



Saint John Paul II Parish Newsletter

Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 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.*

St. John Paul II Annual Report to the Parish

The Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas requires all parishes and schools to issue an annual financial report. Parishes are also required to prepare a like nature report to the parish community. Enclosed in the newsletter this week is our 2016-17 annual report.

Note:

- ♦ only 47% of our families have a 2017 financial pledge on file with the parish however 76% of families have made a financial contribution
- ♦ 47% of our families contributed between \$1 and \$19 per week, while 25% of our families contributed over \$20 per week
- ♦ Fiscal year Sept. 2016 - June 2017 ended with receipts exceeding expenses. However, in the fiscal year July 2017 - June 2018 our expenses are anticipated to be more than our income. If receipts are not increased, funds from the regional gift reserves to will be used to make up the 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 insert to increase your participation in our parish

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

- ♦ Sept 30/Oct 1 Respect Life preordered t-shirt pick up @ Madison Place following all Masses
- ♦ Oct 1 First Communion Parent ONLY Session @ Madison Place Cafeteria 1:00-3:00 P.M.

Tuesday

- ♦ Oct 3 Book Club @ Bridget VanGotten's home @ 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday

- ♦ Oct 4 Pet Blessing @ Jon & Stephanie Novacek's home @ 5:00 P.M.

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

Message from Fr. Andrew

The month of October is Respect Life Month. Each year we have the opportunity to renew our commitment to protecting and honoring the dignity of every human person from conception to natural death. Our prayers, good works, and advocacy are all needed. I'm so grateful to our parish for starting a very active Respect Life Committee. I'm also grateful for all the support we have been able to provide for the unborn, newborns, and families through our various diaper drives, clothing drives, food kitchen work, and support of local pregnancy centers. Olathe is hopefully going to have a new crisis pregnancy center soon. The "Olathe Pregnancy Center" is in the middle of a campaign to find a location and get started serving parents and babies in need. I hope our parish will support this tremendous opportunity. If you are interested in any pro-life activities, please email respectlife@jp2kc.org or contact our parish office. St. John Paul II, pray for us!

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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?

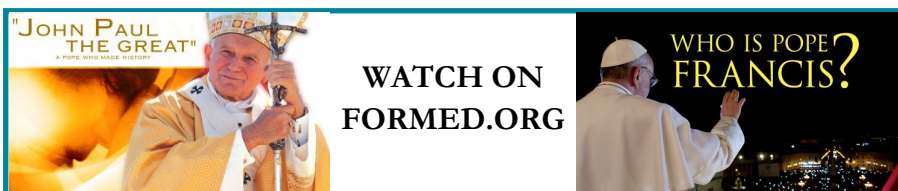
Yes! These sessions are the foundation of everything else we do in Faith Formation, including Sacrament Preparation.

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
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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

Membership

Registered Families: 678
(Registration forms are available
after Mass, online at jp2kc.org, or email:
office@jp2kc.org)



2017 Stewardship Pledges:

If you have misplaced your stewardship card, the form is available on our website, at weekend Masses or email office@jp2kc.org
Help us reach our goal of 100% participation.
As of Sept. 26, 2017: 302 (44%)

Collections

September 23-24, 2017 - \$6,931.70
End of Sept. Automatic Withdrawal - \$5,603.50
Food Kitchen Financial Donations - \$95.00
The Leaven Newspaper - \$341.00



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.

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. Please help us cover this cost with your donation.



† STEWARDSHIP ✉

Count your blessings, acknowledge God's gifts to you and express thanks to Him in praise.



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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

The Kansas City Catholic Medical Association

cordially invites you to join us for the

2017 Fall Bioethics Event

What would Jesus say?

Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care in America

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

October 7, 2017 Saint James Academy

Reception 6:30pm / Speaker 7:30pm

Guest Speaker Msgr. Stuart Swetland

To Register or for more information please visit [http://](http://www.catholicmedkc.org)

www.catholicmedkc.org

Volunteer Financial Mentoring Program

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers for the Financial Mentoring Program. This program matches volunteers one-on-one with participants who attend financial budgeting classes. Join us for an information session on Tuesday, Oct 3rd at 5:30 P.M. or Friday, Oct 6 at 9:30 A.M. at Catholic Charities of NE KS at 9808 W. 87th Street, Overland Park, KS. For more information or to RSVP, contact Michelle Carlstedt at 913.433.2080 or mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org

Johnson County Catholic High Schools Open House 2017

Check out our websites for admissions events.

Bishop Miege - Oct. 11th	5:30-7:30 P.M.	bishopmiege.com
St. Thomas Aquinas - Oct. 23rd	5:00-8:00 P.M.	stasaints.net
St. James Academy - Nov. 11th	9:00-11:30 A.M.	sjakeepingfaith.org

GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

Book Club

We will begin reading *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told* by Fr. Michael Gaitley. Join us on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 P.M. at Bridget VanGotten's home. Contact bvangott@gmail.com for more information. We will discuss chapters 3 and 4.

Respect Life T-Shirt Pick Up

For those that ordered JP2 Pro-Life t-shirts, the Respect Life Committee will be collecting payment (cash or checks written to St. John Paul II) and handing out the shirts after all Masses on Sept. 30 - Oct. 1.



Knights of Columbus

2nd Annual Krisman's Sausage Sale

Orders will be accepted with payment after all Masses Sept. 23-24 and Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Food 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.



The Knights of Columbus raised \$314.00 at the pancake breakfast and the bake sale raised \$342.57. Thank you to all who prepared goodies and breakfast and for all who made free will donations. All funds will be sent to the Olathe Pregnancy Clinic.

Blessing of Pets

Pets and owners are invited to Jon and Stephanie Novacek's home (weather permitting @ 18905 W. 175th Street) on Oct. 4th at 5:00 P.M. for a blessing. Please bring pets on a leash or in a carrier.



Contact Information

Extraordinary Minister & Reader: massministries@jp2kc.org

Greeters: greeters@jp2kc.org

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 AND High School Students

- ◆ **LIFE CHAIN** is a peaceful and prayerful public witness for an end to abortion. Bring your family and come support LIFE on Sun. Oct. 1, 1:30-3:00 P.M. Interested? Email respectlife@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

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.

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.

K of C Breaking Bread for the Hungry Auction

The Knights of Columbus Breaking Bread for the Hungry dinner auction resulted in \$800. The funds will go to the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor to aid in feeding the homeless of Kansas City.

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