

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

*“Two Churches, One Parish”*

**Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 21, 2018**

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### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Jan. 23	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.</i>				
WED	Jan. 24	06:30 am	STL	Tony Wagner†
THUR	Jan. 25	09:00 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Jan. 26	07:30 am	SVJ	John Lednický†
SAT	Jan. 27	05:00 pm	SVJ	Ernest DeMaranville†
SUN	Jan. 28	09:00 am	STL	Barbara Crook†

**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, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS
SAT	SVJ	5:00 pm	Tracy Heim, Vickie Welch, Carol Kroll	Vince Eimer	Noah Siebenmorgen and family	Tm 6
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Rita Oatney, Ted Staver, Shirley Navinsky	Rita Oatney	Kevin Adelaide and family	Tm 2

### OUR PARISH NEWS

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1,974, to include \$25 for SJV Bellfroy Project; \$1509 for the regular collection, \$120 for SJV Cemetery, and \$320 for Mass Stipends, 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!

**THANK YOU:** A very special thank you from all of the St. Joseph-St. Lawrence parishioners to those who removed the snow and ice from the sidewalks and steps of our churches and parish halls before the masses on the weekends. We truly appreciate your hard work during these cold days for keeping us safe on the walkways.

**THANK YOU (from Catholic Charities):** St. Joseph-St. Lawrence for your contribution to the Christmas Collection benefitting Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. We are most grateful for all you do to support and join our mission of serving those in poverty of mind, body or spirit.

**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.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** will be held the weekend of Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> for the Church in Latin America.

**CALL TO SHARE:** ACTS...Your support is critical to the success of the Archbishop's Call to Share appeal and its many ministries and services. This year's Archdiocesan goal is \$5,622,750. Our parish portion of this goal is \$12,133.00. Gifts of any amount are welcome, although if you are not doing so already, please consider a gift of a dollar a day (\$365.00) or more. Your gift will make everything possible. Please fill out a pledge envelope today or donate online at [www.calltoshare.org](http://www.calltoshare.org).

### OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

**IGNITE PRO LIFE YOUTH RALLY:** Join us for the first ever YOUTH Pro Life Youth Rally in Topeka KS on **Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>!** For more information and to get tickets visit: [www.archkck.org/ignite](http://www.archkck.org/ignite)

**9 DAYS FOR LIFE:** The U.S. Bishops invite us to pray for the protection of all human life with a special novena. It will take place from **Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**. You can sign up to receive daily intentions on your phone or online. Bulletin announcements, Social Media Graphics and more can be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm>

**LIGHT OF SOLEDAD –** The Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick invite you to a complimentary special movie night featuring 'Light of Soledad' at the Glenwood Arts Theater, 3707 W. 95th St, Overland Park on **Jan. 25**, at 7:00pm. The film is based on a true story and is being shown on the 48th anniversary of the canonization of St. Maria Soledad, the Mother Foundress of the Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick.

**“HEALING FAMILY BREAKDOWN” SPIRITUAL WORKSHOP** Every family in America has been affected by Family Breakdown. You are not alone. Come to the Ruth Institute's "Healing Family Breakdown" Spiritual Workshop, at Ascension Parish, Saturday, **Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>** for Mass at 8 AM

celebrated by Archbishop Joseph Naumann, and the conference from 9:10am - 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. \$30 individuals; \$50 families, \$10 more at the door.

**SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY RESPITE CARE PROGRAM: Sat., Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.archkck.org/special-needs) and complete the on-line form.

**PURIFIED WITH JASON EVERT:** All are welcome to "Purified" with Jason Evert. Includes LOVE or LUST? (chastity presentation for teens and adults); PARENTING FOR PURITY (presentation for adults only), light refreshments, free books and cd's for every family. Hosted by Rural YM Outreach in Ottawa (at the Ottawa Memorial Auditorium, 301 S. Hickory St) **Feb. 3** (3-7 pm) and Holton (at Holton High School, 901 New York Ave) **Feb. 4** (12-4 pm). There will be sessions for adults and youth (7th-12th grades) as well as materials for each family to take home. No fee, although donations are welcome. Rural parishes earn grant money for attendance. [www.archkck.org/rural-outreach](http://www.archkck.org/rural-outreach)

**LENTEN RETREAT 'RENEWING YOUR SOUL THROUGH PRAYER AND FASTING.'** Will be offered by Christ's Peace House of Prayer, **Feb. 10 ( 9 am) through Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> (4 pm)**. There will be 4-5 talks, daily Eucharistic Adoration, private prayer, spiritual direction, walks in the woods, spiritual reading and time for confession before 5pm. Mass Saturday at the local parish. Cost for overnight guests is \$85 per individual or \$125 per couple with meals included. If interested, please contact [info@christspce.com](mailto:info@christspce.com) or call 913-773-8255.

**MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30am-3:30pm at Church of the Ascension, 9510 W. 127th St., Overland Park, Ks. Register @ [www.ksmuc.org](http://www.ksmuc.org) \$35, Students (18-22) \$25, Young men (12-17) \$15 Featured speakers-Lamar Hunt Jr., Fr. Andrew Strobl, Michael Shirley and Deacon Dana Nearmyer

**CAMP TEKAKWITHA:** Is looking for high school graduates to fill positions as staff members for the summer of 2018. Applications are now being accepted.

**CAMP TEKAKWITHA REGISTRATION OPENING DATES:**  
 Tuesday, Jan.30, for 9th-12th grade camps and Family Camps  
 Tuesday, Feb. 6, for 7th/8th grade camps  
 Tuesday, Feb. 13, for 5th/6th grade camps  
 Tuesday, Feb. 20, for Special Needs Family camps  
 For more information, please visit our website at [www.archkck.org/camp](http://www.archkck.org/camp)

**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.

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)**

**CAMP TEKAKWITHA STAFF NEEDED FOR SUMMER 2018:** We are currently looking for staff members at Camp Tekakwitha for the summer of 2018! Are you a high school graduate looking for an amazingly fun experience working with kids and young people, while growing in and sharing your faith? Don't miss your opportunity to join us at Prairie Star Ranch this summer!

Applications are now being accepted for the following positions (training will be provided for a number of the positions):

- Camp Counselors
- Ropes Crew
- Life Guards
- Horse Handlers
- Nurses

For more information, and to apply, please visit our website at [www.archkck.org/camp](http://www.archkck.org/camp)

**PLEASE CONSIDER SENDING YOUR CHILDREN** to Camp Tekakwitha this summer. It's an amazing opportunity for the kids to grow in their faith, build relationships, and have great fun while doing it.

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**JOURNEY WITH DANTE**, Summer High School Study Abroad Program - Italy Summer 2018

Benedictine College is excited to announce a program for rising high school juniors and seniors that will be one of the most beneficial experiences they will ever have...studying abroad. Benedictine's new "Journey with Dante" program is designed to provide an opportunity for high school students to earn college credit while learning about another world culture. The course follows in the footsteps of the great poet, Dante Alighieri, throughout Italy.

Sign your rising high school junior or senior up for this incredible study abroad experience. The history learned, the exposure to foreign customs and cultures, and the personal growth will be significant, irreplaceable and life-changing.

Sign up for "Journey with Dante" today! (Application deadline is **Feb. 15**)

For more information - check out this website: <https://www.benedictine.edu/.../inte.../study-abroad/dante/index>

**CALLING ALL ARTISTS!** THE Catholic Education Foundation's Futures' Committee is hosting their annual art event Thursday, **Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:jrethman@archkck.org) or 913-721-1574. Additional event details are at [www.cefks.org](http://www.cefks.org).

**GENDER MATTERS: FIGHTING FOR A NEW GENERATION:** Please join Andrew Comiskey of Desert Stream Ministries at this event on **Feb. 10**, 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>

**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 **MARCH 2-4**, at Precious Blood, Liberty, MO. 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.

**22nd ANNUAL JOINT DIOCESAN MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** The Order of Malta is pleased to sponsor this Mass for Catholics of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas and the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, with priests from both dioceses concelebrating. Archbishop Naumann will be the Principal Celebrant and Archbishop Emeritus Keleher will deliver the homily. This Mass with anointing and blessing of the sick, comparable to celebrations in Lourdes, France, will be at 10am, Saturday, **March 3**, at Curé of Ars Church, 94th and Mission Road, Leawood, Kansas. All are invited. The church is especially accessible for those with mobility issues. Prior to Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 8:45 to 9:30 am. Those wishing to receive the Anointing of the Sick are asked to pre-register by phone or email. Please call 816-579- 1370 or [maltakansascity@gmail.com](mailto:maltakansascity@gmail.com) and leave your name and correct spelling.

Please join us in praying for all of our sick and suffering brothers and sisters. Need more information? Contact Bob Fitzgerald, 913-499- 7118.

**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](http://www.wmme4youandme.org) or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email [tonybarbz@prodiqy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodiqy.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](http://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 facing an impossible situation in your marriage? Maybe it seems so big that, like Jonah, you'd rather turn the other way rather than address it! Luckily for the people of Nineveh, God went through some extraordinary lengths to set Jonah back on the right path, and when he preached repentance to the wickedest people in the ancient world, an amazing thing happened...they repented!

When we have the courage to face into the difficult issues in our marriages, similar miracles can occur. Fortunately, God wants to give us help, too! Don't deal with hard things alone. Consider:

- A Retrouvaille weekend- [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)
- Counseling- [archkck.org/catholic-counselors](http://archkck.org/catholic-counselors)
- Confiding in a spiritual mentor or mature friend who sides in the interest of your marriage (rather than you or your spouse!)

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