

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

*“Two Churches, One Parish”*

**Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus  
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sep. 24, 2017**

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### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Sep 26	06:00 pm	STL	NO MASS
WED	Sep 27	06:30 am	STL	NO MASS
THUR	Sep 28	09:30 am	ENH	NO MASS
FRI	Sep 29	07:30 am	SVJ	NO MASS
SAT	Sep 30	05:00 pm	SVJ	Ernie DeMaranville†
SUN	Oct 1	09:00 am	STL	Merlin Fink†

**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, Tracy Howard, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 30<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS
SAT	SVJ	5:00 pm	Rita Herken, Tracy Heim, and Vickie Welch	Kris Beyer	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hadley	Tm 6
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Ted & Dawn Staver, Rita Oatney	Dawn Staver	Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Coppinger	Tm 3

### OUR PARISH NEWS

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1,972 for the regular collection and \$20 for SJV Cemetery and last week's on-line collection of \$155. Thank you for your generosity. Visit our website OR Facebook page to click on the link to donate on-line!

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no week-day masses this week.

**THANK YOU!** Sister Andrea Kantner of The Sisters of the Holy Eucharist, who spoke to our parish on the weekend of August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> would like to thank the parishioners of St. Joseph-St. Lawrence Parish for their generous donations to her Order's mission work in Brazil.

**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](http://catholiccharitiesusa.org); by calling (800) 919-9338; or by texting CCUSADISASTER to 71777 to donate to the relief effort.

**ARCHBISHOP VISIT:** Archbishop Naumann will be the celebrant and homilist on Sunday, **Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>**. A breakfast will be served by the men of the parish. After breakfast, he will meet with parish leaders to receive an update on how the Parish is implementing the Five Pastoral Priorities for the Archdiocese: Conversion, Evangelization, Catholic Education, Serving Those in Need, and Stewardship. (If you would like to assist with breakfast please contact Jason Nichols.)

**SAVE THE DATE! FALL FEST** -Soup/Chili Dinner and Ham/Turkey BINGO, **Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>**, 4:00pm, at St. Lawrence. More info to come!

**Raffle prizes for the parish Fall Fest are needed.** If you have an item, money towards a prize, or a gift card that you would like to donate please contact Sharon Wagner by Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. Email: [w5cattle@aol.com](mailto:w5cattle@aol.com) or 913-683-4495.

### OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

**PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY FOR THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY'S MIRACLE OF THE SUN APPARITION AT FATIMA.** The United States is in great need of public prayer. We must ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation. Sat. **Oct. 7**, from NOON - 1:30 PM at The Grotto of Our Lady of Carmel next to St. Joseph's Church at 300 Broadway, Leavenworth. Please contact Barb Hagemester 913-651-7721 for more information

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES:** Catholic Engaged Encounter provides a valuable source of marriage preparation for the Archdiocese of KCK. The following are the dates for the weekends for 2018 held at the Savior Pastoral Center: Jan. 19-21, Feb. 16-18, Mar. 16-18, Apr. 13-15, June 29-July 1, July 20-22, Sept. 21-23 and Oct. 19-21. Contact information and registration: Tom & Chris Carroll, 816-966-0947, P.O. Box 480283, Kansas City, MO 64183, [cee.kansascity@gmail.com](mailto:cee.kansascity@gmail.com) or [tck2001@kc.rr.com](http://tck2001@kc.rr.com) Engaged couples who wish to attend should do so ASAP.

**CHRIST'S PEACE:** Archbishop Naumann will be at Christ's Peace on **Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>** to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at noon. Please join us! After Mass, there will be an informal lunch with time to visit with the Archbishop and fellow guests. Tours to the cabins and sights will be available too! If you

are interested, contact us at [info@christspeace.com](mailto:info@christspeace.com) or call us at 913-773-8255 so that we will know how much food to prepare.

**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 234<sup>th</sup> Road, Atchison KS (south of Atchison, with about 10 acres for trailer parking available -(gather at the south west side of church) on **Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>**, 2 pm for gathering of animals & owners for a group blessing, followed by individual blessings for all other animals by Father Jeremy. For more information call 913-367-1055.

**100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF MILITIA IMMACULATA:** You are invited to the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration **Oct. 7**, with a Holy Rosary and Mass at 9:00 a.m. with our honored guest celebrant: Archbishop Joseph Naumann, followed by a presentation. The day concludes at 4 pm. We hope to see you there. Please email [IMMACULATA8@ATT.NET](mailto:IMMACULATA8@ATT.NET) or go to [CONSECRATION-MIDWEST.ORG](http://CONSECRATION-MIDWEST.ORG) if you are planning to be with us. Registration open at 8:30 a.m. (\$10 at the door). Redemptorist Church, 33rd and Broadway, Kansas City, MO

**FALL FEST 2017:** Sacred Heart-St. Casimir Parish, Leavenworth invite you to a Turkey/Ham dinner with all the fixings, **Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>**, 11:30 am to 3:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Adults \$10; Kids \$5. Please join us!

**ANNUAL BAZAAR AND TURKEY DINNER:** Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Tonganoxie, **Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>**, 11 am to 3 pm, Adult \$10; child 6-12 \$5; 5 and under free. Please join us!

**ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR:** St. Aloysius, Meriden, **Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>**, 11:30 am-3 pm, Turkey/Ham and all the fixings, adult \$10, child 5-12 \$5; 4 and under free. Please join us!

**FALL BAZAAR:** St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Perry KS, **Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>**, Turkey or Ham Dinner 11 am to 2:30 pm. Adult meal \$10; child \$4. Please join us!

**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.

- Birthing Training 9/28 & 9/30
- Upcoming Events Through St. Paul Outreach
- Christians In The Middle East Film Event: 9/29
- Respite Care, 9/30
- Mass Of Innocents: 10/1
- Respect Life Month 10/1
- Trust One Greater 10/3
- 2017 Convocation Of Parish Ministries 10/13
- Irish Road Bowling Event, 10/7
- "Living In Love" Retreat, 10/7-8
- His Own: A Retreat For Women, 10/7
- Natural Family Planning, 10/14
- October Project Andrew Dinners: 10/15
- Beginning Experience 10/20-22
- Calling All Young Adults! 1/18-21
- Gaudeamus Event, 10/21
- Retrouvaille: 10/27
- 2017 Red Mass, 11/3
- Life Runners: 11/11-12
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter: 11/12-14
- Christian Men's Retreat: 11/18
- Amazing Parish Conference, 4/25-27
- Job Opportunity – Executive Director
- Discernment "Samuel Group" At
- Marriage Minute

Bulletin Items: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email [Sjslparish@gmail.com](mailto: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)**

**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.

**JOINT COMMENMORATION OF THE REFORMATION:** 500th Anniversary to be celebrated **Sept. 29th**, 7-9 pm, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 416 W. 12th, KC MO. Local churches are invited to reach out to their neighboring Catholic or Lutheran community and form a covenant together committing to a year of reconciliation and collaboration. These covenants will be celebrated ruing the joint commemoration.

**CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST FILM EVENT: Sept. 29th** at 7 pm, St. Luke Byzantine Catholic Church, 11413 Chicago St., Sugar Creek, Missouri. Award-winning 50 minute documentary with Q & A following. Moderated by Bill Scholl, Consultant for the Archdiocesan Office for Social Justice. No charge. Contact: Kathryn (816) 520-4966 [mideastfilm@yahoo.com](mailto:mideastfilm@yahoo.com) . Donations of school supplies for refugees welcome.

**UPCOMING EVENTS THROUGH ST. PAUL OUTREACH – Kansas City Young Adults – Fall/Winter 2017 Schedule**

The community of Saint Paul's Outreach continues to host gatherings and formation opportunities throughout the year. Join other Catholic young adults in Kansas City forming lifelong disciples.

• **Monday Night Taco Dinners:** Low-key dinners **every Monday** with free food and games from 6-9pm. Every first Monday of the month, taco dinners move to a location in south Overland Park.

• **Men's Groups and Women's Groups:** Occur **every other Wednesday**. Explore the adventure of masculinity and femininity. For more details on meeting location and times, email: [spokansascity@spo.org](mailto:spokansascity@spo.org) . The Women's small groups have started and walk-ins are welcome. The Men's Night small groups kickoff will be on Wednesday, **Sept. 20th** from 7:00-9:00pm.

• **City-Wide Worship Nights:** Begin Thursday, **Sept. 28th**. These occur every second and fourth Thursday of the month @7:00pm. Address: 3220 W 53rd Street, Roeland Park, KS at the old Saint Agnes convent; parking in back lot. College students and young adults are welcome at this event.

For more information on locations and times, please visit: [spokansascity.org](http://spokansascity.org) or email us at [spokansascity@spo.org](mailto:spokansascity@spo.org) Saint Paul's Outreach is a Catholic ministry that recruits, trains, and financially supports young men and women to become missionaries in the Kansas City area to our local young adults and college students. They currently have chapters at Johnson County Community College, UMKC, Benedictine College, and among post-college young professionals in the five-county metro (SPO also serves at Donnelly College and Emporia State). Last year, over 1500 local young adults were reached out to by Saint Paul's Outreach missionaries. They are supported by both local dioceses and are experiencing dramatic growth.

**RESPIRE 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:bdupont@archkck.org), 913.647.0301, or [www.archkck.org/family](http://www.archkck.org/family).

**RESPECT LIFE MONTH:** Join us for our first annual Respect LIFE Month Kick Off Mass! **Oct. 1st** 5:00PM St. Michael the Archangel 1451 Nall Ave. We will be celebrating life and those who promote it in our community! Archbishop Naumann will be presiding. A light reception will follow with the 8th Grade Essay winners and LIFE awards! We hope you can join us! Questions Contact Alli in the Pro-Life Office [adonohue@archkck.org](mailto:adonohue@archkck.org)

**TRUST ONE GREATER** All young adults are invited to Trust One Greater, on **Oct. 3rd** from 7:00 to 9:00pm, at Church of the Ascension (9510 W. 127th St., Overland Park, KS 66213). It's a great opportunity to come together for prayer, adoration, and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, or want to know more, call Emily Lopez at 913.647.0323.

**IRISH ROAD BOWLING EVENT - Wyandotte County Park Bonner Springs, Kansas Oct. 7<sup>TH</sup>** 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.mtcctopeka.org) by Friday, **Sept. 29th**.

**2017 CONVOCATION OF PARISH MINISTRIES, “Living as Missionary Disciples”, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>**, 9 am to 3 pm, includes Mass with Archbishop Naumann at 11 am. There is no cost to attend and a plated lunch will be provided. Registration is open at <https://www.archkck.org/convocation>

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING-** 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. For more info, contact Brad DuPont in the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life at [bdupont@archkck.org](mailto:bdupont@archkck.org) or 913.647.0301. To register or to see future dates, go to [www.archkck.org/prescription](http://www.archkck.org/prescription) (\$50/couple)

**OCTOBER PROJECT ANDREW DINNERS :** Project Andrew: A Vocation Evening for Young Men, Archbishop Naumann is hosting two free, inspirational vocation evenings for single men who are at least sophomores in high school - or in college or the workplace. Learn how to discover Christ's desire for your life which will give you the greatest peace and fulfillment. Meet inspiring priests, pray Vespers with Archbishop Naumann, ask questions, and enjoy a great dinner. Parents are invited for their own informative session. Choose either date: Sunday, **Oct. 15:** 4 – 7pm at Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Topeka Sunday, **Oct. 22:** 2 – 5pm at Holy Cross School, Overland Park To register email [vocation@archkck.org](mailto:vocation@archkck.org), call 913-647-0303, or contact your pastor.

**CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS!** Join us for a trip to Washington D.C. **Jan. 18-21<sup>st</sup>**! 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](http://www.archkck.org/prolife-events_Final) Payment due November 1<sup>st</sup>. Questions? Contact Alli Donohue at [adonohue@archkck.org](mailto:adonohue@archkck.org) or 913.647.0350

**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 focus on their experience, deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth emerging from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning. The next Beginning Experience Weekend is **Oct. 20-22** at Sanctuary of Hope, Kansas City, KS. For more information visit: [www.beginningexperiencekc.org](http://www.beginningexperiencekc.org) , email: [register.bekc@gmail.com](mailto:register.bekc@gmail.com) , or contact Lori 913-980-7966.

**GAUDEAMUS EVENT:** The Catholic Education Foundation's annual Gaudeamus (“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.cefsks.org/events](http://www.cefsks.org/events) or contact Janet Rethman at (913) 721-1574.

**RETROUVAILLE:** Announcing an upcoming WEEKEND FOR COUPLES **Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://helpourmarriage.com)

**2017 RED MASS:** The Catholic Lawyers Guild and the Catholic Bar Association are proud to announce the 2017 Red Mass and Keynote Dinner, **Nov. 3**, at 5:30pm Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows, 2552 Gillham Rd. KCMO, with guest homilist Archbishop William Lori, Archdiocese of Baltimore. 7pm Keynote Dinner at KC Downtown Marriott, 200 W. 12th, KCMO (registration for dinner required). The Red Mass and Keynote Dinner (requires

registration) are open to all. The Red Mass is a time for prayer for judges, politicians and all involved in the legal field in our country and the world, and those who influence our laws, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in their work and be filled with the love and mercy of Jesus Christ, that justice be fair and conform to the law of Almighty God, and that the inherent rights of all be protected. Registration: <http://www.catholicbar.org/event-2569305>

**LIFE RUNNERS:** Are you a runner? Join LIFE Runners from the Kansas City area along with Pro Life Consulant Alli Donohue and Father Adam Wilczak for this year's Marathon, ½ Marathon, and 5K! Nov. **11-12<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://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.wmme4youandme.org](http://www.wmme4youandme.org) or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto: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. 18<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:leswuertz@live.com) for details

**AMAZING PARISH CONFERENCE** Registration is now open for our Dallas/Fort Worth conference this coming spring! Parish leadership teams that register by October 6 will save \$250 with the early-bird discount, so register today! Amazing Parish Conference - **April 25-27**, Hilton Anatole Dallas. The Amazing Parish conference is a practical and one-of-a-kind experience for parish leaders. You'll receive first-hand organizational health training from New York Times best-selling author, Patrick Lencioni, and you'll learn from dynamic and engaging presenters. The conference experience is also an opportunity for personal and spiritual renewal with daily Mass, confession and Eucharistic Adoration. Unlike other conferences, an Amazing Parish conference is a workshop-style format so pastors and parish leadership team members can work side-by-side to learn what a parish leadership team looks like, how it operates, and how it can best serve its parishioners. By the end of our time together, you'll have gained knowledge and insight, a clear vision of what leadership can look like at your parish, and how to implement it once you get home. <https://amazingparish.org/amazing-parish-conference-dallas-fort-worth/>

**DISCERNMENT "SAMUEL GROUP" AT KU** for young adults 20 – 30. Do you want to know God's will for your life, rather than be confused or misled? Samuel Group is a discernment program where you are given the tools to know God's will for your life and how to accept His call with peace and joy. The program is open to students or young adults ages 20-30. The group meets one Sunday a month from 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm during the school year at the St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center in Lawrence. The group is run by the Apostles of the Interior life, who specialize in providing spiritual guidance. For more information or to register & pay the nominal fee, please visit our website at [kucatholic.org/samuelgroup](http://kucatholic.org/samuelgroup) .

**JOB OPENING:** Executive Director –The Johnson and Wyandotte Counties Catholic Youth Organization is seeking a faith filled proven leader and administrator to become Executive Director for the pastoral region of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. The Executive Director will also be expected to be a registered and active member of his or her Catholic parish. Additional information is available at [www.archkck.org/jobs](http://www.archkck.org/jobs) . Please send cover letter, resume, and application by **Oct. 2**, to: JWACYO Executive Board, c/o Human Resources, Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, 12615 Parallel Pkwy. Kansas City, KS 66109. Email documents may be sent to [jobs@archkck.org](mailto:jobs@archkck.org).

**MARRIAGE MINUTE:** Are you late to prioritize your marriage? If you have had other priorities in the past and are worried if you are late to understand and embrace a full Catholic vision of marriage, then this week's Gospel offers you great encouragement! Jesus offers the same generous reward to those who come late to serve him. The joy they have missed from delayed service is punishment enough. If you have missed the joy you could have received from living a Catholic vision of marriage, try the following to kick-start your joy.

- Attend a "Living in Love" retreat (next one is Oct 7-8)
- Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend (next one is Nov 10-12)
- Learn more about the Catholic understanding of Marriage ([www.archkck.org/defendingmarriage](http://www.archkck.org/defendingmarriage) )
- Get started with couple prayer ([www.joyfulmarriageproject.com/resources](http://www.joyfulmarriageproject.com/resources))

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