

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sep. 10, 2017

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Sep 12	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJV-STL
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 pm.</i>				
WED	Sep 13	06:30 am	STL	Tony Wagner†
THUR	Sep 14	09:30 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Sep 15	07:30 am	SJV	Mike Heintzelman†
SAT	Sep 16	05:00 pm	SJV	Kathleen Schmader†
SUN	Sep 17	09:00 am	STL	Mary Gwartney†

Please pray for the sick, especially: Phil Bell, Doris Blockburger, Ellen Boudreaux, Joe Brose, Carl Davidson, Georgia Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Vince Eimer, Marty Eisler, Tom 8Flack, Tina Gaspard, Ronnie Gast, Pete Gwartney, Alan Halstead, Marly Heim, Frank Heintzelman, Jim Heintzelman, Lydia Heintzelman, Nancy Heintzelman, Melanie Herken, Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, Mark Hund, Arlene Jennings, Michael Jones, Margie Kramer, Phillip Leon, Kelly Long, Mary Meinert, Jeni Mettelstedt, Kay Nocktonick, Adam Pineau, Mary M. Ruhlman, 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 – Sept. 16th and 17th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Vince Eimer, Rita Herken, Ted Staver	Rita Herken	Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Gould	Tm 4
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Shirley Navinsky, Jennifer Roggenkamp, Geri Wilburn	Jennifer Roggenkamp	Mr. and Mrs. Bart Erzen	Tm 1

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1882 for the weekly collection, \$323.50 for Catholic University; and \$174 for Utilities and last week's on-line collection of \$130. Thank you for your generosity. Visit our website OR Facebook page to click on the link to donate on-line!

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.

ARMY OF CHRIST will meet on **Sept. 10th** and **Sept. 24th** after Mass at St. Lawrence Hall.

RELIEF FOR HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS: Contributions to relief efforts for Hurricane Harvey victims may be made directly to Catholic Charities USA online at catholiccharitiesusa.org; by calling (800) 919-9338; or by texting CCUSADISASTER to 71777 to donate to the relief effort.

PLEASE BE SURE TO JOIN US on **Oct. 8th**, Sunday Morning Mass to welcome Archbishop Naumann to our parish! He would like to be able to visit with our parishioners after Mass, so we are planning a Potluck Brunch. We believe we have the best cooks, so let's share your culinary talents with him. He also would like to visit our youth in the parish. It is a pleasure to have him join us!

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Catholic Community Hospice is looking for volunteers to be with the terminally ill. Volunteers are a valuable part of Catholic Charities and often find that their greatest satisfaction comes from contributing to the well-being of others. If you are that person and would like more information, please contact Bonnie Krause, Volunteer Coordinator 913/433-2020.

“COPING WITH LIFE ALONE” - is a Beginning Experience © grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks, helping those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. Next program begins **Sept. 17**, and will run for 7 consecutive Sundays, at St Patrick Parish, 1357 NE 42nd Terrace, KCMO. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for information and registration. Sessions will be from 2-4pm.

UNFAILING MERCY RETREAT: will be offered **Sept. 23** in Overland Park. Registration is required. CONFIDENTIAL. Free. Come and see how one day can make a difference in healing after abortion. Call Patricia at 913-621-2199 or email projectrachelkc@archkck.org.

PRAIRIE STAR UNDER THE STARS: YOUTH GROUP AND FAMILY WEEKEND on **Sept. 23rd-24th**, Registration paperwork and more information available online! www.archkck.org/ranch -- **785-746-5693** -- psrministry@archkck.org

FAMILY DAY AT PRAIRIE STAR RANCH: Families, friends, and communities are invited to join us on **Sept. 24th** from 9am to 5pm! Opportunities include Horseback Riding, Canoeing, Ropes Activities, and time for prayer. Register online now or contact the Team at Prairie Star Ranch. www.archkck.org/ranch -- 785-746-5693 -- psrministry@archkck.org

BIRTHRIGHT: Want to live your faith and make a difference in someone else's life? Volunteers offer hope, understanding and love to women distressed by pregnancy. We help them evaluate their situation, look at resources and discover how they can give life to their babies. For 31 years

Birthright of Leavenworth, Inc. has been helping women in this area carry their babies to term.

Birthright Information Night: Sept 28 at 7pm, at the Leavenworth Public Library, Jahn Meeting Room, 417 Spruce. This is an introductory meeting for anyone interested in volunteering or who would like to know more about Birthright.

Birthright Volunteer Training Day Sept 30 from 9am to 4pm at the Birthright Center, 221-A Delaware; Leavenworth. This is training for anyone interested in volunteering at the Birthright center. Our volunteers give approximately 3 hours/week or every other week.

Both meetings are required for volunteering. If you have questions or to register for training, please call Margaret McNamee 913-991- 7660, or the Birthright center 913-682- 2700.

CREATING FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR A LOVED ONE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Financial advisors Christy Anderson and Kacy Steitz (mother of a child with disabilities), will share their knowledge regarding: • Establishing a Special Needs Trust • The Achieving Better Life Experiences Act of 2013, **Sept. 14th**, 6:30 p.m.to 8:00 p.m. at Church of the Nativity, St. Joseph's Room, 3800 West 119th St., Leawood, Kansas 66209 OR **Sept.20**, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Social Room, 9150 Pflumm Road, Lenexa, Kansas 66215. Hosted by The Special Needs Ministry of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. Questions: Contact Tom Racunas, Lead Consultant, Special Needs Ministry 913.647.3054 or tracunas@archkck.org

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: The entire community is invited! All of God's creatures are welcome! Please be sure they are leashed, in carriers, and other animals are safely secured. St. Patrick Church, 19384 234th Road, Atchison KS (south of Atchison, with about 10 acres for trailer parking available -(gather at the south west side of church) on **Oct. 1st**, 2 pm for gathering of animals & owners for a group blessing, followed by individual blessings for all other animals by Father Jeremy. The Blessing of Animals originated in the thirteenth century in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment, who believed that all animals should be treated with dignity and respect. For more information call 913-367-1055.

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.

Saddle Clubs, 9/16-10/14	Respite Care, 9/30
Beatification of Fr. Stanley Rother, 9/22-23	His Own: A Retreat for Women, 10/7
Irish Road Bowling Event, 10/7	“Living in Love” Retreat, 10/7-8
Mass of Innocents: 10/1	Natural Family Planning, 10/14
Calling All Young Adults! 1/18-21	Gaudeamus Event, 10/21
Retrouvaille: 10/27	Life Runners: 11/11-12
Worldwide Marriage Encounter: 11/12-14	Job Opening: Part-Time Administrative Assistant
Christian Men's Retreat: 11/18	Marriage Minute

Bulletin Items: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email Sjslparish@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)

SADDLE CLUBS: Join our Spring and Fall Clubs! Bring your boots and your bibles, as we delve into the beauty of Christian discipleship on horseback. Offered twice a year in the spring and fall, Saddle Club meetings introduce members to various aspects of Christian thought and horse ownership through demonstrations, unmounted lessons, barn projects, and riding time each week. Saddle Club is open to ages 9-18 and runs on Saturdays from **Sept. 16th to Oct. 14th**. Limited spots are available! Register today at www.archkck.org/ranch or contact the Retreat Team at psrministry@archkck.org; 785-746-5693 Where: Prairie Star Ranch, 1124 California Road, Williamsburg KS 66095,

BEATIFICATION OF FR. STANLEY ROTHER – You are invited! Join Abbot James Albers and Fr. Meinrad Miller for the beatification of Servant of God Fr. Stanley Rother in Oklahoma City on **Sept. 22-23**. Contact Trinity Travel at 913-422-4141 for details and to book travel. The cost is just \$230 per traveler.

RESPITE CARE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
Special Needs Ministry Respite Care Program, Saturday, **Sept. 30**, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Holy Cross Catholic School, 8101 West 95th Street, Overland Park. Respite Care provides the gift of time away from caregiving for families who have a child with a disability. The program is designed for children between the ages of 6 and 18. For exceptions to the age range, please contact Tom Racunas at 913.647.3054 or by email at tracunas@archkck.org. *Volunteers are needed* to be a respite buddy to a child with a disability. To register a child for the program or to volunteer please, go to www.archkck.org/special-needs and complete the on-line form

MASS OF INNOCENTS: Have you or someone you know lost a child or loved one during pregnancy or in early infancy? If so, Archbishop Naumann invites you to commemorate this loss at this Mass on Sunday, **Oct 1**, at 12:30pm at Holy Spirit Parish in Overland Park, KS. This annual Mass gives parents, grandparents, siblings, or other loved ones the opportunity to receive consolation whether the loss was recent or many years ago. For questions or more info, contact Brad DuPont at bdupont@archkck.org, 913.647.0301, or www.archkck.org/family.

IRISH ROAD BOWLING EVENT - Wyandotte County Park Bonner Springs, Kansas **Oct. 7TH** First team throws at 10 a.m. The Father Donnelly Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians is hosting its Fall 2017 fund raising event. Teams of four complete a winding, 1.5-mile course through beautiful Wyandotte County Park. Proceeds benefit S.A.F.E. (Surviving Spouse and Family Endowment) supporting the families of fallen police and firefighters; The Duchesne Clinic providing for the medical needs of the poor in Kansas City, Kansas; and many other Hibernian charities. Suggested donation entry fees are \$120 per team. VISITORS WELCOME! Bring your lawn chairs! For more information, and to register on line go to: www.ksroadbowling.com.

“LIVING IN LOVE” RETREAT: Sign up now for the next “Living in Love” retreat held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Shawnee, **Oct. 7-8**. Register online at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information.

“HIS OWN”, A RETREAT FOR WOMEN: Celebrate Your Femininity with His Own! In a world where women are exploited, misused, and misguided, we desire that our music and ministry will inspire women to come before the Lord as they are, to encounter His unique love for them, and to be reminded of the eternal measure of their feminine dignity and worth. His Own! will be at Mother Teresa Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th Street, Topeka, KS on Saturday, **Oct. 7**. The day begins at 7:30 am with coffee and check-in; the rosary at 8:30 am; 9:00 – noon: music, testimonies and talk. Lunch is provided. After lunch we will have adoration w/music and the final talk at 2:30 pm; all parish Mass at 4:00 pm. There is no cost for this retreat, but a free-will offering will be accepted. In order to get a head count for lunch, please register online at: www.mtcctopeka.org by Friday, **Sept. 29th**.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING- “Prescription for a Long and Happy Life” with Dr. Laurie Heap: This introduction to NFP takes an intellectually honest look at the medical benefits of natural fertility management systems and how they enhance the married relationship. Our next event is **Saturday, Oct 14** from 1:30-5pm at Holy Trinity in Lenexa. Light appetizers and drinks will be served. If you are engaged, this fulfills your Archdiocesan requirement for NFP introduction in Marriage Preparation. For more info, contact Brad DuPont in the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life at bdupont@archkck.org or 913.647.0301. To register or to see future dates, go to www.archkck.org/prescription (\$50/couple)

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS! Join us for a trip to Washington D.C. **Jan. 18-21st**! See the sites in D.C. Meet other young adults from Kansas City, and be a part of the National March for Life. For anyone ages 21-35 Cost \$550 Includes roundtrip FLIGHT, Lodging at a hotel, and Dinner with Archbishop Naumann. **Sign up by Oct 15th** at www.archkck.org/prolife-events Final Payment due November 1st. Questions? Contact Alli Donohue at adonohue@archkck.org or 913.647.0350

GAUDEAMUS EVENT: The Catholic Education Foundation’s annual Gaudemus (“Let Us Rejoice”) awards dinner will be **Oct. 21st** at the Overland Park Convention Center. During this celebration of Catholic education in the Archdiocese, CEF will present the Michael & Patty Morrissey Angels Among Us Award to longtime volunteers Stan & Suzan Cramer and a Special Community Service Award to Channel 41 Action News. In addition, Resurrection Catholic School at the Cathedral in Kansas City, KS will receive the 2017 Archbishop Joseph Naumann CEF School of Excellence Award. The drumline from Mater Dei Catholic School in Topeka and a student choir from Holy Trinity Catholic School in Lenexa will provide

entertainment during the event. All proceeds from this event go to scholarships for children living in poverty to attend Archdiocesan schools. For more information, visit www.cefks.org/events or contact Janet Rethman at (913) 721-1574.

RETRouvaille: Announcing an upcoming WEEKEND FOR COUPLES **Oct. 27th** Kansas City. Is your marriage going down the right road or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For More Information, Contact Registration Team: Tracy & Paul (800) 470-2230 Or Visit Our Website: helpourmarriage.com

LIFE RUNNERS: Are you a runner? Join LIFE Runners from the Kansas City area along with Pro Life Consultant Alli Donohue and Father Adam Wilczak for this year’s Marathon, ½ Marathon, and 5K! **Nov. 11-12th**. We will be flying out to Pensacola’s Marathon to make a stand for LIFE. We will meet up with teammates from across the country! Visit www.archkck.org/prolife-events for more information and to register!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A Marriage Encounter Weekend is one simple way to step outside day-to-day life and give couples an ideal way to show one another that their marriage is as important to them today as it was on the day it began. Join us on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend **Nov.12-14**. Space IS limited, so apply early! For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wwme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

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

JOB OPENING WITH THE JUSTICE, LIFE, AND ADVOCACY TEAM
Help Wanted: Part-Time Administrative Assistant

Are you an administrative expert who still wants time for family? The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant for the Justice, Life and Advocacy team. Job entails working 20 hours per week with some flexibility in the schedule. This position provides administrative support to three consultants working to promote the social mission of the Church. The position requires high school diploma with prior administrative experience preferred. The ideal candidate will possess exceptional communications skills, both written and verbal; and proficiency with Microsoft Office programs; graphic design and social media experience preferred. Interested individuals should visit archkck.org/jobs for more details. Applications are due by **Sept. 25th**.

MARRIAGE MINUTE: Do you ever feel alone in your marriage or parenting? In this week’s Gospel, Jesus reassures us that he is present where two gather in his name. In the stress of everyday life, we can feel isolated or disconnected from our spouse or God. One simple thing we can do to recover that connection and overcome the isolation is to simply pray with our spouse for our marriage and our children. Praying together doesn’t guarantee our desired outcome, but it does always:

- Require vulnerability, and therefore bring us closer to our spouse
- Remind us that we have an all-powerful Father who only wants what is best for us
- Open us up to possibilities we did not see before

For tips on praying with your spouse, visit www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

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