

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus  
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – Jan. 13, 2019

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

|      |        |          |     |                    |
|------|--------|----------|-----|--------------------|
| TUES | Jan 15 | 09:00 am | STL | NO MASS            |
| WED  | Jan 16 | 06:30 am | STL | NO MASS            |
| THUR | Jan 17 | 09:30 am | ENH | NO MASS            |
| FRI  | Jan 18 | 07:30 am | SJV | NO MASS            |
| SAT  | Jan 19 | 05:00 pm | SJV | Jamie Karczewski † |
| SUN  | Jan 20 | 09:00 am | STL | Mary Gwartney †    |

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 “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 Broadus, 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: Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

|     |     |         | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION         | LECTORS               | OFFERTORY                |
|-----|-----|---------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| SAT | SJV | 5:00 pm | Robert Jardon, Carol Kroll & Rita Herken          | Rita Herken           | Cooper Beying and family |
| SUN | STL | 9:00 am | Susan Griffee, Jennifer Roggenkamp, & Rita Oatney | 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Myra Siefert and family  |

## OUR PARISH NEWS

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$2066 with \$20 utilities and \$10 Mass stipend; as well as last week's on-line collection of \$204.63. Thank you for your generosity. Visit our website OR Facebook page to click on the link to donate on-line!

**THANK YOU!** I would like to thank all of you for your cards, gifts, thoughts and prayers as I leave this parish. I thoroughly enjoyed the farewell breakfast and being able to visit with you. This has been such a wonderful community to belong to and I will miss you, but I will keep in touch. Thank you too for your support to the Kadapa Society Orphanage, it has meant a lot to me. God bless you all! Father Mathew.

**"WHY AM I CATHOLIC"** book by Brandon Vogt. If you did not receive the book from Fr. Mathew during the Christmas season, please feel free to pick one up in the back of church.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** Father Mathew has been detailed to Mother Teresa Parish, Topeka (after his vacation in January). If there is a need to contact a priest in an emergency situation, please call Sue Griffee at 913-773-8342 or Rita Herken at 913-647-0312 for assistance.

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES** will be scheduled until we have been assigned a new priest in July 2019.

**THE CALL TO SHARE CAMPAIGN** kicks off this weekend, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. All parishioners should be receiving pledge/contribution cards in the mail soon. A copy of the Archbishop's message can be found in the back of each church. Feel free to pick one up. Thank you for your support to this program.

**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.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** will be held on the weekend of January 27<sup>th</sup> for Church in Latin America (CLA). Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**CONGRATULATIONS** and welcome to Henry Ryan Pohl and Gunner Thomas Pohl who were baptized on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph Church. They are the children of Ryan and Noelle Pohl and grandchildren of William and Diane Pohl.

**CONGRATULATIONS** and welcome to Jaylin Noel Fink and Josie Alana Fink who were baptized on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph Church. They are the children of Jeffrey and Julie Fink.

**CONGRATULATIONS** and welcome to Alahna Gracelyn Isabella Martin and Jaxx Richard Martin who were baptized on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Lawrence Church. They are the children of Richard and Amy Martin and grandchildren of Otis and Carol Berglund.

## OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

**9 DAYS FOR LIFE, JAN 14 –22,** Please join the pro-life ministry in this special intention. The 9 days for life is an annual novena for the respect of all human life. Thousands of Catholics from parishes across the country will join together to pray this novena. Each day will focus on a different aspect of respecting each other's God-given dignity. The committee on pro-life activities invites you to join and share these 9 days for life which concludes with the annual day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children on Jan. 22nd. This multi-faceted novena highlights a different intention each

day and provides reflections, educational information, and suggested acts of reparation. These prayers can be found at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com). Please contact the pro-life ministry at [prolife@archkck.org](mailto:prolife@archkck.org) with any questions.

**WHAT IS PRO LIFE? ARE WE SURE WE ARE 100% PRO LIFE? – PART II** The Church teaches that all life is sacred and must be cherished and protected from conception to natural death. By keeping this guiding principle in mind in reviewing all the following moral issues of today, we can quickly see what it means to be 100% Pro Life, no exceptions.

Capital Punishment - When is it permissible to take another's life? The only reason we can take another's life is in self defense or in the defense of another, or when a country cannot maintain secure prisons and dangerous criminals are continuously escaping and killing again. Again, the difficult questions. Should the citizens of a country pay for the incarceration of criminals who have committed heinous crimes, often resulting in the death of their own victims? Why should criminals be able to live out their life when they have taken an innocent person's life away from them? There is a larger more important reason. While terms of prison cannot undue or compensate for what they have done, still we must not deprive any person of their own life, but instead we must try to save their body and soul. The time spent in prison can be a time of rehabilitation and repentance. Their future on earth and their eternal life may depend on that. God can and does bring good from our sins and mistakes if we turn back to Him. Those who work in the Prison Ministries often tell stories of those who have turned back to God and subsequently evangelized and helped to rehabilitate and return to society many others in the prison as well.

If you believe that Capital Punishment is wrong, then you are Pro Life on this issue. Joan Murray, Lucas Texas

**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.

**XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL** is now enrolling for the 2019-2020 School Year. For more information or to enroll please visit [www.leavenworthcatholicsschools.org](http://www.leavenworthcatholicsschools.org) or contact Lisa Forge at 913-682-7801. Families with children entering kindergarten are invited to Xavier's Kindergarten Experience on Friday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> from 9-10 am. To register please visit <https://leavenworthcatholicsschools.org/admissions/kindergarten-experience-day>.

**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).

**HIRING STAFF FOR CAMP TEKAKWITHA 2019** Are you a recent high school graduate or college student, who is serious about their faith and loves working with youth? Consider working as a Camp Counselor at Camp Tekakwitha this summer! It requires hard work, long hours, and dedication—but it is sure to be a summer of adventure and great reward! We want to hear from you! Apply at: <https://evangelizationspring2017.typeform.com/to/cs8l3B>

**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. 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](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).

**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.

**MARRIAGE RETREAT - MIKE AND ALICIA HERNON (THE MESSY FAMILY PROJECT)**

Church of the Ascension is proud to host Mike and Alicia Hernon of “The Messy Family Project” for a mini marriage retreat for couples on **Feb. 9th** from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mike and Alicia will share practical and encouraging insights on the topics of parenting as a team, creating a family culture, and keeping your love alive. The retreat will include Mass and vow renewal, inspirational and relatable talks with discussion time, breakfast and lunch, and free childcare. The cost of the retreat is \$40.00 per couple. For more information or to register, go to <http://kcascension.org/messy-family> or contact Sarah Streitweiser [ssreitwieser@kcascension.org](mailto:ssreitwieser@kcascension.org). Registration is requested by **Feb. 3rd**.

**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.

**ANNUAL WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS**

The Annual World Marriage Day Mass Celebration will be held at 2:00 p.m., on **Feb 10**, at St. Therese Parish, North, 7207 NW Mo. Highway 9, Kansas City, Missouri, 64152. Celebrant will be Bishop James V. Johnston. Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann will be the homilist. A reception will follow Mass in the Wooldridge Center. Families are most welcome!

**SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY BREATHE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM**

Saturday, **Feb. 16**, 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 To 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.

**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.wvme4youandme.org](http://www.wvme4youandme.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).

**IGNITE:** Xavier Catholic School's premier scholarship event is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> at J.W.Crancer's. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit <https://leavenworthcatholicsschools.org/give/ignite-the-green-and-white> or contact Lisa Forge at 913-682-7801.

**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 often confuse humility with humiliation. To humiliate someone means to injure their self-respect or to make them feel ashamed. Humility, on the other hand, is simply regarding ourselves honestly, and it is necessary for a happy marriage! When we lack humility, we tend to cut ourselves down or puff ourselves up, or both. We become defensive, argumentative and unforgiving.

In this weekend's readings, both John and Jesus show great humility. They know exactly who they are, and therefore they can accomplish their missions. Put humility to work in your mission, too!

- Ask forgiveness
- Recognize that you and your spouse both have valuable opinions
- Ask God for an honest view of your own strengths and weaknesses
- Focus on your spouse's strengths, entrusting his/her weaknesses to the Holy Spirit

To grow together in this virtue, attend [www.archkck.org/livinginlove](http://www.archkck.org/livinginlove) on Feb 16-17.

**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.