

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

**Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 25, 2017**

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Jun 27	06:00 pm	STL	Stephen Gast†
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 pm.</i>				
WED	Jun 28	06:30 am	STL	Tony Wagner†
THUR	Jun 29	09:30 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Jun 30	07:30 am	SVJ	Merlin Fink†
FRI	Jun 30	06:00 pm	STL	Donald & Mary Gwartney (Anniversary Mass)
SAT	Jul 1	05:00 pm	SVJ	Parishioners of SJV-STL
SUN	Jul 2	09:00 am	STL	Thomas J. Herken†

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 8Flack, 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, Phillip Leon, Kelly Long, Matt Massoth, Mary Meinert, Jeni Mettelstedt, Kay Nocktonick, Adam Pineau, Mary M. Ruhlman, Lucca Sachse, Irene Schmidling, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Julie Simonis, Gary Stafford, Merlin Wagner, and Nick Yuska.

Prayer List for Our Soldiers: ARMY: 2LT Daniel Broaddus, 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, AB Noah Tattershall. NAVY: ADDA Jason P. Herken, YN2-SS Kevin Lansing. MARINES: PFC Blake Hadley.

Prayer for Vocations: Brother Seelos (Tyler Lunsford).

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – July 1st and 2nd

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS
SAT	SVJ	5:00 pm	Rita Herken, Carol Kroll, Robert Jardon	Vince Eimer	Mr. and Mrs. Brian Beying	Tm 5
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Sue Griffiee, Shirley Navinsky & Sharon Wagner	Mary Ray	Mr. and Mrs. Tim Herken	Tm 2

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received Regular Collection - \$1605, and \$20 Utilities, 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!

SUMMER COOKOUT immediately after mass, Saturday, **June 24th**, at Bertels Hall. The Parish Council will be grilling hot dogs and have salads, cookies and drinks. Everyone is welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes to Pete and Mary Gwartney as they celebrate 75 years of marriage on **June 30th**. If you would like to send them cards of best wishes, you may send cards to them at the address listed in the parish directory (for Donald and Mary Gwartney).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: We are in need of new volunteers! Maybe you need more information or maybe you're ready to volunteer; Email volunteer@sjlsparish.org to get started or to request more information about the Sacristan duties, the Altar Society or to help with our Religious Education program. No experience necessary. Our parish relies on YOU.

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!

PROJECT GARDEN: If any parishioner has extra garden produce to donate to the churches serving meals in Leavenworth, please contact Judy Brose at 913-683-4304 or brosej2002@yahoo.com.

LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE for **July 6**-Elizabeth Hunt, Chairman, Mary Wagner, Rita Herken and Anne Felzke. Please prepare for 15 people at 7 PM

SUMMERFEST 2017 -Mark your calendar for **Aug. 5th**! Plans are underway for a fun filled evening of activities and great food. If you would like to assist with planning this event please contact Sharon Wagner. We are currently soliciting raffle ticket prizes. Please contact Sharon Wagner *no later than June 19th* if you have an item you would like to donate.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

CORPUS CHRISTI ANNUAL PARISH SOCIAL (MOONEY CREEK): **June 25th**. Mass at 10 am with social following. Pulled pork, hot dogs, tableware and drinks provided. Enjoy refreshments outside with horseshoes, bingo, raffle and a bounce house for the kids. Everyone is invited! Please join us!

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE ~ A Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change. Serving the Widowed, Separated and Divorced; who are suffering the loss of a love relationship and may feel left out by their church, uneasy around married friends, unsure of themselves and uncertain about their futures. Helps grieving persons deal with the natural grief process. The next Beginning Experience Weekend is **July 7-9**, at Savior Pastoral Center, Kansas City, KS. For more information visit: www.beginningexperiencekc.org, email: register.bekc@gmail.com, or contact Lori 913-980-7966.

“EVERY DAY IN LOVE” MARRIAGE WORKSHOP: Do you need a common sense approach to inviting more joy into your marriage? Every Day 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, **July 8** at Sacred Heart in Sabetha.

Time: 9am- Noon. Cost: \$25 /couple per session. This empowering series (July 8, 15, 22, and 29) is a featured enrichment offering of the Joyful Marriage Project. Register and see more details at www.archkck.org/everyday. Questions: email Brad, bdupont@archkck.org

TOTUS TUUS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: The Totus Tuus Teams will offer an adapted Totus Tuus program for people with special needs beginning **July 24th to the 27th** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish in Overland Park. This Totus Tuus program is for persons ages 6 to adult with and intellectual/developmental disabilities. Fee is \$30 per person or \$50 per family. Registration deadline is July 1st. Volunteers are also needed for the program. For more information or to register, please contact Tom Racunas in the Office of Special Needs Ministry by email at tracunas@archkck.org or call 913.647.3054 or 316.305.7487.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER MARRIED COUPLES: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Springtime. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is – sign up now! The next Weekend in Kansas City is **July 28-30**. For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wmme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

JOB OPENINGS AT THE ARCHDIOCESE: The Chancery Office currently has several openings including: Respite Care Program Coordinator and Deposit and Loan/GL Accountant. Various positions throughout the Archdiocese are also posted. Please visit www.archkck.org/jobs for more information

PRAYER AND ACTION ARE NECESSARY TO KEEP OUR FIRST FREEDOM FIRST: When Pope Benedict visited the United States in 2008, he asked the U.S. bishops a question: “Is it consistent to profess our beliefs in church on Sunday, and then during the week to promote business practices or medical procedures contrary to those beliefs? The Holy Father then answered his own question: “...Any tendency to treat religion as a private matter must be resisted. Only when their faith permeates every aspect of their lives do Christians become truly open to the transforming power of the Gospel.” Federal law has long been generous in protecting the rights of individuals and institutions to not to act against their religious beliefs or moral convictions. Is that now changing? Are we entering a time when the federal government may now force the Church—consisting of its faithful and all but a few of its institutions—to act against Church teachings? To learn more visit www.archkck.org/fortnight.

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:

Other Announcements:	
Summer Tour Dates 8/12 & 8/13	June 2018 Pilgrimage To The Holy Land And Rome
Christian Men's Retreat-11/18	
Adult Art Fair-Fall 2017	Reporting Suspected Abuse
Adoptive Parents Needed!!!	Survivor Support Groups
Joyful Marriage Project:	Project Rachel
Sacramental Preparation For People With Developmental Disabilities	
Marriage Minute	
Volunteers Needed To Teach Financial Literacy Classes And To Conduct Nutrition Education Sessions	

Bulletin Items: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email Sisparish@gmail.com. Mass intentions may be scheduled with Kim as well. MUST SUBMIT BY 9 pm TUES FOR INCLUSION.

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ADULT ART EXHIBIT FALL 2017: The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas and the Catholic Fine Arts Council are pleased to present the first annual Regional Christian Arts Competition and Exhibition. For more information or to submit an entry, please visit www.catholicfinearts.org/entry. Questions? Call Leslie Knop at (913) 647-0326 or email her at lknop@archkck.org. Important Dates: **Entry Deadline: August 1, 2017**; Notification Sent By: August 15, 2017; Opening/Prize Reception: October 17, 2017

SUMMER TOUR DATES! Mark your calendars for the Summer Tour Events coming your way in August! Your entire family is invited to the youth rallies in Horton and Scipio, and the mini-retreat in Seneca is a welcome renewal for adults ages 18-100! For more info, contact ruralyouth@archkck.org or (785) 221-2644. Adult Mini-Retreat & luncheon K of C, Seneca, **Aug. 12** 10 am - 1 pm (\$15/person; reservations requested), Youth-focused Family Rallies Food, games, prizes & mass at 6:00 (\$10/person; \$25 max per family) St. Boniface, Scipio, **Aug. 13** 3-7pm Horton Fairgrounds, 8/20 3-7pm

SAVE THE DATE- CHRISTIAN MEN'S RETREAT: The Southern Region Christian Men's Group will host the 8th annual Christian Men's retreat on **Nov. 18th** at Sacred Heart School in Ottawa from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year's theme is The Father knows Best. We anticipate having three presenters, reconciliation and lunch. Free will offering at the door. Contact Les Wuertz at 785-835-6298 or leswuertz@live.com for details

JUNE 2018 PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND ROME. Father Bill McEvoy, with Trinity Travel of Lenexa, are planning a special journey to the land where Jesus walked, and to the holy city of Saints Peter and Paul. Dates: depart US **June 7th** and return **June 19th, 2018**. For more information, please email Father Bill: Fr.Wm.McEvoy@gmail.com

SUSPECTED ABUSE – Any person who has reason to believe that a child is being abused or neglected should make a confidential report to the Kansas Department for Children and Families Protection Report Center at 1-800-922-5330. If you believe a child is in immediate danger, call 911 or local law enforcement. In addition to making a report to the proper civil authorities, if your allegation, suspicion or concern involves a church volunteer, employee or member of the clergy or religious, please make a report to the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. You may make a report directly to the Report Investigator, Jan Saylor, by calling the Confidential Report Line at 913-647-3051 or by submitting an online report at <http://www.archkck.org/reportabuse>.

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 913-2995222 or go to their web site at www.CatholicAdoptionMinistry.org. Please spread this good news!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH FINANCIAL LITERACY CLASSES AND TO CONDUCT NUTRITION EDUCATION SESSIONS Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas' Emergency Assistance Center in Leavenworth needs your help! We are seeking weekly volunteers to teach Financial Literacy classes to those we serve and conduct Nutrition Education sessions in our food pantry. Flexible hours and days available, but must be during business hours. For additional information, contact Michelle Carlstedt at 913.433.2080 or mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org or Jackie Masoner at 913.651.8060 or jmasoner@catholiccharitiesks.org

SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUP(S): The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is interested in forming a Catholic peer support group for survivors of sexual assault or abuse, especially by anyone representing the Church. The aim of the support group(s) is to assist with the ongoing journey of healing and hope through the power and mercy of Jesus Christ and His Church. If you or someone you know would benefit from a peer support network, please contact our Healing Assistance Coordinator, Laura Enders, LMSW at 913-298-9244 or at lenders@archkck.org. Confidentiality of all communication is assured. Please pray for healing for all of our brothers and sisters who are hurting.

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.

PROJECT RACHEL: Want to help someone heal from an abortion? Join our Prayer Warriors for Project Rachel. Simply send your email to 3irishlads@gmail.com to be part of our Prayer Warrior list. You will only receive a few Prayer Warrior requests per month. Please know that all email addresses are kept confidential and are never published or shared. No one knows who is on the distribution list.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES The Special Needs Ministry of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas in collaboration with the leadership team of iCare of Northeast Kansas are seeking parishioners with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who have not received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Once we have an idea of the need, we would like to begin to arrange sacramental preparation through several catechetical models. Please make referrals to Tom Racunas in the Office of the Special Needs Ministry at tracunas@archkck.org or call 913.647.3054.

MARRIAGE MINUTE: Have you ever felt misunderstood by your spouse? In this week's reading, the Prophet Jeremiah understands your pain. His cry to God is answered with recognition of his suffering and promise of God's presence during the trial. This is true for us as well, but there are also some practical steps we can take to come back together with our spouse:
- Pray to see the situation from your spouse's point of view.
- Clarify and make sure you are communicating what you intend.
- Focus on the value behind your different views instead of any one behavior.
- Learn the "dialogue" technique for writing about and sharing feelings.
Go deeper with these ideas by attending a marriage enrichment! Book yours at www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com.

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