

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Palm Sunday – March 25, 2018

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Mar 27	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.</i>				
WED	Mar 28	06:30 am	STL	Josephine Noll ☩
THUR	Mar 29	06:00 pm	STL	Merlin Fink ☩
FRI	Mar 30	06:00 pm	SJV	Ed & Rose Hand ☩
SAT	Mar 31	08:00 pm	STL	Kathleen Schmader ☩
SUN	Apr 1	08:00 am	SJV	Father Neal Stull ☩
		10:00 am	STL	Tony Wagner ☩

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, 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).

Confessions: 4:30 pm SAT at SJV; 8:30 am SUN at STL; and during Lent, WED 6-7 pm at STL

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – March 29th - April 1st

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS
THUR	STL	6:00 pm	Sue Griffee, Jennifer Roggenkamp, Shirley Navinsky, Mary Ray	Mary Ray	Mr. and Mrs. John Navinsky	Tm 3
FRI	SJV	6:00 pm	None Required	Kris Beying	Mr. and Mrs. Jason Nichols	Tm 6
SAT	STL	8:00 pm	Sharon Wagner, Geri Wilburn, Ted & Dawn Staver	Ted and Dawn Staver	Luke Heim and family	Tm 1 & 8
SUN	SJV	8:00 am	Aaron & Vicki Welch, Robert Jardon, Tracy Heim	Aaron Welch	Pearl Miller and family	Tm 7
SUN	STL	10:00 am	Sue Griffee, Jennifer Roggenkamp, Shirley Navinsky, Rita Oatney	Rita Oatney	Haley Heim and family	Tm 2

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1227 and last week's on-line collection of \$205. Thank you for your generosity. Visit our website OR Facebook page to click on the link to donate on-line!

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. We are all "Called to Share". Any amount will help those in need. We have contributed 92% of our projected goal in the Archbishop's Call to Share Campaign. Thank you to those who have already given to this cause.

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

Please NOTE there is no SATURDAY 5:00 pm service on March 31st at SJV!

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Good Friday, March 30th will be held for the Holy Land which will help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education and preserve the sacred shrines. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, please visit: www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

Easter: will be for Priesthood: Present & Future, which provides education and support of nearly 30 seminarians, continuing education and retreats for our priests, and the care of our 20 retired priests. Please be generous and please pray for them!

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

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.

SPRING CLOSING RALLY, 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: March 25th, 3:00 pm. Rally to be held on the public sidewalk outside the Center for Women's Health, 4840 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS. Speakers include Archbishop Joseph Naumann and Alli Donohue, Director of Pro-Life. For more information, visit <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/overland-park>

XAVIER OPEN HOUSE will be held Monday, **April 16**, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the preschool campus at 1409 2nd Ave. and at the K-8 campus at 541 Muncie Rd. Xavier Catholic School welcomes all new families interested in enrolling for 2018-2019 school year! Fliers are located at the back of church. Hope to see you there! For information about our program, please visit our website at <http://leavenworthcatholicsschools.org>. If you are unable to attend this event and would like more information or schedule a tour, please contact us at 913-682-1943 (preschool) or 913-682-3135 (K-8 campus). You can also email Lisa Forge at lisa.forge@leavenworthcatholicsschools.org.

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

A VIRTUAL VATICAN SCAVI TOUR – The Secular Franciscans of Sacred Heart, Emporia invite you to join them on a Virtual Vatican Scavi Tour on Thursday, **April 5**, from 7:00-8:30pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 106 Exchange St., Emporia. The tour will take you through the excavations beneath the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome and through the catacombs of the early Church including the burial place of St. Peter. The Scavi Tour is one of the most exclusive tours in Rome as only 250 people per day are allowed with each group limited to twelve people or less. The virtual tour will be presented by Fr. Agustin Martinez, Associate Pastor of Prince of Peace Church in Olathe. Fr. Agustin recently returned from Rome and is eager to share his presentation.

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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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**, 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.

PROJECT RACHEL: Let MERCY Flow—Healing Abortion's Sorrow - Unfailing Mercy Retreat – 2 day retreat, **April 27-28TH**. FREE, CONFIDENTIAL. Call or text Patricia at 913-621-2199 or email projectrachelkc@archkck.org. in KS or call 816-591-3804 in MO. Project Rachel is a ministry supported by Call to Share.

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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

FAMILY SPECIAL NEEDS SUMMER CAMP: A summer camp for families who have a child (or children) with special needs will be held **Friday, June 29th to Sunday, July 1st** at Prairie Star Ranch in Williamsburg. Go to www.archkck.org/special-needs for details or contact Tom Racunas, Lead Consultant for the Special Needs Ministry at tracunas@archkck.org or call 913-647-3054.

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 imivocationretreat@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: "Holy Week for Marriage"
Praise, temptation to despair, indignant questioning from one who does not understand his mission, rejection, and eventually, death. While these descriptions apply to our Lord's experience during Holy Week, they also apply to the lived experience of married couples.

St. John Paul II said, "Married couples are a permanent reminder to the Church of what happened on the Cross." Jesus called himself the Bridegroom, and His Bride was the Church. We imitate Christ in our marriages when we:

- Accept praise from others with humility and thanksgiving to God.
 - Allow grace to strengthen our hope when we are tempted to despair over financial situations or the choices our children make.
 - Choose to courageously witness to the beauty of marriage even though friends or extended family may not understand our vocation.
 - Forgive generously when we are hurt.
- For other ways to witness your marriage, go to www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com.

WEEK 6, PALM SUNDAY: SEGREGATED BUT NOT SEPARATE

Once, not so long ago, rich and poor worshipped together in the same parish. However, with the advent of automobiles and suburbs, our parishes have become economically segregated. Those who had more made the exodus out of the urban corps and into the suburbs—for more land, better schools and bigger homes...and the poor remained.

Now for many of us, when Jesus talks about the poor, it is hard to think of someone we actually know. Stereotypes fill the void, and tempt us to think they have brought it on themselves through addiction or bad choices. We snark on Facebook about Vision card moms ahead of us at the grocery, who seem to eat better than we do. If we are not careful we can take Jesus' admonition "For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me" (Mathew 26:11) as a way out. We excuse ourselves from mercy, and so segregate our charity.

Saint Faustina Kowalska wrote a diary of her encounters with Jesus. Jesus tells her quite plainly, that while there may be a Feast of Mercy (we know now this as Divine Mercy Sunday) "You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it." (Diary 1109)

We want to be excused from loving people who are other. We want a pass because somehow at this time, at this moment, showing mercy shouldn't apply to us. We want to believe we are entitled to opt out for any number of reasons: we're busy, we're broke, we're tired, we're wounded, and the reasons go on and on.

But Pope Francis' Lenten message challenges us to get out of ourselves and, "...distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt."

As we arrive again at Palm Sunday, it is not too late for charity and alms even as we wave our branches in welcome. While Lent focuses our attentions on prayer, fasting and almsgiving, it doesn't mean these are the only times we practice such attention to charity. As we come close to the cross on Good Friday, surely we are struck at how Jesus, himself, held nothing of himself back from love of us. And when we encounter the resurrected Christ, that God-Man on whom our very Faith rests, we must practice that joy. We must love as He loves. We must not exclude ourselves from giving Christ's love by segregating ourselves from those in most need of our charity. It may be a bit of a drive but it's worth the trip.

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