

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – Dec. 31, 2017

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

MON	Jan. 1	09:00 am	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
TUES	Jan. 2	06:00 pm	STL	Kathleen Schmader†
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.</i>				
WED	Jan. 3	06:30 am	STL	Tony Wagner†
THUR	Jan. 4	09:00 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Jan. 5	07:30 am	SVJ	Mary Heintzelman†
SAT	Jan. 6	05:00 pm	SVJ	Ernest DeMaranville†
SUN	Jan. 7	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, E-1 Connor Schuler, A1C Noah Tattershall. NAVY: ADDA Jason P. Herken, YN2-SS Kevin Lansing. MARINES: PFC Blake Hadley.

Prayer for Vocations: Brother Seelos (Tyler Lunsford).

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – Jan. 6th and 7th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS
MON 1/1	STL	9:00 am	Mary Ray, Geri Wilburn, Sharon Wagner, Volunteer	Rita Oatney	Mr. and Mrs. Don Navinsky	Tm 1
SAT	SVJ	5:00 pm	Vince Elmer, Rita Herken, Robert Jardon	Kris Beying	Lucy Heim & family	Tm 6
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Sue Griffee, Sharon Wagner, Shirley Navinsky	John Johnston	Wyatt Baker & family	Tm 2

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$5743, to include \$50 for hall rent, \$145 Utilities, \$1078 for Catholic Charities, and \$200 for the SJV Cemetery Fund, as well as a refund from Catholic Mutual Relief for \$241.78, 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!

OUR HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Please join us!

DEC 30 (SAT)	SVJ	5:00 PM
DEC 31 (SUN)	STL	9:00 AM
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JAN 1 (MON)	STL	9:00 AM

PLEASE HELP: If you or a family member received a new coat for Christmas, please consider donating your old one, or any other extra ones that you may have in the closet. We will be taking coats, sweatshirts, socks, gloves and hats to the Catholic Charities until the end of January. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU: Our parish has received a thank you note from George and Bev Beardshear for the 1/4 side of beef that they won at our Fall Fest raffle. They wrote to thank the person who donated the beef, as well as Carolyn DeMaranville who put their name in the raffle basket.

LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE-Jan 4th - Tracy Wagner Chairman-Lisa Crook, Sue Barnes and Virginia Mowery

MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to schedule a mass in memory of or in honor of a family member, please call Kim Sachse at 913-775-0690. Mass stipends are \$10 each.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

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 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.

AUDIO ACCESS TO THE LEAVEN: The Leaven is available through the University of Kansas Audio-Reader Service for those who are blind, have low vision or are otherwise print disabled (non-reader, dyslexic). For information on how to receive this service, contact the Audio-Reader general office at 785-864-4600 or The Archdiocesan Special Needs Ministry at 913-647-3054 or email tracunas@archkck.org.

“LIVING IN LOVE” RETREAT: “We felt like we did when we were first married!” See why over 700 couples in the Archdiocese have experienced the “Living in Love” retreat. Sign up now for the next “Living in Love” retreat held at St. John the Evangelist, Lawrence, **Jan 20-21**. Register online at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information.

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.

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 mmhsos512@gmail.com. Proceeds go to each diocese's seminarian education fund, and to fund scholarships at Conception Seminary College.

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.

- “Healing Family Breakdown” Spiritual Workshop, 1/27
- Special Needs Ministry Respite Care Program: 1/27,
- Calling All Artists! 2/8
- The 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

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(FOR POSTING ON THE CHURCH INTERNET SITE)

“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.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY RESPITE CARE PROGRAM: Sat., Jan. 27th, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Holy Cross Catholic School, 8101 West 95th Street, Overland Park, Kansas. 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, Archdiocese Lead Coordinator of the Special Needs Ministry, at 913-647-3054 or by email at tracunas@archkck.org. If you have any questions regarding the program please contact Tom, or Audrey Amor, Archdiocese Respite Care Coordinator at 816.739.1197 or via email at aamor@sjakeepingfaith.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.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS! THE Catholic Education Foundation's Futures' Committee is hosting their annual art event Thursday, **Feb. 8th**, at the Boulevard Brewery. The CEF Art Event offers an exciting evening of music, food and drink as well as the opportunity to view and bid on professional art along with featured CEF student art. All proceeds from this event go to support the CEF Guardian Angel Fund which provides emergency scholarships for families whose children attend designated Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. These scholarships help families who have experienced unexpected personal hardships (medical bills, job loss, etc.) that might impact a family's ability to pay their child's Catholic school tuition. If you are an artist, have a connection to an artist or have art you would like to donate, we encourage you to contact us. We accept all forms of art medium (pottery, painting, jewelry, etc.) For additional information, please contact Janet Rethman at jrethman@archkck.org or 913-721-1574. Additional event details are at www.cefks.org.

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- Christmas time is filled with symbols: trees, holly, and of course, the Nativity. But did you know that if you're married, YOU are a sign too? In the Christmas Eve liturgy, the prophet Isaiah tells us, "As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you."

At Christmas, we celebrate the fact that God does not love us from a distance. He became a baby boy so that he would share all of our joys and sorrows—all our sufferings except sin. As spouses, we proclaim this reality every time we share:

- Joy of our spouse's accomplishments
- Grief of a loss with our spouse
- The weight of an important decision.

By entering deeply into our spouse's reality, we shine brightly like the Star of Bethlehem, guiding people to the love of God. Discover more for your marriage at www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com.

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