

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
First Sunday of Advent – Dec. 3, 2017

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Dec. 5	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJV-STL
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.</i>				
WED	Dec. 6	06:30 am	STL	Tony Wagner†
THUR	Dec. 7	09:00 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Dec. 8	07:30 am	SJV	Rick Coffey & Mary Coffey
FRI	Dec. 8	07:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJV-STL
SAT	Dec. 9	05:00 pm	SJV	Kathleen Schmader†
SUN	Dec. 10	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, 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 9th and 10th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Vince Eimer, Robert Jardon, Carol Kroll	Kris Beying	Damien Guenther and family	Tm 6
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Jennifer Roggenkamp, Shirley Navinsky, Rita Oatney	7 th Grade	Braxton Navinsky and family	Tm 1

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1823.26 which included \$175 for hall rent, \$20 for utilities; \$197 for special collection, \$20 mass stipend and last week's on-line collection of \$30. Thank you for your generosity. Visit our website OR Facebook page to click on the link to donate on-line!

A GIFT FOR YOU THIS ADVENT: The events of Christmas challenge us all. Christmas arrives with a powerful effect on all of us. Sometimes we hang a "No Vacancy" sign on the inn. Please enjoy the journey through Advent with the book "Joy to the World" by Scott Hahn that has been recommended by Fr. Mathew. One copy will be given to each family after mass this weekend.

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.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION will be held at St. Lawrence today, **Dec. 3rd** at 1.30pm. Please join us!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST hosted by the Parish Council on Sunday **Dec 3rd** following mass.

ANGEL TREE: The parish angel trees are trimmed for Advent! Please consider taking one or more angel ornaments with gift requests from the trees, purchase the requested item, wrap it and place the angel ornament on outside of the box. Bring the gifts and place them back under the trees by Sunday, Dec. 17th. Thank you in advance for your generous giving for those in need in our community!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, **Dec. 8th** at 7:30 at SJV or 7:00 pm at STL.

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.

LADIES NIGHT! Sunday, **Dec. 3rd**, 5 pm, all ladies are invited to join us for the St. Joseph – St. Lawrence Ladies' Night at St. Lawrence Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a snack to share. Great opportunity to meet new friends, and catch up with old ones. There will be a gift exchange. If you choose to participate, please bring a wrapped gift valued between \$10 and \$15. We hope you can attend.

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! ALSO - If you shop at Amazon, you can support Birthright of Leavenworth, Inc. Just switch to smile.amazon.com and choose our Birthright center, or bookmark this link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/48-1044571> Amazon will donate .5% of your eligible purchases to our local Birthright center.

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@christspce.com or call 913-773-8255.

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

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.

- 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
- World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend, 04/20-22
- Day of Reflection 4/21/18
- Amazing Parish Conference, 4/25-27
- 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)

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 Petitfils, 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/a1g9NOGrJd21ARpN2>

NIIGHT 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>

MARRIED COUPLES – WANT TO GIVE A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING? Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! Make your reservation now! The next Weekend in Kansas City is April 20-22, 2018. 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

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- When will it end? Hurricanes, wild fires, mass shootings, terrorist attacks, and the prospect of nuclear war with North Korea can prompt us to ask the Lord, "When will it end, or when will you return?"

Advent is very short this year, and it is intended to remind us that the Lord can come when we least expect it. Even if Christ does not return soon, our life could end sooner than we expect. This Advent, live your marriage with no regrets by telling your spouse:

- What are you most grateful for about your spouse?
- What are you most attracted to?
- What can you forgive in your spouse?
- What can you ask for forgiveness?

Consider the gift of a more joyful and intentional marriage for Christmas by attending the Every Day in Love Date Night on Jan 13. Register at www.archkck.org/everyday.

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