Celebrate Church Family

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

WELCOME BACK

To celebrate more of our St. John's Family being able to come back to pray together in person – **DONUTS AND COOKIES WILL BE SERVED OUTSIDE THE CHURCH THE WEEKEND OF MAY 1 AND 2.** Enjoy the food and visit with people you may not have seen for awhile.

This event is sponsored by the St. John Social Life Committee (yes, we do have one). We want to have some mini social events which are now permissible in this time of vaccinations and the hopefully continuing decline of COVID 19 cases. All these mini events will lead up to the time of the special Mass and huge party to celebrate the ending of most protocols (whenever that happens).

If you or a group of parishioners would be able to take on or help with these mini events, please contact Susan Tabor at: souljourner@sbcglobal.net. Also, let her know if you have any suggestions on what these mini events could look like.

Parishioners celebrating parishioners through service and fun. What a great combination. Welcome back!

"Here is a rule for everyday life: Do not do anything which you cannot offer to God."

-St. Jean Marie Vianney

Weekend Mass Link:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4da4a82da0fdce9-may12

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; and by appointment

WELCOME TO SAINT JOHN

Saint John the Evangelist, a Catholic Capuchin Franciscan Parish, welcomes all who are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and proclaims His Gospel through prayer, worship, His Word, and the sacraments. Members, inspired by the Holy Spirit through faith formation and spiritual renewal, witness to the Gospel in lives of justice and charity, build up families and children through education, hospitality and fellowship, and serve those in need with compassion.

"LIVE HOLY THE PRESENT MOMENT"
-ST. GIANNA MOLLA

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Weekend Masses
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Sunday.....7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,
.....1:00 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm

Mass sign up required for each weekend:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4da4a82da0fdce9-may12

Masses to be livestreamed at: https://sjevangelist.com/live/
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Sacrament of Reconciliation
In the Padre Pio Chapel (inside the north church entrance)
Wednesday.....11:00 am-12:00 pm & 6:00-7:00 pm
Saturday.....3:00 pm-4:00 pm, and by appointment

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SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

JOB OPENING: 4TH/5TH GRADE TEACHER

St. John is currently seeking a teacher for 5th grade Religion and 4th and 5th grade Math. If you are interested in this position please send your resume and cover letter to Chris Reffett at: creffett@sjeagles.com.

JOB OPENING: BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE DIRECTOR

St. John is currently looking for a Director for our Before and After School program for the 2021-2022 school year. The Director will be in charge of managing the hiring, scheduling, and administration of the Before and After School program for the students of St. John Catholic School. If interested in this position, please contact Chris Reffett at: creffett@sjeagles.com.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Three people will be rotating off the pastoral council in August. They are: Connie Ehrlich, Luis Gonzalez and Jason Tanking. We thank them for their service!

This means that it's time to choose three people to replace them on the Council. On the weekend of May 1-2 a box will be placed in the back of church along with nomination forms. After completing the form, please put it in the box. The box will be removed on the weekend of May 23, so please submit your nominee(s) before then.

As you prayerfully consider a nomination, please consider why this person would be a good nominee to the Council. What personal gifts and abilities would they bring to the Council? How could those gifts be helpful to the Council?

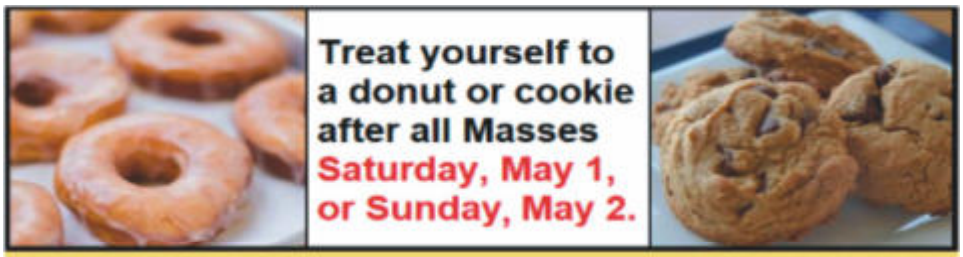
Please be sure that you have asked your nominee if they are willing to be considered for one of these positions; there is an inquiry about that on the nominating form.

The choosing process will be a bit different this year due to COVID19 (not all our parishioners are back to church yet). The nominees will be interviewed and chosen by the Council. Thank you for your prayerful and careful consideration.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mother's Day Flowers

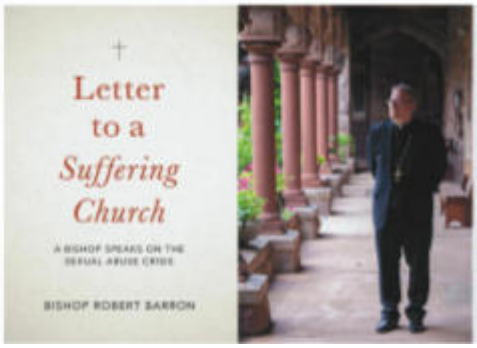
Ten choices of flowering baskets will be on sale online in advance of Mother's Day at St. John the Evangelist Church Spring Plant Sale! - Vinland Valley Nursery. In addition, we will have flowers and garden plants after all Masses the weekend of **May 8 and 9**. All purchases will support our goal of beautifying the north entryway of our church. Thank you!



As we slowly return back to St. John, we invite all parishioners to stop by the tables located outside the church for a treat. If you attend the Sunday morning Masses donuts will be available. If you plan to attend the **4:30 Saturday** evening Mass, or the **Sunday 1:00 or 5:00 p.m.** Mass cookies will be available.

Arranged by St. John Social Life Committee

As vaccinations increase, please continue to exercise caution and stay vigilant.



As mentioned in Fr. Don's homily on the Third Sunday of Lent (**click here to watch**), Letter to a Suffering Church by Bishop Robert Barron addresses the sexual abuse crisis. Stop by to pick up a copy at the parish office.

Couples Celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2021

Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration **June 13, 2:00 pm,** Church of the Nativity/ Leawood. To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, please call the parish office and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding. Please do this as soon as possible.

VOLUNTEER POSTIONS OPENINGS

Looking to help out? Please consider being a part of our elite SAFETY SENTINELS who care for our parishioners during the COVID 19 Pandemic. Duties include: Checking people in, sanitizing hands, helping people maintain six feet of social distancing, guarding the offerings, and providing directions to people to maintain a safe environment at the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday mornings. Volunteers would need to be present by 10:40 am. The more volunteers, the less times that you would be needed. If interested, Please call or email Lisa or Meg at the Parish office. Thank you.

Safe Environment Program - Adult Training (Virtus)

In light of the current health conditions, one prudent and preventative measure we are taking is to make the VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults training available Online as an option. Effective immediately, 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. This is a temporary safety precaution, and parishes may still offer the live training session available as an option if they prefer as long as the local county and state ordinances in effect at the time of the event are followed. Please note, the training must still be completed prior to participants working around youth, but the requirement may now temporarily be met by completing the online Protecting God's Children module. 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. Individuals who are already currently registered for an upcoming live session, may log back into their account and change to the online module. 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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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 April 18, 2021.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	**$30,254.80**
Average weekly collection amount	**$29,678.38**
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD	**$1,270,701.60**
Actual collection fiscal YTD	**$1,120,492.37**
NET SHORTAGE	**$150,209.23**
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 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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Chris Besler
Jenn Bole
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Vickie Mesa
Zackary Messerly
Linden Morgan
Augustus Nelson
Mary Beth Nelson
Danny Nguyen
Theophilus Obiefule
Kathy Otter
Lydia Owen
Mike Owens
Julie Patterson
Mary Polfer
Mike Reilly
Joel Rivera
Virginia Romero
Jon Rossillon
Greg Schurer
Carole Scott
Mary Kay Seidl
Pete Sethatut
Christine Shipley
Gerald Simon
Brett Smith
Scott Smith
Linda Snyder
Joseph Soza
Cameron Stupansky
Jack Taylor
Deloris Tharp
Amelia Tinio
Lily Van Giezen
Wendy Van Giezen
Cindy Vasquez
Marianne Vietti
Lou Volpe
Trent Wallace
Jeanette Walker
Ted Walker
Susan Williams
Jeannine Wyatt
Jon Yarnell
Dena Yepa

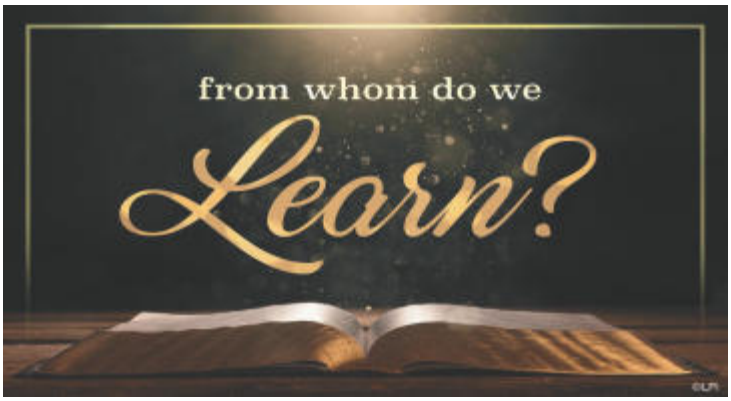
May 3 - May 9

Mon.: 7:30 am ..... Kermit & Maxine Leininger†
Tues.: 7:30 am ..... Annette Braaten & Family
Wed.: 7:30 am ..... Marianne Vietti
5:10 pm (Sp.) ..... José Ordaz Soria†
Thurs.: 7:30 am ..... Osborne-O'Connor Family
12:10 pm ..... Priest's Intention
Fri.: 7:30 am ..... Stephen Peter†
12:10 pm ..... Andy Garcia†
Sat.: 8:00 am ..... Ken Caldwell
4:30 pm ..... Depenbusch Family
Sun.: 7:00 am ..... Maureen Osborne†
9:00 am ..... Timothy & Mary Wilson†
11:00 am ..... Scott Smith
1:00 pm (Sp.) ..... Joseline & Shirley Cruz Santos†
5:00 pm ..... Parishioners of St. John

FOCUS ON THE WORD

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

5th Sunday of Easter



"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

"That's a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together."

I've never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can't recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it's usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don't usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that's because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father's glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That's all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that's true for all of us. We've given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we'd really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It's a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

El domingo pasado, el Señor Jesús se presentaba como el Buen Pastor, y ahora nos da la imagen de la vid y los sarmientos. "Yo soy la vid verdadera y mi Padre es el labrador. Toda rama que no da fruto en mí, la corta. Y todo sarmiento que da fruto, lo limpia para que dé más fruto". (Juan 15:1-2). La vida del cristiano es de un constante cambio de limpieza y permanencia. Todos los días se presentan oportunidades nuevas de crecimiento humano y espiritual. Aquí se trata de crecer en Dios y dar fruto, y darse cuenta que sin Dios no se hace, ni se es nada. Es la prueba del discípulo, dar fruto en las cosas ordinarias, en las cosas sencillas. Haciéndolas extraordinarias por el amor.

¿Cómo estamos vinculados a Jesús en el mundo actual? ¿De qué manera doy fruto en este tiempo? Muchas veces, es difícil permanecer unidos, hay tantas cosas que nos separan de Dios. La frialdad hacia el que sufre, el enfermo, el pobre y desamparado. Nos urge un cambio radical en el amor y en la confianza, de que unidos podemos movernos hacia el amor cristiano. Debemos esforzarnos día a día en hacer el bien, especialmente para dejar algo provechoso a las generaciones venideras. Jesús lo afirmó claramente, al permanecer en él podremos pedir lo que queramos y sea de provecho para la salvación, y se cumplirá. Ese es el testamento. No hay vuelta de hoja. ¡Padre Santo, ayúdanos a permanecer muy cerca de Jesús siempre! Especialmente, en tiempos de prueba. Te pedimos fe y esperanza. ©LPi

"Permanezcan en mí y yo en ustedes. Como el sarmiento no puede dar fruto por sí mismo, si no permanece en la vid, así tampoco ustedes, si no permanecen en mí. Yo soy la vid, ustedes los sarmientos; el que permanece en mí y yo en él, ése da fruto abundante, porque sin mí nada pueden hacer".
- Jn 15, 4-5

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¿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 2 DE MAYO

Domingo: Hch 9, 26-31/Sal 21, 26-27. 28. 30. 31-32 [26]/1 Jn 3, 18-24/Jn 15, 1-8

Lunes: 1 Cor 15, 1-8/Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5 [5]/Jn 14, 6-14

Martes: Hch 14, 19-28/Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13. 21 [cfr. 12]/Jn 14, 27-31

Miércoles: Hch 15, 1-6/Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5 [cfr. 1]/Jn 15, 1-8

Jueves: Hch 15, 7-21/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 10 [3]/Jn 15, 9-11

Viernes: Hch 15, 22-31/Sal 56, 8-9. 10 y 12 [10]/Jn 15, 12-17

Sábado: Hch 16, 1-10/Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 5/Jn 15, 18-21

Domingo siguiente: Hch 10, 25-26. 34-35. 44-48/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4 [cfr. 2]/1 Jn 4, 7-10/Jn 15, 9-17

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

This column was prepared on April 21, the day before Earth Day. A belated Blessed Earth Day! I found some material on immigration and environment that I want to share. It is sobering.

What is a Climate Migrant?

• Primarily, people who must leave their homes due to sudden onset weather events, such as flooding, forest fires after droughts, intensified storms, etc.
• There is also some climate migration caused by slow onset events, such as sea level rise, air pollution, and rain pattern shifts. This type of migration is currently rare but will increase dramatically over time.
• In 2017 there were 68 million climate migrants (an all time high), mostly within their own nation.
• Including some domestic climate migrants, mostly due to Western wildfires.
• Estimated 200 million climate migrants by 2050, mostly from Latin America, South Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa.
• Consistent pattern: those who had the least to do in causing this severe weather/climate events, bear the gravest impact.
"The scope and scale of human migration due to climate change will test the limits of national and global governance as well as international cooperation."
John Podesta, Center for Human Progress

Climate Events as a Migration PUSH Factor

• Destruction of homes
• Lack of clean water
• Food scarcity
• Agricultural degradation
• Disease outbreaks
• Infrastructure breakdown
• Political unrest
• Violent conflict
• The Syrian civil war in the 2010's, and rise of ISIS, has been directly attributed to a major drought which caused destitute farmers to relocate to already overcrowded cities.
Climate Change and the US Border Crisis
A Case Study in "Sudden Onset "Events
• In November 2020, Hurricanes Eta and Izola made landfall in Central America, within two weeks of one another.
• 600,000 people displaced.
• In Honduras, up to 80% of agriculture was decimated.
• With few options at home, an estimated 9,000 people, often leaving families behind, joined the northern caravan to the US.

- These sudden onset events exacerbate an already desperate situation for many, and become "the final straw" which prompt a decision to emigrate.

Kiribati – A Case Study in "Slow Onset" Events

• The Pacific Island nation of Kiribati, population 100,000, is submerging due to sea level rise. It is not expected to survive the century.
• Current residents are:
• Moving to higher ground (internal migration, delaying the inevitable)
• Trying to build defenses (which the tiny nation cannot afford)
• Trying to emigrate to other nations, which limited success (New Zealand is currently accepting 75 per year.)
• Ignoring the problem for now. (A common worldwide response.)
• The issue of climate migration due to slow onset events such as (but not limited to) flooding will no doubt increase in coming years, as highly populated coastal areas throughout the world become threatened.
So, what is ours to do? ADVOCACY
• Give refugee status to climate migrants.
• Currently, only those who are facing political persecution are permitted entrance as refugees.
• UN is beginning to move in this direction; however, this is not binding on its member nations.
• Provide assistance to nations affected by sudden onset events.
• Help ease their desperation, thus providing alternatives to migration.
• Take reasonable short/long team actions to mitigate the impact of slow onset events.
• This is absolutely essential for reasons which go beyond immigration.
As Pope Francis has said in Laudato Si', "Everything is connected."

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COVID VACCINES

Available for FREE at LMH Health

(See chart below for details.)

Vaccine appointments are available at LMH Health for anyone 16 and older beginning May 3. Enter the code for the date you select at: LDCHealth.org/getmyvaccine

All of the vaccine clinics are Pfizer vaccines. **Please note that all Dose 1 codes are in green and begin with a "1" and Dose 2 codes are in orange and begin with a "2." Note:** You should schedule your second dose at a minimum 21 days after your first dose. For more information: https://ldchealth.org/460/COVID-19-Vaccine

Las citas para vacunas están disponibles en las istalaciones de la Feria de Douglas Co. para cualquier persona de 16 años o más. Ingrese el código para la fecha que seleccione en LDCHealth.org/getmyvaccine
Todas las clínicas de vacunas serán vacunas Pfizer. Tenga en cuenta que todos los códigos de la dosis 1 están en color verde y comienzan con un "1" y los códigos de la dosis 2 están en color naranja y comienzan con un "2".
Nota: Debe programar su segunda dosis como mínimo 21 días después de su primera dosis.

Date:	Location	Dose 1 code:	Dose 2 code:
5/3	LMH Health	1050321	2050321
5/4	LMH Health	1050421	2050421
5/5	LMH Health	1050521	2050521
5/6	LMH Health	1050621	2050621
5/7	LMH Health	1050721	2050721

Disability Resource Series

The Special Needs Ministry and EMBRACE are offering a series of Thursday evening Zoom workshops on a variety of topics related to providing for a child with special needs. Qualified professionals will explain Kancare/Medicaid benefits, transition planning, Working Healthy and much more. Review all the session topics and register at: **www.archkck.org/special-needs**.

Totus Tuus for People with Special Needs

The Totus Tuus Team will offer an adapted Totus Tuus program for people between the ages of 6 and adult with intellectual/developmental disabilities. The program will be held July 19-July 23 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Prince of Peace in Olathe. Fee is $40 per person. Enrollment is limited. Register at **www.archkck.org/special-needs** by Monday, July 5. For questions, contact **tracunas@archkck.org**.

FREE TICKETS TO THE JUSTICE MATTERS ACTION ASSEMBLY

Monday, May 3 at 6:30 pm

The annual Justice Matters Action Assembly (formerly called the Nehemiah event) will take place in the comfort of your car this year, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Parked at the Fairgrounds, you will turn on the car radio to hear the Justice Matters call for action. Carpooling with people in your "pod" is encouraged. St. John Church has been an active supporter of this Justice Matters event since 2015, and we need all of our parishioners to pack the house!

Please print out a (free!) ticket for each person in your car. Printer problems? Pick up tickets after all Masses May 1 and 2, or contact Nora at: **nora7@sbcglobal.net**, or **785-331-0421.** Get organized to build a movement of people to do justice at the Justice Matters Action Assembly on May 3.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

TRULY OUR SISTER: MARY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Tuesday Evenings, May 4, 11, 18 & 25 ~ 7:00-9:00 pm
Repeated on Wednesday Mornings, May 5, 12, 19, 26, ~ 10:00 am-Noon

Who is Mary and what do we know about her from the various Biblical passages that pertain to her? Women theologians and biblical scholars have helped us come to a deeper understanding of Mary as a woman and mother in the first century male dominated Jewish world controlled by the Romans.
– Mary struggles like you and I to discern and make sense of where God is leading her
– Mary experiences what it is like to leave home, be an immigrant and refugee from oppressive and unjust powers, while trying to keep her family together and safe

These four Zoom sessions explore these and other aspects of Mary's life as understood through the cultural and historical unpacking of various biblical passages pertaining to her. The sessions will be facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate at St. Sabina Catholic Church in Belton, MO. To register, email Biagio at: **biagio@stsabinaparish.**org and please indicate your day preference.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Come! . . . Arise my love, my beautiful one, and come! For see the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. During the this joyful Easter Season, as we celebrate the risen Christ and the promise of new life, come away and tend to the garden of your marriage. The next in-person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experiences, will be July 16-18, at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas. For more information, visit our website at: **www.wwme4youandme.org**, and follow us on Facebook. To apply for the weekend call/email Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at **816-741-4066**, **tonybarbz@prodigy.net**

Special Needs Family Camp

Camp Tekakwitha and the Special Needs Ministry offers a family camp designed especially for families who have a child with a disability. Enjoy a weekend away to spend quality time with the family you and God have created. Each participant with a disability will have a camp buddy to accompany them and be of assistance to the family throughout the weekend. All Covid-19 protocols will be followed. Register by emailing: **camptekreg@gmail.com**. For questions or scholarship information, contact **tracunas@archkck.org**.

ST. THOMAS MORE CONTINUING EDU. PROGRAM

The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas (CFNEK) is providing a Catholic-centered Continuing Education (CE) Program for those in the fields of law, accounting, financial planning, and insurance on Friday, June 4, via a Live Zoom Webinar. Cost is $75. For more information and to register, visit: **https://www.cfnek.org/events/sttomasmorecontinuingeducationprogram**. The program begins with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann at 8:00 am and concludes at 1:30 pm. Available CE credits 4 hours CLE (2 ethics) for KS, 4 Hours CLE (3Ethics) for MO, 4 Hours (3 ethics) Kansas Insurance CE, 4 hours CFP and recommended for 4 hours CPE accounting credits.

St. Joseph Website

As we continue our journey, we can all be encouraged to consider the individual virtues that strengthened St. Joseph in his roles. Through his model, we can find ways to strengthen our commit-ments in our lives. To help you find ways to pray with and learn from St. Joseph, please visit: **https://archkck.org/yearofstjoseph/**.

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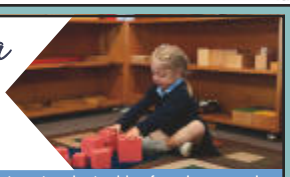
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