

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 26, 2017

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Feb 28	06:00 pm	SL	Merlin Fink †
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 pm.</i>				
WED	Mar 1	06:30 am	SL	Judy Steve †
	Mar 1	04:45 pm	SVJ	Floyd & Ruth Schmania †
THUR	Mar 2	09:30 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Mar 3	07:30 am	SJ	Mike Heintzelman †
SAT	Mar 4	05:00 pm	SJ	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SUN	Mar 5	09:00 am	SL	Deceased Members of the Nick & Elizabeth Wagner Family †

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, 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 – March 4th and 5th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS
SAT	SJ	05:00 pm	Carol Kroll, Robert Jardon & Tracy Heim	Kris Beying	Claire Heim and family	Tm 1
SUN	SL	09:00 am	Ted & Dawn Staver, Justin Green	Rita Oatney	Alahana and Martin and family	Tm 4

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1,922 and last week's on-line collection was \$155. Thank you for your generosity. Visit our website OR Facebook page to click on the link to donate on-line!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE: March 1st, 6:30 am at St. Lawrence and 4:45 pm at St. Joseph of the Valley. Please join us!

THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED! If you had your picture taken for the directory, you will find your directory in an envelope marked with your family name. If you did not have your picture taken, we did purchase additional directories for each family in the parish and they are next to the envelopes. PLEASE only take 1 directory per family. If people take more than 1, there won't be enough for each parish family. Thanks for your help and enjoy your new directory!

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. So far, we have reached 84% 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!

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.

BREAKFAST: Please join us for the First of the month and Confirmation Reception Breakfast on Sunday March 5th at St. Lawrence Hall after the 9 A. M. Mass. Let's congratulate all who are being confirmed on Feb. 28th.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

TRUST ONE GREATER – All Young Adults Welcome! Gather with Archbishop Naumann for an evening of prayer and fellowship. He will celebrate Mass at 9pm, which will be followed by a social. On Feb. 28th at St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center – Chapel at 7:30 – Adoration and 9:00pm – Mass followed by fellowship

COME TO CONFESSION - Pope Francis once said, "Confession is the sacrament of the tenderness of God. It is His way of embracing us." During Lent, confession will be available in the churches throughout the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas on **Wednesdays** from 6-7 pm. Experience God's embrace. Come to Confession.

SCHOOL OF LOVE "DATE NIGHT" We start your date with a happy hour, appetizers, and a brief talk on faith, marriage, family. You finish your date at home or on the town. Join us on the Plaza at Classic Cup (Cellar) on Thurs, **Mar 2nd** at 6:30-7:30pm to kick-off your Date Night! Date Night is a School of Love event. Check it out online: www.schooloflovekc.com/date-night. Free.

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 For reservations - 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.

"MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION" will have 3 Dynamic Speakers, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Breakfast and Lunch. It's for young men ages 12 and older, **March 4th** from 6:30A.M. to 3:30 P.M. at Church of the Ascension, 9510 W. 127th St, Overland Park, Ks. Registration begins at 6:30 A.M. Registration Forms are available in the back of each church.

BLOOD DRIVE: March 6th, 3-6:30 pm, St. Lawrence Hall. Please help us and give the life-giving gift!

RUNNIN' REVS GAME All are invited to the Runnin' Revs vs. All Stars basketball game played at Bishop Miege High School on **March 6th** at 7:00pm. The Revs are priests and seminarians who will take on 8th grade and high school youth from our Catholic schools in this exciting game of basketball. Bring family and friends to enjoy the fun which benefits our seminarians. There will be a silent auction which includes a Kelvin Herrera autographed baseball, spots in Camp Tekakwitha and the Mike Sweeney Baseball Camp, and Royals tickets. There is no charge but donations are greatly appreciated.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP ON UNDERSTANDING THOSE WITH SEXUAL BROKENNESS: Please join us on **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:	
Summer Employment for College Students – Totus Tuus	
Other Announcements:	
Workshop – Vocation Ministries	TEC weekend
"Every day In Love"	St. John's Bible
Marriage Workshop	–Benedictine College
3rd Annual Living in Truth - Kansas City Catholic Women's Conference	Camp Tekakwitha Women's Retreat: Abundant Love
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)

TOTUS TUUS RECRUITMENT: Looking for a summer job? Want to share our Catholic faith with youth? Totus Tuus is for you! Totus Tuus means totally yours. It's the papal motto of St. John Paul II, who chose it as a means of doing all things for Christ through Mary. Today, Totus Tuus teachers throughout the US both preach and live that message. The archdiocese of Kansas City is seeking college age students to share our faith with thousands of children and their families this summer. The program runs from May 28th to July 28th, with 4th of July week off. Pay is a few hundred dollars a week, plus meals and a place to sleep. It will be hard, you will be stretched, and it will be rewarding, both now and for eternity! Contact the Office of Evangelization for questions: 913.647.0352 For more information and to apply, visit totustuuskck.com, or call/email the coordinator. Fr. Daniel Schmitz, 213 E 5th St, Frankfort, KS 66427, 785.251.3497, dschmitz@archkck.org.

WORKSHOP – VOCATION MINISTRIES The Archbishop wants to build a culture of vocations by establishing vocation ministries in our parishes and Catholic schools. Each parish and/or school is asked to send 2 – 6 representatives to a FREE workshop on Friday evening, **March 10**, from 6-9pm. Author Rhonda Gruenewald will be at Savior Pastoral Center to equip interested parishioners so they can promote and nurture vocations by starting or reviving a vocation ministry in their parish. This workshop has been given throughout the country and is based on her book, Hundredfold. Rhonda is a lively speaker who will share her passion for building this ministry and many ideas for activities. Please let your pastor know if you are interested in attending. Register at www.archkck.org or by calling 913-647-0303.

“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

TEC WEEKEND: Come join us on **March 11-13** for TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekend at Prairie Star Ranch. This retreat explores the Paschal Mystery through a series of talks, reflections and reconciliation. Cost is \$110.00 per person. To register and for more information visit: <https://www.archkck.org/TeensEncounterChrist>

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.livingintruthkcc.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.wmme4youandme.org or Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.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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