

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

*“Two Churches, One Parish”*

**Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus**  
**Third Sunday of Lent – March 4, 2018**

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### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Mar 6	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.</i>				
WED	Mar 7	06:30 am	STL	Tony Wagner ☩
THUR	Mar 8	09:30 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Mar 9	06:30 pm 07:00 pm	STL	Stations of the Cross Kathleen Schmader ☩
SAT	Mar 10	05:00 pm	SJV	John Bromell ☩
SUN	Mar 11	09:00 am	STL	Deceased Family Members of Nick & Elizabeth 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, Matt David Massoth, 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 – March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Aaron & Vicki Welch, Vince Eimer	Aaron Welch	Noah Johnson and family	Tm 4
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Ted & Dawn Staver, Mary Ray	Mary Ray	Jethro Cerny and family	Tm 1

### OUR PARISH NEWS

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1,997, including \$70 for utilities, 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!** Our Parish has received a Thank You from the Leavenworth Catholic Charities for the 71 lbs. of food that we donated in January. Our donations help them serve 1309 individuals in January. During this season of Lent, please consider helping to "Feed the Hungry". While shopping, consider picking up extra pasta, beans, peanut butter, tuna, canned meats or any other canned goods to donate to those in need. Thank you for helping.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will be held Friday night, **March 9<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm, STL (*Note change of location*). 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.

**CALL TO SHARE:** We continue to make progress towards our projected goal. Currently, we have received 78% toward that goal. Please pray and consider what you can contribute to help those programs in need in our Archdiocese. We are truly "Called to Share" our resources. Thank you to those who have already contributed to this campaign.

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

**SECOND COLLECTION:** will be held on **March 11<sup>th</sup>** for the American Bishop's Overseas Appeal (CRS). Please be generous. Thanks!

### OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

**PROTECT ADOPTION CHOICE:** Vulnerable Kansas kids need us to fight to preserve the right for people of faith to collaborate in the legal process of adoption. Please visit and take action through the Kansas Catholic Conference of Bishops' website [www.ProtectAdoptionChoice.org](http://www.ProtectAdoptionChoice.org). Learn about the issue and then click the TAKE ACTION button to contact your State Representative and Senator.

**SAVIOR BOOKSTORE:** we have what you need for this Lenten Season! Visit our bookstore ONLINE and order now: [www.saviorbookstore.com](http://www.saviorbookstore.com) Type **Lent2018** for 20% off at checkout. Don't see what you are looking for? Send us an email at: [savior@archkck.org](mailto:savior@archkck.org)

**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.

**ST. PATRICK FEAST DAY DINNER:** Turkey or Ham with the trimmings, home baked pies & desserts, on **March 11<sup>th</sup>**, 11:00 AM TO 1:30 PM, Donation: Adult \$10.00, Children 6-12 \$5.00, Under 5- Free. Raffle-Queen Size Quilt, Hand stitched & hand quilted, Easter Themed Basket, \$50.00 Gift Card. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. Come, Enjoy and Support - St. Patrick Catholic Church, 302 S. Boyle. Scranton, Kansas. For more information or to get tickets or raffle tickets contact: Nanette O'Flaherty 785-633-5390 or Lori Mock 785-640-7262.

**PRINCE OF PEACE SPEAKER, JOE WEBER:** All surrounding area parishes are invited to Prince of Peace, 16000 W. 143rd St, Olathe, KS on Sunday, **March 11th**, immediately following the 5pm Mass to hear Joe Weber, the Catholic Relief Services Country Representative for Pakistan. Joe, a former parishioner and Director of Religious Education from 2000-2003, will present the talk, "From Prince of Peace to Pakistan." Joe will speak about his overseas service and experiences: as a volunteer in Zambia, the 2010 earthquake response in Haiti, and as CRS country representative while conducting programs for youth in urban centers of Latin America and the Caribbean, agricultural livelihoods and primary education in rural Afghanistan, and CRS' response to the Syrian refugee crisis. While leading listeners through this amazing journey, he will do so in the context of the Church's social teachings and leave parishioners with concrete ways to make a difference, particularly during this Lenten season.

**LENTEN RETREAT OPPORTUNITY:** Christ's Peace House of Prayer will offer a retreat, "Walking with Jesus: Prepare for Holy Week", **March 24 to 25<sup>th</sup>**. 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@christsppeace.com](mailto:info@christsppeace.com) or call 913-773-8255.

**"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](http://www.archkck.org/LivingInLove) or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information.

**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)**

**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.

**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](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). To register a loved one for the program please go to [www.archkck.org/special-needs](http://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.wmme4youandme.org](http://www.wmme4youandme.org) or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto: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](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/>

**LENTEN READING: WEEK 3 FAITH FORMING POLITICS**

Is your Faith forming your Politics?

“God created man in his image, in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them.” (Genesis 1: 27) If you had to pick a scripture to sum up Catholic social teaching this would be it (or at least in the top ten). Our fundamental Catholic belief in the innate dignity of the human person stems from God's revelation that we humans, despite our best efforts to cover it up with our sins, are made in his image.

Christ's revelation of the Trinity tells us more about this image. Namely, that amongst himself, God is not alone, but rather is a community. This community is so perfect that God is both one while at the same time three persons and his image manifests this reality with the creation of male and female (the same in nature but different; only realizing their perfection when together).

From the revelation of God's triune nature we come to learn an important thing about ourselves... We humans are made to be in community. We are, by nature, political animals. Because we find our good by being with others, we each have a personal sense of how to best achieve the common good, our politics. Perhaps this is why politics make us so passionate even to the point of dying for a cause. Politics speaks to the core of what it means to be human just as much as our sexuality speaks to our core. It is only by understanding God's plan for both that we can flourish as humans.

The Social Teachings of the Church are a kind of political morality. Just as sexual morality keeps us from all kinds of troubles and best enables us to be emotionally fulfilled as humans, so does political morality keep us from social harms and helps us to prosper as a community.

Because of our fallen nature, our feelings now seek to rule us. Where there's passion, there is great propensity for disastrous error. Such is the danger for our politics. When we strive to keep all of our politics in harmony with the sum total of Catholic social teaching, we work for justice. But when we break with that teaching, even in some small way, we open the door for corruption.

This Lent ask this question and give your Faith priority. Is my Faith forming my politics or are my politics forming my Faith? Study the CCC 1928-1948 with regard to any of the many political issues of the day: immigration reforms, how our state and country care for the poor, the right to life for all human beings, etc. It is only our willingness to trust in God's revelation of our destiny through Jesus Christ and his Church that we can achieve the best possible lives here and then put them aside for something even better in the hereafter, the perfect politics of life in the Trinity.

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