

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Aug. 19, 2018

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Aug 21	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.</i>				
WED	Aug 22	06:30 am	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
THUR	Aug 23	09:30 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Aug 24	07:30 am	SJV	Tony Wagner †
SAT	Aug 25	05:00 pm	SJV	Ernie DeMaranville †
SUN	Aug 26	09:00 am	STL	Charles H. Abel Sr. †
<i>Confessions: SAT-4:30 pm at SJV; SUN-8:30 am at STL</i>				

Please pray for the sick, especially: Phil Bell, Susie Beying, Doris Blockburger, Ellen Boudreaux, Joe Brose, Carl Davidson, Georgia Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Vince Eimer, Tom Flack, Tina Gaspard, Ronnie Gast, Pete Gwartney, 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 – Aug 25th and 26th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Vince Eimer, Robert Jardon, Tracy Heim	Rita Herken	Mr. and Mrs. Tim Herken
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Ted & Dawn Staver, Geri Wilburn	Dawn Staver	Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Abel

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1,827.50, including \$25 for Mission COOP, \$187.50 for hall rental, and \$10 for Mass Stipend, and last week's on-line collection of \$45.46. Thank you for your generosity. Visit our website OR Facebook page to click on the link to donate on-line!

ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: *One Faith, One Family, One Future in Christ*, officially began **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 immediately if you are interested in serving on this committee.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CCD PARENT MEETING and REGISTRATION on Aug. 26th, immediately following the 9am mass at St. Lawrence Hall

CCD TEACHERS: We need volunteers, both primary teachers, as well as substitutes for our primary teachers. CCD will be starting up soon after Labor Day and we really need your help! Contact Jennifer Roggenkamp to volunteer at 913-705-9872.

AOC is looking for a couple new leaders. Without someone stepping in this year as a leader there will be no AOC group. Please contact Jennifer Roggenkamp if interested.

LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE for **Sept. 6** Sharon Wagner-Chairman, Dawn Staver, Sara Noll and Rita Oatney. Please prepare for 15 people.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HAWAII DISASTER RELIEF: A second collection will be held next weekend (**Aug. 25 & 26**) to assist the people in Hawaii who are victims of the volcanic activity on Hawaii Island. The funds collected will assist with emergency temporary shelters, housing assistance, support for survivors throughout their recovery, and basic household necessities (gas, food, water and clothing). Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ that they may find hope, healing and support through these efforts.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

Rare and Extreme Occurrences: When the abortion lobby was originally selling the idea of making abortion legal, they ridiculed those who said it would one day be used as birth control. They said abortion would only be used in extreme and rare cases.

When over 3,500 babies lose their life to abortion each and every day, that can hardly be described as a “rare” occurrence! Given this fact, abortion apologists have switched gears and are now selling the idea that even if abortion is used as birth control, it's a private matter and no one else's business.

Of course, it most definitely is our business, because legalized abortion has proven to be not only morally indefensible, but also a financial disaster. Our tax dollars indirectly pay for abortions and since abortion has been legal, we have been forced to bear the financial burden of skyrocketing pregnancy rates of unmarried mothers.

Most importantly, before anyone can participate in any activity derived from his or her right to privacy, we must first ask, “The privacy to do what?” In the case of abortion, we are talking about the privacy to take the life of an innocent child. Thus, the only decent view is that when one individual's “choice” or “right to privacy” will cost another human being his or her life, that choice cannot be considered a matter of privacy.

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, Aug. 3-Sept. 28. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray to receive weekly email or text reminders, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES Athletes and musicians practice hours to become the best. Professionals work hard and take refresher courses 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 Weekends in Kansas City are **August 24-26** and **September 14-16**. 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

“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.

BIRTHRIGHT: Want to live your faith and make a difference in someone else's life? Our volunteers offer hope, understanding and love to women distressed by pregnancy. We help them evaluate their situation, look at resources and discover how they can give life to their babies. For 31 years Birthright of Leavenworth, Inc. has been helping women in this area carry their babies to term. Come learn about Birthright. Both meetings are required for volunteering.

Birthing Information Night: Thursday, **Sept 6**, at 7 pm. at the Leavenworth Public Library Board Meeting Room, 417 Spruce. This is an introductory meeting for anyone interested in volunteering or who would like to know more about Birthright.

Birthing Volunteer Training Day Saturday, **Sept 8**, from 9 am to 4 pm; at the Birthright Center, 221-A Delaware; Leavenworth. This is training for anyone interested in volunteering at the Birthright center. Our volunteers give approximately 3 hours/week or every other week. Both meetings are required for volunteering. If you have questions or to register for training, please call Margaret McNamee 913-991-7660, or the Birthright center 913-682-2700.

RETREAT: Christ's Peace House of Prayer will host a retreat, The Cross: the value of suffering, on **Sept. 8-9**. The retreat will begin with a talk at 9:00am on Saturday, and will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration and evening prayer at 3:00pm on Sunday. There will be Mass Saturday evening at the local parish, daily Eucharistic Adoration, 4-5 talks and time for private prayer, spiritual reading and walking in nature. The cost is \$125 for couple or \$85 for individuals. If interested, please contact info@christspouse.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)

BIBLE STUDY: Join us each Monday at 10:00 a.m. this summer as we learn to put into practice the sacred art of Lectio Divina. We will be praying with the upcoming Sunday gospel. Participants 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.

SEXUALITY, GENDER AND THE CHURCH – Where does a Catholic understanding of chastity intersect with today's questions around sexuality, gender, attractions, marriage etc.? Come join Andrew Comiskey for his insightful and hope-filled presentation, “Sexuality, Gender and the Church.” Andrew Comiskey, Executive Director of Desert Stream Ministries, will be addressing these issues with compassion and clarity, offering a path for individuals and families who may be dealing with these issues directly, or in their churches and communities. **Aug. 28, 6:30-8:00pm** at Church of the Nativity, 3800 W. 119th Street (119th Street and Mission Road), Leawood, KS 66209. Please RSVP to Tom@KCNativity.org or phone: 913-491-5017.

2018 DEACON INFORMATION NIGHTS The archdiocesan Office of the Permanent Diaconate is offering a series of Information Nights this fall at the following locations:

- Tuesday, August 28, Annunciation in Frankfort
- Monday, September 10, Holy Cross in Overland Park*
- Tuesday, September 18, St. Francis Xavier in Burlington
- Thursday, September 20, Christ the King in Topeka
- Monday, September 24, Cathedral of St. Peter in KCK*
- Tuesday, October 16, St. Benedict in Atchison
- Wednesday, October 24, Corpus Christi in Lawrence

All information nights begin at 7:00 p.m. Locations with an asterisk * will have a Spanish-language interpreter. Everyone who is interested in learning more about the diaconate and the details of our archdiocesan formation program are welcome to attend. Those who believe the Lord may be calling them to serve the Church as deacons (“inquirers”) will be given resources to assist in their discernment. Spouses are strongly encouraged to attend. Attendance at an information night of the inquirer's choosing is required for those who intend to apply for admission to the diaconate program. For more information, email leons@archkck.org, call (913) 647-0358, or visit www.archkck.org/deacons.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY BREATHE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM

Saturday, **Sept. 15**, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic School, 8101 West 95th Street, Overland Park, KS. 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. 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 or to volunteer please go to www.archkck.org/specialneeds and complete the online forms

10TH ANNUAL SLOVENEFEAT AT HOLY FAMILY

Holy Family Catholic Church Celebrates 10th Annual Slovenefest 2018 on **Sept. 22**. 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass, 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Festivities Begin with a Traditional Slovenian Dinner, Tamburitza and Polka Music, Children & Adult Games, and auction. All money raised supports Holy Family Catholic Church in Kansas City, KS. Call (913) 371-1561 with any questions. Slovenefest 2018, a celebration of church, family, and preserving the Slovenian heritage.

SLOVENEFEAT DINNER MENU - \$15.00

YOUR CHOICE of POLNJENE PAPRIKE (Stuffed Pepper) or SARMA (Stuffed Cabbage Roll) plate also includes:

- KRANJSKA KLOBASA HREN V SMETANOVI OMAKI / Slovenian Smoked Sausage, horseradish in cream sauce
- KRVAVICA / Slovenian Specialty Sausage
- KISLO ZELIJE / Sauerkraut
- KROMPIRJEVA SOLATA / Potato Salad made with boiled potatoes, onions, oil, and vinegar
- KRUH IN MASLO / Bread and butter
- STROČJI FIŽOL V SOLATI / Green Beans
- KAVA, ČAJ, LIMONADA / Choice of Coffee, Tea, or Lemonade
- SLADICA / Dessert - Choose one item from the dessert table

DEAF EVENT (American Sign Language Course)

Deaf Ministry for the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, is pleased to announce we will be hosting a 4-week ASL course at St. Paul Catholic Church in Olathe, Kansas, to take place on the following dates: **Oct. 18 & 25, Nov. 1 & 8**. The classes are free, and will be from 7 PM to 8 PM. Please follow the signs to find the classroom. Families are welcome. If you want to attend, RSVPs to Katie Locus at deafministry@archkck.org is encouraged but not required.

GAUDEAMUS: The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) will present its 16th Gaudeamus (“Let us Rejoice”) Awards Dinner on **Oct. 20**, at the Overland Park Convention Center. CEF helps fund scholarships in 22 of the 43 Catholic schools in our Archdiocese, allowing local students with financial need to attend Catholic schools.

Consider this about our CEF-supported high school: 98.7% of students graduate compared to 70% of their peers in the nearest neighborhood school. 97% attend college compared with fewer than 40% of their peers from the nearest neighborhood school. Tickets and sponsorships (which include tables for 10 guests) are available now. The evening includes a pre-event reception, dinner and a live band. For registration information, visit www.cefks.org or call 913-721-1574. Please plan to attend and see firsthand the impact these scholarships have in our Archdiocese.

SADDLE CLUBS: Join our Saddle Club! Bring your boots and your bibles, as we delve into the beauty of Christian discipleship on horseback. Offered twice a year in the spring and fall, Saddle Club meetings introduce members to various aspects of Christian thought and horse ownership

through demonstrations, unmounted lessons, barn projects, and riding time each week.

Saddle Club is open to ages 9-18 and runs on Saturdays from **Sept. 22nd – Oct. 20th**. Limited spots are available! Register today at www.archkck.org/ranch or contact the Retreat Team at: psrministry@archkck.org; 785-746-5693 Where: Prairie Star Ranch, 1124 California Road, Williamsburg KS 66095

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 **Sept. 23rd** 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

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! Final registration is due October 1st.

SAVE THE DATE- JR. HIGH YOUTH RALLY: Please save the date, **Feb. 24th, 2019**, for the Jr. High Youth Rally at Prairie Star Ranch, featuring Steve Angrisano & the Mikey Needleman Band.

ART EXHIBIT: The Catholic Fine Arts Council of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas invites artists to enter the 2nd annual regional art exhibit entitled “Duc in Altum: Put Out Into the Deep.” Religious artists are encouraged to submit their artwork for consideration online at www.catholicfinearts.org/entry. Accepted artists will have their artwork on display at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas. Winning artists will receive cash prizes. Competition Juror is Denis R. McNamara, Ph.D. Dr. McNamara is an architectural historian specializing in American church architecture. He is an assistant director at the Liturgical Institute of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, and serves as a liturgical design consultant. Statement of Purpose: This juried competition and exhibition primarily seeks to foster the arts of the Western Christian Tradition. Other artistic traditions of Christian subject matter will be considered, also.

MARRIAGE MINUTE

Work, homework, school activities ... these things are all gearing into high speed. Most of us have heard how important family dinners are, but it is hard to make them happen!

In this weekend's readings, Wisdom invites people for dinner and Jesus feeds us on his own Body and Blood. In this context, simple meals together have elevated meaning and are opportunities to grow in our faith and our love for each other. If scheduling is a challenge, try:

- Get up early and do breakfast together
- Keep one or more nights per week free from outside commitments
- Even if everyone can't be present for a meal, pray as a group for anyone absent

If you don't have kids, or they have left home, don't discount the importance of family dinner for you as a couple!

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