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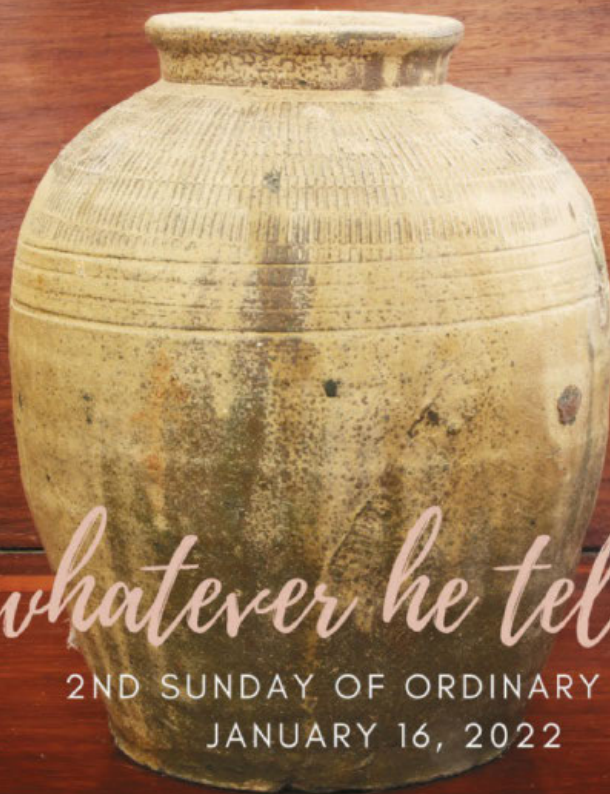
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"Do whatever he tells you."

2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 16, 2022

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY:

4:00pm @ St. John Church

SUNDAY:

8:30am @ St. John Church
10:00am Online Broadcast on SSFJ Facebook Page
10:30am Outdoors @ Cardome
12:30pm (Spanish) @ St. John Church
4:00pm @ St. Francis Church

MONDAY:

5:30pm @ St. John Church

TUESDAY:

8:30am Livestreamed on SSFJ Facebook Page

WEDNESDAY:

12:00pm @ St. John Church

THURSDAY:

7:00am @ St. John Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Thursday @ St. John Church
Beginning after 7:00am Mass & ending at 8:00pm

RECONCILIATION:

Thursday @ St. John Church from 6:00pm-7:00pm

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2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 16, 2022

HYMN

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship /
Ven, es tiempo de adorarle

Come, now is the time to wor - ship;
Ven, es tiem-po de_a - do - rar - le.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Ven, es tiem-po de dar tu co - ra - zón.

Come just as you are to wor - ship;
Ven tal co-mo_es-tás ya-do - ra.

Come just as you are be - fore your God.
Ven tal co-mo_es-tás an - te tu Dios.

Last time to Coda
Última vez a la Coda ✦
Come. One day ev - 'ry tongue will con - fess
Ven. Un dí - a to - dos con - fe - sa - rán

you are God. One day ev - 'ry knee will bow,
que_e-res Dios, y to - dos se a - rro-di - lla - rán. El

Still the great - est treas - ure re - mains for those who
más gran - de te - so - ro les guar - da - rás a

glad - ly choose you now.
los que te_e - li - gen hoy.

✦ Coda
Come. Come.
Ven. Ven.

Text: Brian Doerksen, b. 1965; tr. anonymous
Tune: NOW IS THE TIME, irregular; Brian Doerksen, b. 1965; arr. by Diane Dykgraaf
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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Lectionary: 66**Reading I** Is 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn
and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
you shall be called by a new name
pronounced by the mouth of the LORD.
You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD,
a royal diadem held by your God.
No more shall people call you "Forsaken,"
or your land "Desolate,"
but you shall be called "My Delight,"
and your land "Espoused."
For the LORD delights in you
and makes your land his spouse.
As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

R. (5) Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.
Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Sing to the LORD; bless his name.
R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.
Announce his salvation, day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.
R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.
Give to the LORD, you families of nations,
give to the LORD glory and praise;
give to the LORD the glory due his name!
R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.
Worship the LORD in holy attire.
Tremble before him, all the earth;
Say among the nations: The LORD is king.
He governs the peoples with equity.
R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Reading II 1 Cor 12:4-11

Brothers and sisters:
There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service but the same Lord;
there are different workings but the same God
who produces all of them in everyone.
To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit
is given for some benefit.
To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom;
to another, the expression of knowledge according to the
same Spirit;

to another, faith by the same Spirit;
to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit;
to another, mighty deeds;
to another, prophecy;
to another, discernment of spirits;
to another, varieties of tongues;
to another, interpretation of tongues.
But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,
distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

Alleluia Cf. 2 Thes 2:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
God has called us through the Gospel
to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Jn 2:1-11

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."
And Jesus said to her,
"Woman, how does your concern affect me?
My hour has not yet come."
His mother said to the servers,
"Do whatever he tells you."
Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial wash-
ings,
each holding twenty to thirty gallons.
Jesus told them,
"Fill the jars with water."
So they filled them to the brim.
Then he told them,
"Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter."
So they took it.
And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine,
without knowing where it came from
— although the servers who had drawn the water knew —,
the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,
"Everyone serves good wine first,
and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one;
but you have kept the good wine until now."
Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee
and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in him.

CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Creator God, life is your gift to us. Through Baptism, you invite us to share in the gifts of our lives in service to others. Be with us each day as we choose to show Your presence in the world. Give us the courage and generosity to respond to Your love, to Your call. We pray especially for those who serve you as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and lay ministers. We pray for holy matrimonies. Keep them close to You. Open the minds and hearts of other men and women that they may accept Your challenge to build the Kingdom. *Amen.*

OFFERTORY

VINE AND BRANCHES

Trevor Thomson

Refrain



I am the vine and you the branch-es. Re-main in



me as I re-main in you; you will bear great fruit in me.

Verses



1. A new com - mand - ment I give you: e - ven
2. No great - er love is there than this: than to
3. I am the liv - ing bread from heav - en; if you
4. All those who eat my flesh and drink my blood re -
5. The words that I have spo - ken are
6. And now as I have washed your feet, so



to Refrain

1. as I have loved you, now love one an - oth - er.
2. lay down your life, your life for your friends.
3. eat this bread, you will live for - ev - er.
4. main in me and I re-main in them.
5. spir - it and life, they are spir - it and life.
6. you must do just as I have done.

Text based on John 6:35-63; 13:14-15; 15:1-13.

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COMMUNION

HYMN(S)

We Are Many Parts

Refrain

We are man - y parts, we are all one bod - y,
 and the gifts we have we are giv - en to share.
 May the Spir - it of love make us one in - deed;
 one, the love that we share, one, our hope in de -
 spair, one, the cross that we bear.

Verses

1. God of all, we look to you, we would be your
 2. So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is
 3. All you seek - ers, great and small, seek the great - est

D.C.
 ser - vants true, let us be your love to all the world.
 my joy, too; all is brought to - geth - er in the Lord.
 gift of all; if you love, then you will know the Lord.

Text: 1 Corinthians 12, 13; Mary Haugen, b. 1950
 Tune: Mary Haugen, b. 1950
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COME TO ME AND DRINK

Bob Hurd

Refrain
 Come to me and drink, come to me and drink. Oh, let
 all who are thirst - ing come to me and drink.

Verses
 1. I will put my spir - it with - in you ___ ♪ and
 2. I will pour my spir - it on all flesh; ___ ♪ your
 3. ♪ Riv - ers of liv - ing wa - ter ♪ will flow ___
 4. ♪ In - to our hearts the love of God ___ has been

to Refrain
 1. you shall live and know that I am the LORD.
 2. sons ___ and your daugh - ters shall proph - e - sy.
 3. from with - in the one who be - lieves in me.
 4. poured ___ through the Spir - it that dwells with - in.

Verses (Psalm 42/43)
 5. As the deer ___ longs for run - ning streams, ___ ♪
 6. ♪ My soul is thirst - ing for God; ___ ♪ when
 7. ♪ Tears are my food by day and night, ___ ♪ and
 8. ♪ O God, ___ deep calls un - to deep ___ ♪
 9. ‡ Hope in God, ___ O my soul, ___ ♪ a -
 10. ♪ Send forth your light ___ and your truth, ___ ♪ and

to Refrain
 5. so my soul is long - ing for you, O God.
 6. can I go to see the ___ face of God?
 7. all the while they say: "Where ___ is your God?"
 8. as your might - y wa - ters sweep o - ver me.
 9. gain ___ I shall praise my ___ sav - ing God.
 10. they shall lead me to your ___ dwell - ing place.

Text: Refrain based on John 7:37; verses based on Ezekiel 37:14; Joel 3:1; John 7:38; Romans 5:5, 8:11;
 Psalm 42: 2-3; Psalm 43:3. Text and music © 2006, Bob Hurd. Published by OCP. All rights reserved.

PRAYER TO
ST. JOSEPH

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head from me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. *Amen.*

CLOSING
HYMN

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

Dan Schutte

Verses 1 & 2, 4 & 5, 7 & 8, 10



1. Give thanks to the Lord who does won - drous deeds, who
 2. Give thanks to the God who has blessed our land, who
 4. Give thanks to the God of the sum - mer rains, who
 5. Give thanks to the Lord who is mer - ci - ful, whose
 7. Give thanks to the Lord for the blaz - ing sun, for
 8. Give thanks to the Lord for the crim - son skies, for
 10. Give thanks to the God who has set us free, who



1. mas - ters the winds and the rag - ing seas,
 2. guards ev - 'ry step with a might - y hand,
 4. spreads out the hills and the gold - en plains,
 5. kind - ness is wide and love boun - ti - ful, whose
 7. great, roll - ing waves where the dol - phins run,
 8. wild, wind - y heights where the ea - gle flies,
 10. raised us to life on a bless - ed tree,



love is for ev - er, whose love is for ev - er, whose love is for



ev - er more! more!

Verses 3, 6, 9



3. O, bless the Lord for ev - 'ry gift that comes to grace our way. And
 6. O, bless the Lord with mu - sic, ev - 'ry crea - ture great and small. And
 9. O, bless the Lord all peo - ple, for the mu - sic of the skies. And



3. praise the God of faith - ful - ness, who comes to light our day. (to Vss 4 & 5)
 6. sing through all the a - ges of God's fa - vor to us all. (to Vss 7 & 8)
 9. tell the won - drous sto - ry of a love that nev - er dies. (to Vs 10)

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Keep in your Thoughts & Prayers

Jeff Bernsen, Nephew of Claudia Calandrella; Patricia Stanek; Steve McFadden, Brother of Barbara Stripplehoff; Pauline Bartley; Sal Meli, Brother of Nancy Sebring; Ronnie Roby, Brother of Karen Cash; Johnness Wood; Jane Scott, Niece of Anne Dadds; Carol Poad Gilstrap, Cardome Alumni; Elaine Schweitzer, Sister of Dick Schweitzer; Juanita Cleveland; Ken True; Katie Taylor; Boyd Marx, Friend of Diane Ishmael; David Stachnik; Donna Atkins; Evie Woll, Sister of Carol Kaulig; Mandi Hendrickson, Daughter of Gary & Lynn Steele; Rosemary Carter; Karys Durham, Granddaughter of Larry Oser; David Seay; Lisa Chambers; David Walls, son of Mary Alice Walls; Pat Manion; Patrick Willett; Joy Walker; Brody Jones; Donnie Putty; Lisa Sturgill; Ethan Munson; Mike Rush, Cousin of Anne Dadds; Jennifer Burns; Andrew Kenneth Wilson; Jane Brock, Sister of Carol Kaulig; Jean Sparks; John Kenneth Wilson; Dorothea Wilson; Dcn. John & Claudia

Pray for Those in the Military:

Matthew Silver; Elizabeth Schilder; Brad Nelson; William K. North; Mary Katherine Mulholland; Marckia Wilson; Matthew Brown; Stephen Carter; James Parker; Chelsea Carter; Alexandra & Anthony Walters; Matt Woods

This Week's Mass Intentions:

MONDAY, JANUARY 17:
5:30p (SJC) (MI) *Christiana Sapp*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18:
8:30a (ONLINE ONLY) (MI) *Jax Hernandez Family*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19:
12:00p (SJC) (MI) *Mary Deslongchamps*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20:
7:00a (SJC) (MI) *Joseph Sapp Family
Juanita Cleveland*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22:
4:00p (SJC) (MI) *Doris Sandoval
Michael Rhodus*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23:
8:30a (SJC) (MI) *Sallie Reof*
10:30a (Cardome) (MI) *Sean Miller/Maria Sapp*
12:30p (SJC) (MI) (Spanish) *For the Intentions of SSFJ*
4:00p (SFC) (MI) *Pat Ewing*

Giving

**Did you know you can tithe online?
It's safe, easy & only takes a minute.
Go to the homepage of the SSFJ website
(ssfrancisjohn.org) and give!**

OTHER METHODS OF TITHING:

You can drop off your offertory through the slot in the Parish Office door if needed.
Someone will be collecting them daily.

You may also mail contributions to the Parish Office: Ss. Francis & John Parish, 604 E. Main St., Georgetown, KY 40324

If you need help or have questions, please contact the Parish Office by email: parishoffice@ssfrcisjohn.org

Mass Schedule

at SSFJ

SATURDAYS:
4:00pm Vigil Mass @ St. John Church

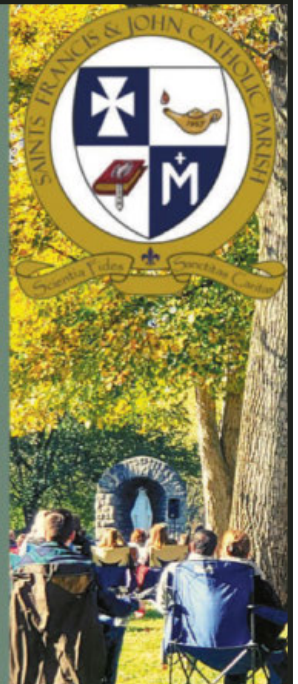
SUNDAYS:
8:30am Mass @ St. John Church
10:00am Mass Streamed on SSFJ Facebook
10:30am Outdoor Mass @ Cardome Grotto
12:30pm Spanish Mass @ St. John Church
4:00pm Mass @ St. Francis Church

MONDAYS:
5:30pm Mass @ St. John Church

TUESDAYS:
8:30am Livestreamed on SSFJ Facebook Page

WEDNESDAYS:
12:00pm Mass @ St. John Church

THURSDAYS:
7:00am Mass @ St. John Church
7:30am to 8:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Church
6:00pm-7:00pm Confession @ St. John Church



BE SURE TO STAY INFORMED!

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS & EMAIL UPDATES ON THE SSFJ

WEBSITE HOMEPAGE: www.ssfrcisjohn.org

BE SURE TO SAVE SSFRANCISJOHN.ORG AS A CONTACT SO THE EMAILS WILL NOT END UP IN SPAM!

If you need to update your email address or are having trouble receiving Parish Emails, please contact us at gstewart@ssfrcisjohn.org

IF YOU HAVE PARISH NEWS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUBLISH IN UPCOMING BULLETINS OR NEWSLETTERS, PLEASE SUBMIT ENTRIES TO GINA BY EMAILING: gstewart@ssfrcisjohn.org





Help Us Support Mothers in Need! 


The Knights of Columbus will be collecting items for the Not Alone Pregnancy Center in Georgetown. Items will be collected before and after Masses on the weekend of January 22nd/23rd

The Not Alone Pregnancy Center is in great need of the following items:
 Formula, (the most requested is Gentle or Gentlease)
 Baby food-fruits and vegetables
 Baby girl and boys socks
 Baby blankets/baby hats for the winter


If you are unable to attend Mass, you may drop off donations at the Parish Office M-F between 8a-2p.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!


“As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live.”
 ST. JOHN PAUL II



Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children



Do you work at Toyota? Did you Know that your charitable contributions to our school and parish may be eligible for a dollar-to-dollar match!?! We encourage you to ask your payroll department to enroll you in this amazing opportunity to double your contribution!



Your contributions through Toyota along with Toyota’s matching fund, will be the key to allow us to offset operational costs and upkeep for the Church and School!

If you would like more information, email the Parish Office at parishoffice@ssfrancisjohn.org

Renew Your Relationship with Jesus in the New Year by Making a Weekly Holy Hour!

Sign up for a holy hour. Don’t just promise yourself that you’ll make a holy hour each week, put it on your calendar! Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday at St. John Church beginning after the 7a Mass and ending at 8p? We would love to have at least two adorers each hour to ensure that all hours are covered. We send out weekly sign ups via the Parish email on Tuesday mornings, so check your inbox and sign up! You can also find the sign up link on the homepage of our website: ssfrancisjohn.org

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED AT 12:00pm
 & THE DIVINE CHAPLET
 WILL BE PRAYED AT 3:00pm.



Pray
THE ROSARY

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If you have missed the updates on our future move to the Cardome Campus, all the information is housed on our Parish Website: ssfrancisjohn.org
 If you have questions or feedback, please email us at feedback@ssfrancisjohn.org



INVITE SOMEONE HOME!

"I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ ... Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize he is already there, waiting for us with open arms."
 — POPE FRANCIS (*Evangelii Gaudium*)

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Are you or someone you know waiting for an invitation to come home to the Church this Christmas? Here it is!

If you or someone you know is a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you! Our Faith Community misses you and is incomplete without you. No matter how long you have been away and for whatever reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please join us for informal listening sessions & an update of the Catholic faith facilitated by former nonpracticing Catholics and other members of Christ the King. Everyone is welcome, no matter where you are from!

SIX-WEEK SERIES

January 13–February 17, 2022 • Thursdays, 7–9 p.m.
 Cathedral of Christ the King • Parish Life Center, rooms D & E

Information/Registration: crhatck.wordpress.com/
 For more details, contact Whitney: whit760@gmail.com

CATHOLIC
LEGO CONTEST
 JAN. 23, 2022 • 1 P.M.
 CTK • Hehman Hall

- Using Legos, create a Bible story or a Catholic Doctrine.
- 1st & 2nd place trophies will be awarded in 4 age categories: • 18 and over • 11-17 • 7-10 • 6 & under

For complete contest rules, check the Cathedral of Christ the King bulletins or contact Karen Kirkland: ctkccd@cdlex.org or (859) 266-0302

Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv. is one of the judges!

Catholic Singles of the Bluegrass (CSB)

Catholic Singles of the Bluegrass (CSB) — fosters the development of friendships between Catholic singles in the Diocese of Lexington. The group's mission is to provide opportunities to participate in social activities, service projects and faith-based education programs.

For more information, please contact Fred & Karen Payne at CatholicSinglesoftheBluegrass@gmail.com.

SUPPORTING REFUGEES IN LEXINGTON

Have you found yourself moved by the recent plight of the Afghan refugees (and others) who have fled their country to find safety for their families?

Reflecting on the many blessings you've received, are you being called to serve others in need out of a sense of gratitude?

Are you searching for a way to serve others that does not require a long-term commitment?

If so, please consider joining us as members of the Christ the King family in assisting the Kentucky Refugee Ministry in resettling an Afghan family as they arrive in Lexington in early 2022.

Your support is needed. You may choose your level of involvement.

Volunteering may include welcoming a family upon arrival, collecting or donating needed household items (furniture, and other household necessities) transportation, assistance, monetary donations, clothing donation, etc.

CONTACT: Fred Payne (859-619-0174); Fred.payne@uky.edu or Karen Payne at (614-579-3434).



There is a real critical need for blood donors at the Kentucky Blood Center in Lexington. Blood supplies are running low at this time. Due to the pandemic, many blood drives have been cancelled.

If you are eligible to donate this month, please consider doing so. Donations are being accepted at their Lexington locations.

For an appointment, please call 800-775-2522 or kybloodcenter.org



INVITE A FRIEND TO MASS NEXT WEEK!



A Great Place to Grow!

Come See the Great things happening at St. John School

****CALL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT****

We have openings in ALL grades (PreK-8th)
Be sure to ask about our move to the Cardome Campus!

CALL US TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION!
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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.



Life is truly a journey...and sometimes the way is rough. Whether it's a loss of employment, kids worrying the heck out of you, a spouse who is sick, or any other challenge or loss, sometimes it's helpful to have a companion. We naturally turn to trusted friends, but sometimes we worry about burdening a friend or feel that we might have to put life together in their way or time. Wouldn't it be nice to have an "ear" that doesn't judge – that has no agenda or timetable, someone who can keep a confidence – just to not be so lonely while working things out? Someone who trusts God – but also trusts you-- to work your situation out in your own time? That's what Stephen Ministers do – they respectfully join you in your journey, listening and offering confidential support and encouragement. Need a companion for your journey?

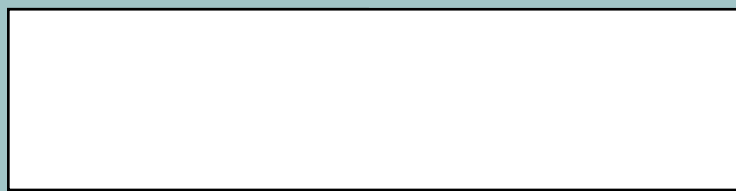
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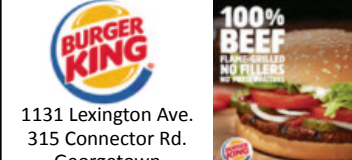
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