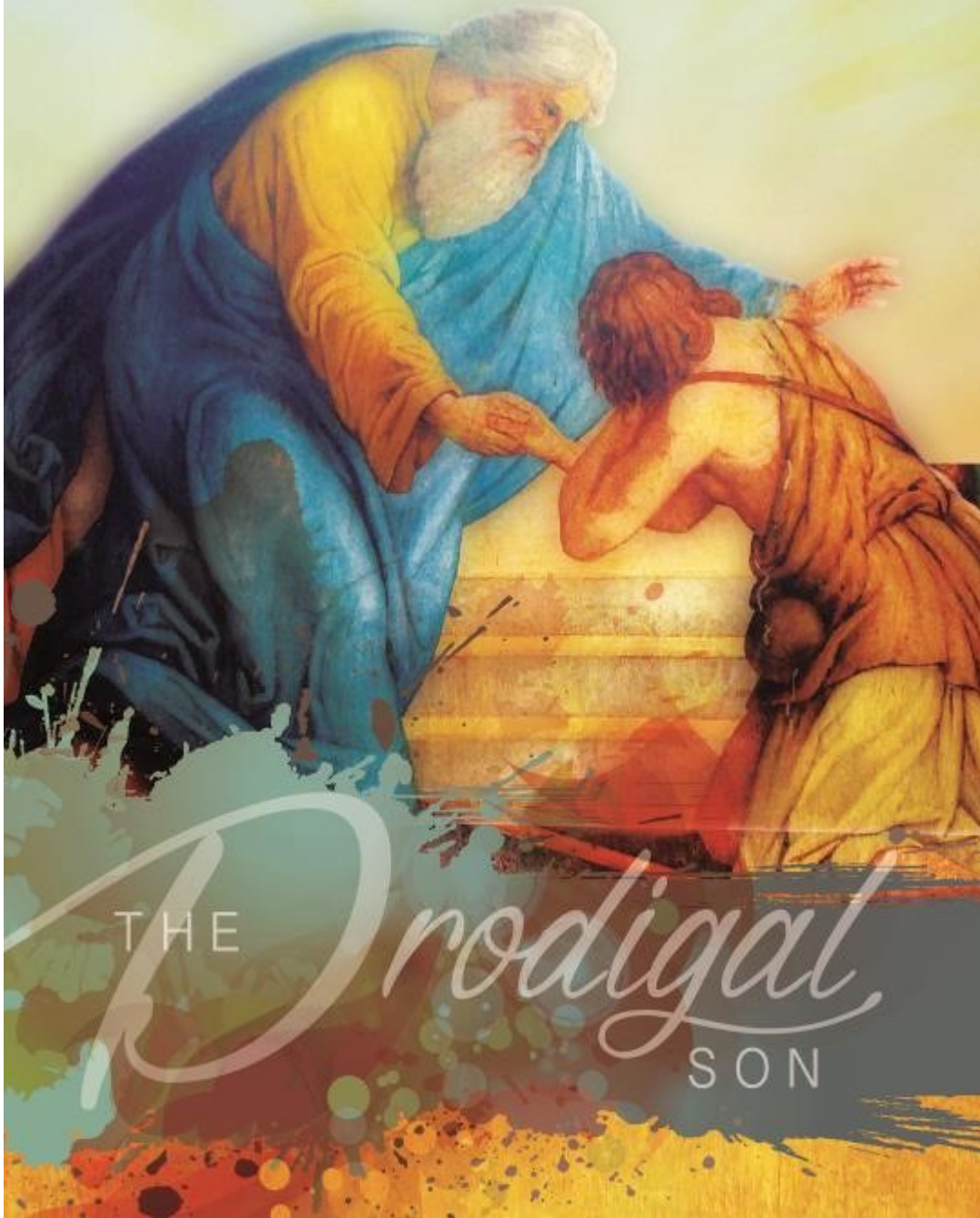




FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



“Lent is a period of *spiritual combat* which we must experience *alongside Jesus*, not with *pride* and *presumption*, but using the *arms of faith: prayer, listening* to the word of God and *penance*. In this way we will be able to *celebrate Easter* in truth, ready to renew the *promises* of our Baptism.”

-Pope Benedict XVI

Mass sign up required for each weekend:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA4A82DA0FDCE9-march1>

Daily Masses: Monday – Tuesday: 7:30 am, Wednesdays: 7:30 am & 5:10 pm Spanish, Thursdays: 7:30 am & 12:10 pm, Friday: 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 8:00 am & 4:30 pm;
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm;
Wednesday: 11:00-noon, 6:00-7:00 pm 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.

“TAKE CARE OF THE BODY AS IF YOU WERE GOING TO LIVE FOREVER;
AND TAKE CARE OF YOUR SOUL AS IF YOU WERE GOING TO DIE TOMORROW.”

-ST. AUGUSTINE

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Phone.....785-843-0109

Office Hours.....**PLEASE WEAR A MASK**

Monday—Friday 8:30 am—4:00 pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday..... 8:00am 4:30 pm

Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,

.....1:00 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm

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Masses to be livestreamed at: <https://sjevangelist.com/live/>

Sunday 11:00 am & 1:00 pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses

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Thursdays: 7:30 am & 12:10 pm, Friday: 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

In the Padre Pio Chapel (inside the north church entrance)

Wednesday..... 11:00 am-12:00 pm & 6:00-7:00 pm

Saturday..... 3:00 pm-4:00 pm, and by appointment

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PRESCHOOL-8TH GRADE
1208 KENTUCKY ST. LAWRENCE, KS

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FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

FRIDAY, MARCH 19TH
9AM - 1PM

Registration required. To sign up visit:
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St. John Catholic School welcomes families
of all denominations

DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE

- In-Person Learning
- Small Class Sizes
- Academic Excellence
- Unique Middle School Electives
- Engaged Families
- C.Y.O. Sports (no cuts, everyone can play)
- Strong Parent/Teacher Relationships
- Visual Arts & Theater, Music, Spanish Language Programs

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.



JOB OPENING: BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE DIRECTOR

St. John is currently looking for a Director for our Before/ 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@sjegales.com.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

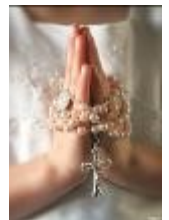
2021 ST. JOHN MEXICAN FIESTA SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships are offered to qualifying students of Mexican descent from the Lawrence Catholic community who wish to pursue or continue a higher education either at a college, technical or trade school. Applicants must complete the financial assistance application form that is available at the St. John Parish office or by contacting Michael Ramirez at **785-766-5723** or ramirezmarj@hotmail.com. These forms must be **completed and returned to the St. John Parish office by April 5.**



CATHOLIC JEWELRY AND ROSARIES

Please enjoy viewing the selection of beautiful religious articles displayed at: www.totallycatholicfundraising.com/shop while you search for a treasured item to treat you godchild, sponsored teen, or special friend in anticipation of the Easter, First Communion, and Confirmation. Items will ship directly to you within a week of purchase. If you decide to purchase an item, the **code 301** will ensure that St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church will benefit from a return donation of 50 percent. Fr. John will earmark any such donation toward beautifying the North entryway of the church with repaired cement work. Questions? Email: nora7@sbcglobal.net, or leave a message at **785-331-0421**.



LENTEN OFFERINGS

ADDITIONAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES

March 15, 7:00-9:00 pm, Padre Pio Chapel (1 priest)
March 16, 7:00-9:00 pm, Padre Pio Chapel (1 priest)
March 17, 6:00-8:00 pm, 2 priests available - 1 in Padre Pio Chapel, 1 in church basement
March 18, 7:00-9:00 pm, 2 priests available - 1 in Padre Pio Chapel, 1 in church basement
March 19, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Padre Pio Chapel (1 priest (priests will change after 1.5 hours))

People must enter through the north tower doors as the church will be off limits during the month of March due to the

flooring project. This also means that people will have to queue up on the stairs rather than in the church.

We will not have communal celebrations of Stations of the Cross in the church this Lent, but stay tuned for other opportunities to pray this devotion.



WOMEN'S PRAYER AND REFLECTION GROUP

This group meets at **6:30 pm** **virtually on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.** No preparation is necessary and is open to all women who wish to be inspired by biblical women and saints. "Drop-ins" are always welcome.



MEN OF ST. JOHN:

Ongoing Wednesday mornings, The Men of St. John Ministry is currently using the "That Man is You" program presented by its parent group, Paradise Dei. Due to the pandemic, each week a video segment is emailed to participants. There are currently **two different Zoom meetings held at 6:00 am and 7:00 am on Wednesday mornings.** During the Zoom meetings the group discusses the current weeks video and how it applies to our growth as Christians. All men are welcome to join us as the material covers Christian men and their faith journey and their journey as husbands, fathers, and friends.



DONATE ONLINE

TO CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES, RICE BOWL

The season of Lent gives us a wonderful opportunity to reflect and make room in our hearts to welcome the stranger. Through our prayer, we encounter Jesus, who is present in the face of every member of our human family. When we fast, we encounter the obstacles that stop us from fully loving God and our neighbor. When we give alms, we share what we have with others. For a Rice Bowl contact St. John Church office at 785-843-0109 or donate to Catholic Relief Services, Rice Bowl at: <https://www.csricebowl.org/>



REFLECTION

Why do priests wear a Roman collar?

The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear.

The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear "suitable ecclesiastical garb" according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have

instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a "black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric." Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all. ©LPi

RELIGIOUS MEDIA

Check out radio station 1090 AM and EWTN Ch 92 on Midco cable TV for Catholic faith programs and information.



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 March 7, 2021.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$30,254.80
Average weekly collection amount.....	\$29,946.00
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD	\$1,089,172.80
Actual collection fiscal YTD.....	\$970,056.03
NET SHORTAGE	\$119,116.77
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.

Leslee Adams
 Mariele Berthold
 Jenn Bole
 Andrew Bouchard
 Susan Guenther Brown
 Donna Callaghan
 Bob Carlson
 Ricky Dalton
 Hank Desch
 Christopher Erickson
 Linda Erp
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 Gretchen Kehde
 Becky Kuhn

Diana Matthews
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 Russ McDonald
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 Vickie Mesa
 Zackary Messerly
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 Danny Nguyen
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 Mike Owens
 Julie Patterson
 Josephine Ramirez
 Mike Reilly
 Joel Rivera
 Virginia Romero
 Jon Rossillon
 James Sandy
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 Carole Scott
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 Cameron Stupansky
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 Amelia Tinio
 Wendy Van Giezen
 Cindy Vasquez

Marianne Vietti
 Lou Volpe
 Trent Wallace
 Jeanette Walker
 Ted Walker
 Susan Williams

Jeannine Wyatt
 Jon Yarnell

 IN MEMORIAM
 -RICHARD HAMRICK



MARCH 15 - MARCH 21

Mon.: 7:30 am.....	Harry Morton†
Tues.: 7:30 am.....	Bernice Hornick†
Wed.: 7:30 am.....	Jerry Nelson†
5:10 pm (Sp.).....	End to the Pandemic
Thurs.: 7:30 am	Patricia Jesatko†
12:10 pm	Priest's Intention
Fri.: 7:30 am.....	Maureen Osborn†
12:10 pm	Priest's Intention
Sat.: 8:00 am	Andy Garcia†
4:30 pm	June Morton†
Sun.: 7:00 am	Parishioners of St. John
9:00am	Timothy & Mary Wilsont
11:00 am.....	Milly Gillispie†
1:00 pm (Sp.).....	José Martinez†
5:00 pm.....	Mardelle Josephine Koenderst

ST. JOHN LINK ON TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 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 _____

Those who are
generous are blessed,
for they share their
bread with the poor.



FOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Chili - 11 batches of Chili. Each batch needs to feed 15 people. No need to bring it in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your meal and volunteers will remove it immediately, you can take your pan/pot, and you are done.

- I can make one batch I can make two batches

Vegetarian Chili or Casserole - 1 batch to feed 15 people. No need to bring it in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your meal and volunteers will remove it immediately, you can take your pan/pot, and you are done.

- I can make one batch

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

Salad - Be creative. Bring enough to serve 15 people.

- I can bring one salad I can bring two salads

Salad Dressing

- I can bring one bottle I can bring two bottles

Sliced Peaches - We need 4 large cans of sliced peaches.

- I can bring 2 large cans I can bring 4 large cans

Green Beans

- I can bring 1 can I can bring 2 cans

Shredded Cheddar Cheese - We need 5lb of cheese.

- I can bring 1lb. of cheese I can bring 2 lbs. of cheese

Loaf of Bread-Wheat or White

- I can bring 1 loaf I can bring 2 loaves

Fritos - We need 5 large bags.

- I can bring 1 bag I can bring 2 bags

Crackers - We need 3 boxes

- I can bring 1 box I can bring 2 boxes

Milk - We need 10 gallons of 2% milk.

- I can bring 1 gallon I can bring 2 gallons I can bring 3 gallons

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 **March 30 between 11:30 am and 12:00 pm.**

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

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

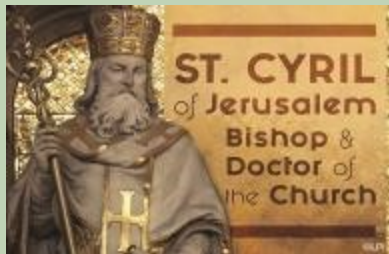
When the Hebrews sinned in the desert, snakes came to bite them. Moses lifted up a metal snake in the desert. If God's people looked at the metal snake, their painful snake bites would be healed. Instead of dying from their snake bites, they would live. Our sins are a lot like those snake bites. Sins turn us away from God, hurt us, and hurt other people. When Jesus was lifted up on the cross, he washed our sins away. Jesus gave us healing and forgiveness. We don't need to die from our sins. We can believe in Jesus, follow God with our whole hearts, and live forever.


PRAYER

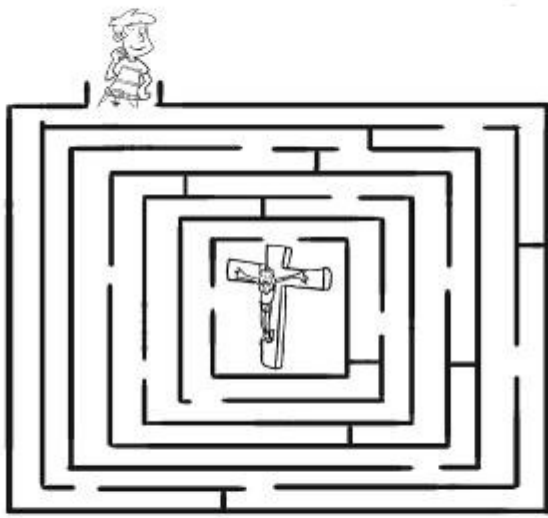
God, thank you for sending Jesus to wash away my sins.


SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of Jesus on the cross. Around the cross, write down your sins in pencil, then erase them. This will show that Jesus has washed all of your sins away.



 **PUZZLE**
Help the boy find Jesus:



 **MISSION**
Help your parents wash dishes. As you take dirty dishes and wash them clean, talk about how Jesus washed our sins away on the cross.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

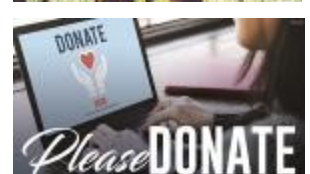
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



the Luck of the
IRISH



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

“Despierta, tú que duermes, levántate de entre los muertos y la luz de Cristo brillará sobre ti” (Efesios 5:14). Este domingo nos invita a pasar de inmediato de la ceguera a la luz. De la falta de fe a creer. “Mientras estoy en el mundo, soy la luz del mundo” (Juan 9:5). Jesús vino al mundo para que los ciegos puedan ver la luz que es su camino. Ojalá, que abramos nuestros ojos a los acontecimientos que estamos viviendo y veamos las cosas como el Señor las ve. Lo cierto es que solo Dios nos ayuda a ver la realidad cotidiana. Tanta cosa pasa y seguimos de cabeza, duros de creer. Necesitamos la humildad del ciego, quien ante la pregunta de Jesús sobre si creía en el Hijo del Hombre, contestó sin titubear: “Creo, Señor, se arrodilló ante él” (Juan 9:38).

Arrodillarnos en familia y comunidad en este 2121, para agradecer a Dios todos sus beneficios. Hemos sufrido mucho durante esta pandemia; pero no hemos estado solos, Dios nos ha acompañado en el proceso de sanación. El Papa Francisco en su homilía de marzo de 2017 hizo estas preguntas: “¿Creéis que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios? ¿Creéis que puede cambiaros el corazón? ¿Creéis que puede hacer ver la realidad como la ve Él, no como la vemos nosotros? ¿Creéis que Él es la luz, nos da la verdadera luz?” ¿Qué responderíais? Que cada uno responda en su corazón. Durante la semana, reflexionemos sobre estas preguntas que el Papa Francisco recomienda para vivir en la luz de Cristo. ©LPI



“Todo aquel que hace el mal, aborrece la luz y no se acerca a ella, para que sus obras no se descubran. En cambio, el que obra el bien conforme a la verdad, se acerca a la luz, para que se vea que sus obras están hechas según Dios”.

- Jn 3, 20-21

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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 más 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 más información llamar a María 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 14 DE MARZO

Domingo: 2 Cr 36, 14-16. 19-23/Sal 136, 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6 [6]/Ef 2, 4-10/Jn 3, 14-21 o 1 Sm 16, 1. 6-7. 10-13/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4 5. 6 [1]/Ef 5, 8-14/Jn 9, 1-41 o 9, 1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

Lunes: Is 65, 17-21/Sal 29, 2 y 4. 5-6. 11-12 y 13 [2]/Jn 4, 43-54

Martes: Ez 47, 1-9. 12/Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9 [8]/Jn 5, 1-16

Miércoles: Is 49, 8-15/Sal 144, 8-9. 13-14. 17-18 [8]/Jn 5, 17-30

Jueves: Ex 32, 7-14/Sal 105, 19-20. 21-22. 23 [4]/Jn 5, 31-47

Viernes: 2 Sm 7, 4-5. 12-14. 16/Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29 [37]/Rom 4, 13. 16-18. 22/Mt 1, 16. 18-21. 24 o Lc 2, 41-51

Sábado: Jr 11, 18-20/Sal 7, 2-3. 9-10. 11-12 [2]/Jn 7, 40-53

Domingo siguiente: Jr 31, 31-34/Sal 50, 3-4. 12-13. 14-15 [12]/Heb 5, 7-9/Jn 12, 20-33 o Ez 37, 12-14/Rom 8, 8-11/Sal 29, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8 [7]/Jn 11, 1-45 o 11, 3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

From the National Catholic Partnership on Disability
Via the St. John's Inclusion Ministry and social Concerns
for Peace and Justice Committee

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

A time to raise awareness about the inclusion of persons with developmental disabilities* in the Church and all areas of community life. Pope Francis' 2019 message at the International Day for Persons with Disabilities, stated: "We are called to recognize in every person with disabilities, even complex and serious disabilities, a unique contribution to the common good through their original life stories. ...and to recognize them as persons of equal dignity, as brothers and sisters in humanity."



*Developmental disabilities are impairments in physical, learning, language or behavior areas, including autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and learning or intellectual disabilities.

The CDC defines developmental disabilities as impairments in

physical, learning, language, or behavior that begin during the developmental stage and typically last throughout a person's lifespan. One example of a developmental disability is cerebral palsy, which is a motor disability that prevents a person's ability to move their muscles. Developmental disabilities include—but are not limited to—intellectual disabilities that limit a person's adaptive functioning in conceptual, practical, and social domains. Intellectual disabilities include autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome, and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

It is important for parishes and families to avoid making assumptions about the capabilities of a person with a developmental or intellectual disability since the capabilities and limitations of each person with these conditions varies widely. The National Catholic Partnership on Disability has a Council on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, which works to provide resources to promote the meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in the Church. These resources can be found at: www.ncpd.org. There you will find resources for persons with disabilities, for families, for catechists, and for clergy. The site also contains resources useful for parishes and dioceses.

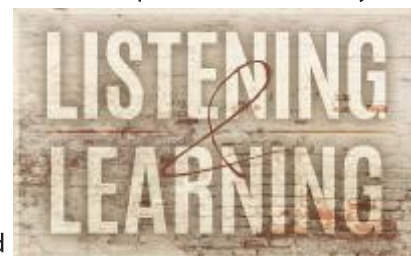
FOCUS ON THE WORD

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a

counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.



The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

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AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

THE USE OF THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON COVID-19 VACCINE

The Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine recently approved for use in the U.S. was developed, tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that 'when ethically irreproachable COVID-19 vaccines are not available ... it is morally acceptable to receive COVID-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.' However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's. For the full statement from the Bishops, moral considerations regarding the other vaccines, and a sample letter template to advocate for ethical vaccine research, production and testing, visit: www.archkck.org/vaccines.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS AT ANNUNCIATION VIGIL MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP NAUMANN

Expectant parents are invited to receive a special blessing for their unborn children in celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation. This solemnity commemorates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of our Savior. It calls us to reflect on the blessing of new life and how we are to care for, protect, and welcome new life, as the Blessed Mother did for the Christ child. All are invited! Solemnity of the Annunciation Vigil Mass with Archbishop Naumann **Wednesday, March 24, 7:00 pm** Prince of Peace Church 16000 W 143rd St., Olathe.

PROJECT CHRYSALIS MEETING

The next Project Chrysalis meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 30 from 7:00-8:15 pm, and will be presented via Zoom**. Our guests will be Bob and Kelly Specht talking about mental health awareness and what we can do to better understand the importance of good mental health. Project Chrysalis is a ministry offering hope through Sacred Scripture and community to parents/grandparents who have lost a child or grandchild. While this ministry is not a bereavement group, our mission is to offer support and hope through scripture in a time of transformation. For more information and the Zoom link, contact Deacon Ken Billinger at **913-634-4210** or email kbillinger@archkck.org. The group is open to parents or grandparents who have lost a child.



SUMMER DATES FOR CAMP KATERI TEKAKWITHA

We are excited to announce the dates for Camp Kateri Tekakwitha for the summer of 2021. **Online registration is open.** Camp Kateri Tekakwitha combines demanding outdoor activities with powerful, spiritual instruction bringing about a unique encounter with God. Although our adventure activities are memorable, often the love that campers experience through prayer is what they remember most. We look forward to spending the summer with you. Visit: www.archkck.org/camp for more information.

RETREAT WITH THE HEART OF ST. JOSEPH

Come and retreat with the heart of Saint Joseph. On **Saturday, March 20**, you are invited to encounter the overflowing love of the Father's heart as you reflect on the life of Saint Joseph. Take a day to step away from your pandemic routine, pressures, and worries. Take a day to enter into the Year of Saint Joseph. With options for both in-person retreatants as well as live-stream participation, we hope that all - men and women, young and old - can take advantage of this one-day guided retreat. The retreat includes a vigil Mass, powerful and dynamic meditations offered by the Holy Family School of Faith, opportunities to roam nearly 300 acres of beautiful property, and perhaps most importantly, time for greater prayer. To find out more, register, and review our COVID-19 precautions, visit our website at: archkck.org/ranch

FATHER MIKE'S GOSPELTHINK AVAILABLE

People often asked Our Lord how and what to pray. At one time, he answered with what seems like a formal prayer, namely, what we have come to call the "Lord's Prayer." In reality, that prayer was not meant to be a formal statement or memorized as it has in our Church — and rightly so because it was Jesus' actual answer. What better way to pray than with the Lord's own words? These meditations are based on the New American Bible English translation. "GospelThink is "user friendly." We must set aside a certain amount of time — perhaps 10 to 15 minutes every day — to read the Gospel passage and think about what the meditations suggest. My prayer is that the meditations give you a chance to open the thoughts of the Gospel in a more personal way. *Father Michael Scully, OFM Capuchin*



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