

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 22, 2018

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Apr 24	06:00 pm	STL	NO MASS
WED	Apr 25	06:30 am	STL	NO MASS
THUR	Apr 26	09:30 am	ENH	NO MASS
FRI	Apr 27	07:30 am	SVJ	NO MASS
SAT	Apr 28	05:00 pm	SVJ	John Bromell †
SUN	Apr 29	09:00 am	STL	Mary Gwartyney †

Confessions: SAT-4:30 pm at SVJ; SUN-8:30 am at STL

Please pray for the sick, especially: Phil Bell, Doris Blockburger, Ellen Boudreaux, Joe Brose, Carl Davidson, Georgia Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Vince Eimer, Tom Flack, Tina Gaspard, Ronnie Gast, Pete Gwartyney, Alan Halstead, Marly Heim, Frank Heintzelman, Jim Heintzelman, Lydia Heintzelman, Melanie Herken, Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, 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. 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 28th and 29th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SVJ	5:00 pm	Aaron & Vicki Welch, Robert Jardon	Rita Herken	Claire Heim & Family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Sharon Wagner, Shirley Roggenkamp, Rita Oatney	Rita Oatney	Liv Fletchall & family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1654.00 for the regular collection, 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!

EMERGENCY CONTACT: Father Mathew will be unavailable from April 23rd until May 30th. There will be no week-day masses until he returns. For Sacramental emergencies (Anointing of the Sick) during this period, please call Fr. Lazar Carasala, 913-370-5383.

PARISH WORK DAY is scheduled for Saturday, **April 28th**. Please consider volunteering part of your day to help keep our parish facilities maintained. The plan is to start at STL at 8:00 am.

SECOND COLLECTION will be held the weekend of April 29th for Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA).

LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE for **May 3:** Debbie Erzen-Chairman, Kris Beying, Lori Simmons and Evelyn Wagner.

BREAKFAST! Please join us **May 6th** after mass for a breakfast celebration to honor First Communion Recipients, Graduates of the Army of Christ, and our Mothers! It will be served by the men of the parish. If you are interested in helping please contact Jason Nichols or Don Navinsky.

SAVE THE DATES! Saturday social dinners will be held after mass May 26th, June 30th, July 28th, August 25th and September 29th. Looking forward to seeing you there!

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IMMACULATA #900 in Leavenworth announce the following awards for the quarter:
 Knight of the Month - Jan. - Bob Koppen
 Family of the Month - Jan. - Mike & Mary Noone
 Knight of the Month - Feb. - Joe Ezell
 Family of the Month - Feb. - Kenneth & Mary Uphaus
 Knight of the Month - March - Will Hazelitt & Clay Bowlin
 Family of the Month - March - Tim & Beth Scanlon

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.

CHICKEN DINNER: The Green Club of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, located at 94th and State Ave., KC, KS is sponsoring a chicken dinner and bingo on **April 28th** at 6:00 p.m. Dinners are \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children or \$30.00 for a family of four or more. Bingo will be \$1.00 per game.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – PROTEST AGAINST PLANNED PARENTHOOD: You can help fight Planned Parenthood in Overland Park on Sat, **April 28**, 9am to 10:30 am. Just weeks ago, Planned Parenthood—the nation's largest abortion chain—announced plans to expand their operations “in all 50 states.” That includes our home state of Kansas! Want to do your part to stop Planned Parenthood's dangerous new agenda? Then come out on Saturday, **April 28th** for the Third Annual National Day of Prayer and Protest Against Planned Parenthood. Join thousands of pro-lifers across the country, gathering peacefully at Planned Parenthood facilities to educate our communities about their true agenda, speak out for our unborn brothers and sisters, and call on state and federal governments

to defund the abortion giant. Where: Planned Parenthood at 4401 W. 109th St, Overland Park. Signs and banners will be provided. Pray the rosary to protect unborn babies. More Info: Ron Kelsey, President, Planned Parenthood Exposed, ronkelsey10@gmail.com

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

CHRIST'S PEACE HOUSE OF PRAYER: On Tuesday, **May 15**, we are going to celebrate the feast day of St Isidore, the patron saint of farmers. This is our way of honoring the rural community of the Archdiocese. We would love for you to join us and help fill our dining room. Mass will be at noon, followed by a procession to the Sts Isidore and Maria shrine and praying the rosary when there, and a return to the main building for lunch and good fellowship. If you plan on coming contact us at 913-773-8255 or info@christspce.com so we will know how much food to prepare.

THIRD ANNUAL ALYSSA'S RIDE 2018 will be held **June 9th**. 9 am registration; 11 am ride. ATV/UTV Poker Run will be held at 101 E. Riley St, Easton, KS. Raffles & Prizes, T-shirts Available. \$20/Driver; \$10/Passenger/ and \$10 each additional hand. For more information visit <http://www.rememberingalyssa.live/alyssaride.html> or call Marcus/Amy Hutchens at 913-306-5592 or 913-547-1168 or email rememberingalyssainc@gmail.com.

PROTECT ADOPTION CHOICE: The Bishops and the Church in Kansas have been advocating for a law that would protect the conscience rights of faith-based adoption agencies who respect the rights of children to be placed with a father and a mother. There are many birth mothers who want to use a faith-based provider for a variety of reasons. We should never allow this choice to be taken away from mothers who make the difficult choice to place their child up for adoption. As well, Faith-based adoption providers excel in finding forever homes for hard-to-place situations such as kids with special needs, older children and groups of siblings.

While the bill was passed by the Senate, sadly the Kansas House of Representatives rejected HB 2481, the Adoption Protection Act by a vote of 58 to 64. If we can get just 4 members to change their vote this bill would pass. The Kansas House is in recess till April 26th. Please call your Kansas State Representative today and tell him or her to support the Adoption Protection Act, HB 2481. For help finding your Kansas Representative's contact information you can visit: www.openstates.org

AUDIO-READER SERVICE FOR THE LEAVEN: The Leaven is available through the University of Kansas Audio-Reader Service for those who are blind, have low vision or are otherwise print disabled (non-reader, dyslexic). For information on how to receive this service, contact the Audio-Reader general office at 785-864-4600 or The Archdiocesan Special Needs Ministry at 913-647-3054 or email traunas@archkck.org.

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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TOPEKA RUNNIN' REVS GAME: You are invited to the Runnin' Revs vs. All Stars basketball game at Hayden High School on Monday, **April 23rd** at 7:00pm. The Revs are priests who will take on 8th grade and high school youth from Topeka Catholic schools in this exciting game of basketball. Bring family and friends to enjoy the fun. There is no charge but donations will benefit our seminarians

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.

SCHOOL OF LOVE “DATE NIGHT”: Hundreds of couples, of all ages, from both KC dioceses have joined us (and now re-join us) for Date Night! We want you to do the same! We kick off your date with a happy (half) hour, appetizers, & a brief talk on faith+marriage+family... then you go finish your date together alone. It's a great & meaningful (& fun) way to kick-start your date. Join us on the Plaza at Classic Cup (Cellar) on Thurs, **May 3rd** at 6:30-7:30pm to kick-off your Date Night! Date Night is a School of Love event. Check it out online: www.schooloflovekc.com/datenight.

FAMILY DAY AT PRAIRIE STAR RANCH: Prairie Star Ranch is offering you the chance to step away and enter into a day of prayer, adventure, outdoor activities, and time to reconnect. Families, friends, and communities are invited to join us on **May 6th** from 9am to 5pm! Opportunities include Horseback Riding, Canoeing, Ropes Activities, and time for prayer. The experience will culminate with the celebration of the Holy Mass in our beautiful St. Kateri Chapel. Let us journey together on this day of Christ-centered adventure! Register online now or contact the Team at Prairie Star Ranch. www.archkck.org/ranch -- 785-746-5693 -- psrministry@archkck.org

CREATING FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR A LOVED ONE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: The Office of Special Needs Ministry for the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas and EMBRACE are cosponsoring a workshop to educate parents/guardians with a loved one with special needs on how to prepare for two generations of financial security. The workshop will show attendees how to build a team and cover the key aspects for a special needs plan. We will discuss a 5290ABLE account vs. a Special Needs Trust and why they are BOTH important. Speakers will be Casey Conneally, Attorney as well as Kacy Seitz and Debbie Niemann from Northwestern Mutual. All 3 are parents of a special needs child.

Wednesday **May 9** - Cure of Ars Catholic Church, Fr. Burak Room, 9401 Mission Road, Leawood, KS 66206. 6:30pm Wine, cheese and dessert social. 7:00-8:00pm Presentation. Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP for childcare to Jody O'Rourke at 913.647.3059 or jorourke@archkck.org

NATIONAL WEBINAR ON PROTECTING YOUTH FROM PORNOGRAPHY: The Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP) is providing two national webinars entitled “Parents, Kids and Porn: The Conversation” on **May 15** at 11:00 a.m. and **May 22** at 7:00 p.m. The webinar will address how to initiate age- appropriate discussion, free of fear and shame, how to approach technology, social media and pornography, and ultimately how to create an atmosphere of openness and honesty in homes where parents are the go-to person for their children. Registration and more information is available at www.religiousalliance.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 imjvocationretreat@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.

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TOTUS TUUS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: The Totus Tuus Teams will offer an adapted Totus Tuus program for people with special needs. This program is designed for persons 6 to adult with intellectual/developmental disabilities. **Monday July 23 to Friday July 27**, 10:00am – 2:00pm at Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish, 7023 West 71st Street, Overland Park, KS 66204. Registration Deadline is Monday July 2, 2018. For information on how to register and/or volunteer please see our website at www.archkck.org/specialneeds or contact Tom Racunas at 913.647.3059 or tracunas@archkck.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:

Have you ever been made fun of by friends, family or coworkers for:

- Checking with your wife before agreeing to happy hour?
- Packing a lunch for your husband?
- Attending a marriage conference or retreat?
- Praying with your spouse in public?
- Having “too many” kids?
- Buying your wife flowers... even if you're not in a fight?
- Refusing to speak badly about your husband or about marriage in general?

If so, congratulations! These types of behaviors are generous and other-centered. This is the kind of love that Jesus exhibited in dying for us, and the kind of love that made him “the stone that the builders rejected.” and makes for lasting marriages. For more “cornerstone” habits, go to www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com.

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