

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 18, 2018

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Mar 20	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.</i>				
WED	Mar 21	06:30 am	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
THUR	Mar 22	09:30 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Mar 23	06:30 pm 07:00 pm	STL	Stations of the Cross Tony Wagner †
SAT	Mar 24	05:00 pm	SJV	Mary Gwartney †
SUN	Mar 25	09:00 am	STL	Shirley Karczewski †
<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 24th and 25th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Vince Eimer, Tracy Heim, Aaron & Vicki Welch	Vince Eimer	Haley Heim and family	Tm 7
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Sharon Wagner, Ted & Dawn Staver, Geri Wilburn	John Johnston	Cohen Navinsky and family	Tm 5

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$2007 for the regular collection; \$10 mass intentions; \$534.60 for Catholic Relief Services (2d collection), and \$20 utilities 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!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will be held Friday night, **March 23rd** 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 COLLECTIONS:

Good Friday, March 30th will be held for the Holy Land
Easter: will be for Priesthood: Present & Future.

EASTER SCHEDULE: Below is the schedule:

HOLY THURSDAY	MAR 29	6:00 pm	STL
GOOD FRIDAY	MAR 30	6:00 pm	SJV
SATURDAY	MAR 31	8:00 pm	STL
(Easter Vigil Mass)			
EASTER SUNDAY	APR 1	8:00 am	SJV
EASTER SUNDAY	APR 1	10:00 am	STL

THANK YOU! A special Thank You to Jack and Donna Rogers for scheduling and overseeing the installation of the new cabinets and sink in the sacristy of St. Lawrence Church. If anyone is interested in looking at the new improvement, feel free to take a look at them after mass.

MAGNIFIKIDS: We have the "Magnifikids" mass booklets again for our children to follow along during mass. These booklets are mainly for children K- 2nd grade. There are a month's worth of booklets in each packet, so if you take a packet for your child, please remember to bring the next week's booklet to mass with you each week for them to follow along with.

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

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. \$10 adults; \$5 ages 4-10, and free for 3 ages 0-3. Available thru March 23rd.

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 \$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 **March 21** at 7:00 pm. Father Carlos Martins will be here to teach about these holy objects. 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. 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.

PRE-SYMPOSIUM EVANGELIZATION WORKSHOPS: Join us Thursday, March 22 (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.) and Friday, March 23 (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Taught by FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) staff and missionaries. • Learn how to evangelize in the real world; • Help others grow in their prayer life; • Make missionary disciples. To register and learn more about the Symposium, go to: <https://www.benedictine.edu/faith-life/symposium/index>

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**. 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.

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)

UNIVERSITY OF ST. MARY, LEAVENWORTH USM is an esteemed applied liberal arts Catholic university with more than 30 undergraduate programs, eight graduate programs, a doctoral program, and an ever-growing focus on health care education. Classes are offered on campuses in Leavenworth and Overland Park, and in several formats: traditional, evening-accelerated, and online USM is now offering the DePaul Scholars program, which will help high need students, specifically Kansas residents who qualify for a full Pell Grant so that for students living off campus, their only cost beyond the aid package would be textbooks. For students living on campus, the university would also cover the cost of a room. USM awards over \$8 million in scholarships every year. Call USM at 913-758-6329 for additional information.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS: The ecclesial movement Communion and Liberation is leading its annual outdoor Way of the Cross on Good Friday, **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.wwme4youandme.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.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY RESPITE CARE PROGRAM: Saturday, April 28th, 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.

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

WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT: Women of all states of life and vocations, ages 18 and up, are invited to "A Woman's Call to Spiritual Motherhood Silent Retreat" directed by The Fathers of Mercy. Retreat held at The Sisters of St. Francis in Independence, MO... **June 29th thru July 1st**. Cost is \$140, which includes lodging, meals, and cost of retreat. Space is limited. For more information or to register please contact imjvocationretreat@gmail.com

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: Have you ever pleaded with God to "Create in me a clean heart." What does that look like in our marriages? Consider something else we clean often: the kitchen.

- A clean kitchen isn't cluttered. A clean heart prioritizes marriage over the busyness of life.
- We wipe up spills quickly before they stick to our countertops. We are quick to ask for and grant forgiveness with our spouse.
- Keeping a kitchen clean takes daily routines and periodic deep scrubbing. Our marriages need daily routines and an annual retreat or workshop.
- A clean kitchen is the heart of the home, a welcoming place for family to gather. Our marriages should be the same warm place to show God's love! For more practical suggestions, go to www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

LENTEN READING: WEEK 5 IT'S THE CULTURE

A president of recent history was elected on the slogan "It's the economy, stupid!" I think had John Paul II run for office his slogan might have been "It's the culture, stupid!" He certainly would have said it more nicely, but the gist would have been the same; pay attention to what really matters: the culture.

In the last part of the 20th Century while other thinkers and activists were busy looking to political, economic, and legal structures to improve the human condition, John Paul II made the brilliant observation that culture, more than anything else, contributed to the misery or prosperity of a people.

He wrote in *Centesimus Annus*, "It is not possible to understand man on the basis of economics alone, nor to define him simply on the basis of class membership. Man is understood in a more complete way when he is situated within the sphere of culture through his language, history, and the position he takes towards the fundamental events of life, such as birth, love, work and death. At the heart of every culture lies the attitude man takes to the greatest mystery: the mystery of God. Different cultures are basically different ways of facing the question of the meaning of personal existence."

Like it or not, culture affects us and how we relate to God. Culture can teach us things about God but it can also obscure God's teachings. As John Paul said, "All human activity takes place within a culture and interacts with culture"

It was this profound observation that led him to coin the phrases: "the culture of life" and "the culture of death." In doing this he was not just talking about abortion or the death penalty, but giving Catholics a powerful tool by which to examine our lives and see the causes of many social maladies.

How is your culture affecting you? Is the culture at your work influencing you to ignore your vocation as a spouse and parent? Is the culture of your neighborhood or country influencing you to see outsiders as not quite children of God? Is the entertainment culture leading you to see the opposite sex as objects instead of persons?

Conversely, how are you affecting your culture? Does the gospel live in the way you treat your spouse and children? How do you talk with or about your co-workers? Do you speak out against injustice or racism? Do you have mercy and compassion for the poor among us? What is it about you that signals to another that you are a follower of Christ?

As St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words."

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