



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN

St. 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.

PARISH EVENT COMMUNICATIONS FORM

Have an event to share with others? Please follow this link to use our communications form to get the information in the bulletin, on the website or our social media.

Click on <https://form.jotform.com/212778286065061>

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

Monday-Friday8:30 am - 4:00 pm

After 2:30 pm please call a staff member's direct extension.

Thank you.

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

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am; Wednesday 5:30 pm (SP); Friday 12:10 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

***See Page 3 of the bulletin for Reconciliation times**

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ten (10) days prior to the bulletin you wish info to appear.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am
Wednesday: 5:30 pm; 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

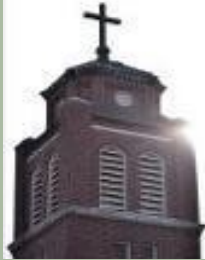
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

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

WELCOME!



K OF C ANNUAL BABY SHOWER

All donations will benefit the Insight Women's Center which provides services for pregnant women in the Lawrence area. Place donations in the crib by the elevator at the north entrance.

Donations will be accepted from the first week in January through the end of February.

Please do not leave cash in the crib.

For cash donations, please make checks payable to the Insight Women's Center and place them in the collection basket.

Buttons & Bows Boutique Wishlist

- Girls pj's - sizes 9mo-24 mo
- Winter Jackets
- Diapers - sizes NB, 4,5,6
- Diaper Bags
- Baby Wipes
- Nursing Pads
- Boppy Pillows & Covers
- Toddler Toys
- Brand New Strollers
- Crib Sheets
- Pack n Play Sheets
- Cabinet Door Locks
- Hand Sanitizer pump 30 oz+
- Kleenex
- Toilet paper
- Water bottles
- Printer paper



ST. JOHN JOB OPENING

PARISH COORDINATOR

St. John Parish and School seeks a part-time parish coordinator. The parish coordinator will be responsible for the efficient use of parish facilities and managing supportive services. Candidates with 1-3 years work experience and bilingual (English/Spanish) are preferred. Please see full job description and requirements at: www.sjevangelist.com. 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 St., Lawrence, KS 66044

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend our special collection supports the Church in Latin America. Your generosity makes a difference for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Visit: www.usccb.org/latin-america

LECTORS NEEDED

Are you interested in lecturing, reach out to Sean Smith for further details at: seanj@ku.edu.



8th Grade Silver Award

- ★ No place to gather after Mass
- ★ No place to gather for outdoor class

Support 8th Grade Troop 1611 in their efforts to complete their Silver Award by collecting donations for picnic tables! Your generous donation toward this project would assist both the school and church. We appreciate your assistance. If interested in donating, please contact Kelly Prier at: ahrens32@yahoo.com or call Kim Green at: (785) 249-5840 or email: katiffany@aol.com.



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PLEDGE FORM RENEWAL

If you have not received your 2022 financial pledge renewal form and ministry form please contact the parish office at **785-843-0109**. Thank you for your generosity to St. John!

THE MEN OF ST. JOHN MINISTRY

The program will began **6:00 am, Wednesday, January 12, in the church** basement. Light breakfast and coffee will be provided. Each session wraps up at 7:25 am. We will meet every Wednesday morning through the spring semester aside from spring break. Anyone with questions can contact Brian Walter at: walterpack@sunflower.com, or **785-766-1569**. The series we are watching is called "The Search" and is available online at: <https://www.thesearchbegins.org/> or on the Formed app, if anyone in the parish would like to watch it.

ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO SHARE 2022

If you had to identify the most important priorities for the Son of God, Savior of Mankind, to accomplish during his earthly mission, saving a wedding feast by turning water into wine probably wouldn't be at the top of the list. So what is Jesus doing in today's Gospel? Among other things, he's demonstrating that love responds to earthly and everyday needs. It doesn't just look for the big gestures or the grandiose displays—it looks for concrete opportunities. If love is true love, its focus isn't self-aggrandizement, but actually serving the good of the other—like Christ does through something seemingly as mundane as providing good refreshment for the guests at a wedding. We're called to love like Jesus does: by responding to the concrete needs of our community. Contributing to our Archbishop's Call to Share appeal might not be glamorous or grandiose—but you'll be helping meet the everyday needs of your parish when you do. Ask Jesus to show you how He wants you to love in this way and see where it leads you!

LEGION OF MARY MEETINGS

Catholic men and women of Lawrence, please join the Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Fatima Praesidium, at the St John Parish Office main conference room, **Mondays from 4:30- 6:00 pm starting January 17**. Weekly meetings include legionary prayers and the Rosary, handbook study with spiritual direction by Fr. John Cousins, works of mercy in pairs, plus fellowship. For more information, please contact Alma Lahm at: amlutku5@gmail.com or **913-219-4404**. Alma will be in the room from 4:00 - 4:30 pm for first time visitors and friendship sharing. All are welcome.



Breakfast with The Chosen

SATURDAY MORNINGS STARTING JANUARY 29

8:30AM-10:30AM
ST. JOHN SCHOOL - BOSCO ROOM
VISIT SJEVANGELIST.COM TO RSVP

READINGS FOR JANUARY 16 WEEK

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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BECOME A GREETER

HERE'S A GREAT IDEA FOR MEETING YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS IN THE PARISH! BECOME A GREETER!

You may have noticed over the last several weeks that you have been met at the door and greeted by someone upon your arrival at Mass. Our greeters are ministers of hospitality and welcome, as were Jesus' disciples. Think of the story of the loaves and fishes. Who counted all those people? Who distributed the food and took away leftovers? It was the disciples, of course. And sometimes they brought people to Jesus who needed help or healing. They kept their fingers on the pulse of the community, and what they learned from doing so informed their questions for Jesus which, together with prayer and his Godly and compassionate wisdom, informed Jesus' formation of his disciples.

The Sanctuary Ministry feels that greeters can be a great help not just to potential new parishioners or visitors, but to people in the parish who may find their feedback to be helpful, such as Pastoral Council, staff, and to ministries and committees. Our greeters can take those questions before or after Mass and get them to the appropriate people for answers. In addition, our greeters can be great immediate resources.

We are looking for people who appreciate being a greeter as being a part of a hospitality team; a team that through prayer and discernment and the desire to learn and grow can be an important conduit for community-building and growth in our parish.

Erin Smith-Bird has agreed to schedule greeters. If you are interested in becoming a greeter, please email Erin at: ekbird@sunflower.com, to let her know your Mass preference.

We really want to have two greeters at each entrance at each Mass, as the Great Commission sent people out into the world two by two to minister. As we get more people signed up, we will have an organizational meeting.

Thank you for prayerfully considering being a part of this ministry!

CHARITABLE PLANNING IN 2022

A new year provides an excellent opportunity to consider plans for charitable gifts in 2022. These gifts could include an IRA charitable rollover, a gift of cash or a gift of appreciated stock or land.

1. IRA Charitable Rollover — The IRS refers to the IRA charitable rollover as a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). An individual over age 70½ is permitted to make a transfer directly from his or her IRA custodian to a qualified charity. The transfer is not included in taxable income. If the IRA owner is over age 72, the distribution may fulfill part or all of your required minimum distribution (RMD).

Because many individuals have invested their IRAs in stocks, bonds or other securities, it may be necessary to exchange the IRA stock or bond accounts for a money market fund prior to the distribution. Most custodians require a QCD to be paid from a money market account or similar fund. Because the equities markets are at record levels, some individuals may choose to transfer funds from equities to a money market fund early in the year to prepare for their IRA charitable rollover.

There are some limits for the IRA charitable rollover. The IRA owner must be at least age 70½ and the maximum transfer in one year is \$100,000. The transfer must be to a qualified exempt charity and may be for a designated purpose or field of interest fund. However, it may not be to a donor advised fund (DAF) or supporting organization. In addition, it may not be for a charity dinner or other event that involves a partial benefit to the donor. The entire QCD must be for a qualified charitable purpose.

2. Gifts of Cash — Individuals who itemize deductions may deduct 2022 gifts of cash up to 60% of their contribution base, which is usually your adjusted gross income (AGI). This is a change from last year when the maximum deduction limit was temporarily increased to 100% of AGI. While the 60% limit is substantial, some generous individuals give more than this and may carry forward and deduct the excess gift amounts during the next five years.

3. Gifts of Stock or Land — With substantial increases in value for both equities and real property, many donors will find that a 2022 gift of appreciated property is attractive. A gift of appreciated stock or land provides two benefits for the donor. First, the donor may receive a charitable contribution deduction for the fair market value of the stock or land. Second, the charity is tax-exempt and therefore the donor is able to bypass tax on the capital gain. If the donor purchased stock two years ago for \$10 per share and it is now worth \$50 per share, the donor would pay capital gains tax on \$40 if he or she sold the stock. However, by giving the stock to charity, the donor may receive a deduction for the \$50 in value and bypass the tax on the \$40 of potential gain. Because the donor is receiving both the deduction and capital gain bypass benefits, this type of gift is permitted to 30% of AGI. Once again, if the value is in excess of this limit, it may be carried forward for five years. For example, Mary Smith has adjusted gross income of \$100,000 this year and makes a gift of appreciated stock with a fair market value of \$40,000. She is able to deduct \$30,000 and carry forward \$10,000 and deduct that amount over the next five years.

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VIRTUS, PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN FOR ADULTS

All employees of the Archdiocese (including clergy and consecrated laymen and laywomen) and all volunteers (including Vacation Bible School volunteers), over the age of 18, who have substantial contact with children and/or youth, in the school or church, are required to submit a background check and attend Virtus, the awareness session of the Archdiocese's child abuse program, Protecting God's Children for Adults, prior to working with children or youth.

All Virtus sessions are online. You will need to register an account with our Archdiocese and complete the background check and paperwork.

Go to: <https://www.virtusonline.org>.

1. Click on "First-Time Registrant"
2. Click on "Begin the registration process."
3. On the "Select" organization drop-down menu, select "Kansas City in Kansas (Archdiocese)".
4. Create a User ID and Password, complete the profile information, and select a class to attend.
5. You must complete the background check and paperwork at this point.
6. Plan to have 20-30 minutes to register and complete the online paperwork. The system will not allow you to save what you start working on and return at a later time to complete. DO NOT USE THE BACK BUTTON ON THE ADDRESS BAR, OR IT WILL DELETE YOUR PROGRESS AND YOU WILL HAVE TO START OVER.
7. VIRTUS Registration MUST BE DONE ON A COMPUTER, not a tablet, iPad or phone. The system will not allow these devices due to security reasons.



If you have any questions, contact Meg Milburn at: mmilburn@sjevangelist.com or 785-843-0109.

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

School enrollment is now open to our parish families. St. John Catholic School is financially supported primarily by the generosity of St. John parish. School parents who are supporting members of St. John parish, support the school by their weekly, monthly, quarterly, and/or annual church tithe. The cost to educate a child at St. John School is \$6,000. To learn more and enroll, visit: <http://sjevangelist.com/school/why-st-john/>

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

TEACHING POSITION AVAILABLE

St. John Catholic School is looking for a 4th and 5th grade math teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in working with a great team of teachers, please send a cover letter and resume to Chris Reffett at: creffett@sjegales.com.

ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN FOR PARISH FAMILIES!

FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE

- Dully Accredited
- Small Class Sizes
- Religious Education & Sacramental Preparation
- Unique Middle School Electives
- Academic Excellence
- Engaged Families
- C.Y.O. Sports
- Strong Parent/Teacher Relationships
- Visual Arts & Theater, Music, Spanish Language Programs

Questions? email creffett@sjegales.com or call 785-843-9511



SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By The Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee

The city and Family Promise are still greatly in need of volunteers for the city's Winter Emergency Shelter (WES) and its need for volunteers. If you are interested in helping by being an overnight host at the sites in the Community Building and the East Lawrence Recreation Center, or for families who will be housed separately in a local church, please contact Susan Tabor at: souljourner@sbcglobal.net. There is training offered in advance and she will give you that information. Please give this request some prayerful consideration. Thank you! The plan is for the winter emergency shelter to have its last night of operation on **February 28**.



Now here are some more tips for helping you build a more earth-friendly lifestyle:

61. Avoid animal exploitation

Be a responsible traveler and visit animals in their own natural habitats instead of zoos that hold animals in captivity. Animal rides and wildlife performances are also destroying wildlife. Don't support this.

62. Offset your impact

Book fuel-efficient airlines as you travel the world and reduce your carbon footprints. Instead of booking business or first class seats all the time, fly economy and use the price difference to support conservation. Donate to a company to invest in an eco-conscious project, such as renewable energy or tree planting.

63. Do not purchase or eat endangered species

Indulging in local delicacies and artifacts as you travel the world is lots of fun. However, you need to be mindful of what you pay for. Don't buy food made from endangered species such as turtle egg soup or buy illegal-trade animal souvenirs made from seashells or ivory.

64. Don't litter

Littering is one of those habits that we all should strive to quit whether at home or abroad. Throw away your trash appropriately. If you can avoid having any trash in the first place the better.

65. Take public transit

Ditch taxis and rentals for local public transportation to move around when you're in a foreign city. This will decrease your carbon footprint considerably.

FOCUS ON THE WORD

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.



God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

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It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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
 Chris Besler
 Jenn Bole
 Andrew Bouchard
 Susan Guenther Brown
 Donna Callaghan
 Bob Carlson
 Jim Colson
 Patricia Cousins
 Ricky Dalton
 Hank Desch
 Linda Erp
 Phillip F.
 Sharron F.
 Noni Fallaria
 Joanne Feist
 Colette Fisher
 Regina Flint
 Linda Flyer
 Danielle Foote
 Mark Fortun
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 Christian Heady
 Luke Henry
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 Kathy Higley
 Janet Ikenberry
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 Allen Kehde
 Gretchen Kehde
 Becky Kuhn
 Joanna Lacanlale
 Diana Matthews
 Leo Mauler
 Russ McDonald
 Zackary Messerly
 Paul Milburn
 Linden Morgan
 Augustus Nelson
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 Mary Kay Seidl
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 Shawn Short
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 Brett Smith
 Scott Smith
 Linda Snyder
 Joseph Soza
 Cameron Stupansky
 Jack Taylor

Deloris Tharp
 Amelia Tinio
 Fleda Umscheid
 Enriqueta Valverde
 Oren Van Wallegghem
 Cindy Vasquez
 Lou Volpe
 Marilyn Wagnitz
 Jeanette Walker
 Ted Walker

Susan Williams
 Jon Yarnell
 Dena Yepa

IN MEMORIAM:
 MARY BAILEY
 KEN DAVIN
 MICHAEL LESHNER
 KATHY OTTER
 MIKE REILLY



JANUARY 17 – JANUARY 23

Mon.: 7:30 amDon Heatht
Tues.: 7:30 am.....Ken Davint
Wed.: 7:30 am Kathy Ottert
 5:30pm (Sp.)..... All Present At Mass
Thurs.: 7:30 amJames Madigant
Fri.: 7:30 am Mary Baileyt
 12:10 pmBrett Davist
Sat.: 8:00 am Joe & Ellie Allden
 4:30 pm.....Mike Reillyt
Sun.: 7:00 amJames O'Toollet
 9:00amKen Davint
 11:00am.....Parishioners Of St. John
 1:00 pm (Sp.)Edith Alvarezt
 5:00 pmMichael Leshert

CUENTO NÚMERO 18

¡Guerra a los microbios, virus diversos y otros diablos! (Marcos 1, 23-28. 40-43)

En los tiempos de Jesús, hace un montón de años, sucedía a algo parecido a lo que nos pasa en nuestros días. Había enfermos de todo tipo: leprosos, piojosos, paralíticos, afebrados, diarreicos, epilépticos, ciegos, sordos; mudos, sidóticos, cirrósicos y "endemoniados" de toda calaña. No sabemos a ciencia cierta qué les pasaba a estos últimos, pero Don Diablo los hacía sufrir bastante. Todavía (creemos...) no había ni "estrés: ni depresiones profundas que reclamaran psicoanálisis, aunque más de un neurótico debe haber andado suelto, porque es inherente a la condición del hombre herido, vivir frecuentemente con los cables pelados.

Pues bien: nos dicen las historias que Jesús se encontró con un hombre poseído "por un espíritu impuro", algo similar al "endemoniado". Y este bicho desgraciado se había apoderado de su cuerpo, y lo tenía a mal traer.

Sin que necesitemos demasiada imaginación ni recordar alguna película de terror, podemos pensar que le saldría espuma por la boca, tendría vómitos y convulsiones, escupiría toda la gama de malas palabras y maldiciones imaginables, se pondría violento y arremetería a los golpes contra amigos y enemigos. Si tomaba un trago de más, pelearía contra el gobierno, contra los curas, contra los judíos, contra los "gallegos", contra los negros, contra los baches de la calle, contra la humedad y el calor, contra las tarifas telefónicas caras, contra los impuestos altos, contra la Tele que es una basura, contra el DT del Seleccionado Nacional, en fin... (creo que hay más "endemoniados" que los de la Biblia...).

Pero Jesús, contra quien nada pueden los señores demonios, decidió poner las cosas en su lugar. Increpo al espíritu impuro, un inmundado que se encarga de jorobar a la pobre gente. v le ordeno: - ¡Sal del cuerpo del Guille y déjalo en paz, porque si no.... te las veras conmigo, y bien sabes que más de una vez te he dejado con el rabo al norte! ¡Acodarte de cuando me quisiste tentar en el desierto! ¿La pasaste mal, no...?

El espíritu impuro, como corresponde, se hizo en los pantalones, pego un grito que se oyó en todo el vecindario tanto, que las viejas salieron a la calle para chusmear y no perderse el espectáculo, y desapareció de la escena. El pobre Guille, jadeando, pidió una "coca light", porque era algo gordito y había quedado al borde del K.O.. con tanta sacudida.

De más está decir que la fama de Jesús era más grande que la de los Rolling Stones y los Bee Gees, Julio Iglesias y Luis Miguel, juntos y batidos, y lo querían ver en todos lados, por lo que el pobre Señor se escabullía cuando podía, con la advertencia a los dueños de casa de decir que no estaba para nadie.

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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 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 16 DE ENERO

Domingo: Is 62, 1-5/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8. 9-10 [3]/1 Co 12, 4-11/ Jn 2, 1-11

Lunes: 1 Sm 15, 16-23/Sal 49, 8-9. 16-17. 21 y 23/Mc 2, 18-22

Martes: 1 Sm 16, 1-13/Sal 88, 20. 21-22. 27-28/Mc 2, 23-28

Miércoles: 1 Sm 17, 32-33. 37. 40-51/Sal 143, 1. 2. 9-10/Mc 3, 1-6

Jueves: 1 Sm 18, 6-9; 19, 1-7/Sal 55, 2-3. 9-10. 10-11. 12-13/Mc 3, 7-12

Viernes: 1 Sm 24, 3-21/Sal 56, 2. 3-4. 6 y 11/Mc 3, 13-19

Sábado: 2 Sm 1, 1-4. 11-12. 17. 19. 23-27/Sal 79, 2-3. 5-7/Mc 3, 20-21

Domingo siguiente: Neh 8, 2-4. 5-6. 8-10/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15/1 Co 12, 12-30 o 12, 12-14. 27/Lc 1, 1-4; 4, 14-21

AREA EVENTS

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Un rato más tarde (¡no le daban respiro ni para un té con los amigos!) se le acercó un leproso, y no olvidemos que la lepra era el mayor y el más incurable mal de esos viejos tiempos. Se tiro a sus pies, de rodillas. y le dijo que "si quería podía curarlo". ¡Qué fe tan grande! ¡Y cómo no iba querer curarlo Jesús, si vino para eso: para sanar!

Lo dejo más limpio que bebé entalcado y perfumado. Las llagas y el dolor, se convirtieron en salud y alegría.

Jes le advirtió: -¡Ojo..., no se lo digas a nadie! Ve a la capilla, cuéntale al cura lo que te pasó, pon unas monedas en alcancía y reza mucho, pero... ¡silencio!

Pepe (así se llamaba este leproso) se largó para la peatonal y, a los gritos, les contaba a cuantas personas pasaban, lo que le había ocurrido. La gente se daba vuelta para verlo, creyendo que estaba loco (en esa época, también había eufóricos con apariencia de locos...). Los que tomaban una cervecita en la vereda del bar pedían al mozo que lo sacaran, pues era bastante molesto y no se podía conversar tranquilo,

Pero Pepe lloraba de alegría, juraba y rejuraba que no iba a faltar más a misa, que no se iba a olvidar de rezar por la mañana y por la noche, que no iba a pelear cuando perdiera Boca y que, con la mayor brevedad, iba a hacer una peregrinación a pie hacia Luján. Además, realizaría una confesión completa.

¿Y Jesús? "Ya no podía entrar públicamente en ninguna ciudad, sino que debía quedarse afuera, en lugares desiertos. Y acudían a él de todas partes".

Para eso vino: para servir. Pero no lo dejaban en paz. ni de día ni de noche.

Hay ciertas dolencias que se curan con DDT, agua Oxígeno o aspirinas.

Pero hay enfermedades que requieren bisturí profundo, que se hunda en lo mas profundo del mal, pero no para matar, sino para curar. Si el cirujano tiene el bisturí en la mano, no te muevas. Déjalo trabajar. Él quiere ganar contra tu enfermedad. Cuando te den de alta, grítale: - Gracias doctor...!

-Héctor Muñoz

POSTPARTUM NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS

The Couple to Couple League (CCL), one of the largest providers of Natural Family Planning (NFP) services in the United States, announces a class with a Postpartum Student Guide on the return of fertility after childbirth. There is a moderate course fee for this supplemental class in using the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP during the postpartum period. The class takes place at St. John the Evangelist extra building, 200 W. 13th St, Lawrence, on **Friday, January 21, at 6:30 pm**. For more info about this or other CCL classes in the metro area, including self-paced online classes, call Shannon or John Rasmussen at: **785-749-1015**. Pre-registration is required at: www.ccli.org.

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