

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus  
 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – Dec. 30, 2018



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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

MON	Dec 31	05:00 pm	SJV	Cecilia M. Abel <sup>†</sup>
TUES	Jan 1	09:00 am	STL	World Peace
WED	Jan 2	06:30 am	STL	The End to Abortion
THUR	Jan 3	09:30 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Jan 4	07:30 am	SJV	For Healing to the Sick
SAT	Jan 5	05:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SUN	Jan 6	09:00 am	STL	For Our Priests

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. 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, YNS1(SS) Kevin Lansing.

**Prayer for Vocations:** Brother Seelos (Tyler Lunsford).

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Feast of the Holy Family/New Years Masses and Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
MON	SJV	5:00 pm	Vicki Welch, Carol Kroll, Tracy Heim	Vince Eimer	Mr. and Mrs. Brad Myhand
TUE	STL	9:00 am	Mary Ray, Ted & Dawn Staver	Rita Oatney	Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Noll
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Vince Eimer, Robert Jardon, Rita Herken	Kris Beying	Claire Heim and family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Ted & Dawn Staver & Susan Griffiee	Ted Staver	Jax Martin and family

## OUR PARISH NEWS

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$5,176 for the collections of Dec. 22-25, \$775 for masses and memorials, and \$771 for Catholic Charities; as well as last week's on-line collection. Thank you for your generosity. Visit our website OR Facebook page to click on the link to donate on-line!

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection the weekend of Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> for Father Mathew's orphanage. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

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

MON	Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	5:00 pm	SJV
TUES	Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	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

**SINS OF OMISSION** There is one sin that most people rarely or never think about and that is the sin of omission. Today (unlike in 1973 when abortion was legalized) even most pro-abortionists have to admit that abortion takes a human life. Yet, the silence of many Christians is deafening because they prefer their comfort zones and/or conveniently dismiss abortion as “a political issue”; instead of fulfilling our call to serve God. But the staggering numbers speak for themselves. Sixty million surgical abortions that we know of, and countless more millions of innocents of whom we are unaware. This holocaust is happening in our own back yard, sometimes a few blocks away from our churches and schools. We CANNOT plead ignorance. Tragically, “Judgment begins in the house of God” for our apathy, indifference and silence. 1 Peter 4:17

No doubt many of us have made resolutions for the current year. Instead of resolutions to exercise, get organized, make more money and other earthly resolutions, let us not remain silent about our nation's most important and vital human rights issue. Indeed, the best resolution would be to listen and obey God's call to serve the least of our brothers and sisters in the womb. This truly has eternal consequences!

**BABY SHOWER:** The Knights of Columbus Immaculata Council #900 is conducting their 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## PLEASANT RIDGE ELEMENT SCHOOL (PRES) – PRESCHOOL PROGRAM:

PRES is excited to announce that they are starting a preschool Program this fall for any 4-year olds (by Aug. 31, 2019). They will need to go through the “Count Your Kid In” screen program thru Keystone Learning Service. Upcoming dates: 1/18 @ McLouth; 2/22 @ Effingham; 3/29 @ Nortonville; 4/26 @ Easton; and 5/10 @ LeCompton. To sign up for a screening, please call Keystone at 785-876-2214 ext 201 or email [lbrose@keystonelearning.org](mailto:lbrose@keystonelearning.org). Appointments are required and fill up fast. The screening will last about 1-1.5 hours. If you have questions, call PRES 913-651-5595.

**“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](http://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](mailto:admissions@mh-ma.com).

**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](mailto:tracunas@archkck.org). To register a loved one please go to [www.archkck.org/specialneeds](http://www.archkck.org/specialneeds) and complete the on-line form.

**SURGE OF THE HEART 3-DAY PARISH MISSION** Jan. 13-15<sup>th</sup>, 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!!!

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> page to this bulletin.

Bulletin Items: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email [Sjslparish@gmail.com](mailto:Sjslparish@gmail.com). Mass intentions may be scheduled with Kim as well. MUST SUBMIT BY 9 pm TUES FOR INCLUSION.

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**VISITING SCHOLAR LECTURE SERIES:** Rockhurst University will host Cardinal Peter Turkson on **Jan 17<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm in Arrupe Hall Auditorium. The event is free of charge. His 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](mailto:Cynthia.cartwright@rockhurst.edu). Free parking is available in the garage at 52<sup>nd</sup> and Troost see no. 19 at [rockhurst.edu/map](http://rockhurst.edu/map).

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**DINNER WITH ROY:** Adult parishioners are invited to join Rural YM Outreach for dinner and discussion with Roy Petitfils. 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.roypetitfils.com](http://www.roypetitfils.com) and [www.archkck.org/rural-outreach](http://www.archkck.org/rural-outreach) for more information. Dates available are: **Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>**, 10am to 2 pm, at Sacred Heart, Emporia; **Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>** 5-9 pm, St. Aloysius, Meriden; or **Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>** Noon-4 pm, St. Bede, Kelly. All sessions include an appreciation meal. Attendance earns grant money for your rural parish.

**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](mailto:kbillinger@archkck.org). You can also find more information on our website at [www.hopeinscripture.com](http://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](http://www.archkck.org/march4lifeadult). Questions? Contact Emily Lopez at [elopez@archkck.org](mailto: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](mailto:prolife@archkck.org) with any questions. Visit [www.archkck.org/ignite](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.fire-ministries.org) or find out more at [fire.retreats@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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. 24<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.wwme4youandme.org) or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto: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](mailto: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:** We love Christmas for its symbols and signs: trees, holly, and, of course, the Nativity set. If you're married, YOU are a sign too? At Christmas, we celebrate the fact that God does not love us from a distance. He became a baby boy so he could share all of our joys and sorrows.

As spouses, we committed the same in our vows and proclaim this reality every time we share:

- The joy of our spouse's accomplishments
- The grief of a loss with our spouse
- The weight of an important decision

By entering deeply into our spouse's reality, we shine brightly like the Star of Bethlehem, guiding people to the love of God. Discover more for your marriage at [www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com](http://www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com)

**BULLETIN ITEMS:** Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 or email [sjlsparish@gmail.com](mailto:sjlsparish@gmail.com). Mass intentions may be scheduled with Kim as well.