



# Saint John Paul II Parish Newsletter

September 23-24, 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

On Monday of this week I leave with my family to go to Rome. We are heading there to attend the diaconate ordination of the men from the North American College. These men will then be ordained priests for the Church next year. I'm excited to be able to go with my mom, dad, and brother. I'm also excited to pray at the tomb of St. John Paul II for all of you. St. John Paul II's original place of rest in St. Peter's Basilica was in the Crypt Church, but devotion to our saint has been so significant that his remains were moved to a side altar in the main body of the basilica. I'll be asking for his intercession for our parish to receive a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I will also be offering my Mass intention each day for the intentions of the people of our parish. Thank you for your prayers and support of our parish. Please pray with me for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. God is doing powerful work in our hearts and homes. Let us lift each other up daily!



### Bake Sale

Sunday only, September 24th  
Before & after morning Masses  
All funds will be donated  
Free will donations accepted

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

#### Sunday

- Sept. 24 Pancake breakfast @ Madison Place following 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. Masses
- Sept 24 Bake sale @ Madison Place following 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. Masses

#### Saturday & Sunday

- Sept 30/Oct. 1 Respect Life preordered t-shirt pick up @ Madison Place following all Masses

#### Sunday

- 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.

#### Saturday & Sunday

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

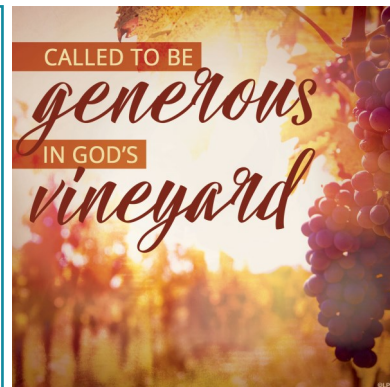
#### Sunday

- Oct. 22 High School Fire & Arrows Cookout @ Camp Timberlake 5:00-7:00 P.M.



### Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

The toppings bar is back!  
Join us after 8:30 & 10:30 A.M.  
Masses on Sept. 24th for a  
pancake breakfast.  
Free will donation accepted.



### Our Staff

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### Contact us

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 16680 S. Lind Rd; Olathe, KS 66062  
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## 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](http://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 JVJ96Q.

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

*Be More*

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

### 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: 677  
(Registration forms are available  
after Mass, online at [jp2kc.org](http://jp2kc.org), or email:  
[office@jp2kc.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@jp2kc.org)

**Help us reach our goal of 100% participation.  
As of Sept. 19, 2017: 301 (44%)**

### Collections

September 16-17, 2017 - \$11,885.00  
Food Kitchen Financial Donations - \$50.00  
The Leaven Newspaper - \$1,394.00



### 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.

### St. Mary's Food Kitchen Thank You!



Thank you to all who have helped coordinate, prepare food and/or serve at St. Mary's Food Kitchen on Friday, September 22nd. We provide meatloaf, potato casserole, fruit, vegetables, and volunteers on the 4th Friday of each month. Our next serving date is Friday, October 27th.

### 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.

### Thank You

Thank you to Rita Heintzelman for establishing and coordinating our Greeter Ministry during our first year! We are grateful for her hard work and dedication to this awesome ministry.



Welcome to Lilain Fernando as our coordinator for the Greeter Ministry. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact her at [greeters@jp2kc.org](mailto:greeters@jp2kc.org).

### 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



### POP School Presents - Stay and Play

Prince of Peace Catholic School invites parents of preschool children (ages 2-5) to Stay and Play. While the children participate in fun activities in the gym, parents can enjoy breakfast, meet other parents of preschoolers and learn about Prince of Peace Catholic School. RSVP: <https://www.timetosignup.com/popolathe/> or Contact Mrs. Shriver at [jshriver@popolathe.org](mailto:jshriver@popolathe.org).

### 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.

### LIFE CHAIN for Kansas

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of Pro-Life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. If you are interested in participating in LIFE CHAIN on Sunday, Oct. 1st from 1:30-3:00 P.M. please contact Amy Schmidt at [respectlife@jp2kc.org](mailto:respectlife@jp2kc.org) for more information.

### Red Mass

The Catholic Lawyers Guild and Catholic Bar Association will hold the 2017 Red Mass and Keynote Dinner, Nov. 3rd; 5:30 P.M. Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows in Kansas City MO. A 7:00 P.M. Keynote dinner will be at the KC Downtown Marriott at 200 W. 12th in Kansas City MO. Registration is required for dinner at [www.catholicbar.org/event-2569305](http://www.catholicbar.org/event-2569305).

### Christians in the Middle East Film Event

Join us on Friday, Sept. 29th at 7:00 P.M. at St. Luke Byzantine Church in Sugar Creek, MO for an award-winning documentary with Q&A following. Moderated by Bill Scholl, Director of the Archdiocesan Office for Social Justice. No charge. Contact Kathryn (816)520-4966. Donations of school supplies for refugees welcome.

### 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.	<a href="http://bishopmiege.com">bishopmiege.com</a>
St. Thomas Aquinas - Oct. 23rd	5:00-8:00 P.M.	<a href="http://stasaints.net">stasaints.net</a>
St. James Academy - Nov. 11th	9:00-11:30 A.M.	<a href="http://sjakeepingfaith.org">sjakeepingfaith.org</a>

## 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](mailto: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.

### Marriage Minute

Are you late to prioritize your marriage? If you have had other priorities in the past and are worried if you are late to understand and embrace a full Catholic vision of marriage, then this week's Gospel offers you great encouragement!

Jesus offers the same generous reward to those who come late to serve him. The joy they have missed from delayed service is punishment enough. If you have missed the joy you could have received from living a Catholic vision of marriage, try the following to kick-start your joy.

- Attend a "Living in Love" retreat (Oct 7/8)
- Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend (Nov 10/12)
- Learn more [www.archkck.org/defendingmarriage](http://www.archkck.org/defendingmarriage)
- Start with prayer [www.joyfulmarriageproject.com/resources](http://www.joyfulmarriageproject.com/resources)

### Contact Information

**Extraordinary Minister & Reader:** [massministries@jp2kc.org](mailto:massministries@jp2kc.org)

**Greeters:** [greeters@jp2kc.org](mailto:greeters@jp2kc.org)

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### 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. Interested? Email [respectlife@jp2kc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rcbrotherson@yahoo.com)), or Bob Plant (816.805.5171).

**Email:** [knights@jp2kc.org](mailto: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](mailto:lossandhope@jp2kc.org).



**Glory Be** is a group of parishioners who love to get together to praise Jesus in song.

Are you a singer or musician that would like to join the group? Email

[alexi.castro@icloud.com](mailto:alexi.castro@icloud.com) for details!

### 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](mailto:sharridg@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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](mailto:peter.majerle@sbcglobal.net) or 913.375.6693 to sign up.

VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!

