

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Fourth Sunday of Advent – Dec. 23, 2018



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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

MON	Dec 24	04:00 pm	SJV	Mary Heintzelman ☩
MON	Dec 24	10:00 pm	STL	Arch Griffee ☩
TUES	Dec 25	10:00 am	STL	Father Aaron Reddy ☩
WED	Dec 26	06:30 am	STL	NO MASS
THUR	Dec 27	09:30 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Dec 28	07:30 am	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	Dec 29	05:00 pm	SJV	Ernie DeMaranville ☩
SUN	Dec 30	09:00 am	STL	Clarence Wagner ☩

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

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, Donald Gwartney, Pete Gwartney, 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 Mettelstedt, Kay Nocktonick, Dannie Phillips, Adam Pineau, Mike Pursel, Mary M. Ruhman, 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, YNS1(SS) Kevin Lansing.

Prayer for Vocations: Brother Seelos (Tyler Lunsford).

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – Christmas masses and Dec. 29th and 30th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
MON	SJV	4:00 pm	Tracy Heim, Vince Eimer, Robert Jardon, Carol Kroll	Kris Beying	Pearl Miller and family
MON	STL	10:00 pm	Sharon Wagner, Rita Oatney, Jennifer Roggenkamp	Ted Staver	Caleb and Luke Heim and family
TUE	STL	10:00 am	Shirley Navinsky, Mary Ray, Geri Wilburn	Mary Ray	Brayden Roggenkamp and family
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Aaron Welch, Vickie Welch, Ted & Dawn Staver	Aaron Welch	Sam Funk and family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Sharon Wagner, Geri Wilburn, Sue Griffee	Jennifer Roggenkamp	Cale Stewart and family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$220 for Merlin Wagner memorial; \$10 for mass stipend, \$20 for SJV Cemetery and \$1642.68 for the regular collection, as well as last week's on-line collection of \$5. Thank you for your generosity. Visit our website OR Facebook page to click on the link to donate on-line!

SECOND COLLECTION will be held during Christmas mass for Catholic Charities. We appreciate your generosity!

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Fr. Mathew would like to wish all the Parishioners a very Blessed Christmas Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year. He wants each family to receive the gift of the book "Why Am I Catholic" by Brandon Vogt during this season. The book will be distributed after the Christmas masses.

NOTE: There will be no mass said on Wednesday, Dec. 26th.

THANK YOU! Catholic Charities sent a sincere and heartfelt Thank You to all of the CCD students for donating their change to Catholic Charities. Their \$100.00 helped to support the food pantry. They would also like to thank SJV-STL parishioners for the donations of winter coats. God bless you all for your generosity.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Below is the schedule for the upcoming Masses for this holiday season. We hope that you can join us!

MON	Dec. 24 th	4:00 pm	SJV
MON	Dec. 24 th	10:00 pm	STL
TUES	Dec. 25 th	10:00 am	STL
MON	Dec. 31 st	5:00 pm	SJV
TUES	Jan. 1 st	9:00 am	STL

LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE – Jan. 3rd - Chairman, Karen Logan, Donna Gates Cindy Werner and Peggy Gwartney.

FAREWELL: Fr. Mathew has been informed by the Archdiocesan office that he will be temporarily assigned to Mother Teresa Parish in Topeka, Kansas after his vacation in January. His last masses at St. Joseph-St. Lawrence will be on Jan. 5th and 6th. He will be assigned to a new parish in July 2019, and we will be assigned a new priest also at that time. We will bid him farewell at a parish breakfast on Jan. 6th after mass at St. Lawrence Hall.

PRAYER LIFE IN THE NEW YEAR: You are invited and encouraged to spend time with Jesus at Holy Angels Adoration Chapel in Basehor, Ks. The secure chapel, open 24/7 requires a keycard to enter. You can receive a keycard allowing you entry any time at the church office (M-Th, 8:30-4:30, Fr. 8:30-2) phone # 913-724-1665.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF NORTHEAST KANSAS (CCNK): CCNK exists because there is a need. Because of your generosity, they are able to meet this need every day. Our help is someone's hope. Thank you for considering a gift to the Christmas-Collection to support the mission of Catholic Charities.

CHRISTMAS IS THE FEAST OF THE INCARNATION and Christ takes on a human body precisely so as to offer the sacrifice of that body that saves the world. "A Savior is born for you." He is a savior precisely because he

bears our human nature, and has a human body like we do – a body offered on the cross and in the Eucharist. As we see in readings and the Gospels, the details of His birth are carefully planned by God and foretold by his prophets. His birth is all about hope fulfilled and hope inspired. That hope outlasts his birth, and extends to us today as we work to build a world in harmony with the vision of peace, life, and love that Christmas inspires. Abortion is diametrically opposed to this vision of peace, life and love. May all believers and their clergy, take renewed strength and courage to speak out against abortion, consistent with the vision of Christmas and the proclamation of the Gospel.

ESTATE PLANNING: Don't give away your hard-earned estate dollars through taxes and other administrative costs by not having a valid, up-to-date will. Your will simply and legally provides a plan for distributing your hard-earned estate. Write one soon. For information about joining our Catholic Legacy Society, contact the parish office.

RESPONSE IN CRISIS WEBSITE: Transparency and accountability are imperative in the Church's response to the crisis of sexual abuse of minors. In response to current national discussions, our Archdiocese encourages you to visit our website that provides important information, addresses questions and offers an opportunity for parishioners to share their concerns and lend their voices by responding to an online survey. Please visit <https://responseincrisis.archkck.org/> to learn how we actively safeguard the innocent and provide care for those affected by abuse. Please join us in praying to our Blessed Mother, Mary, who feels our sorrow and shares our pain.

COURAGE: Courage is a spiritual support group helping Catholic men and women live chaste lives in accordance with the Catholic Church's teaching on same-sex attraction and/or behaviors. Through participation in the Sacraments, prayer, fellowship and moral support, Courage members strive to develop lives of interior chastity in union with Christ and His Church. Courage meets in the Archdiocese every two weeks. EnCourage is a separate spiritual support group for family members and friends of loved ones with same-sex attraction. If you, your child or loved one struggles with same-sex attraction and wants confidential Catholic support, call the Courage helpline (913) 428-9893.

VISITING SCHOLAR LECTURE SERIES: Rockhurst University will host Cardinal Peter Turkson on Jan 17th at 7:30 pm in Arrupe Hall Auditorium. The event is free of charge. He is the Catholic Church's foremost expert on human rights. He will explore the current migration crisis and its ramifications for people across the world. Register online at <https://engage.rockhurst.edu/register/turkson> or by contacting 816-501-4828 or Cynthia.cartwright@rockhurst.edu. Free parking is available in the garage at 52nd and Troost see no. 19 at rockhurst.edu/map.

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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BABY SHOWER: The Knights of Columbus Immaculata Council #900 is conducting their 19th Annual Pro-Life Baby Shower throughout the month of **January 2019**. Donations of new and used clothing, diapers, baby formula or cash donations are very much needed and appreciated. Baskets will be located in the entries of SJV beginning in January. The donations will then be given to Birthright of Leavenworth. For more information, please contact Tim Ledniky, 913-680-0422.

“COPING WITH LIFE ALONE” - PEER-TO-PEER GRIEF SUPPORT 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.

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.

SURGE OF THE HEART 3-DAY PARISH MISSION

Jan. 13-15th, 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. St. Joseph Catholic Church in Olpe, KS. Nationally known Catholic speaker, best-selling author, and radio host Jon Leonetti, will be helping Catholics understand this greatest story ever told- the story of Jesus Christ and his Catholic Church. Jon will present on 3 distinct topics of our Catholic faith! Evening 1: Who is God and why does that matter? Evening 2: Jon will outline some of the most fascinating and holy people to ever walk the planet; Evening 3: Jon will help us live an authentic relationship with Jesus in the messiness of everyday life. This will be a life changing experience. Invite a family member or friend and join us in Olpe. Please COME!!!!

DINNER WITH ROY: Adult parishioners are invited to join Rural YM Outreach for dinner and discussion with Roy Pettifils. Roy is an internationally recognized expert in understanding teens and author of: **WHAT TEENS WANT YOU TO KNOW (BUT WON'T TELL YOU)**. Anyone that knows and loves our teenagers is welcome to attend – parents, grandparents, catechists, youth leaders and priests. Rural parishes will earn grant money for their parish youth programs based on attendance. Please check out www.roypettifils.com and www.archkck.org/rural-outreach for more information. Dates available are: **Jan. 12th**, 10am to 2 pm, at Sacred Heart, Emporia; **Jan. 12th** 5-9 pm, St. Aloysius, Meriden; or **Jan. 13th** Noon-4 pm, St. Bede, Kelly. All sessions include an appreciation meal. Attendance earns grant money for your rural parish.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY BREATHE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM

Saturday, **Jan. 12, 2019**, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at 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.

UPCOMING MEETING - MINISTRY FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD:

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, **Jan. 14, 2019** 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. You can also find more information on our website at 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.

MARCH FOR LIFE FOR YOUNG ADULTS/ADULTS

Young Adults and Adults (age 21+) are invited to attend the National March for Life in Washington, DC. We have an Archdiocesan group attending **January 17-20, 2019**. Please visit our event website for more details at: www.archkck.org/march4lifeadult. Questions? Contact Emily Lopez at elopez@archkck.org or 913-647-0323

2019 IGNITE – YOUTH RALLY

Please join us for the 2019 Ignite Youth Rally In Topeka, on **January 22, 2019**, at the Topeka Performing Arts Center. Event begins at 9:00am MASS at 11:15am concelebrated 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.

“COME AND SEE” LEAD COUPLE INFORMATION

Are you seeking a way to serve the Church that will bring you closer to your spouse? Do you love the Church's teachings on marriage and family?

Consider mentoring the engaged. The Office of Marriage and Family Life will host a Lead Couple Come and See for perspective couples who are interested in this important ministry to the engaged. Date: **Feb 2, 2019**. Time: 6:30-8:30. Location: Most Pure Heart of Mary, Topeka, KS. Appetizers, drinks, and dessert will be served. Interested couples should RSVP to Brad DuPont, bdupont@archkck.org or call 913.647.0301.

HISPANIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL)

“Encuentro Matrimonial”: **8-10 de Febrero, 2019**, en el Centro del Salvador del Mundo: Horario: Del Viernes a las 7:15 pm al Domingo a las 4:30pm. Costo \$200: \$100 a la registraci3n y \$100 a la entrada, incluye dos noches de hospedaje. Mayor informaci3n: Michelle Cabrera de San Pablo (Olathe) 913 764 0323. Cupo limitado.

F.I.R.E. MEN'S RETREAT AT PRAIRIE STAR RANCH, Feb. 9-10, 2019.

F.I.R.E. is a very unique Catholic men's retreat that combines a love for outdoor activities like camping, hiking, hunting and fishing with powerful and exciting encounters with the Sacraments. Through Fellowship, Inspiration, and Renewal –attendees will leave the retreat ready to Engage in their faith like never before. Sign up now at: www.fire-ministries.org or find out more at fire.retreats@gmail.com or 816.590.1744.

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@prodigy.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 Ciaccio 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 lknop@archkck.org.

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 #GiveCatholic - 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: Win the New Year!

This weekend, we not only take time to honor the Holy Family of Nazareth, but reflect on how our families may become more like them. If you are married, the best way to increase the holiness of your family is to grow closer to your spouse! Here are four simple steps for the New Year:

- PRAYER: Even a “Hail Mary” together before work is powerful.
 - PRIORITIZE: Plan an event this year to grow your marriage, such as the School of Love date night.
 - STORM-PROOF: Attend a retreat like “Living in Love” in February at Holy Spirit.
 - SERVICE: How can your marriage bless others?
- For concrete tips and more info, go to: www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com.

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