos los bautizados somos enviados a llevar a cabo el mensaje de Jesús. Teniendo en cuenta que es su mensaje, no mi mensaje. Todos los bautizados somos llamados a dar testimonio del amor liberador del Reino anunciado por Jesús. Y en este tiempo de pandemia, de descontrol, de sufrimiento y de muerte, ¿qué anunciamos, qué misión y mensaje tenemos a cargo? Siempre, es la misma misión y mensaje, un anuncio de conversión, de volver nuestra mirada y corazón al Señor. Existe, tanto por hacer, mucho que sanar, mucho que curar en la familia, y en la sociedad. En resumen, reflexionemos en las últimas palabras del Evangelio de hoy: "Fueron, pues, a predicar, invitando a la conversión. Expulsaban a muchos espíritus malos y sanaban a numerosos enfermos, ungiéndoles con aceite" (Marcos 6:12). Seamos, pues, discípulos misioneros fieles y comprometidos a su Palabra. En cualquiera que sea nuestra vocación, siempre de dos en dos. ¡Misión y mensaje!

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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 ESPAÑOL

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 11 DE JULIO

**Domingo:** Am 7, 12-15/Sal 84, 9-10. 11-12. 13-14 [8]/Ef 1, 3-14 o 1, 3-10/Mc 6, 7-13

**Lunes:** Ex 1, 8-14. 22/Sal 123, 1-3. 4-6. 7-8 [8]/Mt 10, 34—11, 1

**Martes:** Ex 2, 1-15/Sal 68, 3. 14. 30-31. 33-34 [cfr. 33]/Mt 11, 20-24

**Miércoles:** Ex 3, 1-6. 9-12/Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7 [8]/Mt 11, 25-27

**Jueves:** Ex 3, 13-20/Sal 104, 1 y 5. 8-9. 24-25. 26-27 [8]/Mt 11, 28-30

**Viernes:** Ex 11, 10—12, 14/Sal 115, 12-13. 15 y 16. 17-18 [13]/Mt 12, 1-8

**Sábado:** Ex 12, 37-42/Sal 135, 1 y 23-24. 10-12. 13-15/Mt 12, 14-21

**Domingo siguiente:** Jr 23, 1-6/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 [1]/Ef 2, 13-18/Mc 6, 30-34

# FOCUS ON THE WORD

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we



go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.

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## EVERYDAY REFLECTION

### What We Carry from Town to Town

In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don't.

People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we've been — whether it's a private home or a public bathroom — cling to our shoes long after we leave.

This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear.

Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we're tracking into our present and future encounters.

What is the "town" God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don't let a past disappointment constrain you. Don't allow yesterday's failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today's witness, whatever form it might take.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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# KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

## SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus sent his disciples out in pairs. He gave them control over evil spirits. Through baptism you have control over evil spirits. Jesus is your partner. When you are thinking about taking a toy that is not yours, you can say, "No." When you want to hit someone, you can say, "No." When you would like to break the rules at school, you can say, "No. I choose to walk with Jesus."

## PRAYER

Lord, give me strength to say, "Yes. I'll obey your commandments."

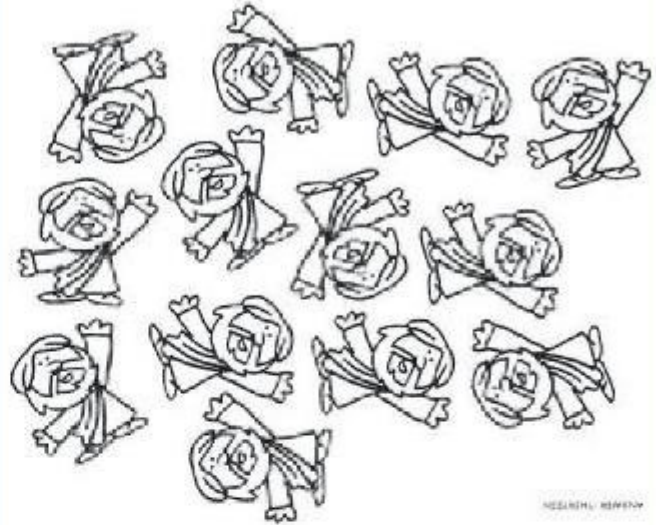
## SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw you and Jesus walking together saying, "No," to evil and "Yes," to good.



## ★ PUZZLE

You can count on Jesus for sure, but can you count how many are shown here?



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## ✝ MISSION

Ask God to bless your family so that they will be able to obey God's commandments.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## DAILY READINGS

**Sunday:** Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

**Next Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34





# ARCHDIOCESE THOUGHTS

## THEY COULD NOT LEAVE THEM ORPHANED JUNE 4, 2021

The older I get, the more appreciative I become of my family. Growing up, I assumed that everyone had loving parents and a stable home where the necessities of life — like faith, food, education and medical care — were provided for.

Obviously, that's not the case, as I've learned over the years and as recent articles in *The Leaven* about foster care clearly show.

Sadly, the plight of children in need is not a new one in our country. A few weeks ago, I visited the National Orphan Train Complex in Concordia (orphantraindepot.org). I suspect that many people are unaware of what the "orphan train" was or that this gem of a museum is found here in Kansas.

First, here's a little history lesson. Around the year 1830, the problem of homeless children exploded in large cities in the East. For example, the population of New York City by 1850 was about a half a million. Of those, about 10,000 to 30,000 children lived on the streets or were housed in overcrowded orphanages. These kids sold rags or matches to survive, while others engaged in prostitution or became thieves or pickpockets. At night, they slept on sidewalk steam grates or under bridges.

A minister and social reformer named



Fr. Mark Goldasich

Charles Loring Brace was so disturbed by this situation that he founded the Children's Aid Society in 1853 to help children who were orphaned, half-orphaned or abandoned. He came up with the idea to rehome children from the slums of New York City to "goodhearted families in small towns and on farms [that] would take the children, educate them and see that they had a religious upbringing." This became "the largest children's migration in history," according to Andrea Warren in her book, *"We Rode the Orphan Trains."*

From 1854-1930, about 250,000 children rode those trains, with some 4100 children settling here in Kansas. Unfortunately, the children were not usually informed about what exactly was happening to them. Many, believing the train ride was an adventure, were simply excited to receive two sets of new clothes (one for the train ride and one to be changed into when meeting their new families) and a Bible. Agents from the Children's Aid Society traveled with the kids to provide food, medicines and emotional support.

In 1869, the Sisters of Charity of New York got involved. Sister Mary Irene Fitzgibbon and two other Sisters created the Foundling Hospital in New York City, where they cared for abandoned infants and toddlers. The Sisters "put a cradle in a protected area near the front door where infants could be left." Some people provided no information about the child, while others wrote emotional notes such as: "It is a heartbroken mother who is compelled to surrender her child through misfortune." And "My wife, its mother, is dead. Do the very best you can do for my little one." The Sisters placed their charges aboard "mercy trains" to live with Catholic families across the country.

The Concordia museum has a short film to introduce visitors to the story of the orphan trains. Afterwards, people can check out scores of photos, stories and artifacts of kids who rode those trains. There is even a refurbished rail car on-site to simulate what the children experienced.

Naturally, not every child found a happy home, but the majority of placements worked out well. Warren's book summarizes well the rationale behind the orphan trains: "Officials knew that the placing out program was imperfect and did what they could to screen out inappropriate families. But in spite of problems, placing out provided the best chance many of the children had of finding a home."

This day trip is a worthwhile stop . . . especially if you've been taking your family for granted.

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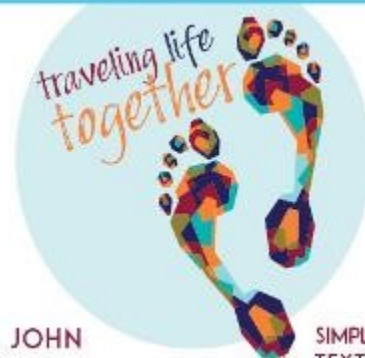
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