



ST. JOHN VIANNEY

Patron Saint of Parish Priests & Seminarians

MARCH 19, 2019 ~ A Special Pilgrimage Opportunity

**Cathedral of St. Joseph at
519 N. 10th St., St. Joseph, Missouri**

The incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney, Patron of Parish Priests and Seminarians, will be displayed for public veneration on **Tuesday March 19, 2019** in the Cathedral of St. Joseph at 519 N. 10th St., St. Joseph, Missouri. Public veneration will begin following the 8am Holy Mass. The Cathedral will remain open throughout the day. At 5:30pm Solemn Vespers will be celebrated with Bishop Johnston presiding. Public veneration will conclude at 8pm. All parishes and parishioners throughout the diocese are invited to make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of St. Joseph for this event.

The veneration of relics is a popular way whereby the faithful express their devotion to the saints, that is, people made holy by God. By showing honor to the earthly remains of these temples of the Holy Spirit we enter more fully into the communion of saints. Common forms of veneration may include kissing relics, decoration of them with lights and flowers, and bearing them in procession. For more information about St. John Vianney and the relic tour, please visit www.kofc.org/vianney or contact Lorie Sage sage@diocesekcsj.org at the Office of Divine Worship.

This is a golden opportunity for all God's people to come together during the Diocesan Holy Year and pray for the renewal of our local Church. In addition, it's a graced moment to pray for priests and seminarians, asking the good God to raise up vocations to the priesthood and to rekindle the love of Jesus Crucified in the hearts of those already ordained.

The Knights of Columbus have graciously made this occasion possible. Please remember these men in grateful prayer, along with our priests.

A Prayer for Priests

*Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.
Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.*

*Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.*

*Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.*

*Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.*

*Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.*

St. John Vianney frequently battled the devil, who tormented him on a regular basis. And yet, the saint persisted. It is said that the devil told him, "If there were three such priests as you, my kingdom would be ruined." No wonder he was attacked so viciously - he was a tremendous threat to evil!

Volunteering at the JP 2 Newman Center

Volunteering at the JP 2 Newman Center is a new project recommended by Bishop Johnston that you might be interested in. It takes very little time or energy commitment and no money commitment but is a project that is very needed and appreciated.

Our new Newman Center at 5220 Troost Ave, KCMO needs help one Thursday evening a month with preparing a dinner for about 30 college students. We do not have to furnish the food, we simply prepare it and help with clean up. If we get a good number of ladies and/or men interested in this fun project our individual commitment may be only once every 2 or 3 months. We get to choose which Thursday we want to help with. We can also furnish food but only if we choose to. We can even give our group a fun name if we want! And we get to meet our "futures" and have fun with a great bunch of kids!

Dain Finney, the Campus Minister, is "orienting" us **next Thursday**, We are to be at the **Newman Center by 5 pm**, the students eat at about 6:15 (after their Mass in the chapel).

I hope you can attend the orientation. If you want to attend the orientation and then decide it's not for you, that's ok. If you can not attend the orientation but still want to be a part of this group project, that's ok, too. Just let me know. I will need to RSVP Dain with how many will be attending.

If you know of anyone else who might be interested in this project please spread the word and let me know. All women/men in the Diocese are welcome to join this fun project.

The Bishop would like for the students to have " grandparent, parent" figures at the center and, he also thinks that as the students get to know us, they may want to eventually join our CCWs and Knights. "Growing our numbers and presence"

Here is the **location/contact information:**

Dain Finney

Campus Minister @ the JP2 Commons Newman Center

Located near UMKC and Rockhurst

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Immaculee Ilibagiza,

Rwandan genocide survivor, was *Left to Tell* her story of hope and forgiveness.
How do you forgive the unforgivable? How do you understand, the unthinkable?

Immaculee was able to do both!

Come listen to her story

Thursday, March 14, 7:00 pm

St. Therese Church
7207 NW Highway 9
Kansas City, MO
816-741-2800

Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door
Purchase in the Parish Office or
online at <http://www.stheresenorth.org>

