

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
First Sunday of Advent – Dec. 2, 2018

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Dec 4	06:00 pm	STL	For Successful Surgery & Recovery
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.</i>				
WED	Dec 5	06:30 am	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
THUR	Dec 6	09:30 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Dec 7	07:30 am	SJV	For Those with Mental Illness
SAT	Dec 8	07:00 am	STL	For Peace and Comfort
SAT	Dec 8	05:00 pm	SJV	Rick Coffey and Mary Coffey †
SUN	Dec 9	09:00 am	STL	Father Aaron Reddy †
<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 Gwartzney, Alan Halstead, Marly Heim, Frank Heintzelman, Jim Heintzelman, Lydia Heintzelman, Melanie Herken, Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, Mark Hund, Arlene Jennings, Michael Jones, Phillip Leon, Kelly Long, Matt David Massoth, Mary Meinert, Jeni Mittelstedt, Kay Nocktonick, Adam Pineau, Mike Pursel, Mary M. Ruhlman, Irene Schmidling, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Julie Simonis, Jim (Poly) Sloan, Gary Stafford, Louise Wistuba and Nick Yuska.

Prayer List for Our Soldiers: ARMY: 1LT 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 – Dec. 8th and 9th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Vince Eimer, Robert Jardon, Carol Kroll	Kris Beying	Abe Heim and family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Jennifer Roggenkamp, Shirley Navinsky, Rita Oatney	Mary Ray	Bailey Langley and family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1,670 for the regular collection and \$20 for the SJV Cemetery and last week's on-line collection of \$255. Thank you for your generosity. Visit our website OR Facebook page to click on the link to donate on-line!

BREAKFAST: The Parish Council will be hosting breakfast after the 9 am Mass this Sunday at St. Lawrence. Please join us!

LADIES NIGHT CHRISTMAS PARTY! will be held Sunday, Dec. 2nd at STL Hall starting at 5:00pm. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. We are asking you to bring a snack to share. Drinks will be provided. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange please bring a wrapped \$10.00 gift. We look forward to a fun and enjoyable evening.

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, a holy day of obligation will be celebrated Saturday, Dec. 8th, 7:00 am at St. Lawrence parish. Please join us!

HEARTFELT THANKS! The Board of Directors and the Volunteers of Birthright thank Fr. Matthew Francis and the parishioners of Saint Joseph of the Valley-St. Lawrence Parish who generously contributed \$391 for Respect Life Sunday. We are very grateful for the Respect Life Sunday Collection at the Catholic Churches in the region which provides approximately 20% of our annual budget. God bless you for your generous gifts helping women and babies in our community. Please keep us and the families we serve in your prayers. If you would like to see more information about Birthright you can look at www.birthright.org.

SECOND COLLECTION: will be held the weekend of Dec. 9th for Retirement Fund for Religious. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF NORTHEAST KANSAS exists because there is need, but we survive because of your generosity. Your help is someone's hope. Thank you for considering a gift to the Christmas Collection to support the mission of Catholic Charities.

HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF!

British Member of Parliament William Wilberforce toiled for many decades to end the scourge of slavery in Britain in the 18th and 19th centuries. At first, he was one of just a few voices to speak out. But after years of dedication, he helped pass a ban on the slave trade. We can take a lesson from Wilberforce. He knew the institutions that supported slavery were strong – in Parliament, in the commercial sectors, among investors. He knew that many people made huge profits from slavery, just as many do today with abortion. But he also knew that implacable determination and hard work would educate ordinary people and this movement would grow as a voice for the voiceless...and eventually win.

Our struggle in the United States to end another injustice has also gone on for more than four decades. And we are growing in strength. Polls show many more Americans consider themselves pro-life, with pro-life opinion especially strong among the young. We are being increasingly effective in highlighting the evil of abortion and sensitizing a nation to the suffering abortion causes unborn babies and their mothers. We're moving the culture in our direction. Just as Wilberforce could not possibly give up after his first major victories, we cannot possibly give up now. We must persevere like

Wilberforce did . . . to change a culture. As Wilberforce showed, one person can make an enormous difference! We can also do the same.

MEMORIAL GIFT: Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled SJV-STL Parish/School to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be part of the strength of this community by making a bequest in your will to SJV-STL Parish/School. For information about joining our Catholic Legacy Society, contact the parish office.

PROJECT CHRYSALIS UPCOMING MEETING - MINISTRY FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD: “Every great grief conceals a great grace”. Project Chrysalis is a new Catholic ministry designed to help parents who have lost a child find hope through Sacred Scripture and community. While this ministry is not a bereavement group, our mission is to offer support and hope through scripture in a time of transformation. The next meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 3, from 7:00-8:15 p.m. in the St. Luke's Room at Church of the Ascension, 9500 W. 127th St. in Overland Park. For more information, contact Ken or Patty Billinger at 913-634-4210 or email kbillinger@archkck.org or visit www.hopeinscripture.com or on our Facebook page - @projectchrysaliskc. The group is open to parents who have lost a child or grandparents who have lost a grandchild. Immediate family members are also invited to attend.

ENKINDLE CONFIRMATION RETREAT: Will be held Dec. 8th, 10am-7pm, at Prairie Star Ranch (1124 California Road, Williamsburg, KS 66095), this complete Confirmation Retreat offers any youth the opportunity to partake in our Enkindle Confirmation Program. All meals and programming are covered in the registration fee. All youth participants will need to have a chaperone with them during the event as well as a completed Permission Form and Waiver, a link for which will be provided in the confirmation page and email. Register today at www.archkck.org/ranch or contact the Retreat Team at psrministry@archkck.org; 785-746-5693.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY BREATHE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM Saturday, Dec. 15, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Holy Cross Catholic School 8101 West 95th Street Overland Park, Kansas. 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. 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. To register a loved one please go to www.archkck.org/specialneeds and complete the on-line form.

MAUR HILL - MOUNT ACADEMY is administering the 8th grade entrance exam on Saturday morning, Feb. 9, 2019. The exam is required for all 8th graders applying to MH-MA and families need to register their student by **January 18**. Please visit the “Apply” page at www.mh-ma.com to register your 8th grader for the exam prior to the deadline. Contact the MH-MA admission office with any questions at 913-367-5482 or admissions@mh-ma.com.

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)

“COPING WITH LIFE ALONE” - PEER-TO-PEER GRIEF SUPPORT
“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 dates and location: Overland Park, KS – Saturdays, **January 5 through February 16**, at Church of the Ascension, St. Mark Room, 9510 W 127th St, Overland Park, KS. Sessions will be from 2:00-4:00 pm. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for information and registration.

2019 IGNITE – YOUTH RALLY

Please join us FOR THE 2019 IGNITE YOUTH RALLY IN TOPEKA. **January 22, 2019**, Topeka Performing Arts Center. Event begins at 9:00am MASS at 11:15am celebrated by Archbishop Naumann and Bishop Brungardt. March to KS Capital Steps and Kansans for Life Rally following Mass. Wichita Adore Ministries will be providing worship music and entertainment. Our keynote address will be David Scotten from “I Lived on Parker Avenue”. A story about adoption, forgiveness and hope. Please contact the Pro-Life Office at 913-647-3059 or at prolife@archkck.org with any questions. Visit www.archkck.org/ignite for more information and registration details.

LIVING IN LOVE” RETREAT: See why over 700 couples in the Archdiocese have experienced the “Living in Love” retreat. You can sign up now for the “Living in Love” retreat at Holy Spirit Parish, Overland Park, **Feb. 16-17, 2019**. Register online at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information.

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.

MARRIED COUPLES

It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best and your children need to see you reaching for it. The next Weekend in Kansas City is **March 1-3, 2019**. For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wwme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodiqy.net

3-DAY WORKSHOP FOR MEN FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 2, 2019

The “My House Workshop for Men” will be held Feb. 28-Mar. 2, 2019. This is a 3-day confidential, intensive for men striving to overcome and heal from unwanted sexual behaviors; includes a half day on betrayal trauma and how this addiction impacts a spouse. The workshop is led by Dr. Todd Bowman, Fr. Sean Kilcawley, Michael Ciacchio and Sam Meier. For additional information and to register, visit <https://centerforhealingkc.com/my-house/my-houseworkshop>.

SPRING ICSC REGION IX CONFERENCE 2019: Please mark your calendars for the International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) Region IX Spring Conference. What a great opportunity to “spring” into stewardship action! It will be **April 11 and 12, 2019** in Wichita, KS at the Spiritual Life Center, 7100 E 45th St N, Bel Aire, KS, 67226 (316)744-0167. More details to follow. Please contact Leslie Knop with any questions at (913) 647-0326, or email her at lnop@archkck.org.

“GOD’S LITTLE GREEN ACRE” SEMINARIAN SUPPORT

You are invited to join Catholics across the Archdiocese in giving thanks for our seminarians, and show your support as they strive to answer God’s call to the priesthood. Farmers can donate the proceeds from one acre of their crops, and those who don’t farm but want to “grow” vocations can make a donation in any amount. Donations will be divided among our seminarians this Christmas to help them pay for textbooks and living expenses. They greatly appreciate these gifts since they have no income. For questions call Melanie at 913-647-0303 or email vocation@archkck.org. Mail donations to: Vocation office, 12615 Parallel Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66109.

CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM PORNOGRAPHY AND SEXUAL ABUSE

As a parent with young children, I feel frightened about the following information from Children’s Mercy Hospital about child on child sexual abuse:

“For the third year in a row, our biggest age range of people committing sexual assaults are children ages 11-15 years old ... I started looking through our past sexual assault victim’s stories and found hundreds and hundreds of records of sexual assault survivors who were perpetrated on by another child. Pornography is often a main factor, and sometimes the only factor, that influenced a child to act out in a sexually harmful way.” - July 2018, Heidi Olson, RN, BSN, CPN, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program Coordinator, Children’s Mercy Hospital

• In this short video, Heidi Olson indicated that Children’s Mercy treats 1-2 victims of child sexual abuse each day - <https://www.facebook.com/ProtectYM/videos/1025885260902569/>

We need your help to get ahead of the curve on this issue. We have launched a campaign through #GiveCatholic called “Protect Young Minds KCK” to raise funds for over 3,000 copies of the best-selling book Good Pictures Bad Pictures for all parents of 2nd graders in our Archdiocese. (Last year there were 3,020 2nd graders in our Archdiocese.)

• Donations to #iGiveCatholic - Protect Young Minds KCK will also provide 16 parent presentations and a professionally filmed video for parents.

Amanda Khemraj is doing great work on this campaign, and she works closely with the author of Good Pictures Bad Pictures. Amanda directed a

large early education center for years and is actively involved in Christ Renews His Parish and other programs at St. Paul’s in Olathe.

We ask you to please support this campaign with your prayers and donations. Also, please spread the word about this campaign to friends, family, Church and school leaders - <https://kansascity.igivecatholic.org/organizations/protectingyoungmindskck>

MARRIAGE MINUTE: Can you keep a promise?

Keeping a promise is one lesson that every parent teaches their children. Why is this? When we keep a promise, we express our human dignity. In this week’s reading from Jeremiah, we are reminded that God’s mission to humanity is to fulfill his promises.

On our wedding day, we married couples make “fulfilling our promises” to our spouse the main mission of our life. Keeping our promises or vows is how we married couples image Christ’s love for the Church.

Don’t let the chaos of the secular craziness distract you from your mission! This Advent, convince your spouse he or she is the most important person in your life through:

- Extra verbal affirmation
- Over-the-top service
- Generous physical affection
- Simple “date night in” after the kids are in bed
- Thoughtful but inexpensive gift

For more, www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

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