

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 4, 2018

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Feb. 6	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.</i>				
WED	Feb. 7	06:30 am	STL	Kathleen Schmader †
THUR	Feb. 8	09:00 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Feb. 9	07:30 am	SVJ	Mary Heintzelman †
SAT	Feb. 10	05:00 pm	STL	Charles Lowe †
SUN	Feb. 11	09:00 am	STL	Arch Griffee †

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, 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 – Feb. 10th and 11th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS
SAT	STL	5:00 pm	Aaron & Vicki Welch, Tracy Heim	Aaron Welch	Cooper Potter and family	Tm 5
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Mary Ray, Rita Oatney, Jennifer Roggenkamp	Mary Ray	John Paul Peltzer and family	Tm 1

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$2282, which included \$20 for utilities and \$526 for the Church in Latin America, 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!

PLEASE JOIN US for breakfast after the 9 a.m. mass on Sunday, **Feb. 4th** at St. Lawrence Hall. Treat your Sweetheart to breakfast before Valentine's Day.

MASS LOCATION CHANGE FOR FEB. 10TH: The Mooney Creek Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Chili Supper and Bingo night at St. Lawrence Hall on Saturday, **Feb. 10th**. In support of this fundraiser, we will have the Saturday evening mass at St. Lawrence Church on that evening, instead of St. Joseph of the Valley. Please mark your calendars for this change of the Saturday evening mass for that Saturday only. The Knights of Columbus generously donates to our CCD program each year.

SECOND COLLECTION: will held on **Feb. 14th** (Ash Wednesday) for Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe (CCEE). Another collection will be held on the weekend of **Feb. 18th** for the Black & Indian Missions.

CALL TO SHARE: Each year during the Archbishop's Call to Share Campaign, we pause and consider all the good that is done because we give: the homeless are sheltered; the elderly are cared for; our seminarians are prepared for future ministry, to name just a few. You are being "Called to Share". If you have not already done so, please say "Yes" to the Archbishop's Call to Share with a gift today. Your gift will make everything possible. Please fill out a pledge envelope today or donate online @ www.calltoshare.org.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

ANNUAL CHILI AND BEEF SOUP SUPPER will be held **Feb. 10th**, 4 to 8 pm, St. Lawrence Hall. Free will donation. Bingo will follow. Please join us! Hosted by The Knights of Columbus (Mooney Creek).

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. 11th (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@christsppeace.com or call 913-773-8255.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS -- Come celebrate World Marriage Day and renew the commitment you made to one another on you wedding day! Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann and Bishop James V. Johnston Jr., at 2:00 p.m., **Feb. 11**, at Church of the Ascension, 9510 W. 127th Street, Overland Park, KS. Mass will include a renewal of commitment and Blessing for the married couples. Mass will be followed by a reception. Families are welcome! Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, and Worldwide Marriage Encounter. For more information call 913-647-0329.

MARDI GRAS - St. Benedict's Parish, Atchison on **Feb. 11th**, 11-1:30 serving Jambalaya, Maque Choux, Pizza, Chicken and Noodles, King

Cakes and Beignets. Adults \$8; Kids 4-10 \$4. There will be a live auction starting at noon, along with silent auctions, games and crafts!

FISH DINNER: St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 94th and State Ave. invites us to their fish dinners starting **Feb. 16th through March 23rd** from 4:30p.m. to 7p.m. Baked and fried fish, Fried and boiled shrimp. \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 children and \$30.00 per family.

MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION: **Feb. 17th**, 6:30am-3:30pm at Church of the Ascension, 9510 W. 127th St., Overland Park, Ks. Register @ 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

COME AWAY AND PRAY WITH ME: Give yourself the gift these coming Wednesdays afternoons of Lent to pause for a time to be with God by praying with the Lenten Scriptures. Sister Mary Pat Johnson will lead each session, which will include input about the chosen Scripture for that day, individual prayer time, and small group reflection. The group will meet on the following Wednesdays: **Feb. 21st & 28th / March 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th**, from 1:00-2:00 PM in Robert Martz Hall at St. Francis de Sales Church, 900 Ida Street in Lansing.

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

SAINT PAUL'S OUTREACH, a Catholic ministry to young adults, is currently offering men's and women's evangelistic small group nights, which offer a community space where young adults can gather to hear speakers, discuss Scripture and our beautiful Catholic faith lived on fire, and go deeper in faith in daily practice. Men's and women's groups meet separately twice per month. Please contact Ann Virgo (KC Young Adult Mission Leader) at ann.virgo@spo.org with any questions.

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>

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 Sisparish@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)

COURAGE is a spiritual support group helping Catholic men and women live chaste lives in accordance with the Catholic Church's teaching on same-sex attraction and/or behaviors. Through participation in the Sacraments, prayer, fellowship and moral support, Courage members strive to develop lives of interior chastity in union with Christ and His Church. Courage meets in the Archdiocese every two weeks. **EnCourage** is a separate spiritual support group for family members and friends of loved ones with same-sex attraction. If you, your child or loved one struggles with same-sex attraction and wants confidential Catholic support, call the Courage helpline (913) 428-9893.

PARISH MISSION IN PREPARATION FOR LENT: Church of the Nativity is hosting a parish mission in preparation for Lent featuring national speaker, author, and musician Chris Padgett. All are welcome! The parish mission will be at the Church of the Nativity, 3800 West 119th Street Leawood, KS 66209 on

- Sunday, **Feb. 11th** at 7:00-8:00 pm
- Monday, **Feb. 12th** at 7:00-8:00 pm
- Tuesday, **Feb. 13th** at 7:00-8:00 pm.

The Joy of Lent: What's Love got to do with It?

For over a decade Chris has been doing ministry around the country. Using the medium of music and message he communicates the truth of Christ's love and forgiveness in a way that makes a difference. In Easter of 1999, Chris entered the Roman Catholic Church. He met his wife Linda in high school and have been in love ever since. Chris and Linda have 9 children. In January of 2006, Chris earned an M.A in Theology from Franciscan University. This educational journey continues, as Chris has begun doctoral work at the International Marian Research Institute in Dayton, Ohio. All are welcome to these evening of renewal and preparation for the Most Holy Season of Lent. Questions? Contact Sonya at Church of the Nativity, sonya@KCNATIVITY.ORG or 913-491-5017, 3800 West 119th St, Leawood, KS 66209.

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.

F.I.R.E. RETREAT: Feb 10-11 Is there a Catholic man in your life who would benefit from some fresh air, exercise, and fellowship with other awesome Catholic guys? F.I.R.E. is a fun, laid-back yet-powerful Catholic retreat that combines hiking, bonfires, and adventure along with great music, prayer and The Sacraments in the beautiful setting of Prairie Star Ranch. Any Catholic man 18+... regardless of where he is in his faith journey... is welcome. New to the faith... Catholic-But-Barely... Excited... Growing... Can't Get enough... There is something at F.I.R.E. for all of them. If you have been praying for a Catholic man lately, this could be the answer. Visit www.fire-retreats.org for pictures, videos and information on how to sign your Catholic man up today! Fellowship. Inspire. Renew. Engage

WOMEN'S RETREAT OPPORTUNITY – RESOLVE, RENEW, REJOICE! Attention All Women Resolve, Renew, Rejoice!! GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!! Christ the King Church in Topeka is excited to announce Judy Hehr as the keynote speaker for the **Feb. 10, 2018** Resolve, Renew, Rejoice Women's Retreat. The power behind Hehr's emotional life journey and the style in which she shares her message cannot be defined. Judy empowers audiences of all ages and stages of faith and life to get past the past and realize it's never too late to be who God calls you to be! Judy conveys the gospel message of the infinite love and mercy of God in a passionate and profound way. Tickets are available online at cktopeka.org and are \$20.00 per person (and bring two 24 count box of crayons day of event). Contact Tonya Campbell at 785-221-8652 for any questions you may have.

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>

LENTEN PARISH MISSION: Feb. 19-21, 7-8 pm each evening. Follow Mother Teresa to the Cross of Jesus with Father Bob Conroy. Father Bob has worked as a missionary priest for almost 30 years in over 30 countries in both rural and urban areas and the homeless, alcoholics, drug addicts and gang members in prison. Recently, he has been working on editing the works of Father Langford, cofounder of the Missionary of Charities Fathers with St. Teresa of Calcutta for future publication. There is no cost for this mission, but a free-will offering will be Further information may be obtained from Mary, 785-286-2188.

FEBRUARY RESPITE CARE PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Special Needs Ministry Respite Care Program, Saturday, **Feb. 24**, 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 loved one with a disability. The program is designed for anyone age 5 and older. If you have any questions regarding the program please contact Tom Racunas, Archdiocese Lead Consultant of the Special Needs Ministry, at 913.647.3054 or by email at tracunas@archkck.org or Audrey Amor, Archdiocese Respite Care Coordinator at 816.739.1197 or via email at amor@sjakeepingfaith.org. Volunteers are needed to be a respite buddy to a person with a disability. To register a loved one for the program or to volunteer please go to www.archkck.org/special-needs and complete the on-line form

LIVING IN TRUTH: KANSAS CITY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Feb. 24, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm, Inspiring Catholic speakers will help prepare your heart for a meaningful Lenten journey. Get practical advice for discovering your unique gifts, your capacity for love, and the Father's unique design for you. Please join us! Church of the Ascension; Overland Park, KS 66213. Registration fee: \$25; \$30 at the door. Register online at: livingintruthkc.com or by mail at: Living In Truth Conference c/o Linda Spencer, 11706 Hadley, Overland Park, KS 66210. (Include name, address, phone)

J-HIGH YOUTH RALLY, This year's J-High Rally is coming up on **Feb. 25th!** Don't miss out on an awesome day at Prairie Star Ranch, featuring Emily Wilson, along with the Mikey Needleman Band, Mike Debus and more! The cost is \$25 in advance. Talk with your Youth Minister about getting signed up today!

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, email: 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 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 or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email 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). 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: "The Super Bowl of Life"

It's kickoff time! When you hear that, you are probably thinking of the Super Bowl, which is one of the most "sacred" events of our secular culture. However, in addition to crowning a football champion this weekend, it is also time to kick off National Marriage Week.

While National Marriage Week does not have the pomp and circumstance that the football game has, perhaps it should. Super Bowl Sunday is a great opportunity to gain insight on how to strive for excellence in our own marriage.

What if we approached our marriage in the same way these incredible athletes approached this game? To kick off your more intentional marriage, consider the Living in Love retreat at Holy Spirit in Overland Park **Feb 10-11**. www.archkck.org/livinginlove.

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