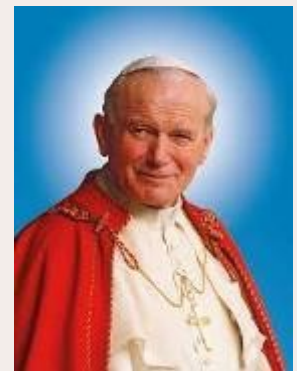


“There is no place for selfishness-and no place for fear! Do not be afraid, then, when love makes demands. Do not be afraid when love requires sacrifice.”

-Pope St. John Paul II



14th
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” - Mk 6:4

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MASS SCHEDULE & OFFICE HOURS

Daily Masses May28-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 May28-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.

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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.

“EVERY DAY HOLDS A POSSIBILITY OF A MIRACLE.”

-BL. FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS

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Office Hours.....**PLEASE WEAR A MASK**
Monday-Friday8:30 am-2:30 pm
After 2:30 pm please call staff members direct extension.
Thank you.

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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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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@sjeagles.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.

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. This position is eligible for an Archdiocesan benefits package. **Start date July 1.** Position will be open until filled. Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. John Cousins at: 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. 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 or mail to 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044



PETERS PENCE

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$[amount]. Our contributions, combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world, provide essential support for the Holy See's activities and help Pope Francis relieve the victims of wars, oppression, and natural disaster around the world. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit: www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

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.

THANK YOU

To those who clean the church.

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 or phone her at **785-865-9949**. Thanks!

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Planned Giving Brief



You have planted and harvested throughout your life the ability to have legacy gifts to leave to family and the causes you care about through your will or trust. If you are 55 and over, perhaps you have made these plans. If you have, you are actively harvesting the fruit of your work. As you continue to harvest, please prayerfully consider putting a gift in your basket for your parish to help sustain it for today and in the future. The *Office of Stewardship and Development* collects planned gifts from the faithful's baskets for parishes, schools, and ministries through the *Catholic Legacy Society*. Find the basket at CatholicPlannedGiving.com and click on the "Catholic Legacy Society" button for the notification form.



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SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee,

The Poor Clares in Galway, Ireland, open their book of prayer with the following poem. May these words remind you of the tender care exhibited by the Shepherd of your soul.

When my boat, Lord, is storm tossed and sinking,
When fears in my heart take control,
Say 'Be not afraid' to my spirit,
And Your answer will calm the soul.
When I flounder around in deep waters,
When the stresses of life take their toll,
A sudden deep hush steals upon me,
Your gentleness calms the soul.
When my life seems full of confusion

And I have lost sight of the goal,
As I stumble about in the darkness
May Your gentle light calm the soul.
I often live life on the surface,
Sometimes I'm playing a role,
Help me cherish my own inner beauty,
May Your tender love calm the soul.
When sinfulness tugs like an anchor,
When guilt has me caught in a hole,
I turn to You Lord for forgiveness,
And Your mercy calms the soul.
When I struggle with sickness and sorrow,
And eagerly long to be whole,
I call on Your name to bring healing
And the touch of Your hand calms the soul.

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
NET SHORTAGE	\$193,780.77
FY 2020/2021 Current Net Deficit	\$257,811.13
FY 2019/2020 Total Deficit	\$267,486.68

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Contact Cris Denning at: 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.

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 Jon Yarnell



JUNE 5 – JULY 11

Mon.: 7:30 am.....	Peace In The World
Tues.: 7:30 am	NO MASS
Wed.: 7:30 am.....	Jose Ordaz Soria†
5:10 pm (Sp.).....	NO MASS
Thurs.: 7:30 am	Rachel Genosky†
12:10 pm.....	NO MASS
Fri.: 7:30 am.....	Conversion of Hearts
12:10 pm.....	NO MASS
Sat.: 8:00 am.....	NO MASS
4:30 pm	Felisa Guadian†
Sun.: 7:00 am	Chancellor Gene Budigt
9:00am.....	Rosemary Werth†
11:00 am.....	Marianne Fabac Meanst
1:00 pm (Sp.).....	Parishioners of St. John
5:00 pm.....	For The Youth of Our Parish

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

¿No es éste el carpintero? Le ha pasado por casualidad que a usted le diga la gente y especialmente familiares amigos esta misma frase. Por ejemplo, se escucha, es la hija de la del salón de belleza, es el hijo del taquero de la esquina. Y así sucesivamente, parece que es muy difícil reconocer a la persona por su nombre y por sus virtudes. ¡Si le paso a Jesús en su tiempo nos sucede también en el nuestro! “Si hay un lugar donde un profeta es despreciado, es en su tierra, entre sus parientes y en su propia familia” (Marcos 6:4).

Y seguimos de incrédulos en lo que a Dios se refiere, hay gente que todavía vive como si Dios no existiera. Lo vivimos en esta terrible pandemia, donde tanto dolor ha habido, muchas personas han muerto, y aun así no creemos. Para ver a Dios entre nosotros, definitivamente necesitamos de creer y vivir la gracia de tener a Jesucristo como centro de nuestra vida. El Papa Francisco lo explica mejor con la siguiente pregunta: “¿Por qué los compatriotas de Jesús pasan de la maravilla a la incredulidad? Hacen una comparación entre el origen humilde de Jesús y sus capacidades actuales: es carpintero, no ha estudiado, sin embargo, predica mejor que los escribas y hace milagros. Y en vez de abrirse a la realidad, se escandalizan: ¡Dios es demasiado grande para rebajarse a hablar a través de un hombre tan simple! Es el escándalo de la encarnación” (7/8/2018). Para ser sinceros, casi nunca reconocemos a Cristo en las personas que nos rodean o a las que tratamos de cerca. Y es ahí, donde Dios está manifiesto. ¿Cree usted esto? ©LPi



Jesús les dijo: “Todos honran a un profeta, menos los de su tierra, sus parientes y los de su casa”. Y no pudo hacer allí ningún milagro, sólo curó a algunos enfermos imponiéndoles las manos.
- Mc 6, 4-5

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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 4 DE JULIO

Domingo: Ez 2, 2-5/Sal 122, 1-2. 2. 3-4 [2]/2 Cor 12, 7-10/Mc 6, 1-6

Lunes: Gn 28, 10-22/Sal 90, 1-2. 3-4. 14-15 [cfr. 2]/Mt 9, 18-26

Martes: Gn 32, 23-33/Sal 16, 1. 2-3. 6-7. 8 y 15 [15]/Mt 9, 32-38

Miércoles: Gn 41, 55-57; 42, 5-7. 17-24/Sal 32, 2-3. 10-11. 18-19 [22]/Mt 10, 1-7

Jueves: Gn 44, 18-21. 23-29; 45, 1-5/Sal 104, 16-17. 18-19. 20-21 [5]/Mt 10, 7-15

Viernes: Gn 46, 1-7. 28-30/Sal 36, 3-4. 18-19. 27-28. 39-40 [39]/Mt 10, 16-23

Sábado: Gn 49, 29-32; 50, 15-26/Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7 [cfr. Sal 68, 33]/Mt 10, 24-33

Domingo siguiente: 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

FOCUS ON THE WORD

GOSPEL MEDITATION

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us



uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either. ©LPi

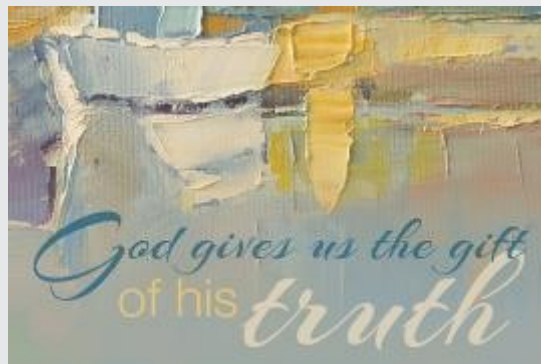
REFLECTION

The Prophecy of You and Me

Prophet. There's a heaviness to this word. It's weighted down with meaning. We think of prophets and we think of Charlton Heston with wild hair and a booming voice, reaching out his hand to work wonders of nature by the grace of God. We think of prophets and we think of ancient Biblical history — someone far away, someone so removed from our everyday life. A prophet is someone who knows something we don't.

When I let you in on this secret, it might scare you at first: in a way, God is calling you to be a prophet. He is calling me. He is calling anyone who hears the truth of the Gospel.

However, there is no need for the megaphone and the wild locusts. This prophet gig might not be what you're thinking.



What does a prophet do? He hears and testifies to the truth, even when it's uncomfortable, even when it's unpopular, even when it results in, as Paul says, "weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints." A prophet doesn't have to be smart or rich or ordained; heck, he doesn't even have to be particularly willing.

All a prophet has to do is listen to the truth. The truth we receive from Christ, through the Gospel and the sacraments, is a mighty gift. But it is a gift that we are not meant to simply keep for ourselves. In possessing it, we are compelled to also pass it on, to share it, to let the Spirit set us on our feet.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Have you ever felt left out? Jesus did. In today's Gospel, Jesus visited his relatives and old friends. These were the people he grew up with, the people who knew him the best. All of a sudden Jesus was not acting like he used to. They heard that Jesus was healing people, raising people from the dead, and telling evil spirits to leave. Jesus was even teaching about God's kingdom, like he really knew what he was talking about! Well, Jesus' old friends and neighbors did not like it one bit. How sad for them. God's own Son wanted to help them, but they didn't want it.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to listen to you and to accept the help that you want to give me. Amen.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of Jesus visiting his old friends.



PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

Jesus taught wisdom	power miracle town	prophet heal faith
Jseus	<u>J</u> <u>e</u> <u>s</u> <u>u</u> <u>s</u>	
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phetrop	_ _ _ _ _	
fathi	_ _ _ _ _	
tnow	_ _ _ _ _	
wisomd	_ _ _ _ _	
taghtu	_ _ _ _ _	
mirclea	_ _ _ _ _	
hale	_ _ _ _ _	

MISSION

Read today's Gospel with your family. Talk about ways that people sometimes turn Jesus away. Pray together, asking God to keep you close to Jesus.

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



DAILY READINGS

- Sunday:** Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
- Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
- Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33
- Next 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



REFLECTION OF FREEDOM

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Today throughout the United States, we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It's good to honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism - less free, not more. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do this same.



INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We all know these words by heart. They are from the United States Declaration of Independence. However, are these words held with the same reverence around the world as they are held here at home? Sadly, no. There are many places in the world where it is a life-threatening endeavor to practice one's faith, that faith that was given to each human by that Creator who endowed us with inalienable rights.

Let us take a moment to remember all those people in the world who are not free to seek life, liberty or happiness.

Let us pray...

O God, you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors. You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely, even if they have not yet found you.

Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom, and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly.

We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds, and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord, who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross.

Amen.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

SUMMER RETIREMENT SEMINAR

Tax Reducing Strategies for Pre- and Post-Retirees, with Speaker, Bill Eckert, C.A.P., **Wednesday, July 14**, Donnelly College, Room 229, in the new addition 10:30 am to Noon. Register at: PlannedGiving@archkck.org. Bill is a member of Nativity parish and is a Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy which provides him an in-depth knowledge of the legal and financial tools necessary to help Catholics articulate and advance their highest aspirations for self, family, church, and society. The Office of Stewardship and Development, CFNEK, and Donnelly College. Space is limited. Registration information: archkck.org/summer-seminar/

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The purpose of this camp is for the students in grades 2-9 (grade they will enter in the Fall of 2021) to use a variety of media and material, learn new skills, create beautiful masterpieces and have loads of fun!

The camp will be taught by the Hayden Art Teacher Doug Spencer (spencerd@haydencatholic.net) and the members of the Art Club. All art supplies will be provided.

Approximately 5 to 7 pieces of work will be made by the student each week

Cost - \$100

Class Session - July 19-23

Time - 3:00 pm-6:00 pm

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM - ADULT TRAINING (VIRTUS)



In light of the current health conditions, one prudent and preventative measure we are taking is to make the VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults training available Online as an option. Effective immediately, due to COVID-19, the Archdiocesan requirement for attending a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults workshop live session will be suspended and the option of the online version of the module can be offered in lieu of live training. This is a temporary safety precaution, and parishes may still offer the live training session available as an option if they prefer as long as the local county and state ordinances in effect at the time of the event are followed. Please note, the training must still be

completed prior to participants working around youth, but the requirement may now temporarily be met by completing the online Protecting God's Children module. Individuals needing to attend a session will be offered the option of the online module at the time of registration. They will still need to follow the background screening and policy completion process at the time of registration. Individuals who are already currently registered for an upcoming live session, may log back into their account and change to the online module. These procedures will be reviewed and updated periodically as needed and are in place to protect you, those you work with, and your family. Please stay safe and healthy and continue to pray for all our brothers and sisters in Christ! We are praying for all of you and your families. If you have questions, please contact Sandy Vielhauer at:

svielhauer@archkck.org or Jenifer Valenti at: jvalenti@archkck.org. May God bless you and keep you safe.



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MARY'S CATHOLIC MONTESSORI TRAINING CENTER

Mary's Catholic Montessori Training Center (MCMTTC) is currently accepting applicants for our fall cohort, starting in September. Located in Eudora, MCMTTC trains and certifies Catholic Montessori guides to transform the world. In this program, the Montessori method and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd are united as an organic whole, preparing Catholic Montessori guides to deliver full Montessori formation to children and their families. Check out mcmtc.org for more details or email info@mcmtc.org.

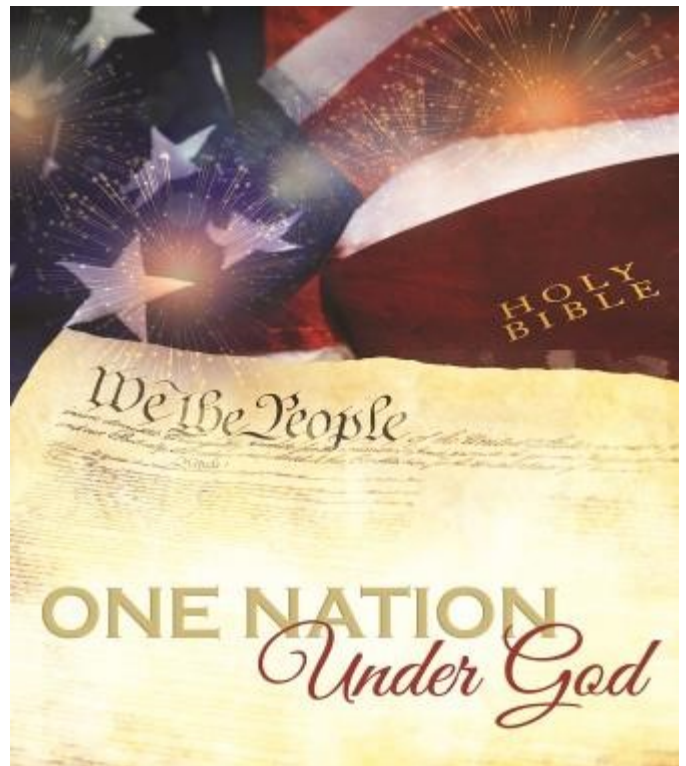
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TOTUS TUUS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Totus Tuus Team will offer an adapted Totus Tuus program for people between the ages of 6 and adult with intellectual/developmental disabilities. The program will be held **July 19-July 23** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Prince of Peace in Olathe. Fee is \$40 per person. Enrollment is limited. Register at:

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