# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish



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## St. John the Evangelist Mission Statement

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, the sacraments, and each other.

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 and commitment.

## St. John Stewardship Prayer

Loving and Gracious God, As sisters and brothers in faith, we join in gratitude for the countless blessings You have given to us. Among those blessings is a church home which nurtures and supports our hope. Strengthen that hope that we may give sacrificially of our prayer, generosity, and service to our church, to sustain and expand Your ministries at St. John. Send the blessing of generosity upon each of us. Help us to see how Hope Grows Here at St. John. Help us to love and care for one another. In Jesus name we pray, Amen

### **Parish Ministries of Service**

### Councils

#### **Finance Council**

The Finance Council reviews the financial statement of the parish and assists in the preparation of the yearly budget. The Council also advises the pastor on the financial concerns in the parish.

Contact: Father John or Father Donald (785) 843-0109

#### Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council serves as a representation of the parish and meets monthly to discuss the state of the parish, review proposals, review parish programs and provide advice to the Pastor. Members are selected through a nomination and voting process each year.

**Contact**: Father John or Father Donald

(785) 843-0109

Faith Formation Ministries	
<b>Baptismal Preparation</b> The Sacrament of Baptism is the first sacrament one receives and thus is the gateway to other sacraments. Classes are <b>required</b> for first time parents and held the 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month at the Simon Parish Center. A requested \$5.00 donation is asked for the Baptismal book.	<b>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> Also known as Atrium is an approach to the religious formation of children ages 3 to 12 years of age, that is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the Church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori.
Contact: Al Mauler (785) 842-5305 <u>ksfarmboy46@yahoo.com</u>	Contact: Shelly Bole (785) 843-0109 <u>sbole@sjevangelist.com</u> Natasha Vallejo-Cooper (785) 633-3062 <u>natasvalle@hotmail.com</u>
<b>Confirmation Preparation</b> St. John youth are confirmed during their 8 <sup>th</sup> grade year of school. Students who attend St. John school and those who attend public school will prepare for Confirmation together. Classes will begin soon after the school year begins in the fall and continue until our diocese scheduled Confirmation service. Classes meet every other Sunday evening, except on holidays and school breaks.	Educación Religiosa (Español) Los catequistas son voluntarios entrenados que dirigen a nuestros jóvenes en su formación de fe.
Contact: Anastasia Pine	Contact: Maria Mota

(316) 204-0568	(785) 304-5509
apine@sjeagles.com	mariamotaf@hotmail.com
<b>Family Formation</b> Parents are the first and primary religious educators of their children. The Family Formation program is faith formation designed to assist parents of children, in kindergarten through fifth grade, who attend public school, a non-Catholic private school or are home- schooled. The curriculum presents the teachings of the Catholic Church in age-appropriate material. Children in second grade prepare for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Family Formation classes meet mid-September to early May on Sundays from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. The classes meet in a traditional classroom setting in the St. John school building. Parents meet once a month with Father John and pick up a packet of materials to use at home with their child/children.	Example for the second
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<b>High School Youth Ministry</b> St. John High School Youth Ministry seeks to foster in each student a personal and loving relationship with Christ and His Church. Grades 9-12 meet every other Sunday evening except on holidays and school breaks. For exact details, check the website.	Marriage & Family Life The mission of this group is to inspire Christ centered marriages and families through prayer enrichment, marriage and family formation opportunities, and fellowship events to embrace being stewards of Christ while promoting connectedness within our St. John family.
Contact: Anastasia Pine (316) 204-0568 <u>apine@sjeagles.com</u>	Contact: Shelly Bole (785) 843-0109 <u>sbole@sjevangelist.com</u>
Marriage Preparation Marriage Preparation provides each couple a better understanding of the sacrament of marriage. It is designed to plan a prayerful celebration of your vows and a life-long marriage covenant.	Men of St. John The Men of St. John is a men's group that meets most Wednesday mornings in the St. John church basement. They explore different topics within the Catholic faith. The Wednesday program includes: Breakfast at 6:00 a.m., a short video at 6:30 a.m. with discussion following and ending by 7:25 a.m. This is a great opportunity to grow in

Contact: Ellen Sickinger (785) 550-8391 <u>esickinger@sjevangelist.com</u> Father John or Father Don (785) 843-0109 <u>frjohn@sjevangelist.com</u> <u>frdon@sjevangelist.com</u>	the knowledge of our faith and to spend time with fellow Christian brothers. The atmosphere is very relaxed and all are welcome. Please invite a friend to join us. <b>Contact:</b> Kent Beisner (785) 221-7172 <u>kdbeisner@gmail.com</u>
<b>Middle School Youth Ministry</b> St. John Middle School Youth Ministry seeks to foster in each student a personal and loving relationship with Christ and His Church. Grade 6-8 meet Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the St. Bosco room in the school.	<b>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</b> ( <b>RCIA</b> ) is the process for those desiring to enter the Church or complete their initiation into the Church and prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.
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<b>Small Group Ministry</b> The St. John Small group ministry are small communities of approximately 8-10 adults with the goals of having a deeper prayer life, stronger biblical knowledge, service, friendship and accountability. There are many groups to choose from and we are forming new groups year round. Each individual group decides on Christian content and frequency of the meetings.	<b>Women's Prayer &amp; Reflection</b> This group meets in St. John school library at 6:30 p.m. the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. No preparation is necessary and is open to all women who wish to be inspired by historical women, including biblical figures and saints. "Drop ins" are welcome. Please bring a journal and Bible.
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Family & Parish Life Ministries	
<u><b>Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)</b></u> This organization provides athletic opportunities to all youth at St. John including basketball, cross country, track and volleyball.	<b>Fiesta</b> A two-day event celebrating the Mexican- American culture. Includes food, entertainment and even games for the kids! A great time for the entire family!

Contact: Kelly Farrell or Shawn Alexander	Contact: Frank Lemus
(413) 687-5416	(785) 691-8769
farrellkel@hotmail.com	flemusjr@sbcglobal.net
<b>Funeral Dinners</b> This ministry helps make a very difficult day easier for the funeral of a loved one.	<b>Oktoberfest</b> A one-day event celebrating the German culture that includes a live band, polka dancing, authentic German food and drinks, and activities for children.
Contact: Marcy Mauler (785) 842-5305 sdcitygirl46@gmail.com	Contact: Angie Evers (785) 550-0411 acevers@sunflower.com Ellen Shobe (785) 979-9670 denshobe@yahoo.com
Social Life CommitteeThis committee plans various social events and activities throughout the year providing opportunities for parishioners to share fellowship with one another. This committee is still forming. To become involved, please contact the church office.Contact:St. John Parish Office (785) 843-0109 office@sjevangelist.com	
International/National Groups	
<b>Daughters of Isabella</b> The Daughters of Isabella is a charitable organization of Catholic women founded on the principal of its motto: Unity, Friendship and Charity. Membership is open to all Catholic women, ages 16 and over.	Council #1372 of the Knights of Columbus Knights of Columbus is a Catholic family fraternal service organization. This theme permeates the entire service program: all church, community, council, family culture of life and youth activities.
Contact: Sandy Hare (518) 573-3478 <u>Nursehare@yahoo.com</u>	Contact: Jake Weeks (785) 749-5040 jakeandlaura@sunflower.com
Legion of Mary Legion of Mary is a world-wide organization of Catholic men and women who make a	<b>Br. Jacoba Fraternity, of the Secular</b> <b>Franciscan Order</b> The Secular Franciscan Order is a fraternity

difference in people's lives by performing works of mercy as directed by the pastor. Members gather weekly on Saturdays 3:45 – 5:15 pm at the Simon Parish Center to pray, report on works performed, and receive spiritual guidance from the priest, thus growing together in holiness. With the help of the Holy Spirit, through the Blessed Virgin Mary, members witness Christ to His people and draw them closer to God by witnessing His love through apostolic works within the parish plus promoting Adoration and the recitation of the Rosary as Mary requested at Fatima.	of Catholic men and women in the world who seek to pattern their lives after Christ in the spirit of Francis of Assisi.
Contact: Alma Moreno Lahm (913) 219-4404 <u>amlutku5@gmail.com</u>	Contact: Bob Brill (785) 832-2279 rvbrill51@gmail.com
Liturgical Ministries	
Altar ServerThe altar server assists the priest at the altar during mass. Must be in the 4th grade or older.Contact:Sean Smith - Server Trainer (785) 312-4485 seanj@ku.eduAmanda Sellet - Server Scheduler (785) 856-1910 asellet@msn.com	<ul> <li>Church Cleaning         This ministry is in charge of weekly cleaning of the church. Supplies are provided.     </li> <li>Contact: Sandra File         (785) 456-3014         ssfile@outlook.com     </li> </ul>
Decorating         The Art & Environment Ministry assists in celebrating the liturgical events by decorating the church according to the liturgical calendar events and colors.         Contact:       Angela Zysk (785) 760-0297 angela@zhomesllc.com	Eucharistic Minister The Eucharistic Ministers assist the priest with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. Contact: David Guth (785) 843-2045 / (785) 550-6906 dcguth2@yahoo.com
Homebound Minister         The Homebound Ministers bring Communion to those who cannot attend mass due to an illness or age.         Contact: Ellen Sickinger	Lector         The lectors proclaim the Word of God as a living dialogue that allows the congregation to hear and respond to God's presence among us at mass and other liturgies.         Contact:       Sean Smith

Sacristan       Vestment & Purificator         The Sacristans coordinate each mass and are a close collaborator with the celebrant and liturgical ministers. The sacristan is responsible for the set up, and clean up after each mass.       This ministry provides for the care of the vestments and purificators. The schedule rotates monthly.         Contact:       Jeannette Mercier (785) 550-0946 Cell (913) 796 6087 Home mercierpaws@yahoo.com       Contact:       Jeannette Mercier (785) 550-0946 Cell (913) 796 6087 Home mercierpaws@yahoo.com         Wedding Coordinator       Our parish wedding coordinator helps to ensure the facilities, bride and groom have what they need for a sacred day.       Contact:       Garden Near the Church This makes a beautiful environment for parishioners as well as visitors for weddings, baptismal services, funerals and many festivities.         Building Repairs This ministry helps with any odds and end jobs around the church campus or at the church rectory. Miscellaneous jobs such as painting, repair work of broken items, etc.,       Garden Near the Church This makes a beautiful environment for parishioners as well as visitors for weddings, baptismal services, funerals and many festivities.         Contact:       Father John Cousins (785) 843-0109 fijohn@sjevangelist.com       Contact: Kristen Solorio (785) 979-8093 krisolorio@yahoo.com         Garden Near the School       Jubilee Garden       Jubilee Garden	(785) 550-8391 esickinger@sjevangelist.com	(785) 312-4485 seanj@ku.edu
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Music Ministries	Music Ministries	

Cantate Choir	Cantor
This group facilitates worship at the Sunday	The cantors support and sustain the singing
8:30 a.m. Mass. Practice is on Wednesday	of the assembly during the Mass. They also
evening.	assist in funerals and weddings.
evening.	
Contact: Lisa Roush	Contact: Lisa Roush
(785) 843-0109	(785) 843-0109
lroush@sjevangelist.com	lroush@sjevangelist.com
<b>Celebration Singers</b> This choir and instrumental ensemble provides the music ministry at the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.	<b>Guadalupe Singers</b> The Guadalupe Singers facilitate worship at the Sunday 2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass.
Contact: Mary Cornwell	Contact: Cecy Tizcareño
(785) 423-5790	(785) 845-2976
mccornw@gmail.com	
<b>Instrumentalist for Choir</b> Instrumentalists offer musical support to the assembly in celebration of the Mass.	Jubilate Choir The Jubilate Choir facilitates worship at the Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass. Practice is on Sunday at 3:30 p.m.
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Outreach Ministries	
Adoption and Foster Care This ministry aims to help parishioners serve those impacted by adoption and foster care. We hope to raise awareness of needs, allowing people to serve, even in small ways, and still make a big difference. We look to celebrate families, especially those serving these children directly.	<b>Catholic Charities Family Support</b> <b>Services Center</b> Catholic Charities' (FSSC) is available to low- income individuals and families who need food or assistance with basic utility payments, housing, clothing and provides case management services. The help goes beyond meeting immediate needs. An on- site case manager works to identify solutions and resources that will lead to long-term change. The parish provides generous support, making a monthly financial contribution for food and utilities, and a gift in-kind for clothing. There are food drives throughout the year and parishioners also provide holiday assistance with Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
<b>Contact:</b> Patti Fisher (913) 296-8411	Contact: Abigail Chikanda (785) 856-2694

givethemafuture@gmail.com	achikanda@catholiccharitiesks.org
<b><u>Centro Hispano</u></b> Centro Hispano provides case management and individual and family therapy to Latino families with young children. This ministry helps empower families and bridge the gap between needs and available community resources through referrals and case management.	<b>Earth Care Committee (ECC)</b> The mission of ECC is to inspire, educate, and engage parishioners to care for God's creation. Guided by Catholic environmental teachings, the Earth Care Committee will focus on conserving resources, reducing waste, reusing materials and recycling as ways of promoting environmental awareness throughout the community.
Contact: Lydia Diebolt (785) 843-2039 <u>centrohispano.lydia@gmail.com</u>	Contact: Kris Kohnke (785) 979-6517 <u>kriskohnke@yahoo.com</u>
<b>Family Promise</b> The mission of Family Promise is to transform the lives of homeless children and their families by providing safe shelter, food, counseling and training in partnership with local communities of faith through hospitality and daily living support in a compassionate setting. The program is designed to address the needs of families and equip them to move into permanent housing as quickly as possible. You can help by making a meal, staying overnight with the guests at Corpus Christi or simply agreeing to spend some time in the evenings with the families talking or playing games.	Habitat for Humanity Lawrence Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.
Contact: Jana Wallen (785) 331-9047 janawallen@sbcglobal.net	Contact: George Diepenbrock (785) 423-0505 <u>g.diepenb@gmail.com</u>
<b>Justice Matters</b> Justice Matters is an interfaith network seeking to put faith into action by identifying and addressing areas where we might promote justice for all Douglas County citizens. Since 2014 when St. John Parish joined with 20 other congregations, Justice Matters members have worked together on problems of affordable housing, childhood trauma, incarceration, mental illness, and restorative justice. Micah 6:8 tasks God's people to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with GodJustice Matters gives us the opportunity to "pray with our feet	<b>LINK</b> St. John takes turns with other churches providing hot meals at First Christian Church. St. John hosts LINK 8-9 times a year with over 55 parishioners volunteering per meal.

and do justice."	
Contact: Pat Lechtenberg (785) 842-1992 plek10berg@aol.com Jean Drumm (785) 841-6067 jdrumm077@gmail.com Susan Tabor (785) 865-9949 Cell (785) 841-3875 Home	Contact: Vicki McMurray (785) 856-4098 <u>mcmurray@sunflower.com</u>
souljourner@sbcglobal.net         Rummage House         The Rummage house provides clothing and         household goods to the community at a reduced         price. Hours: Wed 11 a.m3 p.m., the first/last         Thurs of the month 1-4 p.m. and Sat 8:30 a.m         12:30 p.m.         Contact: Linda Brey         (785) 841-8011         lbrey525@gmail.com	St. John Peace & Social Justice (AKA Social Concerns)         The work of this committee provides opportunities for parishioners and the community to learn about and to live the social gospel as lived and proclaimed by Jesus Christ.         Contact:       Susan Tabor (785) 865-9949 Cell (785) 841-3875 Home souljourner@sbcglobal.net
Parish Staff	
Pastor Associate Pastor Admin. Asst. / Bulletin / VIRTUS Coordinator Business Manager Catecismo en Español Director of Liturgy & Music Database Administrator Faith Formation Director Maintenance Multimedia Communication Coordinator Pastoral Assistant / Events Calendar Youth Ministers – High School Middle School	Father John Cousins Father Donald Rank Meg Milburn Cris Denning Maria Mota Lisa Roush Patty Guadian Shelly Bole Jeff Jenicke Jacinta Hoyt Ellen Sickinger Anastasia Pine Fr. Don & Chelsea Solomon
<b>VIRTUS Coordinator</b> Every adult who works with or around children on a regular basis is required to attend a training session to increase their awareness and to prevent "unsafe" environments for children.	

Contact: Meg Millburn (785) 843-0109 mmilburn@sjevangelist.com	
Prayer Ministries	
Adoration Come spend some time with the Lord Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7 a.m9 p.m. in the Padre Pio Chapel.	Queen of Peace Prayer Group Our Lady came to visit the world in Medjugorje in 1981 calling herself the Queen of Peace. She asked for prayer groups around the world and asked us to pray for peace in our hearts, peace in our families and peace in the world. St. John the Evangelist parish began the Queen of Peace Prayer Group to do her request. If you have some time right after work, please join us on your way home each <b>Wednesday at 5:30</b> p.m. in the church for the rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and other prayers for one hour to do as Our Lady asksPray Pray Pray. Thank you for responding to her call.
<b>Contact:</b> Ellen Sickinger (785) 550-8391 <u>esickinger@sjevangelist.com</u>	Contact: Mary Davin (785) 691-9250 VM/text best <u>mk_davin@yahoo.com</u> Ginny Short <u>vikan70@hotmail.com</u>
<b>Rosario Español / Spanish Rosary</b> Este grupo se reúne en la Iglesia para un Rosario español los lunes a las 8:00 p.m. This group meets in the church for a Spanish Rosary on Mondays at 8:00 p.m.	<b><u>St. John Prayer Chain</u></b> A group of men and women pray for your intentions. Volunteers are always welcome to join the prayer chain ministry.
Contact: Maria Mota (785) 304-5509 <u>mariamotaf@hotmail.com</u>	Contact: Lois Mersmann loisfred@hotmail.com
<b>St. Monica's Prayer Group</b> Meets on Mondays at 12:00 noon in the church to pray for our children and grandchildren. In addition to prayers to St. Monica, we pray the rosary and other prayers for special intentions. Everyone is welcome. <b>Contact:</b> Jean O'Toole	
(785) 843-2145	Page <b>15</b> of <b>16</b>

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School Ministries	
<b><u>Carnival</u></b> Every spring St. John School hosts a fun carnival which includes fun activities and food. Everyone is welcome to this fun annual event.	<b>PTO</b> PTO is our parent organization that meets monthly and organizes fun activities for our families. The purpose of PTO is to build community and raise money for our general budget.
Contact: Gillian Allen PTO President (785) 760-3957 PTO@sjeagles.com	Contact: Gillian Allen PTO President (785) 760-3957 PTO@sjevangelist.com
<b>St. John Auction</b> The St. John Auction is our biggest fundraiser that benefits the youth of the school and the parish. Every year, several hundred people attend this elegant and amazing event in November. The success of the auction depends on donations of items and generous attendees.	<ul> <li>Scholastic Book Fair</li> <li>Scholastic Book Fairs are the most important fundraisers for the school library. Funds are also used to buy books, technology, and materials for other classrooms. We hold a book fair during the week of parent-teacher conferences each Feb and Oct. The dates/ times will be posted on the school website.</li> <li>Volunteers are needed to set up, cashier, and to pack up the books. Email Karen Rinke to volunteer or to receive informational emails.</li> </ul>
Contact: Auction Office (785) 842-3445 <u>auction@seagles.com</u>	Contact: Chris Reffett (785) 843-9511 School <u>creffett@sjeagles.com</u>
Ways to Help at St. John SchoolVolunteers are always welcome at St. John, whether helping in the cafeteria or in other areas of the school. Volunteers must complete Virtus Training, the Archdiocese Safe Child Program. Information about the Virtus Program can be found on the school and church website.Contact:Elizabeth Rodas (785) 843-9511 erodas@sjeagles.com	