

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Nov. 26 2017

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Nov. 28	06:00 pm	STL	Mass for Hope and Healing <i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.</i>
WED	Nov. 29	06:30 am	STL	Merlin Fink†
THUR	Nov. 30	09:00 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Dec. 1	07:30 am	SJV	Parishioners of SJV-STL
SAT	Dec. 2	05:00 pm	SJV	Ernie DeMaranville†
SUN	Dec. 3	09:00 am	STL	Eugene Wagner†

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, Mike Pursel, Mary M. Ruhlman, Irene Schmidling, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Julie Simonis, Jim (Poly) Sloan, Gary Stafford, Merlin Wagner, and Nick Yuska.

Prayer List for Our Soldiers: ARMY: 2LT Daniel Broaddus, Pvt. David Crook, Lexi (Skaggs) Hargis, 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 – DEC 2nd and 3rd

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Tracy Heim, Vickie Welch, Vince Eimer	Vince Eimer	Sam Funk and family	Tm 5
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Dawn Staver, Susan Griffee, Geri Wilburn	Mary Ray	Ella Coppinger and family	Tm 3

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$3,032 which included \$1,962 for the Regular Collection, \$620 for Utilities, \$100 for Hall Rent, and \$350 for CCHD Special Collection, 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 HELP: We are collecting donations for Catholic Charities. We could use donations of any coats, sweatshirts, and jackets that you no longer need. New gloves, socks and winter hats are also needed. A tote will be in the back of church for these things. Everything will be donated to The Leavenworth Catholic Charities. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bryan and Allison Mulberry on the baptism of their child, Lewis Matthew Mulberry on November 4th.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all who worked so hard to make our annual Fall Fest a success, especially the Altar Society ladies who cooked all week to create such a great variety of soups and chili. The raffle prize winners were: 1/2 beef--John Achord, 1/4 beef--Bev Bradshear, 1/4 beef--Glenn Coffey family, \$200.00 cash--Karla Beying, \$100 Home Depot card--Susie Beying and \$100 Visa Card--Jack Rogers.

HELP US! Help us keep God's house well-kept and long lasting. Many of the pews in our churches are being scratched and marred by decorations and embellishments on the back pockets of jeans. Please try to not wear these jeans to mass, or be careful while sitting while wearing them. Thank you for your help!

FOUND: A pair of red framed glasses in a case was found in the SJV parking lot. Brand is Ted Baker. They are in the back of church.

THANK YOU to the Norma Bromell family for her memorials, part of which was used to purchase holy water fonts for SJV and new pyx.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT! AOC is offering to watch children ages 5 to 11 on SAT, Dec. 2nd from 6-10 pm, so parents can enjoy a night out! Registration Forms are in the back of church. Cost is \$20 for 1 child, \$15 for each additional child. Payment and registration are due by Wednesday Nov. 29th. If you'd like more information, email gwilburn03@sbcglobal.net

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS will attend enkindle retreat at Prairie Star Ranch on Dec. 2nd. Parents need to have permission slips back ASAP. We will meet at 7:00 am at St. Joseph of the Valley to depart.

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 5 pm, there will be a Ladies Night at StL Hall. More information to come!

EXTRA PAROCHIAL COLLECTION – RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS will be held the weekend of Dec 9-10. Please join in promoting a generous response to this annual appeal. Many Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals and parishes – often for little to no pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides

funding for medications, nursing care and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

WANT TO SUPPORT BIRTHRIGHT? If you participate in the Heartland Combined Federal Campaign, you can designate Birthright of Leavenworth, Inc. to receive your donation. Our CFC Organization Code is 75327. Thank you for your support!

CHRIST'S PEACE HOUSE of Prayer's cabins have been enjoyed by many retreatants over the years. Please help us to replace some cabin shingles and repair some termite damage and spruce up our cabins by participating in #GiveCatholic on **Giving Tuesday, Nov. 28th**. You can donate by visiting iGiveCatholic.org on Nov. 28th. Search for our Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas and then Christ's Peace House of Prayer. You may use your credit card to donate. Minimum donations are \$25.00. You can pre-register your donation from Nov. 10 – 26 and your donation will be posted to your credit card on Nov. 28th. Thank you for helping Christ's Peace to continue to be a haven of peace for all who come.

DAY OF ENRICHMENT FOR COUPLE AND FAMILY PRAYER Looking for a great start to your Advent season? The School of Love and the Office of Marriage and Family Life present a day of enrichment for couple and family prayer: **Dec. 2**, at Prince of Peace Parish from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Includes Mass celebrated by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann. For more information or to register: www.archkck.org/coupleandfamilyprayer or call Mary Anne Kierl at 913 647 0345.

RETREAT: Christ's Peace House of Prayer will be having a retreat on "St Therese's Little Way" on **Dec. 16th to Dec. 17th**. Begins at 8:30 and closes with Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer at 3 pm. There will be Mass at the local parish Saturday at 5 pm, and time for reflection, private prayer and walking. Saturday night we will watch the movie, Therese, a biography of the Little Flower. Please contact us at info@christspeace.com or call 913-773-8255.

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.

Scott Hahn Presentation, 12/2/17

“God's Little Green Acre” Seminarian Support

Domestic Violence

Info Night 12/5/17

Blessed Broken & Shared, 12/6 & 7

Night of Recollection 12/7

March for Life, 1/17-21

Ignite Pro Life Youth Rally, 1/22

Support Our Seminarians 1/26/2018

Healing Family Breakdown Workshop 1/27

Gender Matters: Fighting for A New Generation 2/10

Humanae Vitae Symposium (Benedictine) 3/23-24

Day of Reflection 4/21/18

Amazing Parish Conference, 4/25-27

Job Openings at the Archdiocese

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)

SCOTT HAHN PRESENTATION: Saint Agnes Parish in Roeland Park is excited to be hosting Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center at St. Agnes Catholic School Gymnasium on Saturday, **Dec. 2nd**, for a morning discussing the joy of our Catholic faith. The theme is "Joy to the World." Dr. Hahn will discuss the Holy Family and how Jesus' coming changed everything. Don't miss out on this event. Register today! This event will be held in the Gymnasium at: St. Agnes Catholic Church, 5250 Mission Rd, Roeland Park, KS 66205. Come join us for a stimulating morning discussing the joy of the faith. Please register to reserve your ticket for this premiere event. A presentation by the St. Paul Center and invitation to join the mission of the Center will be a part of the morning.

“GOD’S LITTLE GREEN ACRE” SEMINARIAN SUPPORT: You are invited to join Catholics across the Archdiocese in giving thanks for our seminarians and show your support as they study for the priesthood. Farmers can donate the proceeds from one acre of their crops, and those who don't farm but want to “grow” vocations can make a donation in any amount. Donations will be divided among our seminarians this Christmas to help them pay for textbooks and living expenses. They greatly appreciate these gifts since they have no income. For questions call Melanie at 913-647-0303 or email vocation@archkck.org. Mail donations to: Vocation office, 12615 Parallel Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66109.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: A healthy relationship does not include belittling comments, threats, intimidation, social isolation, economic control, pushing or hitting. If you're not sure if you are in an abusive situation, go to archkck.org/domestic-violence. If you or a family member or friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224 (TTY); www.ndvh.org. If you're in immediate danger, call 911.

INFORMATION NIGHT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS Kacy Steitz, financial advisor and mother of a child with disabilities, and Christy Anderson, financial advisor, will share their knowledge regarding how to establish a Special Needs Trust. Tom Treacy, Treasurer for the State of Kansas, will speak about 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. It will be held Tuesday, **Dec. 5**, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Church of the Ascension, 9510 West 127th Street, Overland Park, Kansas hosted by The Special Needs Ministry of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. RVSP to Tom Racunas, Lead Consultant, 913.647.3054 or tracunas@archkck.org

BLESSED BROKEN & SHARED: Calling all Youth Ministers/DRE's/Catechists/Parents/Educators. Talking and dealing with Teens when it comes to transgender and same sex attractions issues can sometimes be difficult, especially in today's world. Come hear Roy Petifils, well known Catholic speaker and professional counselor walk us through those difficult conversations. Roy's ability to provide perspectives for parents, educators and ministers concerning teen issues like life changes, depression, suicide, anxiety, eating disorders, self-harm, LGBTQ issues and more has made him an internationally sought-after presenter. Come join us:

- Wed. **Dec 6th** from 6:00-7:00 pm at Mother Teresa of Calcutta 2014 NW 46th St, Topeka, KS 66618 (session primarily focused on parents)
- Thurs. **Dec 7th** from 11:00 am-1pm at Manny's Mexican Restaurant

207 SW BLVD KCMO 64108 (primarily for ministry workers, lunch provided)
RSVP: <https://goo.gl/forms/a1q9NOGrJd21ARpN2>

NIGHT OF RECOLLECTION: COUPLES, we have the perfect way for you to kick off Advent... together! Need a little time to breathe, to sit, to pray... to recollect? Join us for School of Love's "Night of Recollection". It's how we do our monthly event, Date Night, during Advent. We'll have Adoration, an Advent reflection, Scripture, silence, candles, praise music, Confession, and you and your spouse together...with Jesus. Though December's Date Night looks different, the idea is the same: We start your date... you go out and finish it at home or out on the town. 6:30-7:30pm Thursday, **Dec. 7th** at St. Peter's Church - in Legacy Chapel (63rd & Rockhill, KCMO) More Info at: www.schooloflovekc.com/date-night

MARCH FOR LIFE 2018: Registration is now open for both Archdiocesan sponsored March for Life Pilgrimages, for Youth and for Young Adults. We would love to have you join us! **January 17-21**. Please go to www.archkck.org/march4life to get all the details!

IGNITE PRO LIFE YOUTH RALLY Join us for the first ever YOUTH Pro Life Youth Rally in Topeka KS on **Jan. 22nd!** Join other high school and middle school students from the state of Kansas for live music, a testimony from Melissa Ohden and mass with Archbishop Naumann and Bishop Kemme. For more information and to get tickets visit: www.archkck.org/ignite

SOS “SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS” TICKETS ON SALE How can you support the priesthood and seminarians while having an enjoyable evening? Attend the 25th annual “Support Our Seminarians” benefit dinner at beautiful Union Station. It is Friday, **Jan. 26, 2018**, and will include speakers Archbishop Emeritus James Kelleher, Fr. Jerry Arano-Ponce, and a seminarian. There is a marketplace, delicious Conception baked goods, and wonderful meal. Tickets are \$175 each and can be purchased at www.supportourseminarians.com or by emailing Martha Hodes at

mmmhsos512@gmail.com . Proceeds go to each diocese's seminarian education fund, and to fund scholarships at Conception Seminary College.

“HEALING FAMILY BREAKDOWN” SPIRITUAL WORKSHOP Every family in America has been affected by Family Breakdown. You are not alone. Are you tired of the drama and insecurity and lovelessness, and wonder how you can feel better? Are you heartbroken, wondering what you can do to help your family, including your kids or grandkids? Do you wonder how we got into such a mess and how we can recover? Come to the Ruth Institute's "Healing Family Breakdown" Spiritual Workshop, at Ascension Parish, Saturday, **Jan. 27th** from 9:00am - 12:30pm. Come, regain hope! Put into practice the practical family building virtues of mercy, empathy, and togetherness. Go to <http://www.ruthinstitute.org/events/healing-family-breakdown> for details and registration information.

GENDER MATTERS: FIGHTING FOR A NEW GENERATION: Please join Andrew Comiskey of Desert Stream Ministries at this event on **Feb. 10, 2018** from 9am-4pm at Christ Church Anglican, 5500 W 91st St., Overland Park to discover the compassion and clarity of Jesus towards persons facing gender and sexual identity issues. We want to ignite the Church with a Spirit-filled, truthful hope so that she might shine brightly and clearly in this confusing hour. Cost is \$20 and registration is available online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gendermatters-fighting-for-a-new-generation-registration-35243516306>

HUMANAE VITAE 50 YEARS LATER—A SYMPOSIUM AT BENEDICTINE COLLEGE The theme for the Seventh Annual Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, “*Humanae Vitae* 50 Years Later: A Call to Self-Gift,” is a call to reflect on and analyze the significance of Pope Paul VI's encyclical and subsequent Catholic thought on issues of marriage and family life. While *Humanae Vitae* is most famous for its teaching on the use of contraception, the Symposium hopes to address that issue within the context of the vocation to imitate Christ in making a “sincere gift of self.” To this end we invite proposals from scholars and professionals in all disciplines that address contraception as well as broader questions related to marriage, family, children, and society.

The Symposium is meant to cultivate reflection and dialogue on issues of great urgency to the New Evangelization. Few events in the modern Church have caused as much controversy and division as the publication of *Humanae Vitae*. While many have found its teachings to be a great challenge, many have also found them to be a great blessing. For this reason, we issue a “Call for Abstracts” to scholars and professionals, graduate students, lay leaders, and consecrated religious to give serious reflection upon the teachings of *Humanae Vitae* and the ways in which its teachings are communicated to the contemporary world.

It will be held **March 23-24**. For more information, please visit: <https://www.benedictine.edu/faith-life/symposium/index>

DAY OF REFLECTION: HEALING FROM THE SCANDAL OF ABUSE OF CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND OTHERS IN AUTHORITY WITHIN THE CHURCH The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas cordially invites you to join Teresa Hartnett for a day of reflection, exploring ways to move forward and heal from the scandal of abuse by clergy, religious and others in authority within the Church, Saturday, **April 21, 2018**, 9am to 3pm, Savior Pastoral Center. We encourage all Catholics to attend, including religious sisters and brothers, deacons, priests, lay ministers, as well as any Catholic grappling with the spiritual wounds we share as a Church. All survivors of abuse, their friends and family members will find this information helpful and edifying; anonymity will be protected. Teresa Hartnett is founder of Spirit Fire (SpiritFire.Live) and The Healing Voices Magazine (thehealingvoices.com). Additional information regarding this Day of Reflection will follow.

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/>

MARRIAGE MINUTE- Is Christ the King of your Marriage? Christ manifests his royalty when He offers his greatest sacrifice. As married couples, we are called to emulate this kind of sacrificial love to one another. We do this when we:

- Vulnerably share deeply with our spouse, even though it is difficult
- Willingly try new relationship skills, even if it's not comfortable
- Generously sacrifice time from work or personal hobbies to spend with our spouse
- Humbly apologize, even though we'd rather “win” the argument

We may never physically sacrifice our lives for our spouse as Jesus did for us on the cross. But when we practice small, daily sacrifices for our spouse, we participate in Jesus' cross and therefore his glorious triumph! For more ideas, go to www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

BULLETIN ITEMS: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 or email sislparish@gmail.com. Mass intentions may be scheduled with Kim as well.: