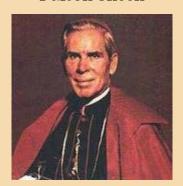




"Lenten
practices of
giving up
pleasures are a
good reminder
that the purpose
of life is not
pleasure"

-Venerable Fulton Sheen



Mass sign up required for each weekend: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA4A82DA0FDCE9-march

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

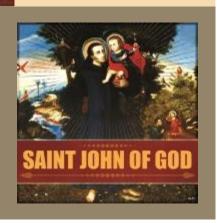
Friday: 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

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



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"THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES WHERE HE IS LOVED, WHERE HE IS INVITED, WHERE HE IS EXPECTED."

-ST. BONAVENTURE

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

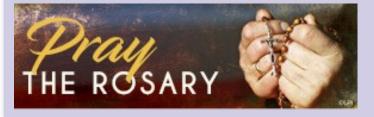
March 19, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Padre Pio chapel (1 priest (priests will change after 1.5 hours))

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

flooring project.
This also means that people will have to cue 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

PARADISUS DEI®

mornings, The Men of St. John Ministry is currently using the "That Man is You" program presented by its parent group, Paradisus 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 a 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.crsricebowl.org/

REFLECTION

What's the difference between priests and brothers, friars, etc.?

The distinctions titles and categories used for priests and the male members of religious communities can be confusing, especially since the categories can sometimes be intertwined as a man can be both a priest and a monk, or a brother and a friar. So, to help to piece the puzzle together, it's important to begin by noting some basic distinctions:

The distinction between priests (who are ordained for sacramental ministry) and brothers (who are non-ordained members of religious communities and who are committed to lives of prayer and service).

Priests: A priest is a man who has been ordained for sacramental ministry and these fall into two categories:

- A) Diocesan (or Secular) Priests can either be attached to a diocese and who serve under a bishop. Their ministry is usually oriented toward pastoral service.
- B) Religious Priests are members of religious communities (like the Franciscans, Jesuits, Salvatorians, or Carmelites) and their lives are guided by the special mission and charism of their community. While both kinds of priest practice sacramental ministry, their spirituality and how they live out their priesthood can be very different.

Brothers: Brothers are non-ordained members of religious communities (such as those mentioned above) who live lives committed to prayer and service. Religious priests and brothers serve together in their communities and their ministries include much more than the care of parishes.

Monks, Friars, and Canons: These are broad categories that include religious priests and brothers, and each of these is connected to specific ways of life and spiritualities. ©LPi

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 February 28, 2021.

 Budgeted weekly collection amount
 \$30,254.80

 Average weekly collection amount
 \$26,546.25

 Budgeted collection fiscal YTD
 \$1,058,918.00

 Actual collection fiscal YTD
 \$929,118.58

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 \$129,799.42

 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
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Jack Taylor Deloris Tharp Amelia Tinio Wendy Van Giezen Cindy Vasquez Marianne Vietti Lou Volpe Ted Walker

Jeanette Walker Susan Williams Jon Yarnell

IN MEMORIAM
-YAHIR CANTU DE LA CRUZ



1:00 pm (Sp.).....Jenny Contreras†

5:00 pm.....Adoption & Foster Care Ministry

Trent Wallace

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. Those who are

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		for they share their
Name	Daytime Phone	bread with the poor.
		Proverbs 22:9
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	CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP	8000

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Sliced Peaches - We need 4 large cans of sliced peaches.		Green Beans		
□ I can bring 2 large cans	□ I can bring 4 large cans	□ I can bring 1 can	□ I can bring 2 cans	
Shredded Cheddar Cheese - We need 5lb of cheese.		Loaf of Bread-Wheat or White		
□ I can bring 1lb. of cheese	□ I can bring 2 lbs. of cheese	□ I can bring 1 loaf	□ I can bring 2 loaves	
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Crackers– We need 3 boxes **Fritos** - We need 5 large bags.

□ I can bring 2 bags □ I can bring 1 box □ I can bring 2 boxes □ I can bring 1 bag

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

Imagine coming to your church to pray. All around your church, you see people selling animals. It smells like a barn. The animals are loud. The people are shouting. You cannot even pray with all the noise and activity going on around you. That is what Jesus found in today's Gospel. It broke his heart and made Jesus angry. God's house is not supposed to be turned into a barn or a store. It should be special place where people can meet with God and talk to him. Jesus cleaned out his Father's house. He turned it back into a place of prayer.

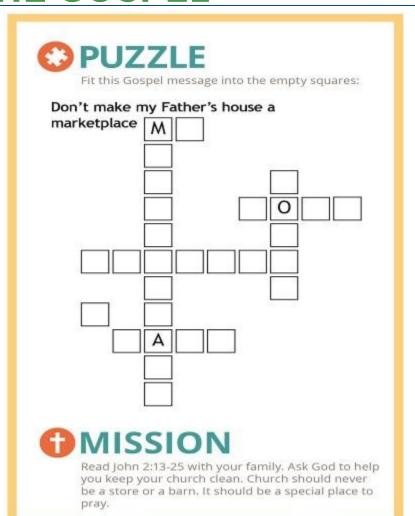
PRAYER

God, my church is a place for prayer. Help me to remember that always.

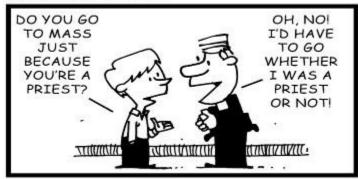
SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of people singing and praying in your church





3rd SUNDAY OF LENT





DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25 or Ex

17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next 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



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

La lengua se pega al paladar a causa de la sed. Reflexione con esta frase en todas las generaciones de migrantes que han cruzado el desierto con poca agua. Algunos, incluso, han encontrado la muerte por falta de este precioso líquido. Buscan en medio del desierto un manantial para saciar la sed. Imagine el calor, el polvo y el sol que quema todo su cuerpo. Muchas de estas personas que cruzan la frontera tienen consuelo y esperanza en saber que el Señor Jesús sabe de esta sed abrazadora a causa del camino bajo el ardiente sol.

La Liturgia nos narra el encuentro de Jesús con la samaritana y describe acerca de la sed del Señor. Cansado por el camino y al bordo del pozo, se da este encuentro. "Dame de beber", le pide a la mujer (Juan 4:7). Jesús, también pide agua en la cruz, ya casi para morir. "Tengo sed" (Juan 19:28). Jesús, es el manantial de vida eterna. Pide de beber y él se da a sí mismo como fuente de vida. "Uno de los soldados le abrió el costado con la lanza, y al instante salió sangre y agua" (Juan 19:34). Jesús, desea darnos de beber a nosotros, en su infinita misericordia no guiere que tengamos sed. "Si conocieras el don de Dios, si supieras quién es el que te pide de beber, tú misma le pedirías agua viva y él te la daría" (Juan 4:10). Solo Dios puede saciar nuestra sed infinita. Todos los cristianos, por el bautismo, estamos comprometidos a dar de beber a nuestro prójimo por medio de actos de caridad y servicio. Al darnos a los demás alcanzaremos a beber del agua viva que es el Señor. Pronto los catecúmenos tomarán de esa agua viva que quita la sed para siempre. **©LPi**



Cuando se acercaba la Pascua de los judíos, Jesús llegó a Jerusalén y encontró en el templo a los vendedores de bueyes, ovejas y palomas, y a los cambistas con sus mesas. Entonces hizo un látigo de cordeles y los echó del templo.

- Jn 2, 13-15

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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 pos 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 Catolica, solo para parejas que viven juntos y tienen niños.

Adultos que necesitan los sacramentos de confirmación y primera comunión.

CATECISMO EN ESPANOL

Las Inscripciones son en agosto. Por favor para mas información llamar a Maria Mota.

CONFESIONES

Sábado de 3:00 pm a 4:00 pm y Miercoles 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 7 DE MARZO

Domingo: Ex 20, 1-17 o 20, 1-3. 7-8. 12-17/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11 [Jn 6, 68]/1 Cor 1, 22-25/Jn 2, 13-25 o Ex 17, 3-7/Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9 [8]/Rom 5, 1-2. 5-8/Jn 4, 5-42 o 4, 5-15. 19-26. 39. 40-42 Lunes: 2 Re 5, 1-15/Sal 41, 2. 3; 43, 3. 4 [cfr. 42, 3]/Lc 4, 24-30 Martes: Dn 3, 25. 34-43/Sal 24, 4-5. 6 y 7. 8-9 [6]/Mt 18, 21-35 Miércoles: Dt 4, 1.5-9/Sal 147, 12-13. 15-16. 19-20]/Mt 5, 17-19 Jueves: Jr 7, 23-28/Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9 [8]/Lc 11, 14-23

Viernes: Os 14, 2-10/Sal 80, 6-8. 8-9. 10-11. 14 y 17 [cfr. 11 y

9]/Mc 12, 28-34

Sábado: Os 6, 1-6/Sal 50, 3-4. 18-19. 20-21 [cfr. Os 6, 6]/Lc 18, 9-14 **Domingo siguiente:** 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor, Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee,

Sometimes traveling through the scrapes and bruises of life can bring us time full of fatigue and questioning. We know we need to keep living out God's plan for us but sometime it can feel so exhausting and we can feel so alone.

As bread for the journey, I offer you a couple of prayers to use to help you remember God's love, and that light can exist in the midst of darkness.

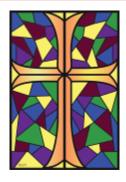
Winter in all of Our Lives

There is a winter in all of our lives, a chill and darkness that makes us yearn for days that have gone or put our hope in days yet to be. Father God, you created seasons for a purpose. Spring is full of expectation buds breaking frosts abating and an awakening of creation before the first days of summer. Now the sun gives warmth and comfort to our lives reviving aching joints

bringing colour, new life and crops to fruiting. Autumn gives nature space to lean back, relax and enjoy the fruits of its labour mellow colours in sky and landscape as the earth prepares to rest. Then winter, cold and bare as nature takes stock rests, unwinds, sleeps until the time is right. An endless cycle and yet a perfect model. We need a winter in our lives a time of rest, a time to stand still a time to reacquaint ourselves with the faith in which we live. It is only then that we can draw strength from the one in whom we are rooted take time to grow and rise through the darkness into the warm glow of your springtime to blossom and flourish bring colour and vitality into this world your garden. Thank you Father for the seasons of our lives.

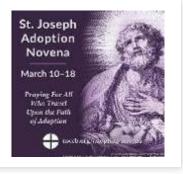
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AREA NEWS AND EVENTS



NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

Leading up to the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19, join us in praying the St. Joseph Adoption Novena. Invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, we will pray the Lord blesses all who travel upon the path of adoption. Visit usccb.org/adoption-novena for the novena, which begins Sunday, March 10.



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

JOIN ARCHBISHOP NAUMANN IN READING AND REFLECTING ON THE SUNDAY GOSPELS THROUGH LENT!

Each audio/podcast segment includes the Gospel reading, Archbishop's reflection and a personal witness of faith from a lay person in the Archdiocese -- all in less than 30 minutes. A guide for individual reflection and group discussion each week is also available. Each Monday of Lent, the upcoming Sunday reflection/guide will be posted on the Enflame website at: http://archkcks.org/ (scroll down). You can also access past Sunday (and Ash Wednesday) reflections/guides on the website.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

ENFLAME OUR HOMES

March's theme is Joyful families REST. Sometimes we think that Lent is about what we DO, about the prayer, the fasting and the almsgiving. Of course, these things are important, but it's also the perfect time to step back and REST-- in God's love, and in the love of our families. Find and download all this month's



resources at: archkcks.org/rest

ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO SHARE

Today's readings are ALL about sacrifice and love. Love and sacrifice. In the first reading, Abraham wanted a son so badly and God gave him one through a wife that was supposed to be unable to get pregnant. God tested Abraham's love for him. Did he love his new son more or did he love God more? Abraham loved God and trusted in him, and Isaac was saved. Abraham sacrifices a ram in thanksgiving to God.

In the Gospel, God transfigures Jesus into dazzling white and says to all, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." God loves US so much he sacrifices his own son (the Lamb) for our sins.

How much do we listen to Jesus, as God asked us to? What sacrifices do we make, especially during Lent, in thanksgiving to God for all He gives to us? How much do we trust in God? Enough to give him control of our finances? Make the Archbishop's Call to Share appeal part of your Lenten almsgiving. You can make your online contributions to Call to Share at: https://

mission.archkck.org/ There is still time. Thank you.

"IN MEMORY OF HER": WOMEN INTERPRET SCRIPTURE

Wednesday evenings, March 10, 17, & 24, 7:00-9:00 pm Repeated Thursday mornings, March 11, 18, 25, 10:00 am-Noon For several decades women biblical scholars have been interpreting the Bible from their unique perspective as marginalized and discriminated persons deeply immersed in a patriarchal dominating culture. These four two-hour sessions invites participants to explore a feminist interpretation of the Scriptures. The principles and goals of feminist interpretation are introduced, and then select passages from both the Jewish and Christian scriptures are examined in light of feminist approaches to biblical interpretation.

The sessions will be **facilitated virtually through Zoom** by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate, St. Sabina Parish. To register, email Biagio at: biagio@stsabinaparish.org or biagio46@gmail.com Please specify your time preference. All churches and faith traditions are most welcome.

SUMMER DATES FOR CAMP KATERI TEKAKWITHA

We are excited to announce the dates for Camp Kateri Tekakwitha for the summer of 2021. **Online registration begins Monday, March 1**. 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 St. 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 St. 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

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