

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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This week my children were learning about energy. We set up an experiment with toy cars — one was placed in front of another, and a third was pushed into the two stationary ones.

The forward motion caused the front car to move, but not much. “Most of the energy goes into the car in the middle, not the car on the end,” my daughter concluded.

I asked her why she seems to have so much energy, and I seem to have so little. “Because you’re old,” she replied confidently.

Most days I feel like that first car, barreling at life with all my energy and love and good intentions, only to have it almost entirely absorbed by the proverbial middle car. It’s so easy to be discouraged. The devil so badly wants us to feel discouraged.

But the law of love is not unlike the law of conservation of energy. Love is neither created nor destroyed. It is only transferred from one form to another. And yes, sometimes it certainly seems like it disappears. It appears to get lost between my hands and the plate of dinner that goes uneaten or evaporates off of my lips as words I fear are never heard. It is spat upon as a commandment the world would prefer I do not keep.

But we are not called to simply love one another — to love when it seems effective and productive and appreciated. We are called to love as Christ loved: recklessly, selflessly, and yes, even without logic. We are called to love with a love that doesn’t give up and is never withdrawn. A love that doesn’t fear death or the world’s hatred. A love that stands willing to argue, to be reviled, to be dismissed. We are called to be that first car, hurtling ourselves against a world that isn’t ready to accept or understand us. And we trust that, even when we can’t see how, the love that seems to disappear simply changes forms.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

©LPi “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.” — John 15:12

Parish Office Open M-F 9am-4pm
 Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff
 Bookkeeper Annabel Deibler
 Maintenance Supervisor James Schoellman
 Custodian Tony Ortiz
 Part-time Custodian Eufasio Castillo
 Religious Ed Office open M-F 9:30am-4pm
 DRE Sylvia Fernandez (Tues 10am-4pm)
 Office Clerk Kris Cardenaz
 RCIA Director Mary Jo Peters

Masses

Saturday 6:00 pm
 Sunday (Spanish Mass) 7:45 am
 Sunday 10:00 am
 Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am
 Wed. (Spanish Mass) 6:00 pm
Rosary is prayed 1/2 hr. before each Mass.

Confession

Saturday at 5:00 pm or by appointment
 After morning Mass on Thursday

PRE-BAPTISM Classes:

3rd Sunday of the Month
 2 pm Religious Education Building
Must pre-register for class
 Contact Parish Office to schedule Baptism.

MARRIAGES:

Contact Pastor six months in advance.

QUINCEAÑERAS:

Student must be enrolled and attending RE classes and meet with Pastor.

FUNERALS:

Contact Parish Office.

In our Thoughts & Prayers

Patrick Adamietz	Heather Ahr
Frankie Alvarez	Steven Avila
Genaro Avila	Brian Bader
Tommie Bragdon	John Bauer
Chris Cole	Valerie Cole
Riley Cole	Aurora Crooks
Thomas Cuellar	Trine Cuellar
Grace De Leon	Tommy Delgado
Kimberly Escamilla	Tim Favor
Leila Fuentes	Sawyer Gilly
Marissa Ibarra	Vincent Garza
Lucy Herrera	Alleen Koch
John Henry Martinez	Tony Mendoza
Christine Ortega	Jerry Neal
Milo Quintanilla	Lorenzo Ortiz
Anna Reyes	Jerry Robles
Lupe Sanchez	Mary Rose Sanchez
Juan Ybarra	Gonzalo Torres
A.J. Vallez	Joe Ventura, Jr.
Darlene Wiemers	Daniel Willman

Call 741-2236 to add or remove someone from the list. Names will be kept on the list a minimum of 3 weeks.

Pastoral Council		Next Pastoral Council Meeting July 18, 2024 6pm
Genevieve Flores	Katie Haby	
Keith Howard	Brett Hutto	
Ryan Lessing	Rose Mary Mares	
Michele Mechler		
Finance Council		Next Finance Council Meeting June 20, 2024 5pm
Diane Cheney		
Rey Bernal		
Robert Knight		
Stephen Long		
Connie Shullanberger		

Mass Attendance April 27/28: 528		THANK YOU
CONTRIBUTIONS Weekly Parish Goal: \$7,000		
	April 27/28, 2024	
Regular Offering	\$6,227.00	
Building Fund/Maintenance	60.00	
Children's Offering	62.50	
Catholic Home Missions	898.57	

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ADORATION with the BLESSED SACRAMENT
 Each Thursday - Chapel - 8:30am
 Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:00am
 Followed by Benediction
On the last Thursday of the month, anointing of the sick will follow the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Upcoming Second Collection
 Today - May 5, 2025 - Black Bag for Society of St. Vincent de Paul

MASS Intentions

May 6 - 12 2024

MONDAY - May 6- No Mass

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

TUESDAY - May 7 - 8am - Chapel:

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

- 1) † Alfonso Treviño by Family
- 2) † Willie Hernandez by Guadalupe Hernandez
- 3) † Pedro Hernandez by Guadalupe Hernandez

WEDNESDAY - May 8 - 8am - Chapel:

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

- 1) † Dorothy Graff by Fred & Ellen Schueling
- 2) † Estevan Hernandez, Jr. by Guadalupe Hernandez

WEDNESDAY - May 8 - 6pm (Spanish)- Chapel:

Hch 17, 15. 22—18, 1/Sal 148, 1-2. 11-12. 13. 14/Jn 16, 12-15

- 1) † Margarita De Leon by Susie Cruz

THURSDAY - May 9 - 8am - Chapel:

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

- 1) † Joe Barrios, Jr. by Family
- 2) † Melvin Finger by Family
- 3) † Gabriel Ybarra by Family

FRIDAY - May 10 - 8am - Chapel:

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

- 1) † Chilo & Lupe Mares by Ysidro & Rose Mary Mares
- 2) † Erna Balzen by Alleen & Monie Koch

SATURDAY - May 11 - 6pm - Church:

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

- 1) † James Kurtz by Family
- 2) † Olin Gilliam by Norma Rothe
- 3) † Erna Kirk by Phelix & Emilie Cowan
- 4) † Margie Yanta by Edwin Yanta Family

SUNDAY - May 12 - 7:45am (Spanish) - Church

Hch 1, 15-17. 20. 20-26/Sal 102, 1-2. 11-12. 19-20 (19)/1 Jn 4, 11-16/Jn 17, 11-19

- 1) † Joe Barrios, Jr. by Family
- 2) For Living & Deceased Mothers of St. John's Parish

SUNDAY - May 12 - 10am Church

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

- 1) For Living & Deceased Mothers of St. John's Parish

Send bulletin items to:
parishsecretary@stjohnevangelist.org
Deadline is noon Monday to be printed that weekend.

St. John's Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 5:

*10am Mass - Confirmation

Monday, May 6:

*7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

*6pm - Adult Confirmation - RE Bldg

Tuesday, May 7:

*10am-noon - St. Vincent de Paul Assistance - RE Building

*6pm - ACTS Core Meeting - RE Bldg

Wednesday, May 8:

Thursday, May 9:

*9am - Saturday evening Choir Practice - Church

*8:30am - Adoration - Chapel

*10am - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel

Friday, May 10:

Saturday, May 11:

*5pm - Confessions - Church

*6pm Mass - First Holy Communion - Church

Sunday, May 12:

Happy Mother's Day!



At St. John's

During the Month of March

Baptism - Tristan Vela

Marriage - Paul & Sandra Troublefield

Funerals - Nora Luna, Jummy Murillo

Rosa Garcia, Rosie Alevoet,

Joe Garcia



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All parishioners are invited to spend some time with our Lord Jesus in Blessed Sacrament every Thursday after the 8:00am Mass in the Chapel.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed at 10am followed by the benediction at 10:30am.

Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday May 11, 2024 6pm

(Deacon Sam) Rosary Leader: Russ Renaud

Ministers of Hospitality: Randy Graff

James Schoellman, Marcy Zerr

Commentator: Diane Mann

Lector: Tennille Lessing

Sacristan: Rose Scholtz

Extraordinary Ministers: Paul Tschirhart,

Rose Mary Mares, Veronica Valenzuela

Altar Servers: Julia Fuentez, Victoria Fuentez, Ann

Wheaton, A.J.Knight, R.J.Knight, Marinda Knight

Sunday May 12, 2024 7:45am

(Deacon Sam) Rosary Leader: Genoveva Medina

Ministers of Hospitality: Efrain Rodriguez,

Jerry Lopez, Augustine De Leon

Commentator: Genoveva Medina

Lector: Ruben Medina

Sacristan: Janie Hernandez

Extraordinary Ministers: Janie Hernandez

Eva Cortez, Mary Ann Garcia

Altar Servers: Biankka Gonzales,

Marco Gonzales, Charellez Maxie

Sunday May 12, 2024 10am

(Mark Urby) Rosary Leader: Judy Williams

Ministers of Hospitality: Jack & Michel Rothe,
Clarence McNiel

Commentator: Renae Mc Niel

Lector: Kelly Howard Cantor: Choir

Sacristan: Linda Fillingner

Extraordinary Ministers: Elaine Melton

Edgar & Rhonda Camacho, Denise Oefinger

Altar Servers: Victoria Bustos, Bryson Howard,

Leila Garcia, Joaquin Wood, Jesse Alvarado

Thank You to our Volunteers!

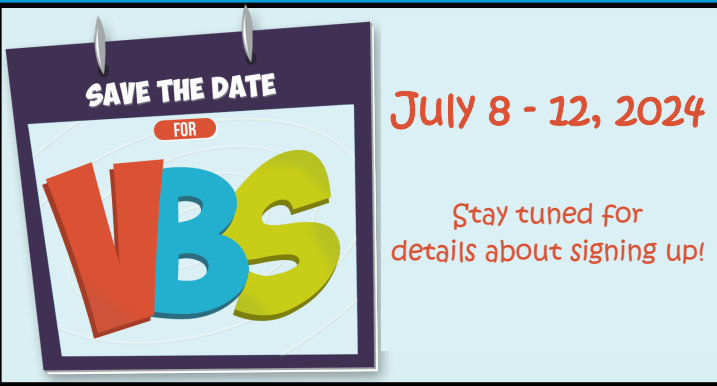
Altar Care for May : Rosa Garcia, Dorothy Torres
Linens: Marcelyn Botello, Diane Ybarra
Bingo: Nancy Beck, Lisa Lillie,
Jeanie Gomez
Hospital Visitation: Mary Bendele, Selena Knight

St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will see clients "in person" only (no phone calls) at their office in the Religious Ed Building on Tuesdays 10am—12 noon.



In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you... You are my friends if you do what I command you." By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you fulfill this commandment.
Thank you for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul



SAVE THE DATE
FOR
VBS
July 8 - 12, 2024
Stay tuned for details about signing up!

Keep in touch with us!

TEXT STJOHNS78861 TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:
stjohntheevangelist24.flocknote.com

Anyone who is new to our parish is asked to please call the parish office to register as a parishioner at St. John's.
We want to know you and welcome you to our flock!

VIRTUS.... Not one person, not even one Archdiocese, can protect all children / vulnerable adults. Abuse is an epidemic problem in our entire society but we intend to do everything we can to stop it. We are offering *Child/ Adult Safety* instruction to protect children, youth, vulnerable adults. We will also educate parents who have a responsibility to safeguard the children in their care. *Children / Vulnerable Adults cannot protect themselves from a predator.* We know they need trusted and loving adults in whom they can confide any concern or fear. You are that person and we want to work with you for the good of all children/ vulnerable adults in this Archdiocese. Spanish and English classes will be offered. This is a responsibility we cannot push off on someone else. This is our responsibility. You may call the Office of Victim Assistance and Safe Environment at 210-734-7786 or toll free 1-877-700-1888, or call Fr. Babychan at the parish office at 830-741-2236.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
PLEASE REMEMBER that all proceeds from the Monday Night Bingo and the Bingo concession stand are to help fund the Religious Education Program. (St. John's does not charge a fee for the children enrolled.)
To keep the Bingo operating every Monday night, we truly need volunteers. Please think about this and pray about it, and if at all possible, help by volunteering on *ONE Monday per month.*
Applications available at the Parish Office and at stjohnshondo.com
Thank you!

Happy Birthday!

5/6 Arianna Benavidez, Magda Covarrabias, Alexie De Leon, Mary Dominguez, Dayton Hernandez, Solomon Polanco, Jaime Samaniego, Haley Steubing
5/7 Charlie Alvarez, Biankka Gonzales, Cathy Lutz, Sky Naputi, Zuria Oranday, Ivan Rodriguez, Juliette Rodriguez, Lupe Sanchez, Ezra Talamantez, Shaun Ybarra
5/8 Marisa Bermea, Aden Correa, Gloria Flores, Viviana Gonzales, Vivian Graff, Eduardo Luna, Denise Mouzqui
5/9 Sabrina Barrios, Leonard Cruz, Shaun Fitzpatrick, Thelma Gomez, Hannah Martinez, James Oswald, Jaren Zavala
5/10 Michael Garcia, Tom Shelton
5/11 Francisca Flores, Jose Mora, Javier Ortega, Jade Richardson, Jovany Solorio Villasenor
5/12 Angle Alvarez, Emily Flores, Jazlyyn Flores, Thalia Mendoza, Jaclyn Richter, Jennifer Robles, Jon Rodriguez

Registration for 2024-2025 Faith Formation (Religious Education Classes) has begun.
If your child did not bring home a registration form at the end of this year, please stop by the Religious Education office or go to our website, click on the Religious Education tab at the top of the page and you can download a registration form. Forms can be returned to the RE Office anytime!

ALL USHERS, LECTORS, SACRISTANS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Please make plans to attend yearly training. This training will be "hands-on" instruction explaining your specific role. It is for those currently serving and those who wish to begin serving.
May 14, 2024 in the church
Lectors 5:30pm Ushers 6pm
Extraordinary Ministers 6:30pm Sacristans 7pm

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- ◆Never celebrated First Communion or Confirmation...

Come and Inquire! Join us on a journey of Faith leading to transformation of your mind and Spirit.
If interested contact Mary Jo Peters, Coordinator (830-426-1181) or Sylvia Fernandez at 830-741-2284 in the CCE office.

- Children from the ages 7 thru 17 needing Sacraments of Initiation may contact Sylvia Fernandez at 830-741-2284.

