

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Second Sunday of Lent – February 25, 2018

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Feb. 27	06:00 pm	STL	Merlin Fink †
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.</i>				
WED	Feb. 28	06:30 am	STL	Paul Noll †
THUR	Mar 1	09:30 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Mar 2	06:30 pm 07:00 pm	SJV	Stations of the Cross Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	Mar 3	05:00 pm	SJV	Ernie DeMaranville †
SUN	Mar 4	09:00 am	STL	Leo Wagner †
<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, 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.

Prayer for Vocations: Brother Seelos (Tyler Lunsford).

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – March 3rd & 4th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Carol Kroll, Robert Jardon & Tracy Heim	Kris Beying	Sam Funk and family	Tm 6
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Rita Oatney, Dawn Staver, Geri Wilburn	Dawn Staver	Izzy Bryan and family	Tm 3

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$2218 for the regular collection, \$270 for CCEE (Ash Wednesday) and \$523.25 for Black & Indian Missions, and last week's on-line collection of \$155. 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, **March 2nd** 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 at STL, 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.

CALL TO SHARE: We continue to move forward with the Archbishop's Call to Share Campaign. We have met 73% of our projected goal. If you have not yet contributed to this cause, please consider giving just a small amount. "Whatever You did for one of these least brothers of Mine, You did for Me." (Matthew 25:40). Thank you to those who have already given so generously.

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

CONFIRMATION: We are proud of our students who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Feb. 22nd: 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 today, **Feb. 25** following the 9 am Mass at St. Lawrence Hall. Please join us to congratulate them.

BREAKFAST: The K-5 CCD classes will be serving breakfast on **March 4th** after the 9 am mass at St. Lawrence. Please join us!

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 23rd. No supper on Good Friday, March 30th.

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.

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@cktopeka.org Or 785-273-0710 or go to www.cktopeka.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, email: register.bekc@gmail.com, or contact Lori 913-980-7966.

LENTEN RETREAT OPPORTUNITY: Christ's Peace House of Prayer will offer a retreat, 'Walking with Jesus: Prepare for Holy Week', **March 24 to 25th**. Retreat includes 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@christspeace.com or call 913-773-8255.

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.

RUNNIN' REVS GAME: 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.

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. 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.

“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 Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Seneca, KS, **March 17-18**. Register online at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information

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>

MARCH RESPITE CARE PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Special Needs Ministry Respite Care Program. **March 31**, 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 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 aamor@sjakeepingfaith.org. To register a loved one for the program please go to www.archkck.org/special-needs and complete the on-line form.

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.wme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

HOPE FOR THE DIVORCED: SIX KEYS TO HEALING

Join acclaimed author, Lisa Duffy, on Friday, **April 20**, 7-9pm, for this free seminar discussing many common issues divorced Catholics face, and discover how our Catholic faith stands ready to offer support, healing, and new life. If you are a divorced Catholic or have a loved one facing this difficulty, you won't want to miss this event! Location: The Catholic Center, 20 West Ninth St., Kansas City, Mo. 64105. Questions: call Deacon Tony Zimmerman 913-647-0329.

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? Jesus prepares Peter, James, and John for his impending death by appearing transfigured before them, so that later when they saw him bound and beaten, they could remember who he truly was. Married people certainly encounter hardships. Whether the trials come from outside forces or from our own sin and weakness, they are guaranteed. One thing that can help us weather these storms is being intentional about taking time out for our own “transfiguration” moments—times we can see our marriages as they truly are. Weekends like “Living in Love” or “Marriage Encounter” won't prevent bad things from happening, but they can remind us why we married our spouse and how important our vocation is to the Church. To find your “transfiguration,” see www.joyfulmarriageproject.com.

LENTEN READING: WEEK 2-CHARITY HACKS

Hack your Way into Heaven

In the City of God, St. Augustine spoke of taking the best of pagan culture and applying it to Christian life, like the gold that Moses took from the Egyptians was transformed into the Ark. One piece of secular gold I would propose to transform your Faith-life is the lifehack.

The original “hack” was any shortcut to a computer programming problem, hence the term “hacker”. Hackers started applying the term to their everyday lives calling them “lifehacks” which are practices that increase productivity in a creative way. As disciples of Christ, we can apply this concept to our practice of God's love as charity. Here are a few Charity Hacks to try in your practice of Christianity.

Sock it to Homelessness

We've all had that minor conscience crisis driving past a homeless man asking for help. We don't want to be like the rich man, ignoring Lazarus only to discover in Hell that he was passing by Christ himself. However, we fear giving money could enable the man to drink or drug his problems away. There is a way to avoid this pitfall. Give him socks. These guys do a lot of walking and socks wear out quickly, especially in the cold months. Buy a big pack of thick tube socks and keep them in the car to give away.

2 For 1 Medicine

By law, the medicine in name brands has to be exactly the same stuff in the generic, which often sells at half the price. So when you buy medicine, buy two of the generic brand and give one to a health clinic that serves the poor. Call Duchesne Clinic (913-321-2626) and/or St. Vincent's Clinic (913-651-8860) and find out which over-the-counter medicine are needed to give their patients. Find a clinic and stop by with your donation after you go to the drug store.

Don't leave your Clothes Hanging

Take all your clothes that you have hanging and turn the hangers with the hook end facing you. When you wear a garment hang it back as you would normally. Schedule or pick a holiday that's 3 months away to check your closet. Any clothes where the hook end hasn't been turned, are clothes you don't wear. Give them to a charity like Catholic Charities Turnstyles, 9750 W. 87th Street, Overland Park, KS.

The practice of charity is not optional for Catholics. Reading scripture and receiving the sacraments alone aren't enough to get you into Heaven. If study and prayer don't translate into concrete acts of love, especially with an eye to helping the poor in your everyday practice, your faith-life is stunted. Try adding some charity hacks and you may hack your way into Heaven.

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