

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 11, 2018

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Mar 13	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.</i>				
WED	Mar 14	06:30 am	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
THUR	Mar 15	09:30 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Mar 16	06:30 pm 07:00 pm	STL	Stations of the Cross Anne & Betty Glettig †
SAT	Mar 17	05:00 pm	SJV	Tony Wagner †
SUN	Mar 18	09:00 am	STL	Kathleen Schmader †
<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, 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 17th & 18th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Carol Kroll, Robert Jardon & Rita Herken	Rita Herken	Devin Guenther and family	Tm 8
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Sue Griffee, Jennifer Roggenkamp, & Shirley Navinsky	Jennifer Roggenkamp	Taylor Seever and family	Tm 2

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$2092 which included \$20 for utilities and last week's on-line collection of \$130. Thank you for your generosity. Visit our website OR Facebook page to click on the link to donate on-line!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will be held Friday night, **March 16th** at 6:30 pm, STL.

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: The Archbishop's Call to Share Campaign will be ending soon. If you have not yet given to this cause, please consider giving, even if only a small amount. We are all "Called to Share". Any amount will help those in need. Thank you to those who have already given to this cause.

SECOND COLLECTION: will be held this weekend of **March 11th** for the American Bishop's Overseas Appeal (CRS). Please be generous. Thanks!

THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION – helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through this collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the HolyLand as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

DUES REMINDER: Please submit your St. Joseph of the Valley Altar Society dues in an envelope marked for SJV Altar Society or your check can be payable to "SJV Altar Society". We appreciate your timely dues submission. Thank you!

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. 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 Type **Lent2018** for 20% off at checkout. Don't see what you are looking for? Send us an email at: savior@archkck.org

SAVE OUR HISTORY! Calling for Immaculata Memorabilia. A history of Catholic secondary education in LV is being compiled for the publication of a book. Searching for early yearbooks, issues of newsletters, photos, news articles, etc. We need to SAVE & preserve this history! Contact: Mary Ann Sachse Brown (913-682-4904) or LV Co Historical Society at Carroll Mansion Museum (913-682-7759).

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.

SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS: Treasures Of The Church Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish (7023 W. 71st Street, Overland Park) presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Wednesday **March 21** at 7:00 pm. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry.

Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

7TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON ADVANCING THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: will be held **March 23-24**, the theme for this year is Humanae Vitae 50 Years Later: A Call to Self-Gift. With the exemplary talent showcased by the registry of speakers and presenters, this year's Symposium will prove to be a fruitful endeavor. Each paper presented delves into a unique perspective and analysis of the famous papal encyclical, Humanae Vitae, and the subsequent thoughts on issues of marriage and the family life. The Symposium is meant to cultivate reflection and dialogue, with a particular emphasis on the vocation of every individual to make a sincere gift of self. For more information on the Symposium, please visit: www.benedictine.edu/symposium

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (near Atchison): 13th Annual Irish Heritage Festival will be held on **March 24th**. At 8:30 am there will be a 5K Fun Walk/Run & 10K Trail Run. Registration - \$30. Also at 8:30 will be BREAKFAST for \$5 and the church Open House/Heritage Display. Raffle prizes. At 7:30 pm, a TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT starts, as well as BUNKO! See flier and registration form on our FB page for more info or call Heidi Johnson, 913-426-1921.

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@christspce.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 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.

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DEAF RETREAT: Deaf Ministry for the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, is pleased to announce there will be a Deaf Retreat at Most Pure Heart of Mary in Topeka, Kansas, on **March 17**. The cost for the retreat is \$20, and the retreat will be from 9 AM to 5 PM with Fr. Joe Bruce as the speaker. Confessions will be available from 4 PM to 4:45 PM. Deaf Mass will begin at 5 PM. If you want to register, please RSVP to Jeannine Adkins at jadkins@mphm.com.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS: The ecclesial movement Communion and Liberation is leading its annual outdoor Way of the Cross on GoodFriday, **March 30**. The Way of the Cross will begin at 10:30am inside the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (KCMO) with Bishop Johnston leading us in prayer. We will proceed through the streets of downtown Kansas City, as we carry the cross of Jesus and visit 5 stations to remember the passion of Christ. This walking meditation recalls the suffering and death of Our Lord through scriptural meditations, poetry, silence, and song. People of all ages are welcome. More information can be found on Facebook @ Way of the Cross KC or contact Kirstin Milliard at kmilliard@gmail.com

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.wwe4youandme.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/>

YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE: A time to walk with God. The Community of the Lamb invites young adults (18-35) for a 2-day pilgrimage on **April 27th-29th**. Hiking, daily Mass, prayer, Adoration, Confession, talks. Informational meeting on Monday, April 9th, 7:45 pm at Lumen Christi Monastery, 36 S. Boeke St., Kansas City, KS 66101. **Please sign up by April 20th**. Little Sisters of the Lamb: 913-621-1727 lumenchristi@communityofthelamb.org or Little Brothers of the Lamb 913-998-6644, littlebrotherskansas@communityofthelamb.org

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE: Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak, host of the daily More 2 Life radio show on EWTN radio, authors of For Better Forever, a Catholic Guide to Lifelong Marriage, will present a Marriage Enrichment Conference at St. Michael the Archangel parish on

Saturday, **Oct. 6**, 2018. The conference begins with Mass at 8:15am and concludes at 11:45am. Details on registration to follow.

MARRIAGE MINUTE: When you head out to Confession this Lent, you won't be wearing the tennis shoes you wore in second grade. Yet many of us approach this sacrament with an examination of conscience that resembles the one we used in our First Reconciliation!

As a married person, ask yourself:

- Do I take my spouse for granted?
- Do I persist in bad habits that make life hard for my spouse?
- Am I holding grudges, or failing to reconcile quickly with my spouse?
- Have I allowed things or people outside my marriage to become my priority?
- Do I criticize or control my spouse?
- Do I strive to grow in my marriage or take my Sacrament for granted?

This Lent, confessions are available every Wednesday evening at every parish. Be reconciled with God for the sake of your spouse!

LENTEN READING: WEEK 4

Social Justice = self-abandonment

St. Martin de Porres, the patron saint of social justice should befuddle most “social justice” activists. How could it be that a black man so meek and humble should be the patron of a movement that most of us associate with the oppressed rising up, chanting “fight the power!”

When he discerned a call to religious life, the Dominicans would not allow him to become a full monk until many years later because of the dark color of his skin. Rather than resentment, his response was complete self-abandonment. He even once begged his superior to sell him as a slave, rather than valuable objects from the monastery. Fortunately, his prior told him, “Go back to the monastery, brother. You are not for sale.”

Were these scenes to be shown in a movie, how many activists would cringe? Though canonized in modern times, we moderns do not understand Martin's humiliating love of others, a love so deep-seated that he abandons himself completely.

Social justice is the Gospel's guide to restoring right relationship in society. St. Martin is its patron because complete self-abandonment is the antidote to the selfishness of today. In our fallen world, post “me generation,” the universal human calling to “do unto others as you would have them do unto you” gets lost because we lose track of the score in our favor. We justify ourselves in all situations.

St Martin mirrors Christ crucified so completely he both attracts and repels. We admire his love for the lowly, but recoil in horror because he shows us our own selfishness.

Soon to be Saint, Pope John XXIII said at Martin's canonization:

“Saint Martin, always obedient and inspired by his divine teacher, dealt with that profound love which comes from pure faith and humility of spirit. He loved men because he honestly looked on them as God's children and as his own brothers and sisters. Such was his humility that he loved them even more than himself and considered them to be better and more righteous than he was.”

“Sad to say, not all of us understand these spiritual values as well as we should, nor do we give them a proper place in our lives. Many of us, in fact, strongly attracted to sin, may look upon these values as of little moment, even something of a nuisance, or we ignore them altogether.”

Jesus Christ came to restore all of creation to its original purity by his total gift of self on the cross. As we prepare for Easter, St. Martin shows us how to reply to God's gift of His son by giving ourselves completely to those in need, for that indeed is the best way to fight the power.

BULLETIN ITEMS: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 or email jsjparish@gmail.com. Mass intentions may be scheduled with Kim as well.: