



“For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.”

-St. Theresa



11th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.” - Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32

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The obligation for all the faithful to attend Mass each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation was reinstated in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas by Archbishop Naumann on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi June 5 and 6. Only those with grave reasons related to health and safety are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass beginning on this date.

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; and 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).

Thank you.

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.

“THE CATHOLIC FAITH INDEED CONSISTS IN THE NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST
AS LIGHT OF THE SOUL, GATE OF LIFE,
AND FOUNDATION OF ETERNAL SALVATION.”

-ST. BERNADINE OF SIENA

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SIMON PARISH CENTER

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Phone.....785-843-0109

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.

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/>

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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, and by appointment

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SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL



JOB OPENINGS



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE DIRECTOR

St. John is currently looking for a Director for our Before and After School program for the 2021-2022 school year. The Director will be in charge of managing the hiring, scheduling, and administration of the Before and After School program for the students of St. John Catholic School. If interested in this position, please contact Chris Reffett at: creffett@sjegles.com.

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@sjegles.com.

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, KS66044.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Knights of Columbus will conduct the Baby Bottle Campaign again this year starting on Mother's Day and ending on Father's Day. 100% of the proceeds will go to Kansans for Life. KFL is a Right to Life Advocacy organization out of Wichita. The Knights will hand out a baby bottle at all masses on Mother's Day, you take the bottle home and put in loose change or bills and then

return the bottle to church on Father's Day weekend. There will be clearly marked containers to put into. You can also write a check and insert in the bottle or put in a marked envelope and place in the collection basket. Be sure to mark the envelope "K of C Baby Bottle Drive". Checks should be written to Knights of Columbus Council 1372 and put "Baby Bottle Drive" in the memo line. If you miss getting them turned in on Father's Day weekend just bring them to the next Mass you attend. Thank you for your support.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH
4PM UNTIL FOOD RUNS OUT



**FIESTA FOOD FOR SALE -
SERVED TO GO**

**TACOS, TOSTADAS, BURRITOS,
TAMALES, ENCHILADAS, RICE**

BEER & BEVERAGES FOR SALE

SEATING AVAILABLE



1234 KENTUCKY ST. LAWRENCE, KS 66044

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS

The Church prohibits sterilization, the birth control pill, and other forms of contraception, but why? To help married & engaged couples to find the joy of married life without the burden of contraception, classes in the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning begin at John the Evangelist extra building, 200 W. 13th St., Lawrence, KS on **Wednesday, June 23, 6:30 pm**. Reasonable course fee charged. Call Shannon or John Rasmussen at **785-749-1015** for more info. Visit: live-the-love.org to pre-register as required for these or online classes.

THANK YOU

To those who filled in the potholes of our north parking lot.
To those who cleaned our school windows.
To those who gardened on the Kentucky side of our school.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK



Solidarity in Freedom, is **June 22-29**. Catholics are encouraged to pray and act each day for religious freedom. Learn about religious liberty concerns in the United States and what you can do by visiting: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>

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.

FOCUS ON THE WORD

REFLECTION

St. Anthony Can Find Anything — Even You

“Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found.”

Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics — or people who were never Catholic at all — who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anth— okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things.

It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition — witchcraft, even? — if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by

taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go — straight to the feet of Christ.

Here's the real genius of St Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence — misplacing socks — into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. “That's what you're looking for,” he tells us.

In the end, Tony doesn't really find the lost things. He finds the lost people.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee,

We present the following for your prayer and reflection.

A contemporary interpretation of the Beatitudes inspired by *Laudato Si'*

1. Blessed are those who heal the wounded earth for they will be restored to right relationship with all of Creation.

2. Blessed are those who hold the space for dialogue with the natural world, God, and each other, for they will hear the fullness of life.

3. Blessed are those who repent for life lost at human hands, for they will be forgiven by the Cosmic Christ.

4. Blessed are those who enter into relationship with the natural world, for they will know the intrinsic value of all of God's Creation

5. Blessed are those who discern the voice of Creation for they will receive the will of God in a language not our own.

6. Blessed are those with who see with the eyes of their heart for their vision will imagine the potential for new life to emerge.

7. Blessed are those who nurture the needs of the living and nonliving world, for they will be nourished in body and spirit.

8. Blessed are those who live simply, for their discipline will bring harmony with the rhythms of life.

9. Blessed are those who cultivate a life of prayer for they will know an inner cosmos that honors the outer world.

10. Blessed are those who participate in civil affairs for they will bring the cry and song of the earth to systems of power and policy.

11. Blessed are those who practice gratitude for they will receive the gift of abundance.

--By Staff of Franciscan Action Network

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 6, 2021.

Budgeted weekly collection amount.....	\$30,254.80
Average weekly collection amount	\$29,946.00
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD	\$1,482,485.20
Actual collection fiscal YTD	\$1,304,604.21
NET SHORTAGE	\$177,880.99
FY 2020/2021 Current Net Deficit	\$257,811.13
FY 2019/2020 Total Deficit	\$267,486.68

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

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.

Steven Avila
 Mariele Berthold
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 Andrew Bouchard
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 Scott Smith
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 Margaret Stahl

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 Deloris Tharp
 Amelia Tinio
 Lily Van Giezen
 Oren Van Walleghem
 Cindy Vasquez
 Marianne Vietti

Lou Volpe
 Jeanette Walker
 Ted Walker
 Susan Williams
 Jeannine Wyatt
 Jon Yarnell
 Dena Yepa



JUNE 14- JUNE 20

Mon.:	7:30 am.....	John Nelson
Tues.:	7:30am	NO MASS
Wed.:	7:30 am.....	Mary Polfer
	5:10 pm (Sp.).....	NO MASS
Thurs.:	7:30 am.....	Marianne Vietti
	12:10 pm.....	NO MASS
Fri.:	7:30 am.....	Mary Hyamburat
	12:10 pm.....	NO MASS
Sat.:	8:00 am.....	NO MASS
	4:30 pm	Reggie Robinsont
Sun.:	7:00 am	Thomas & Josephine Ramirez†
	9:00am.....	Christian Heady
	11:00am.....	Lonna Hamm
	1:00 pm (Sp.).....	Richard Genet & Debra K. Johnson†
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. John

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Todavía con sabor a Fiesta del Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo del pasado domingo en nuestros corazones. Ahora, debemos de preparar la mente y corazón para iniciar el Tiempo Ordinario. Esto significa que, el Evangelio de Marcos, nuevamente nos lleva por el camino del Reino, a preparar la tierra para que la semilla crezca por si sola y de fruto. "Jesús dijo además: 'Escuchen esta comparación del Reino de Dios. Un hombre esparce la semilla en la tierra, y ya duerma o esté despierto, sea de noche o de día, la semilla brota y crece, sin que él sepa cómo'" (Marcos 4:26-27).

Aquí, claramente se trata de ver la confianza que Dios ha depositado en el crecimiento de cada uno. Dios comienza, poniendo su semilla, y la persona responde. Todo, despacio, llegará a su tiempo. Sin quemar etapas, los resultados aparecen cuando el Espíritu de Dios está listo en la persona. "La tierra da fruto por si misma: primero la hierba, luego la espiga, y por último la espiga se llena de granos. Y cuando el grano está maduro, se le mete la hoz, pues ha llegado el tiempo de la cosecha" (Marcos 4:28-29). Muchas veces hay desesperanza por no ver resultados rápidos y convincentes. Tal pareciera que el mal vence en el mundo. Sin embargo, no es así; Dios, da comienzo a su obra de santidad con humildad. Saber esperar con paciencia, pero en actividad, es de sabios y de santos. La semilla crece, y la persona lo sabe al sentirse segura y lista para andar por los caminos de Dios. Reto de este domingo: Dejar que el grano de mostaza crezca en mi vida y de fruto en abundancia. ©LPi



"El Reino de Dios se parece a lo que sucede cuando un hombre siembra la semilla en la tierra...y la tierra, por sí sola, va produciendo el fruto: primero los tallos, luego las espigas y después los granos en las espigas. Y cuando ya están maduros los granos, el hombre echa mano de la hoz, pues ha llegado el tiempo de la cosecha".

-Mc 4, 26. 28-29

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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 13 DE JUNIO

Domingo: Ez 17, 22-24/Sal 91, 2-3. 13-14. 15-16 [cfr. 2]/2 Cor 5, 6-10/Mc 4, 26-34

Lunes: 2 Cor 6, 1-10/Sal 97, 1. 2. 3. 3-4 [2]/Mt 5, 38-42

Martes: 2 Cor 8, 1-9/Sal 145, 2. 5-6. 6-7. 8-9 [1]/Mt 5, 43-48

Miércoles: 2 Cor 9, 6-11/Sal 111, 1-2. 3-4. 9 [1]/Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18

Jueves: 2 Cor 11, 1-11/Sal 110, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8 [7]/Mt 6, 7-15

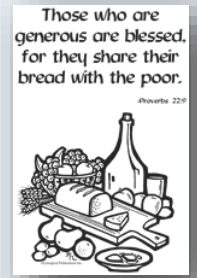
Viernes: 2 Cor 11, 18. 21-30/Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7 [cfr. 18]/Mt 6, 19-23

Sábado: 2 Cor 12, 1-10/Sal 33, 8-9. 10-11. 12-13 [9]/Mt 6, 24-34

Domingo siguiente: Job 38, 1. 8-11/ Sal 106, 23-24. 25-26. 28-29. 30-31 [1]/2 Cor 5, 14-17/Mc 4, 35-41

ST. JOHN LINK ON TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2021

Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (LINK) is located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, and provides nutritious meals to 150 people in need. Our parish helps LINK by rotating with other Lawrence churches to furnish food and volunteers.



Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Email _____ Evening Phone _____

FOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Chicken and Noodle Casserole - 11 casseroles needed. Make casserole to feed 15 people. No need to bring in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your casserole, volunteers remove the casserole immediately, take your pan, and you are done.

- I can make one casserole I can make two casseroles

Vegetarian Casserole - 1 vegetarian casserole needed. Make casserole to feed 8 people. No need to bring in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your casserole, volunteers remove the casserole immediately, take your pan, and you are done.

- I can make one casserole

Bananas - 120 bananas needed. When you sign up to bring bananas, we ask that you bring 15 bananas.

- I can bring 15 bananas I can bring 30 bananas

Peaches - 3 industrial size cans of peaches needed. Large cans can be purchased in the large food section of the grocery store.

- I can bring one can I can bring two cans I can bring three cans

Corn - Large cans of corn needed.

- I can bring one can I can bring two cans I can bring three cans

Salad - 6 lettuce salads needed. Be creative. When you bring salad, use 3 heads of lettuce or bring 3 large bags of premixed lettuce.

- I can make one salad I can make two salads

Salad Dressing - Ranch and Italian salad dressing. We need 4 bottles total.

- I can bring 2 bottles of Ranch I can bring 2 bottles of Italian

Return this form in collection plate or Parish Office, or contact:

vickimcmurray1944@gmail.com

**Bring items to the LINK kitchen located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, on June 29
between 12:00 and 12:30 p.m.**

**Can't help with
LINK this time?
That's okay because there is
another opportunity coming
up soon!**

KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

SHARING THE GOSPEL

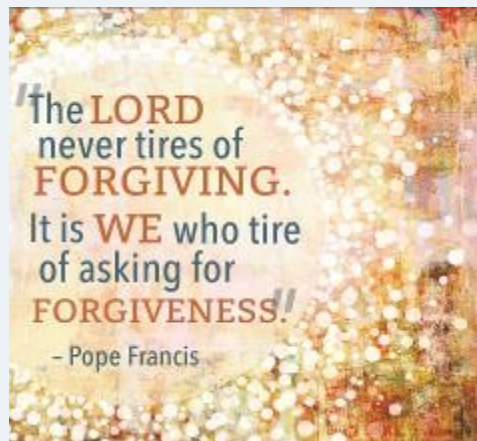
Think of how much you have grown since you were born. To see you now, it is hard to imagine you ever wore baby clothes. God's kingdom started out small, and it keeps growing, too. God's kingdom needs people like you to love Jesus and to learn from him. Let God's word sink into your life. As you grow closer to Jesus, God's kingdom will grow.


PRAYER

Jesus, help me learn from you and love you, so that God's kingdom will grow.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself reading your favorite Bible story about Jesus.




 **PUZZLE**
Fill this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Jesus used stories when he spoke to the people.

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 **MISSION**
Memorize John 3:16 this week. Let God's love sink into your heart. Treasure what you learn from Jesus.

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/
Mk 4:35-41



ARCHDIOCESE THOUGHTS

OUR JOB IS SIMPLE: RECEIVE THE GIFT THAT JESUS OFFERS US

Believe it or not, the Year of St. Joseph can teach us something about the sacred liturgy.

Now, everything we really know about St. Joseph comes from the handful of verses about him in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

But from these, we really know all we need to know: that when the time came for him to make decisions, he was obedient to God: "And when he awoke, he did as the angel had instructed him" (Mt 1:24). Would that we would be like St. Joseph! Especially when it comes to the sacred liturgy, without which, as Pope Francis has taught, the church is absent of Christ. You see, St. Joseph was very adept at receiving and observing what was instructed him. This obedience to divine instruction can be set apart from everything else he may have accomplished. He knew how to receive. So, how does this relate to the sacred liturgy?

Pope Benedict XVI once noted that, ultimately, the sacred liturgy is something we "receive" rather than create.



By Michael Podrebarac

I think Joseph would, as the patron saint of the Universal Church, agree wholeheartedly. St. Joseph's life in the presence of Jesus and Mary was something to be received, and his principal contribution thereupon was to simply protect and provide for them. To have humbly done as he did was the fulfillment of God's will, and it enabled him to dwell with them in perfect harmony.

Think about this. Whenever we try to "create" an experience of God, our efforts typically end up wanting. But when we are willing to receive the experience of God, simply as given us, it all goes much better. What greater experience of God have we than the celebration of the mysteries of our salvation as offered to us in the course

of the church's liturgical prayer? The church provides everything needed for the liturgy, for the church herself has received from the Holy Spirit all that is necessary, and is the liturgy's custodian, just as St. Joseph was the custodian of the Holy Family.

I'm sure this will sound a bit naive to some, especially coming from a "professional" liturgist.

But to be honest, the more I have lived with the church's liturgical tradition these past 30 years of service, the more I have come to recognize that the truly good liturgist is the one who firstly receives, and then merely curates and prepares what has been received, so that the people of God may enter into the sacred mysteries unencumbered by distraction.

The mysteries themselves are what matter. "And when he awoke, he did as the angel had instructed him." We are presently engaged in returning to the full celebration of the sacred liturgy after over a year of pandemic and subsequent restrictions.

May we follow the example of St. Joseph, guardian of the church, and simply receive, once again and always thereafter, what Christ himself, through the sacraments, has lovingly offered us. Nothing else will really work, I am convinced.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Come! . . . Arise my love, my beautiful one, and come! For see the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. During the this joyful Easter Season, as we celebrate the risen Christ and the promise of new life, come away and tend to the garden of your marriage. The next in-person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experiences, will be **July 16-18**, at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas. For more information, visit our website at:

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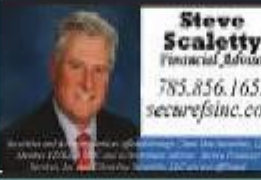
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