

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

*“Two Churches, One Parish”*

**Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus**  
**First Sunday of Lent – February 18, 2018**

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### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Feb. 20	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.</i>				
WED	Feb. 21	06:30 am	STL	Tony Wagner †
THUR	Feb. 22	09:30 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Feb. 23	06:30 pm 07:00 pm	SJV	Stations of the Cross Andrew Heintzelman †
SAT	Feb. 24	05:00 pm	SJV	Father Neal Stull †
SUN	Feb. 25	09:00 am	STL	Mary Gwartney
<i>Confessions: 4:30 pm SAT at SJV; 8:30 am SUN at STL; and during Lent, WED 6-7 pm at STL</i>				

**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.

**Prayer for Vocations:** Brother Seelos (Tyler Lunsford).

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS – Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Aaron & Vicki Welch, Vince Eimer	Vince Eimer	Claire Heim and family	Tm 3
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Sharon Wagner, Shirley Navinsky, Susan Griffiee	Rita Oatney	Lane Coppinger and family	Tm 2

### OUR PARISH NEWS

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1,581.52, regular collection; \$20 for mass stipends; \$20 utilities; \$50 Black & Indian Mission; \$20, CCEE; and \$375 from the Knights of Columbus for religious education, for a total of \$2,066.52, and last week's on-line collection of \$79.63. Thank you for your generosity. Visit our website OR Facebook page to click on the link to donate on-line! **PLEASE NOTE:** In order for our counters to credit the proper person with their donation, please be sure to list your name on the envelope if you are donating cash.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will be held Friday night, **Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at 6:30 pm, SJV. Mass will follow. Please join us!

**CONFESSIONS:** During Lent, confessions will be heard from 6-7 pm on Wednesday evenings, as well as our regular schedule of Saturday at SJV at 4:30 pm, Sundays at STL at 8:30 am. Please join us.

**RECEIPTS:** Contribution receipts from your Church donations are ready to be picked up in the back of each church. If you cannot find your receipt, check at the other church, or contact Sara Green.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** will held **this weekend of Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>** for the Black & Indian Missions.

**CALL TO SHARE:** We are close to the end of our Call to Share Campaign. Many have been generous to this cause. If you have not yet done so, please consider giving your gift today. We are "Called To Share" our resources with the many needs of our neighbors. Thank you to those who have already donated.

**LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE:** for **March 1**-Sue Griffiee, Chairman-Amy Potter, Sara Green and Lisa Schmidt. Please prepare for 15 people.

**CONFIRMATION:** We are proud of our students who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Emma Robinson, Katherine Heim, Jack Heim, Colton Potter, Caleb Potter, Adrianna Lowe, Logan Beying, Kelsey Theis, Faythe Comer and Jonathan Johnston. St. Lawrence Altar Society will host a coffee and doughnut reception to honor our candidates the following Sunday, **Feb. 25** following the 9 am Mass at St. Lawrence Hall. Please join us to congratulate them.

### OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

**FISH AND SHRIMP SUPPER:** Come dine with us Fridays during Lent! St. Joseph's Church, Nortonville, 5-7 pm. Meal includes Fried and baked fish, fried shrimp, potato, salad, roll, tea/coffee, and choice of dessert. \$10 adults; \$5 ages 4-10, and free for 3 ages 0-3. Available thru March 23<sup>rd</sup>. No supper on Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**FISH DINNER:** St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 94th and State Ave. invites us to their fish dinners **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.

**STILL CARRYING GRIEF AFTER AN ABORTION?** Find support with others. Unfailing Mercy Retreat, **Feb 24**. FREE, CONFIDENTIAL. Call or text Patricia at 913-621-2199 or email [projectrachelkc@archkck.org](mailto:projectrachelkc@archkck.org). in KS or call 816-591-3804 in MO. Project Rachel is a ministry supported by Call to Share .

**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](mailto:tracunas@archkck.org) 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 person with a disability. To register a loved one 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

**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](http://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!

**RECHARGE MARRIAGE WORKSHOP:** Have you been looking for marriage enrichment but don't have a whole weekend? Recharge is a 4 hour opportunity to connect with your spouse that will give you the basics to increase the joy in your marriage! Recharge is a practical application of John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Our next Recharge will be Sunday, **March 4**, from 2-6pm at Christ the King parish in Topeka, KS. Child care is available! For more details or to register, contact Shannon Nichol at [snichol@ctktopeka.org](mailto:snichol@ctktopeka.org) Or 785-273-0710 or go to [www.ctktopeka.org](http://www.ctktopeka.org) Recharge is made possible by the Archbishop's Call to Share and is an offering of the Joyful Marriage Project.

**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.

**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.

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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.

**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.

**RUNNIN' REVS GAME MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>** All are invited to the Runnin' Revs vs. All Stars basketball game played at Bishop Miege High School on Monday, **March 5th** at 7:00pm. The Revs are priests and seminarians who will take on 8th grade and high school youth from our Catholic schools in this exciting game of basketball. Bring family and friends to enjoy the fun which will benefit our seminarians. There will be a silent auction which includes a spot in Camp Tekakwitha, spots in various basketball camps, and Royals tickets. There is no charge but donations are greatly appreciated.

**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.wyme4youandme.org](http://www.wyme4youandme.org) or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto: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](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 going through a “dry” time in your marriage? When we feel this way, it can be very lonely. If this is where you are right now, know that Jesus is with you.

Jesus' time in the desert was not easy, but he survived it because he relied on his Father through prayer, which strengthened him for his mission. As married couples, we rely on God through prayer, sacraments, and by using all the resources the Body of Christ has for us. This includes gaining valuable skills through marriage enrichment. We also take confidence knowing that in every trial, great graces await to sustain us.

• To grow in prayer this Lent, try the online email retreat at [www.archkck.org/30dayretreat](http://www.archkck.org/30dayretreat).

• To grow in relationship skills and marriage insight, try the upcoming Recharge retreat at [www.archkck.org/recharge](http://www.archkck.org/recharge).

**LENTEN READING: WEEK 1: WORKS OF MERCY**

Why is it so important to make the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy a part of your Faith life, especially during Lent? Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ.”-- Pope Francis

Lent is a time to devote to prayer, fasting, and giving alms. Giving of alms shares God's gifts with others, through the distribution of money, as well as the sharing of time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: “Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

There is no reason to fail the Exam of your Final Judgment.

God has given us the questions and answers to the Final Exam: How specifically did you show mercy? It is vitally important we prepare for this test. The Works of Mercy is a checklist to help us make sure we are on track. Just as a pilot has a checklist before landing, so, too, does Christ through his Church give us a checklist. So just exactly how are you going to answer Jesus when he asks, “What did you do for the least of my brothers and sisters?”

Works of Mercy are the Completion of your Communion

Saint Mother Teresa talked about her mercy ministry to the poor in terms of “the second real presence”. Just as Christ is really present in the Eucharist, he is also present in “the least of these.” So, when we receive Christ in Communion we are empowered to go out and return that loving mercy to Christ in those who are in distress, physically and spiritually. Jesus loves us so much that he gives us a chance to love him back, and to do so, heroically. This is why Pope Benedict XVI taught that “A Eucharist that does not pass into concrete acts of love is intrinsically fragmented.”

You are Commissioned to be an Agent of God's Love.

We are born and live in the need for God's mercy. Christ teaches us that we get to make the grading curve for “the measure by which we measure so shall we be measured”. However, more importantly, God gives us the supernatural power to be like him and his mercy is his best attribute. As baptized Christians, we are charged with going out in the world making Christ's love visible especially to one another. “Love one another as I have loved you.”

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**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.: