



Saint John Paul II Parish Newsletter

October 7-8, 2017

We share your longing for more

*Saint John Paul II Catholic Church
is called to open doors to Jesus Christ
through authentic witness in the home,
joyful hope in worship,
and fruitful service to our neighbors,
offering the opportunity
not to have more but to be more.*

Message from Fr. Andrew

Between the devastation of storm-ravaged lands and the shooting in Las Vegas, we have been forced recently to face terrible evils both natural and moral. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we take refuge in the open side of our crucified Lord. Jesus did not simply explain evil away - he took our flesh and entered into our suffering. We bring our broken hearts to His pierced Sacred Heart. We are not alone. I'd like to echo what our shepherd Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann recently shared in response to the Las Vegas shooting:

As we all struggle to make sense of it, and pray for the victims, their friends and families, and the first responders, perhaps we can join Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, USCCB president, in prayer.

"In the end," Cardinal DiNardo said, "the only response is to do good — for no matter what the darkness, it will never overcome the light. May the Lord of all gentleness surround all those who are suffering from this evil, and for those who have been killed we pray, eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."

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Weekend Masses at Madison Place Elementary School
16651 S Warwick; Olathe, Kansas 66062
Saturday - 4:00 P.M. and Sunday - 8:30 and 10:30 A.M.

Quick Calendar

Saturday & Sunday

- ♦ Oct 7-8 Sisters, Servants of Mary @ Madison Place for all Masses
- ♦ Oct 8 Baptismal Preparation Class @ Rectory 2:00 P.M.
- ♦ Oct 8 Middle School Fire & Arrows Cookout @ Camp Timberlake 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Saturday & Sunday

- ♦ Oct 14-15 Adoration at Prince of Peace Sign-ups at all Masses

Saturday & Sunday

- ♦ Oct 21-22 World Mission Sunday Special Collection
- ♦ Oct 22 St. John Paul II Feast Day
- ♦ Oct 22 High School Fire & Arrows Cookout @ Camp Timberlake 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Friday

- ♦ Oct 27 Serving at St. Mary's Food Kitchen

Saturday & Sunday

- ♦ Oct 29 Priesthood Sunday
- ♦ Oct 29 Respect Life - One Life Event Sponsored by the Archdiocese

St. John Paul II Annual Report to the Parish

Parishes are required by the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas to prepare an annual financial report to the parish community. St. John Paul II's report was included in last week's newsletter. It can be found on our website's home page in the Newsletter section.

RECAP: Our current fiscal year July 2017 - June 2018 is projected to end with our expenses exceeding our income. Please help us make up this difference.

What you can do to help.

- ♦ Complete and fulfill a 2017 **AND** 2018 financial pledge
- ♦ Consider one of the examples of sacrificial giving provided on page one of the report to increase your participation in our parish

Do you know that if EVERY family gave just \$5 more each week we would make up the difference needed to cover our budgeted expenses for this fiscal year?

Contact us

Facebook: St. John Paul II Catholic Parish

Parish Office Phone: (913)747-9636

Parish Office Hours:

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Rectory and Parish Office Address:

16680 S. Lind Rd; Olathe, KS 66062

Website: jp2kc.org

Email: office@jp2kc.org

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

UPDATE

The vision for our Parish-wide Faith Formation gatherings is to create a place for our entire community to encounter and follow Christ. This model of Religious Education is unique in that it seeks to engage the whole family of faith at once (no matter what your age or life situation) and puts the emphasis on the home and the role of the domestic church in our formation as Catholics.

Because these sessions are so foundational to all of the Faith Formation programs at St. John Paul II, it is important that they are done in the most effective way possible. With this in mind, and due to limitations in facilities, **we are scheduling our first session to Sunday, November 12th from 11:45-1:30 P.M.** This enables us to connect the sessions more closely to the Liturgy (since it is right after the 10:30 A.M. Mass) and offer lunch as part of the experience! We will also be able to provide child care for children 5 and under.

Our sessions will continue on the second Sunday of each month, and will be largely based on the liturgical year.

Program FAQ

How much does the program cost?

It is FREE!

How do I register?

If you are a registered parishioner at St. John Paul II Parish, then you are automatically registered and should receive information via email about upcoming sessions and events.

What will the format be like?

We will enjoy a meal together, followed by a presentation for all ages. At the end, we will handout a packet of tools and activities so that you can continue faith formation in your home between the monthly sessions.

Will there still be School of Religion for my kids?

Our Parish Faith Formation sessions will be in place of the traditional model of Religious Education for children. The Church teaches that the *domestic church* (the family) is the primary School of Religion and that parents are the first witnesses of the faith to their children. Our Parish Faith Formation sessions are designed to support and strengthen this witness in the home.

If I have a child in Catholic School – should we attend these sessions?

Yes! These sessions are for everyone, no matter what school they are connected with.

I have a child in Sacrament Preparation – should we attend these sessions?

Yes! These sessions are the foundation of everything else we do in Faith Formation, including Sacrament Preparation.

What should my family be doing while we wait for the first session in November?

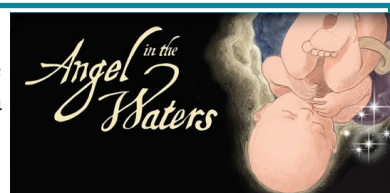
Visit our website at jp2kc.org/formed to find recommended materials for each week leading up to our first session. We will also be placing these assignments in our weekly newsletter. The JP2 access code for FORMED is JVI96Q.

If you have any further questions, please contact Curtis Keddy at curtiskeddy@jp2kc.org, or visit our website at www.jp2kc.org/parish-faith-formation for more info along with a calendar of events.

**Saint John Paul II Parish Code
for access to FORMED.org:
JVJ96Q**

A FORMED Pick of the Week

In its mother's womb, a tiny baby grows, explores the waters, and talks with the angel who is there. This is a story what will delight all young children, because the journey from conception to birth is their story, too.



PARISH FAITH FORMATION

2017-18 SESSIONS

Sundays, 11:45 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

November 12
December 10
January 14
February 11
March 11
April 8
May 13
June 10

Sacraments

Baptism - Baptismal preparation class is required before a Baptism. Classes are held the first Sunday of each month and can be attended prior to the child's birth. Please contact the parish office to register for a class and schedule a Baptism.

Wedding - The Bride or Groom should contact the parish office for an appointment with Fr. Andrew at least 6 months prior to an anticipated date. Weddings can't be scheduled before meeting with Fr. Andrew.

Confession - 3:00-3:30 P.M. Saturday evening and 7:30-8:15 A.M. Sunday morning at Madison Place Elementary cafeteria.

STEWARDSHIP

WELCOME

Membership: Registered Families: 680

Registration forms are available online at jp2kc.org, at weekend Masses, or email office@jp2kc.org



2017 Stewardship Pledges:

As of Sept. 26, 2017: 302 (44%)

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GENEROSITY *changes everything*

Collections:

September 2017 Online Donations	\$1,235.00
September 30-October 1 2017	10,211.00
Food Kitchen Financial Donations	125.00
The Leaven Newspaper	189.00

The Leaven

The Leaven is the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. It is mailed to all registered households at the expense of **St. John Paul II Parish** of \$21 per year, per household; approximately \$13,500. Please help us cover this cost with your donation.



St. Mary's Food Kitchen Food Donations

We provide fruit and vegetables as part of the meal served at St. Mary's Food Kitchen each month. We take 15-20 cans of either green beans or sliced peaches. Can you help by providing a #10 can (the BIG one) of beans or peaches? We are responsible for providing green beans in September. Please drop off donations at the rectory Mon.-Thurs. from 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.



Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Baby Shower

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting baby items for the Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic. Items can be dropped off in the playpen located in the hallway of Madison Place Elementary during the month of October.

World Mission Sunday Special Collection - Oct. 21-22



On World Mission Sunday, we are called – as baptized Catholics – to celebrate and support local churches in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half the territory of the globe. Through the work and witness of mission priests, religious and lay leaders, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

Please make checks payable to St. John Paul II.

Thank you for your generosity.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Project Andrew: A Vocation Evening for Young Men

Archbishop Naumann is hosting an inspiration vocation evening for young men who are at least sophomores in high school or in college or the workplace. Learn how to discover Christ's desire for your life which will give you the greatest peace and fulfillment. Meet inspiring priests, pray Vespers with Archbishop Naumann, ask questions, and enjoy a great dinner. Parents are invited for their own informative session. This event is Sunday, Oct. 22nd from 2:00-5:00 P.M. at Holy Cross School in Overland Park. To register, email vocation@archkck.org or 913.647.0303.

Respect LIFE Month

One LIFE KC - Oct. 29th - 1:00 P.M. at Madison Place Elementary.
To learn more visit www.archkck.org/prolife-events

Eucharist Adoration

Adoration is a wonderful way to join the Universal Church in prayer. St. John Paul II parishioners are invited to join with Prince of Peace parishioners in their adoration chapel. There are several time slots available for coverage to add a second person.

MON 2-3 AM; 4-5 AM; 1-2 PM; 2-3 PM

TUES midnight-1 AM; 1-2 AM 2-3 AM 9-10 AM; 11 AM-noon

WED midnight-1 AM; 2-3 AM; 3-4 AM; 11 AM-Noon

THURS 1-2 AM; 2-3 AM; 3-4 AM; 4-5 AM

FRI 2-3 AM. 10-11 AM; 5-6 PM

SAT midnight-1 AM; 2-3 AM; 3-4 AM; 4-5 AM

To sign up, email adoration@popolathe.org or call Heather Huston at 913.744.8634.

Heather will be at JP2 on Oct. 14/15 to assist with signups.

Sisters, Servants of Mary

The Sisters, Servants of Mary who as religious nurses, strive to continue Christ's mission of healing and compassion through the care of the sick and dying, in the patient's own home, free of charge. They rely solely on God's Providence and the donations received from the goodness of the people in the community. In November, the congregation is celebrating 100 years of being in KC. The weekend of Oct. 7-8, the Guild for the Sisters will be at Madison Place for all Masses. The Guild's mission is to support the Sisters, encourage religious vocations, and to provide ongoing financial support. Donations will be welcomed and there will be cookbooks for sale (\$10 and makes a great hostess/holiday gift) and a 50/50 raffle.

Centenary of Fatima 1917-2017

Mass of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Join Archbishop Naumann in the celebration of Mass of Thanksgiving to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the conclusion of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the children at Fatima, Portugal. At the end of Mass, Archbishop Naumann will consecrate the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, invoking her maternal protection and intercession to almighty God on Behalf of the parishes, families, and all the faithful of the Archdiocese.

Friday, Oct. 13th - Rosary at 6:30 P.M., Mass at 7:15 P.M.

Queen of the Holy Rosary,
7023 W. 71st St. Overland Park

GROUPS AND COMMITTEES



Knights of Columbus

2nd Annual Krisman's Sausage Sale

Pre-orders will be available for pick up on Oct. 14-15.
All proceeds will go to the Olathe Pregnancy Clinic.

Hoganville Family Farm homemade sauerkraut will also be available on Oct 14-15 for \$5/jar. This is a parishioner owned business.



Respect Life Committee

The Respect Life Committee will display a Cemetery of the Innocent memorial on the parish property at 167th and Ridgeview from September 30th to October 28th as a poignant visual reminder of abortion's toll on this country and its people. Please pray that this will be a reminder of the sanctity of LIFE, to bring an end to 900 abortions in Johnson County each year and to end abortion in America.

40 Days for Life is a pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. JP2 and Prince of Peace will stand together in prayer on Oct. 16th at the Hoades & Nausier Abortion Facility. If you would like to participate, please contact Julianna Eller at jeller@alenconline.com.

Our next committee meeting will be Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 P.M. at the Rectory.

Book Club

We are reading *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told* by Fr. Michael Gaitley. Join us Thursday, Nov. 9th at 7:00 P.M. at Bridget VanGotten's home. Contact: bvangott@gmail.com for information. We will discuss chapters 5 and 6.

Contact Information

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Knights of Columbus: Knights@jp2kc.org

Loss During Pregnancy: lossandhope@jp2kc.org

JP2 Moms Group: jp2moms@jp2kc.org

Respect Life Committee: respectlife@jp2kc.org

Servers: massministries@jp2kc.org

St. Mary's Food Kitchen: foodkitchen@jp2kc.org

Young Adults: youngadult@jp2kc.org

Youth: youth@jp2kc.org



Middle School Students

- ♦ **Fire & Arrows** - Oct. 8th from 5:00-7:00 P.M. at Camp Timberlake 8285 W. 179th Street. We will meet in lower field - toward the right as you enter. Cost is \$5 per person for food and arrow tag. Bring a friend. RSVP to youth@jp2kc.org

High School Students

- ♦ **Fire & Arrows** - Oct. 22nd from 5:00-7:00 P.M. at Camp Timberlake 8285 W. 179th Street. We will meet in lower field - toward the right as you enter. Cost is \$5 per person for food and arrow tag. Bring a friend. RSVP to youth@jp2kc.org



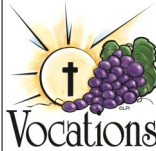
Knights of Columbus

A men's organization, the Knights of Columbus, has formed at St. John Paul II Parish and we want you to join! If you are interested, please contact Ryan Brotherson (913.850.1819 or rcbrotherson@yahoo.com), or Bob Plant (816.805.5171).

Email: knights@jp2kc.org / **Facebook:** @KofC16595

The Knights of Columbus will be handing out Tootsie Rolls after all Masses on October 14 & 15.

Free will donations will go to support Special Olympics.



Vocation Committee

The Vocation Committee invites everyone to show their appreciation to Fr. Andrew on Priesthood Sunday, October 29th. We will have a basket at the hospitality table this month to accept your notes and cards of appreciation.



Marian Mantle Prayer Group

Does your family have an empty chair at Mass? Join the Marian Mantle Prayer Group to pray for loved ones who are not practicing Catholics. The silent strength of prayer is powerful and comforting; we meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. at the Girard home (18303 W. 155th St). Call 913-530-6229 or email sharridg@gmail.com for more information.

Experiencing Loss During Pregnancy?

The loss of a baby in pregnancy can be an upsetting, frightening, and lonely experience. Whatever you are feeling, you are not alone; we are other mothers who share your same grief. We are here to offer support and an opportunity to share your story, whatever the circumstances of your loss.

Please email us at lossandhope@jp2kc.org.

HELP NEEDED



Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass Setup

Assistance Needed

Does your family attend Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass?

We only have a few families that help with setup on Saturday evenings. Please help. Contact Pete Majerle at peter.majerle@sbcglobal.net or 913.375.6693 to sign up.



Do you have a green thumb?

The rectory yard could use some TLC. Can you care for trees, shrubs, flowers and get rid of weeds? We need you! If you would like to lead or join a team to care for the outdoor space at the rectory, please contact the parish office at 913.747.9636 or office@jp2kc.org