

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 19, 2017

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Feb 21	06:00 pm	SL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 pm.</i>				
WED	Feb 22	06:30 am	SL	Tony Wagner †
THUR	Feb 23	09:30 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Feb 24	07:30 am	SJ	Edward & Rose Hand †
SAT	Feb 25	05:00 pm	SJ	Ernest DeMaranville †
SUN	Feb 26	09:00 am	SL	Stephen Gast †

Please pray for the sick, especially: Phil Bell, Doris Blockburger, Ellen Boudreaux, Norma Bromell, Joe Brose, Carl Davidson, Georgia Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Vince Eimer, Marty Eisler, Tom Flack, Tina Gaspard, Ronnie Gast, Alan Halstead, Marly Heim, Frank Heintzelman, Jim Heintzelman, Lydia Heintzelman, Nancy Heintzelman, Melanie Herken, Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, Landry Hodges, Mark Hund, Arlene Jennings, Maggie Kelsay, Margie Kramer, Kelly Long, Todd Mathews, Mary Meinert, Jeni Mettelstedt, Kay Nocktonick, Mary M. Ruhlman, Lucca Sachse, Irene Schmidling, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Julie Simonis, Gary Stafford, Merlin Wagner, and Nick Yuska.

Prayer List For Our Soldiers: ARMY: Pvt. David Crook, Major Bryan Herken, PFC Colby Seifert, 1st Sgt. Allen Serrano, William Stradley, Daniel Winkler. AIRFORCE: E-4 Robert W. Herken, TSGT Scott Loecher. NAVY: ADDA Jason P. Herken, YN2-SS Kevin Lansing. MARINES: PFC Blake Hadley.

Prayer for Vocations: Brother Seelos (Tyler Lunsford).

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – Feb. 25th and 26th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS
SAT	SJ	05:00 pm	Aaron & Vicki Welch, Vince Eimer	Vince Eimer	Luke Beying and family	Tm 3
SUN	SL	09:00 am	Sharon Wagner, Shirley Navinsky, Susan Griffiee	Elmer Karczewski	Cohen Navinsky and family	Tm 2

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$2,778, including \$2153 regular collection; \$70 STL Cemetery; \$350 KofC; \$205-Masses & Memorials. Thank you for your generosity. We also offer an **online donation option!** Visit our website OR Facebook page to click on the link to donate!

THANK YOU: To the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of \$350.

FIRST PENANCE: Congratulations to the following students who will receive their First Penance on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Addison Sloan, Haley Heim, Anica Kroll, Gabriela Major and Jacob Stewart.

ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO SHARE CAMPAIGN Thank you to all who have responded to the needs of our Church in northeastern Kansas through the 2017 *Archbishop's Call to Share* appeal. Giving is a Holy Act! So far, we have reached 60% of our target. PLEASE prayerfully consider donating, even just a small amount to this campaign.

STL ALTAR SOCIETY: Looking for volunteers to take on the role of President and Vice-President of the STL Altar Society. Please let Ginny Mowery know ASAP as to which position you'd like!

DONATION STATEMENTS for tax filing purposes are available in the back of each church. If you do not find a statement with your name on it, please contact Sara Green.

SECOND COLLECTION will be held on the weekend of **March 1st** for Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe (CCEE).

LIONS CLUB: March 2 – Mary Ray, Chairman, Angela Broaddus, Wendi Johnston and Peggy Clark. Please prepare for 15 people.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

INFORMATION NIGHT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS Financial advisors Christy Anderson and Kacy Steitz, will share their knowledge regarding: Establishing a Special Needs Trust and the Achieving Better Life Experiences Act of 2013. Launched in Kansas on January 26th, 2017, the ABLE Act amended Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986 to create tax-advantaged savings accounts for individuals with disabilities. This will be held THURS Feb. 23rd, 7-8:30 pm at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, St. Raphael Conference Room, (park and enter on the east side of the church), 14201 Nall Ave., Leawood, Kansas 66223. Another session will be held on March 9th, 7-8:30 pm at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Parish Center, 3601 SW 17th, Topeka, KS 66604. For more info, contact Tom Racunas, 913-647-3054 or tracunas@archkck.org.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION LEAD COUPLE TRAINING, Feb. 24-26, at Holy Spirit Parish, Overland Park, Kansas, Feb. 24, 7 pm-9pm, Feb. 25 – 8:30 a-5:30 pm, and Feb. 26, 1 pm-5 pm. Lunch will be provided on Saturday To register contact: Deacon Tony Zimmerman, Office of Marriage and Family Life, 913 647 0329, familife@archkck.org

PROJECT RACHEL: Still carrying grief after an abortion? Find support with others. **Unfailing Mercy Retreat Feb 25. FREE, CONFIDENTIAL.** Call/email Patricia at 888-246-1504, projectrachelkc@archkck.org in KS or call 816-591-3804 in MO. Project Rachel is a ministry supported by Call to Share.

ST. BENEDICT PARISH MARDI GRAS: Feb. 26th at St. Benedict's Catholic School, serving 11am-1:30pm. Enjoy Jambalaya, Chicken & Noodles Pizza, and King cakes. Silent and live auction, games, crafts, face painting. Adults \$7; Kids \$4.

FISH & SHRIMP SUPPERS, St. Joseph's Nortonville, Kansas. Every Friday – March 3rd through April 7th, \$10 ages 11 and older; \$5 ages 4-10. Fried and baked fish, fried shrimp, potato, salad & roll, tea/coffee & dessert! No Supper on Good Friday, April 14th.

PEACE HOUSE OF PRAYER will be holding a Lenten preparation retreat on the weekend of **March 4 & 5th**. The retreat will have 4 or 5 talks, daily Eucharistic Adoration, Mass at the local parish on Saturday at 5 pm, and time for quiet reflection, walks in the forest, spiritual reading and prayer. The cost is \$85 for individuals and \$125 for couples. The first talk is at 9 am Saturday. Christ's Peace House of Prayer is located at 22131 Meagher Road, Easton, KS 66020. If you are interested in attending, you can contact us at info@christspeace.com or 913-773-8255

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE ~ The next Beginning Experience Weekend is **MARCH 3-5**, at Precious Blood Center, Liberty, MO. For more information visit: www.beginningexperiencekc.org, email: register.bekc@gmail.com, or contact Lynn 785-282-8964, or Teresa 816-529-9002.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP ON UNDERSTANDING THOSE WITH SEXUAL BROKENNESS A Special Invitation to anyone who works in a parish can easily encounter someone who has been broken by issues connected to sexuality, addictions, compulsions or emotional trauma. Please join us on Friday, **March 10th**, from 10 am to 1pm, at St. Michael the Archangel parish in Leawood, for Open to Life—a special workshop which will help participants understand how Jesus, through His Church, redeems our sexuality from the ground up and can transform persons with same-sex attraction or other sexual brokenness. This enlightening opportunity is being offered free of charge and will include a light lunch. For more information, contact Mary Ann Moore at maryann.moore@stmichaelcp.org to register, go to <https://stmichaelcp.org/open-to-life>

DISPENSATION FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY: Archbishop has issued decrees which dispense all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas from the Lenten requirement of abstaining from meat on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, **March 17th**. However, all Catholics should adopt another day of abstinence that week in place of March 17th or substitute a suitable penitential observance, such as prayer or almsgiving, in its place.

PLEASE NOTE – There are a large number of other Archdiocesan announcements that could not fit in the space available. They will be posted on our church website listed above as a 2nd page to this bulletin.

Below are some of the announcements-please review online for more details:

Employment Opportunities:

St. Benedict Parish, Atchison – Parish Business Administrator
 St. Lawrence Center – Campus Minister
 Sanctuary of Hope – Live In Position

Other Announcements:

“Every day In Love” Marriage Workshop
St. John's Bible –Benedictine College
3rd Annual Living in Truth - Kansas City Catholic Women's Conference:
Camp Tekakwitha Women's Retreat: Abundant Love
Worldwide Marriage Encounter:
Joyful Marriage Project:
Adoptive Parents Needed
Translation in Spanish — Leaven Articles

BULLETIN ITEMS: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 or email sjlsparish@gmail.com. Mass intentions may be scheduled with Kim as well. MUST SUBMIT BY 9 pm TUES FOR INCLUSION.

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(FOR POSTING ON THE CHURCH INTERNET SITE)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

ST. BENEDICT PARISH, Atchison, Business Office has an immediate opening for our Parish Business Administrator position. Application and full job description are available on our parish website under Announcements at www.st.benedictatchison.org. To apply please submit cover letter, resume - with references, and application to Fr. Jeremy Heppler, OSB, jheppler@benedictine.edu.

CAMPUS MINISTER POSITION AT ST. LAWRENCE CENTER The St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center at the University of Kansas is now accepting applications for a Campus Minister. The Campus Minister ensures that all activities of St. Lawrence that affect students are effective in achieving the Center's strategic plan. The essential functions of the Campus Minister include: organizing events and coordinating new initiatives to engage all KU students, collaboration in the Center's Mentor and Discipleship Initiatives, managing activity and formation of St. Lawrence Volunteers and the Student Ministry Council, and communicating the vision and mission of St. Lawrence both internally and externally. The ideal candidate is: able to throw great parties, an original thinker and conversation starter, fearlessly relishes encounters with new people, organizes and prioritizes well, and is a practicing Catholic who upholds all Church teachings by manner of life. To apply please send cover letter and resume to Stacy Cretors at scretors@kucatholic.org.

LIVE-IN POSITION AT SANCTUARY OF HOPE Committed to Prayer and Serving Others. Committed to their on-going formation and growth in knowledge and faith, and being open to all spiritual paths, faiths and ethnic groups. Room and Board would be provided by Sanctuary of Hope prayer and retreat center in return for their duties performed, an average of 25 hours a week. Committed to living a community life of sharing with others at Sanctuary of Hope and House of Peace, taking on certain areas of responsibility, such as, attending set prayer times and when needed helping with tasks inside and outside of the buildings. Would have time for vacation, and visiting family and friends. Would need to provide own health insurance and be of reasonably good health. Complete an application form, have 3 references to recommend them and meet personally with Fr Dennis.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

“EVERYDAY IN LOVE” MARRIAGE WORKSHOP Do you need a common sense approach to inviting more joy into your marriage? Everyday in Love is an upbeat series of three-hour sessions which offer positive and affirming insights and fun couple exercises to help couples love smarter not harder. This series begins Saturday, **March 11** at Church of the Ascension in Overland Park. Time: 9am-12pm. Cost: \$20/couple per session. Child Care available upon request. This series (**Mar 11, 18, Apr 1, 8**) is a Level 2 offering of the Joyful Marriage Project. Register at www.joyfulmarriageproject.com. Questions: email Brad, bdupont@archkck.org

ST. JOHN'S BIBLE (the first hand-written and illuminated Bible) will be hosted at Benedictine College and will include an exhibition of 25 full-scale, archival giclee prints, which will be on display in the Abbey Gallery and the McCarthy Gallery of Art from **March 13-April 17th**. There will also be a display of a full-scale replica volume of the Gospels and Acts during Holy Week. Sister Mary Irene Nowell will be giving a lecture on **March 15th** at 7 pm in the O'Malley-McAllister Auditorium about the St. John's Bible. The Dept. of Music will be offering a concert of musical works that explore the same passages as the illuminations on exhibit in the Abbey Church on **March 26th** at 3 pm. To find out more about the St. John's Bible, see <http://www.saintjohnsbible.org>. More information will follow.

3RD ANNUAL LIVING IN TRUTH - KANSAS CITY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Mass celebrated by Archbishop Naumann and Two Dynamic Nationally Renowned Speakers: - Sue Ellen Browder – “Cosmo Writer to Catholic Mom” - Jennifer Roback Morse, Ph.D. “Combating Assaults on Marriage and Families”, and Continental breakfast. Saturday, **April 22**, Time: 8:00 am – 12:30 pm, Cost: \$25 pre-registration; \$30 at the door. Register at: www.livingintruthkc.com 2 Event location: Church of The Ascension in Overland Park, KS, Contact information: email: RegistrationKCCatholicWomen@yahoo.com, Phone: Shannon Gomez at: 913-708-0157

CAMP TEKAKWITHA WOMEN'S RETREAT: ABUNDANT LOVE at Camp Tekakwitha (**April 28-30th**, ages 21+) Here you will find the space to relax, rejuvenate and reconnect. This is a retreat for women of all ages. You will find speakers that inspire you, sacraments that draw you to the heart of Christ, and fellowship with other women. This retreat offers large group and breakout sessions, individual reflection, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, free time, friendship, laughter, and joy! Come enjoy the beauty of God's creation at Prairie Star Ranch and the gift of sharing life with other women seeking the heart of Jesus. More information and registration details can be found at www.camptekakwithawomensretreat.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: The car gets a tune up. The house gets a painting. The job gets our all. When is there time to “brush up” on US? Carve out the time you so richly deserve and attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend in Kansas City is **April 28-30th**. For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wme4youandme.org or Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodiqy.net

JOYFUL MARRIAGE PROJECT: The ultimate dream home everyone can afford. Imagine winning a contest that allowed you to build your ultimate dream home...at no cost! While it would certainly take some time and hard work, the rewards would be totally worth it! Guess what? We married couples have it within our power to make our marriage our “ultimate dream home” by participating in the Joyful Marriage Project, which is an initiative of the Archdiocese to unleash abundant joy in marriages. Design your Blueprint for a more joyful marriage at www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com. For more info, contact Brad and Libby DuPont, Office of Marriage and Family Life, Archdiocese of Kansas City in KS, (913) 647-0301, or bdupont@archkck.org.

ADOPTIVE PARENTS NEEDED!!! St. Joseph Adoption Ministry is in need of more prospective parents. They could place more babies if they had more prospective parents!! And the average wait time for couples to adopt a baby is only seven months. This is wonderful news for those considering adoption. For more information call St. Joseph Adoption Ministry at 913-299-5222 or go to their web site at www.CatholicAdoptionMinistry.org. Please spread this good news!! Note: St. Joseph Adoption Ministry is located in our archdiocese in Kansas City, Kansas and is a ministry of the Congregation of St Joseph.

TRANSLATION IN SPANISH — LEAVEN ARTICLES With the kind assistance of Judith Breton, The Leaven has translated and reformatted two of its recent stories that might be of interest to parishioners of yours who read only Spanish. Feel free to use them as bulletin inserts or handouts at your Spanish Masses.

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