

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Second Sunday of Advent – Dec. 10, 2017

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

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

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 16th and 17th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS
SAT	SVJ	5:00 pm	Tracy Heim, Vince Eimer, Rita Herken	Rita Herken	CCD Class	Tm 4
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Mary Ray, Geri Wilburn, Sue Griffee	John Johnston	6 th Grade CCD Class	Tm 2

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$2,247, including \$20 for utilities, \$6 for CCHD, and \$100 for SJV cemetery maintenance, 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!

WEEKLY CHURCH DONATION ENVELOPES are now available to be picked up in the back of each church for those parishioners who choose to use them for their weekly donations.

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.

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!

EXTRA PAROCHIAL COLLECTION – RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS will be held this 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.

NATIVITY PLAY: The K-5 CCD annual nativity play will be held on Saturday **Dec. 16th** following the 5 o'clock mass at St. Joseph of the Valley. We hope to see everyone there!

UTILITIES: We welcome your donations at any time to help cover the costs of supplying the churches and halls with heat and water. To specify your donations for these costs, please use a blue envelope available in the back of the church or annotate your check "for utilities." Then place the blue envelope or annotated check in the regular collection basket. The next special collection for utilities will be in February 2018.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

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.

"PEACE IN THE WOMB" CHRISTMAS CAROLING - Dec. 16th Join us from 10:00--11:00 am 4401 W. 109th St. On the sidewalks outside of Planned Parenthood. Invite all your pro-life contacts to join you sharing the Christmas message of PEACE by singing carols, one day during Advent.

Babies have been saved from abortion when their mothers were waiting for abortion appointments and heard pro-lifers singing carols outside. One mother told us that "Silent Night" made her think of how Mary said "YES" to being a mother, and she couldn't go through with the abortion. a Nationwide Event Sponsored locally by Planned Parenthood Exposed For info. Call Tina Jinkins 785-615-837

QUO VADIS RETREAT FOR MEN - "St. Peter – Called, Formed, and Sent" Single men ages 18-35 are invited to discern their vocation guided by Archbishop Naumann, Vocation Director Fr. Scott Wallisch, and our seminarians. This free retreat is at Savior Pastoral Center **Dec. 21- 23**. Through prayer, Mass and short conferences discover God's deepest desire for you. No obligation just opportunity, so come even if you cannot stay for the entire retreat. Learn more and register by Dec. 18 at kckvocations.com or email vocation@archkck.org.

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.

SLS18 - LIFELONG MISSION TRACK INSPIRE & EQUIP CHICAGO - Jan. 2-6 This January, join us for SLS18, where you'll go deeper in your relationship with Christ, learn practical skills alongside fellow leaders of the Church, and receive the real-to-life tools you need to bring Christ to others, no matter what stage of life you're in. SLS18 Lifelong Mission Track is a leadership conference that welcomes leaders from parishes, dioceses, communities and beyond to engage in mission. Register Today WWW.SLS18.COM

"EVERY DAY IN LOVE" MARRIAGE WORKSHOP 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. Two new series begin in January, one in Overland Park and one in Burlington (**Saturday, Jan 13** at Holy Spirit at 5:30p, and Sunday, **Jan 14** at 1pm at St. Francis) Cost: \$25 /couple per session. Child Care is included on Limited basis. This empowering series is a featured offering of the Joyful Marriage Project. Register and see more details at www.archkck.org/everyday. Questions: email Brad, bdupont@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.

- Coping With Life Alone/Beginning Experience – Beg 1/14*
- Healing Family Breakdown 1/27*
- 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)

COPING WITH LIFE ALONE/BEGINNING EXPERIENCE - Peer - To-Peer Grief Support is a Beginning Experience® grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps 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. Upcoming program dates and location: Kansas City, MO – Sundays, **January 14 through February 25**, at St John Francis Regis Church, 8941 James A. Reed Road, KCMO. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for information and registration. Sessions will be from 1:30-3:30pm.

HEALING FAMILY BREAKDOWN 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.

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.

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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- Are you prepared? John the Baptist had the privilege of preparing God's people for Jesus: to “make straight the paths” that lead from people's hearts to their Savior. John modeled this behavior by retreating to a desert life of prayer and simplicity.

Married couples are also called to bridge the divide between God and his people by demonstrating his great love for each of us. In our vocation, it looks less like locusts and wild honey and more like:

- Simplifying our schedules so we have time to spend with our spouse.
- Treating one another with tenderness and respect.
- Repenting quickly and humbly after we have hurt our spouse.
- Praying together.

Just as John brought people to God by living his vocation, so will we—by living ours! For more tips on faithfully living your marriage, go to www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com.

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