

“Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do in love.”

-St. Therese of Lisieux



25th
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:37a

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am
Friday: 12:10 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am

Weekend Masses

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

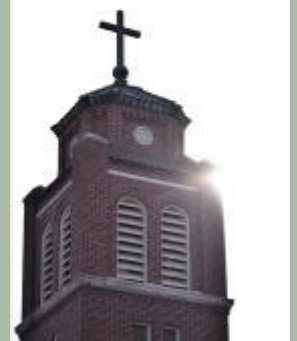
NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Please contact the parish office for a registration form at **785-843-0109** or complete the online registration on the parish website: sjevangelist.com

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

WELCOME!



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.

MASKS

Masks are recommended & encouraged inside the church buildings.
Per Lawrence/Douglas County Health Department. This is subject to change.

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Wednesday - 11:00 am-3:00 pm; Saturday - 8:30 am-12:30 pm

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SIMON PARISH CENTER

Mailing Address 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044
Phone.....785-843-0109
Office Hours.....**PLEASE WEAR A MASK**
Monday-Friday8:30 am - 4:00 pm
After 2:30 pm please call staff members direct extension.
Thank you.

Weekend Masses

Saturday.....8:00 am, 4:30 pm
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.....1:00 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm

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Saturday3:00 pm- 4:00 pm
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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

ANNUAL ST. JOHN'S OKTOBERFEST

Willkommen, Freunde!! The Annual St. John's Oktoberfest returns on **September 25 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm!**

This year will look a bit different, but we will have everything we love the most: German food, German beer, and German music!

For food, we will have a limited menu of your favorite goodies: schnitzel, bierocks, bratwursts, sauerkraut, and German potato salad (cabbage rolls TBD). All served To-Go from the church basement starting at **4:00 pm**. Tables will be set up and distanced in the parking lot to dine outdoors.



For beer, we will have a limited amount of keg and canned German style beers for you to enjoy on premises while waiting in line or hanging out with us in the parking lot. The beer lineup will be announced later, but expect some yummy Paulaner varieties and local favorites. Prost!

For music, we won't have our full band this year, but we will have live accordion music from **4:00 pm to 7:00 pm** in the parking lot. And we expect some German dancing to break out during that time. Come join the fun!

We want to keep everyone as safe as possible, so we encourage masks be worn indoors. Danke schön!

ROOM RESERVATIONS

If you would like to make a room reservation please email Reid Bissen at: coordinator@sjevangelist.com or call **785-843-0109**.

GROCERY CARDS SOLD AFTER MASS TO PAY GYM MORTGAGE



Grocery cards will be sold after all masses on the first weekend of the month. Please bring cash or check to purchase Checkers, Merc, and Hy-Vee* grocery cards. Sales will be set up outdoors near the north door of the church. Grocery cards are sold to you at face value, and the grocery stores

donate 5 to 6 percent of sales toward St. John School. Donations will be targeted to the mortgage on the gymnasium.

To pre-order cards, or to help, email Nora at: noramurphy777@gmail.com, or phone **785-727-5083**.

*If you shop at Dillon's and need help setting up the auto-donation there, please call.

THE LEAVEN ONLINE

To catch up on news, events and commentary from the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, go online and read The Leaven newspaper at: www.theleaven.com.

SEEKERS WELCOME!

We all have had that acquaintance, coworker or friend who has asked you questions about the Catholic church. Or maybe they comment on the peace you seem to have. Or they tell you they are searching, but they don't know what it is they are searching for.

A recent survey of those who joined the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process shows that almost all "seekers" in RCIA were invited by a co-worker, friend or family member. A simple and sincere invitation is many times all that is needed for them to take that "leap of faith."

Will you be that person who invites them to "come and see?" We will have an informal gathering **Wednesday, October 6 and 13, in the Bosco Room**, (complete with cookies and coffee) for questions and discussions about things Catholic; things Christian and why Jesus. There will be no raised eyebrows, clearing of throats or downward glances. Just open conversations with some prayers, scripture and lots of listening. Seekers are those unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or those baptized in the Catholic faith but never went to church (uncatechized.) There is no commitment.

For more information, please contact Shelly Bole at: sbole@sjevangelist.com or **785-743-0109**

DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT (DEVELOPMENT & STEWARDSHIP)

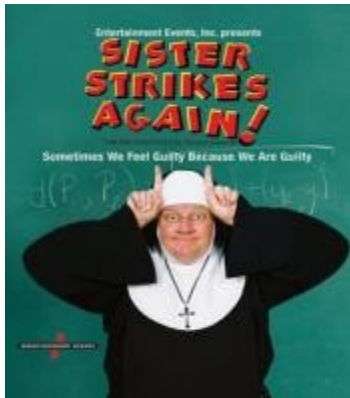
St. John Church and School in Lawrence seeks a full-time Director of Advancement (Development & Stewardship). The Director will develop and ad-minister development plans to ensure the long-term viability of the Church and School. The Director will oversee all advancement activities necessary by building relationships with a broad range of parishioners, parents, alumni, volun-teers 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. Position will be open until filled.

Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. John Cousins at: frjohn@sjevangelist.com or mail to 1229 Vermont Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.

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LATE NITE CATECHISM 2 EVENT SISTER STRIKES BACK

Sunday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Pat Newton Performing Arts Center



Please come and invite your friends to next lesson in Late Nite Catechism. Now in its 28th year, Late Nite Catechism has brought its nostalgic kick to every state in the US, as well as to Canada, the UK and Australia.

It's up to Sister to save the souls of those assembled – aka the audience! Beginning with an overview of heaven and hell as a Catholic version of Chutes and Ladders and moving onto her proclamation of new sins for the new millennium, Sister is never hesitant to tell us where we've gone wrong.

(Needless to say, excessive tattooing and piercing are right up there with crude websites and dining at Hooters.) And never doubt that she can provide a list of every celebrity currently sharing digs with the devil. No one is excused from Sister's firm belief that 'sometimes we feel guilty because we ARE guilty'.

A group of St. John parishioners have organized this event to raise money for St. Jude's Children Research Hospital in honor of a member of our community. This member has been receiving treatments from St. Jude's since she was a kindergartner at St. John's Catholic School in 2009. They are forever grateful for all the care and treatments received while at St. Jude's. Proceeds from the evening will go to continue further the work of saving children.

Tickets start at \$30

To purchase online: <https://cof.page.link/U7GE>

To purchase by phone: 877-386-6968

To purchase by cash/check: 913-485-4596

We will be following the guidelines of the Douglas County Health Department and St John Catholic School for protocols regarding COVID-19 mask mandates at the time of this event.



ST. JOHN FALL FLING

Let us welcome you back to school and back to activities at St. John's!
Date: Sunday, October 10
Time: 4:00-8:00 pm
Prices: To follow later

Bring the entire family! Bring your friends! Stay as long as you want to chat, laugh, eat and enjoy the beautiful fall weather!

There will be a taco truck, hot dogs, soda, beer, chips and snow cones! And games for the kids! We hope to see you there!

Sponsored by the St. John's Social Life Committee! Watch for more fun activities from us!

LAWRENCE LIFE CHAIN OCTOBER 3



Come and join in peaceful prayerful witness and stand up for the dignity of the whole human person, from conception to

natural death. The annual Life Chain will be held on **October 3** at 12:30pm on the corner of 23rd and Iowa, and then closes in prayer at 2:00 pm. Signs are available if you would like. We ask that all signs be respectful and social distance be maintained. Families and children are welcome to participate -- come and stand with us! More information: lifechain.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

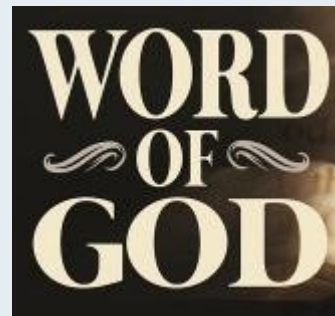
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



LIVING OUR FAITH

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

I POSE THESE QUESTIONS TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH:

How are we raising up the next generation of saints? How are we encouraging and supporting those sitting next to us in the pew? And those who are not in the pews? How are we "living Jesus out loud?"

It is that time that we ask for people to rise up and help others come to know and love Jesus; encourage those who are trying and praise those who have a beautiful relationship with our Lord. We are actively seeking help with our Faith Formation ministries: Families Forming Disciples, Adult Formation and general formation events.

Don't think this applies to you? Guess what? You have been called!!!

The Old Testament Prophets said:

"I am too young"

Jeremiah)

"I am too old"

(Sarah)

"I am not a speaker"

(Moses)

"I am just a farmer"

(Gideon)

"I am not in the mood"

(Jonah)

Only acceptable Response?

"I will go! Send me!" (Isaiah)

What do we need to raise up the sinners into saints?

Bakers and Cooks: help with hospitality for RCIA, catechist gatherings, bible studies

Encouragers/Coaches: for the Families Forming Disciples ministry. Encouragers work with the lead catechist in inspiring confidence, hope and fostering conversation with family tables.

Art and Environment Whizzes: those people who have the gift of setting an environment based upon a theme.

Creative Geniuses: people who have the gift of creating activities/projects to help emphasize a gospel value.

Pray-ers: someone who has the gift of intercessory prayer – to pray for specific needs of the ministry; or to offer an hour of adoration for the needs of the ministry; or teach someone how to pray.

Catechists: people who have the gift of speaking/presenting and will use their gift to share the Good News in engaging ways.

If God is calling you or maybe planting a seed, please reach out to Shelly Bole. Together you will discover how God is calling you to support the ministry of Faith Formation at St. John's.



Middle School & High School Youth Group
REGISTRATION OPEN!

Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/212314680404042>

Middle School will meet Sunday evenings from 6:15-7:30
Chelsea Solomon will be working with the Middle School Youth Group, which is for the entire parish!

Allison Loeker is our High School Youth Minister. There will be a monthly gathering along with small discipleship groups that meet weekly.



CALL OUT TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGES 3 - 8TH GRADE

Please join us **Sunday September 19** in the basement from 10:10 -10:50 am. We will share the two different models of Family/Children formation for 2021-22.

Representatives from Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Shelly Bole, Families Forming Disciples, will be presenting the two models with opportunities for questions and answers. All registration will be done online this year.

For more information, please contact Shelly Bole at:
sbole@sjevangelist.com or
785-843-0109

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

EIGHTH GRADE CONFIRMATION



Any 8th grader in our parish and at our parish school getting confirmed this year will prepare for this sacrament within small faith groups. These groups will meet several weeks prior to Confirmation, which we estimate to be in March or April (date provided by Archdiocese). Confirmation small groups will meet specifically to prepare for this sacrament starting after Christmas. Group meeting times will vary based on availability of Confirmation group leaders and group members. If you or someone you know would like to lead a Confirmation small group, please contact Allison Loecker with the email address: sjyouth@sjevangelist.com.

ST. JOHN'S EMMAUS WOMEN'S GROUP FALL MINISTRY

Women of St. John's, are you looking for a way to refuel and be refreshed, make authentic connections with other women, and learn more about God? It's time to come back to community! Join us as we examine the core questions that we as women need to wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has to offer us. All Women in the Parish and community are welcome! There will be an opportunity to donate \$40 for materials.

Two Offerings:
Mondays, 6:00-7:30 pm, Begins 9/13 (Virtual)
Thursdays, 1:30-3:00 pm, Begins 9/16

To enroll or for more information, contact:
Suzy Novotny: snovotny74@gmail.com or call 785-550-8357
Rhonda Partridge: rhondapartridge@gmail.com or call 785-218-3622

SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BOOKENDS

BEFORE/ AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Our Before and After School Care program is looking for staff members for our morning and afternoon shifts. Staff members will be responsible for the supervision of students. Staff members will need to be willing to help with homework, engage the students in fun activities, and provide consistent supervision. Before school hours are from 7:00 - 8:05 am and After school hours will be from 3:30-6:00 pm. We are looking for college students who might have flexible hours or someone who might want a part-time job and would love to have the opportunity to work with kids. If you are interested, please send your email: pdasto@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.



St. John Catholic School

Benefit Auction

NOVEMBER THIRTEENTH YEAR 2021

A large graphic for the 11th Annual St. John Auction. The numbers "11 13 '21" are prominently displayed in a large, bold, yellow font. The words "NOVEMBER", "THIRTEENTH", and "YEAR 2021" are written in a smaller, white font below the respective numbers. The background is a dark blue gradient.

ANNUAL ST. JOHN AUCTION

The Annual St. John Auction has been scheduled for **November 13**. We are currently in the process of gathering items to be auctioned. If you or someone you know would like to donate an item, please visit: sjevangelist.com/school/auction, call 785-842-3445, or email: auction@sjeagles.com

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Below reflects donations received July 1, 2021 through August 8, 2021.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$28,365.38
Average weekly collection amount.....	\$26,270.19
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD	\$170,192.28
Actual collection fiscal YTD.....	\$157,621.15
NET SHORTAGE.....	\$12,571.13
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 Church office at: 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.

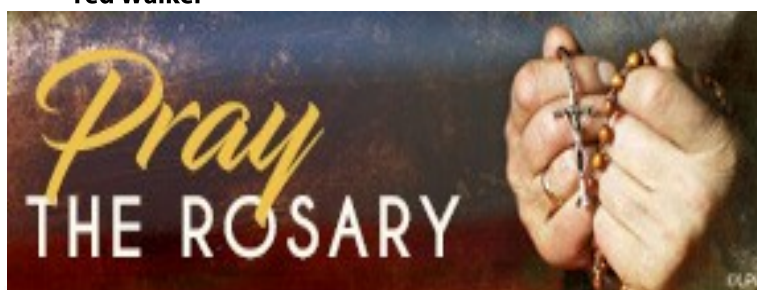
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 Jeanette Walker
 Ted Walker

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 Jon Yarnell
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IN MEMORIAM
 WAYNE PINE



SEPTEMBER 20 – SEPTEMBER 26

Mon.: 7:30 am.....	Robbie Willist
Tues.: 7:30 am.....	Andy Kish, Jr.†
Wed.: 7:30 am.....	Nadine Hammond†
Thurs.: 7:30 am	Bernice Sickinger†
Fri.: 7:30 am.....	Jack Hammond†
	12:10 pm
	Richard Monsont
Sat.: 8:00 am	Jim Bensont
	4:30 pm
	Foster Care & Adoption Ministry
Sun.: 7:00 am	Rich DeBastian†
	9:00am
	Lee Herzog†
	11:00 am.....
	Jacqueline Heim
	1:00 pm (Sp.).....
	Cristela Calleja Simón
	5:00 pm
	Parishioners of St. John

FOCUS ON THE WORD

GOSPEL MEDITATION

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we

inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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EVERYDAY REFLECTION

The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest

Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By The Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee

From September 1 through October 4, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, we celebrate the season of care for creation.

Many of us have read recently of new and sobering studies concerning the ways in which we have pained and exhausted our dear sister Mother Earth. This would be a good time for us to remind ourselves through our prayers, that our Lord has gifted us with the many gifts and beauties of our earth and environment for our enjoyment, pleasure and well-being and sustenance. In our prayers, let us approach God in joy and

thanksgiving for the gift of our earth, and let us ask for God's help in moving us to a more consistent and steadfast openness to caring for our earth as we would our best friend. If you have difficulty with making the changes you promise that you will make, don't stop! Just apologize and move move your intention on to the next time and onward!

Also, I know that we are all aware of the pain and suffering in our world from natural disasters, war, poverty and injustice. For all affected by these, let us pray and be open to finding ways, through our economic means, through our associations and through our other connections, to do our part in bringing peace, comfort and justice to our world.

CUENTO NÚMERO 1

Dios es un mago que de la nada saca las cosas, como de una galera (Genesis 1).

Recuerdo que, hace muchísimo tiempo, cuando era un chiquilín de cinco años, mi padre me llevo al Circo Sarrasani, muy famoso, que pasaba por Córdoba. Un mundo de gente me rodeaba, y me sentía un granito de arena o una pequeña estrella, en medio de la multitud. Payasos haciendo "payasadas", o sea, las tonteras que hacen para que quienes no somos tontos, nos doblemos en dos de risa. Trapecistas que, a mi corto entender de ese entonces, me parecía que volaban a mil metros de altura, como águilas. Caballos en gran cantidad, blanquísimos, montados por hermosas señoritas. Perros que jugaban a la pelota. Osos que boxeaban. Monos que hacían "monadas" para que yo me riera de ellos. Tigres y leones que obedecían al chasquido del látigo del domador, siempre vestido de frac. Hombres-bala.... Una bella rubia metida en un cajón y serruchada por la mitad por un señor con cara de muy malo.

Todo esto me llenaba los ojos y no sabía si reír o llorar, pero de contento que estaba. Sin embargo, lo que más me llamo la atención fue un mago: vestía de negro, con saco brillante y una alta galera. Esa galera y los pases mágicos que hacía a cada rato, me dejaron mudo y boquiabierto, ¿Como podían caber en su galera treinta pañuelos grandes que salían de ella atados, cuando los había metido sueltos? ¿Cómo hacia el señor mago para sacar de la galera un conejo? Y, cuando después de unas palabras secretas y de leves movimientos de mano sobre la galera, salió volando una paloma, me paré electrizado y me puse gritar, mientras aplaudía y quería más y más, insaciable.

Hoy no tengo cinco años ni voy al circo ni creo en los magos. Sigo sorprendiéndome por lo que hacen y no sé, a ciencia cierta, como lo hacen, pero... no me importa demasiado.

Pensando en la elaboración de este minicuento, mi imaginación voló, algo loca, y, como produce imágenes, intente imaginar lo inimaginable.

Pensé en Dios vestido de negro brillante, con una galera en su mano. Me costó figurarme "la nada". ¿Como ponerle forma, límites y colores, si era eso..., nada?

Entonces, como Dios era "alguien", lo imaginé a él..., vestido de negro brillante, como ya lo dije. No hacía pases mágicos,

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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.

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CATECISMO EN ESPAÑOL

Las Inscripciones son en agosto. Por favor para mas 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 19 DE SEPTIEMBRE

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Lunes: Esd 1, 1-6/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6 [3]/Lc 8, 16-18

Martes: Ef 4, 1-7. 11-13/Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5 [5]/Mt 9, 9-13

Miércoles: Esd 9, 5-9/Tob 13, 2. 3-4. 4. 7-8 [1]/Lc 9, 1-6

Jueves: Ag 1, 1-8/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 y 9 [cfr. 4]/Lc 9, 7-9

Viernes: Ag 2, 1-9/Sal 42, 1. 2. 3. 4 [5]/Lc 9, 18-22

Sábado: Zac 2, 5-9. 14-15/Jr 31, 10. 11-12. 13 [cfr. 10]/Lc 9, 43-45

Domingo siguiente: Nm 11, 25-29/Sal 18, 8. 10. 12-13. 14 [9]/Sant 5, 1-6/Mc 9, 38-43. 45. 47-48

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porque no era mago, aunque tenía "magia". Yo imaginaba solo voces: -¡Que exista la luz!! ¡Que haya un firmamento!

¡Que nazcan las aguas y la tierra! ¡Que haya lunas y estrellas y galaxias y ballenas y surubies y gacelas y burros y monos y hormigas y palomas y gorriones! Y los cielos y las tierras y las aguas se poblaron de vida. Como es evidente, todo ello iba saliendo de la galera...

Al sexto día, un bello día de flores y colores, el Gran Mago se miró al espejo, tomo polvo de la tierra, susurro unas pocas palabras y reconocí mi imagen y la de mis padres y al de mis tíos y abuelos y la de mis amigos... Ese día, la galera no pudo aguantar semejante contenido y exploto, como una bomba atómica explota. También en mi imaginación, la nada era plasmada, negra, sombría y fría...

Cuando desperté de mi "ensoñación", la vi escapar, derrotada y llena de vergüenza, mientras la luz que salía de los labios del Mago llenaba la escena.

No tengo ya cinco años (¡qué pena y que suerte!), pero también hoy me pare electrizado y me puse a gritar, mientras aplaudía y quería más y más, insaciable...

Cuando los magos saquen algo de sus galeras, no digas: -¡Ohhh!, creyendo que son Dios: son buenos prestidigitadores y nada más. Pero cuando Dios haga una de las suyas, sacando todo de la nada o devolviendo la vida al pecador, grita con todas tus fuerzas: - ¡Ohhhh! ¡Esto no puede ser hecho, sino por el que puede hacerlo!

-Hector Munoz

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

WALKING WITH WOJTYLA CAMPOUT

High School Students-Take some time away to enjoy the outdoors while spending time with God and others. Join us this Fall at the Walking with Wojtyla Campout. The campout will focus on St. John Paul II's love of the outdoors with talks along hiking trails, games, s'mores, adoration, Reconciliation and Mass. Campout begins on **Saturday, September 25 at noon and ends on Sunday, September 26 at noon**. The campout will take place at Big Bull Creek Camp Grounds in Edgerton, KS. Cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the campout. To register, go to: [WWW Sign Up](http://WWW.SignUp). If you have questions, please email Rick Cheek at: youth2@archkck.org

ONE-DAY LADIES' RETREAT WITH SONJA CORBITT

Mother Teresa Catholic Church in Topeka, will be hosting a one-day ladies retreat on **Saturday, September 25** with Sonja Corbitt, the Bible Study Evangelista! We will gather at 8:30 am to pray the rosary. The retreat will begin at 9:00 am and conclude at approximately 3:00 pm with plenty of time between talks for fellowship. Beverages, light snacks, and lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend but a free-will offering will be accepted. To assure we have enough food, registration is required. Please register online at: www.mtcctopeka.org. Additionally, here is a link to our Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/16dnRWlxU>

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM - ADULT TRAINING (VIRTUS)

VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults training is available Online as an option. 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. Parishes may still offer the live training session available as an option if they prefer as long as the local county and state health regulations in effect at the time of the event are followed. Please note, the training must still be completed prior to participants working around youth. 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. 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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