

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

**Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist – June 24, 2018**

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THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE:

TUES	June 26	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.</i>				
WED	June 27	06:30 am	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
THUR	June 28	09:30 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	June 29	07:30 am	SVJ	Merlin Fink †
SAT	June 30	05:00 pm	SVJ	Ernie DeMaranville †
SUN	July 1	09:00 am	STL	Clarence Wagner †
<i>Confessions: SAT-4:30 pm at SVJ; SUN-8:30 am 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, Tom Flack, Tina Gaspard, Ronnie Gast, Pete Gwartzney, 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 – June 30th and July 1st

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SVJ	5:00 pm	Vince Eimer, Carol Kroll, Robert Jardon	Aaron Welch	Mr. & Mrs. Josh DeMaranville & family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Sue Griffee, Shirley Navinsky, Sharon Wagner	Rita Oatney	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wagner & family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1,626, including \$50 for Utilities, 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!

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES are extended to Lori Payeur and her family on the death of her husband, Stephen Victor Payeur, who died on June 15th. May his family find comfort in God’s presence and may he rest in peace.

ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: *One Faith, One Family, One Future in Christ*, officially begins **June 23rd and 24th**.

The parish is forming a committee for the Archdiocesan-Wide Capital Campaign comprise of two members from the Parish Pastoral Council, two members from the Parish Finance Council, **and two parishioners from at large. Please let us know this week if you are interested in serving on this committee.**

This campaign will provide much-needed support for our retired priests and ensure our continued ability to provide our elderly with compassionate, Catholic skilled nursing care at Villa St. Francis. It will energize our efforts to spread an Archdiocesan-wide culture of evangelization that prepares us to make disciples of all nations and enables us to be good stewards of Savior Pastoral Center. Our parishes will be the largest beneficiary of the campaign; each parish will receive a minimum of 25% of funds collected at that parish to address unique needs and opportunities, while other funding will be allocated to support the special needs of parishes that have undergone consolidations. Our parish will learn more about our goals and ways to support this important endeavor in the coming weeks and months.

SUMMERFEST! Is just around the corner – **August 4th**! There will be a **planning meeting** on Wed. night, **June 27th** at 7 pm, STL Hall. Please come! Also, we need prizes for the Summerfest raffle by **July 1st**. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact Sharon Wagner.

SATURDAY SOCIAL DINNER: Hosted by the Parish Council, will be held after Mass at SVJ on Saturday evening, **June 30th**. We hope you can join us!

SECOND COLLECTION: will be held the weekend of **July 1st** for Holy Father (Peter’s Pence).

LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE for **July 5** - Mary Ray Chairman, Angela Broaddus, Wendy Johnston and Peggy Clark

PLEASE HELP: Please continue to support Leavenworth Catholic Charities with your donations of non-perishable food items such as peanut butter, pasta, boxed dinners, rice, beans, and canned fruits and vegetables. Last month, our parish donated 43 lbs. of food to Leavenworth Catholic Charities. Thank you to all of those who donate to help the less fortunate.

PROJECT GARDEN: If any parishioner has extra garden produce to donate to the churches serving meals in Leavenworth, please contact Judy Brose at 913-683-4304 or brosej2002@yahoo.com.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to request a mass intention(s) for a loved one, please contact Kim Sachse at 913-775-0690 (be sure to leave a message) or text. You can also email: sjslparish@gmail.com. Many dates are available. Mass stipend fees are \$10.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

CHRIST PEACE HOUSE OF PRAYER LESSONS: Pope Francis explains: “There is one particular way of listening to what the Lord wishes to tell us in His Word and of letting ourselves be transformed by the Spirit. It is what we call *lectio divina*. It consists of reading God’s Word in a moment of prayer and allowing it to enlighten and renew us...” Come be transformed as we learn to put into practice the sacred art of Lectio Divina **each Monday** at 10:00 a.m. this summer (**June – August**). Attendees are welcome to stay afterward and enjoy the peace and beauty of our grounds. Christ’s Peace House of Prayer - 22131 Meagher Road – Easton, KS – RSVP – 913-773-8255.

RETIREMENT PARTY: Please join us for a retirement/reception party for Fr. Phil Winkelbauer on Sunday, **July 1st** from 2-5 pm in Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 1405 2nd Ave., Leavenworth.

NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Overland Park, KS on **June 28-30th**. During this 3 day event, national experts on life gather to equip the pro-life grassroots with knowledge and skills needed to advance our cause. Over 60 workshops to choose from including sessions with Archbishop Naumann and Alli Donohue Pro-Life Director Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. Single day passes and babysitting are available. Cost is \$120 for adults, \$65 for seniors and \$50-\$65 for Students. Register and information available at <http://nrlconvention.com> or by contacting the Kansans for Life Office at 913-642-5433.

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.

PITCHING FOR PRIESTS: Will be held **July 6th**, at 7 pm at the Community America Ball Park – T-Bones Stadium. Watch the Missouri Priests vs. the Kansas Priests pay softball. To purchase tickets online go to PitchingforPriests.com or call Catholic Radio at 816-630-1090.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Athletes and musicians practice hours to become the best. Professionals work hard to become successful. How many hours have you devoted to making your marriage the best it can be? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and give your relationship the attention it deserves. The next Weekend in Kansas City is **July 13-15**. 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

IS THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST? Our parish could be recognized for our efforts to grow our legacy society at the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas Deo Gratias dinner in November. Contact the parish office to notify us of your legacy gift or send your notification to steward@archkck.org. Please indicate whether you wish to be included in the published list or whether you prefer to remain anonymous. Gifts are kept in strict confidence. Only names are published. The deadline for submitting your information to be counted among this year’s Catholic Legacy Society members is **June 30**. Thank you for your faithful commitment to strengthening the Church for future generations. Call (913) 647-0325 with questions.

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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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 tracunas@archkck.org.

B.R.E.A.T.H.E. RESPITE CARE PROGRAM: Bessette Respite EMBRACE Action Towards Holy Encounters. The program is offered once a month from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Holy Cross School located at 8101 West 95th Street in Overland Park. Participants will engage in activities that will include, but not be limited to, faith formation, art, recreation and music. BREATHE Respite Care provides the gift of time away from caregiving for families who have a loved one with a disability age 5 and older. VOLUNTEERS are needed for the program. Please prayerfully consider offering your time.

2018 Dates: **July 21st**, Aug. 18th, Sept. 15th, Oct. 20th, Nov. 10th, Dec. 15th; 2019 Dates: Jan. 12th, Feb. 16th, March 16th, April 13th, May 18th. Registration must be completed 10 days prior to the event. Acceptance will be based on the availability of volunteers. Parents/Guardians can complete the registration form by clicking here.

If you are interested in learning more please contact Tom Racunas to talk about the many ways you can be a part of this wonderful and growing ministry. Call 913-647-3054 or email tracunas@archkck.org or Audrey Amor, Archdiocese Respite Care Coordinator at 816-739-1197 or via email at aamor@siakeepingfaith.org. To register a loved one or to volunteer please go to www.archkck.org/specialneeds and complete the online forms.

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.

LEAVENWORTH REGION SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY MEETING: will be held Wednesday **July 25th 6:00p.m. – 7:15p.m.** at St. Francis de Sales, Robert Martz Hall, 900 Ida St., Lansing, KS 66043. This is an informational meeting to discuss the needs of families with a loved one with special needs and how each parish can respond. We encourage Directors of Religious Education, catechists, Social Justice and/or Pro-Life Committee members as well as parishioners with disabilities and/or their families to attend this session. Pizza will be provided. Please RSVP to Jody O'Rourke at jorourke@archkck.org or 913-647-3059. If you have any questions please contact Tom Racunas, Lead Consultant for the Special Needs Ministry, at tracunas@archkck.org or 913-647-3054.

“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 Most Pure Heart of Mary, Topeka, **August 4-5**. Register online at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information.

MY HOUSE WORKSHOP FOR MEN – Aug. 9-11

The My House Men's Workshop is a premier Catholic/Christian intensive for men struggling with pornography, sexual behavior problems and/or sexual addiction. The workshop is led by Dr. Todd Bowman, Fr. Sean Kilcawley, Michael Ciaccio, and Sam Meier. This workshop is more affordable than similar Christian intensive programs. Please pray that this workshop will provide hope and healing to many men in our area and throughout the US!

The workshop is located in Kansas City, KS. At Savior Pastoral Center, the fee includes room and board for Thursday through Saturday. Contact Michael Ciaccio MS, LPC, SATP, Center for Healing LLC, 816-786-6063 centerforhealing1128@gmail.com.

2018 SUMMER TOUR: RYMO will host the 2018 Summer Tour “Perfectly Imperfect” which will feature music by Mikey Needleman, speaker Sarah Swafford, games, dinner and outdoor mass. Entire families are welcome and cost is only \$10 per person with a \$25 per family cap.

Aug. 12 – Horton Fairgrounds (7th & Central) 3-7pm

Aug. 19 – St. Boniface, Scipio church grounds (32292 NE Norton Rd, Garnett) 3-7pm. There is also an indoor Adult mini-retreat and luncheon on **Aug. 18** at Sts. Peter and Paul, Seneca from 10-1. \$15 fee includes light breakfast, two sessions with Sarah Swafford, music with Mikey Needleman, catered lunch and gifts to take home. ALL ARE WELCOME! If you need any accommodations to participate fully, please notify us at ruralyouth@archkck.org

“COPING WITH LIFE ALONE” - is a Beginning Experience® grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope.

Upcoming program will be held **Sept. 9 through Oct. 21**, at St Patrick Parish, 1357 NE 42nd Terrace, KC MO. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for information and registration.

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.

RCYC 2018 “Crafted and Worthy”: Join 100s of ArchKCK youth at the 2nd Rural Catholic Youth Conference **Nov. 17-18** at Topeka's Capitol Plaza Hotel. This dynamic two-day conference features national speakers, The Mikey Needleman Band, Mass, adoration, breakouts, spectacular food, evening social and more! Early bird registration (email # of adults and youth) by **May 31st** saves \$10 per person. Final registration is due **October 1st**.

MARRIAGE MINUTE: The Cross of Infertility

This weekend we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist, a miraculous child born to parents who bore the heavy burden of infertility for many years. God answered Elizabeth and Zachariah's prayers, but there are likely couples you know who are still waiting for their answer. Here is how you can help:

- Don't give advice unless asked.
- Acknowledge their suffering and offer to listen.
- Be sensitive regarding baby or child-related events.
- Continue to pray and let your friend know you are praying.

If you are in the midst of this struggle yourself, we know there are no easy answers. We join you in prayer with this weekend's psalm: For you are my hope, O LORD; my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

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

"[Religious] freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it."
- Pope Francis

**Serving Others
in God's Love**
Religious Freedom Week
June 22–29, 2018

People of faith are committed to serving others in God's love in healthcare, child welfare, migration and refugee resettlement, education, and more. Religious freedom protects the space in which we can continue to serve. Religious Freedom Week begins June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. Learn more at www.usccb.org/religiousfreedomweek/

Office of Religious Liberty
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