

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Easter Sunday – April 1, 2018

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Apr 3	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.</i>				
WED	Apr 4	06:30 am	STL	Tony Wagner✠
THUR	Apr 5	09:30 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Apr 6	07:30 am	SJV	NO MASS
SAT	Apr 7	05:00 pm	SJV	Sam Ernzen✠
SUN	Apr 8	09:00 am	STL	Shirley Karczewski✠
<i>Confessions: 4:30 pm SAT at SJV; 8:30 am SUN 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, 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 – April 7th & 8th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Carol Kroll, Rita Herken, Vince Eimer	Vince Eimer	Abe Heim & Family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Sharon Wagner, Sue Griffee, Rita Oatney	John Johnston	Blayke Roggenkamp & family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$2942.50, including \$20 for utilities, \$50 for Priesthood, \$50 for Holy Land and \$37.50 for hall rent, 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!

SECOND COLLECTIONS: 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!

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Mass on Friday morning, April 6th.

BREAKFAST: The Army of Christ will be serving breakfast on April 8th, after the 9 am mass at St. Lawrence. Please join us!

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Immaculata Council #900 announces annual award winners for 2017 – 2018: Family of the Year is Tom and Barb Fitzgerald and Knight of the Year is Marty Moreno.

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.

FREE CONCEPTION COLLEGE SEMINARY VISIT: Young men high school juniors to 35 are invited to visit an active college seminary April 14 - 15 at Conception in Missouri. This is both a college visit and a discernment retreat which includes sports, social activities, small groups, and a Eucharistic Procession. Join other guys like yourself to meet seminarians and see how active seminary life is. There is no charge. Vocation director Fr. Scott Wallisch will provide transportation and accompany visitors, leaving Sat. afternoon and returning Sunday evening. Registration is required by April 2 at kckvocations.com. For details go to ewqc.org. This program fills quickly so act now.

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.

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.

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.wmwe4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS On April 22 the Catholic Church asks us to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Here's what you can do: Invite a priest or sister over for a meal, pray a rosary for vocations with each decade dedicated to priests or religious in your life, pray for vocations in the Adoration chapel, read about saints or watch a movie about a famous saint, priest or sister.

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.

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

ATTENTION! COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY in 2018 Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be June 10, 2018, at 2:00pm, Church of the Nativity/Leawood. To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, please call the parish office and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding. Please do this as soon as possible.

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 jmvocationretreat@gmail.com

A FAMILY SPECIAL NEEDS SUMMER CAMP: 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.

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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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.

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/>

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.

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: “Let Easter impact your marriage!”

After the sacrifice of Lent and the gloom of Holy Week, we can sometimes arrive at Easter like someone who has finished a dreaded chore, and we resume regularly-scheduled life. However, if this is our approach, we miss the gift Easter can be for our marriages.

The first message of the Resurrection is “Don’t be afraid!” This phrase is proclaimed to all who approach the empty tomb, and to us as married people as well. We should not be afraid:

- of serious illness, financial or relationship problems. He has conquered even death, so He can bring good out of any evil we face.
- of facing our own or our spouse’s sin. He loved his disciples after they abandoned him. He can help us love each other with that same love. To unleash Easter Joy into your marriage, visit www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com.

WEEK 6, BAPTISMAL PROMISE

Your Baptismal Promise

When my children were young, something of a minor miracle happened to me at Easter Mass. While holding a baby and keeping a father’s eye on my young sons, I was actually able to pay attention to what I was praying and think about the meaning of the words. The prayer was the renewal of my baptismal promise.

“Do you reject Satan?”

“I do!” (Man, I hate that guy!)

“And all his works?”

“I do!” (Of course, I’m not sure what he is working on, but I want no part of it.)

“And all his empty promises?”

“I do!” (All right, already, I reject him why do I have to repeat it three times?)

Then I am asked to reaffirm all my beliefs in Christ and His Church.

My mind goes back to this whole Satan thing. Just how do I reject him, his works, and his empty promises? I don’t exactly wake up in the morning to find the prince of darkness offering me a cup of coffee, trying to entice me into his nefarious plans. While there have been times I have felt my moral deliberations clouded by a dark force, for the most part Ol’ Scratch keeps a low profile.

Lent started with the scripture where Satan tempts Christ with all the kingdoms of the world. In fact, in another passage, our Lord calls him the prince of this world. Satan has political power and lots of it! The story of

our Lord’s passion is full of political intrigue, and Satan is behind the scenes pulling the strings. Surely this prince of the world has not stopped his meddling in human affairs. I can just hear Satan mocking, “Legalized abortion, ethnic cleansing, starvation amidst abundance, human trafficking, consumerism, pornography; come on guys do you think these just happen without a great deal of dark effort from beyond?”

Thus, to reject Satan means to reject all social orders that go against the Kingdom of God. We reject Satan not just by resisting personal temptation, but by working to change the cultural and political structures that promote sin, suffering, and injustice. We are called to seek out unjust social orders and work to make them right. This is hard. This will call us to follow Jesus to the cross.

As Lent ends and the Easter season begins, how will you live out your baptismal promises? Ask God to direct you. Maybe it means you challenge a bigoted statement at a dinner party. Maybe it means you risk getting fired and stand against an unjust policy at work. Maybe it means you sacrifice some free time and get involved in a political issue. The resurrected Christ has empowered us to reclaim the world usurped by Satan. So fight the prince’s power. After all, you promised.

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