

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Feb. 3, 2019

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Feb 5	09:00 am	STL	NO MASS
WED	Feb 6	06:30 am	STL	NO MASS
THUR	Feb 7	09:30 am	ENH	NO MASS
FRI	Feb 8	07:30 am	SJV	NO MASS
SAT	Feb 9	05:00 pm	SJV	Stephen Payeur †
SUN	Feb 10	09:00 am	STL	Charlie Lowe †

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: Feb. 9th and 10th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Aaron & Vicki Welch, Tracy Heim	Aaron Welch	Cohen Navinsky and family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Mary Ray, Rita Oatney, Jennifer Roggenkamp	Mary Ray	Addie Sloan and family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1585 and \$100 STL Cemetery, \$20 Utilities, \$45 Memorial and \$115 Mass Stipend, as well as \$315.56 for the Latin American 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!

PLEASE JOIN US for breakfast which will be served by parish council after mass on Sunday.

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 Griffiee 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: Each year during the Archbishop's Call To Share campaign, we pause and consider all the good that is done because we give: the homeless are sheltered, the elderly are cared for, our seminarians are prepared for future ministry, to just name a few. You are being "Called to Share". If you have not already done so, please say "YES" to the ACTS with a gift today. Gifts of any amount are welcome, and your gift will make everything possible. Please consider filling out a pledge card today.

NOTE MASS LOCATION CHANGE FOR FEB. 9th ONLY. The Mooney Creek Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Chili Supper and bingo event at St. Lawrence Hall on Saturday, Feb. 9th. In support of this fundraiser, we will have the Saturday evening mass at St. Lawrence Church on that evening, instead of St. Joseph of the Valley. Please mark your calendars for this change of the Saturday evening mass for that Saturday only. The Knights of Columbus generously donates to our CCD program each year. Please join us and enjoy the evening with fellow parishioners after mass!

SAVE THE DATES! 2019 Social Dates: Please mark these dates on your calendar: SummerFest is **August 10th** and FallFest is **November 23rd**.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

ANNUAL CHILI AND BEEF SOUP SUPPER will be held **Feb. 9th**, 4 to 8 pm, St. Lawrence Hall. Free will donation. Bingo will follow. Please join us! Hosted by The Knights of Columbus (Mooney Creek).

WHAT IS PRO LIFE? ARE WE SURE WE ARE 100% PRO LIFE? – PART V
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.

Euthanasia or Assisted Suicide

This is an imposed death. It is intentionally doing something or not doing something in order to induce the death of a person. Both culturally and medically the following terms have been broadly expanded: terminal condition, persistent vegetative state, brain death, and medical treatment. Therefore, when making decisions based on these terms, we must be careful that our first guiding principle still remains not to hasten death because of false compassion for the comfort of the patient. Rather, health care is always to preserve life and give good care until natural death. What is good care for the terminally ill patient? What if society, the medical profession and their loved ones, and maybe the patient themselves think they should die by their own choice? It's their life, right?

If we cannot end their life (euthanasia) or help them take their own life (assisted suicide), what can be done?

The following can be done and is good ethical medical care: *Administering pain medication whose first purpose is to alleviate intense suffering. *Stopping treatment that is a grave painful burden on a very sick terminal person. *Withdrawing nutrition and hydration when a person's body can no longer absorb it and which could even cause them more harm.

If you believe that Euthanasia or Assisted Suicide 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. 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 or contact Lisa Forge at 913-682-7801. Families with children entering kindergarten are invited to Xavier's Kindergarten Experience on Friday, **Feb. 15th** from 9-10 am. To register please visit <https://leavenworthcatholicsschools.org/admissions/childergarten-experience-day>.

JOIN US IN RUNNING THE WAY OF LOVE! Waiting for a scheduled date? Wait no longer! **Pick your own date!** Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18 - 40, who are considering religious life to visit for a weekend, for a weeklong Monastic Experience or for a personal discernment retreat at our monastery in Clyde, Missouri. It's a chance to experience the daily rhythm of our life where you can join us in singing the divine office, attend daily Mass, spend time in personal prayer, and open your heart to God's call by learning about discernment and prayer. There is no cost to attend and more details can be found at www.benedictinesisters.org. To register, contact Sr. Maria Victoria at (660) 944-2221 ex. 127 or e-mail vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

INVITATION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

You and your daughter are invited to participate in the premier organization for girls in our Archdiocese. American Heritage Girls is Christ centered, develops leadership skills, and offers fun family events! AHG builds women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. Depending on the grade-level, events include troop meetings, field trips, troop trips, camping, service projects, retreats, and MORE! AHG is open to girls in Kindergarten through High School. Please contact the parish of one of the current troops if you want to visit a troop meeting or join. Troops are open to girls from any parish: Cure of Ars, Leawood KS2206; Holy Trinity, Lenexa KS0138; Church of the Ascension, Overland Park KS3130; Saint Michael the Archangel, Leawood KS12790; Christ the King, Topeka KS5973; Most Pure Heart of Mary, Topeka KS0219; Knights of Columbus, Marysville KS0007. ArchKCK has local AHG leaders happy to host information nights and mentor new troops when a parish is ready! To learn more, check out: <https://www.archkck.org/scouting-american-heritage-girls> or contact: Tonya Gast, Catholic Committee on Scouting Vice-Chair at ahgarchkck@gmail.com. This is a great time of year to start the conversation about an AHG troop at your parish to plan for starting this summer or next school year!

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)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – OLATHE PREGNANCY CENTER: Our mission is to serve women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy with Christ-like compassion. Interested in volunteering? We need volunteers. Mark your calendar and come to one of our four upcoming volunteer orientation sessions. See how your talents can help our mothers and unborn babies.

Tuesday, Feb 5 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Tuesday, Feb 5 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Thursday, Feb 7 10:00 am to 11:00 am

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Olathe pregnancy clinic offices, 1313 E. Santa Fe, Olathe, KS 66061. For more information contact Donna Kelsey at 913-289-0100 or DKelsey@wpcnetwork.org.

SCHOOL OF LOVE “DATE NIGHT” - Hundreds of couples, of all ages, from both KC dioceses have joined us (and now re-join us) for Date Night! We want you to do the same! We kick off your date with a happy (half) hour, appetizers, & a brief talk on faith+marriage+family... then you go finish your date together alone. It's a great & meaningful (& fun) way to kick-start your date. Join us on the Plaza at Classic Cup (Cellar) on Thurs, **Feb. 7th**, 6:30-7:30pm to kick-off your Date Night! Date Night is a School of Love event. Check it out online: www.schooloflovekc.com/date-night

OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS TO RACIAL HEALING: Join us for a beautiful evening of reflection on the United States Bishop's Pastoral Letter against racism. The event begins with a performance by Our Lady and St. Rose Gospel Choir, a children's performance of the life of St. Josephine Bakhita, and a catechetical reflection on the pastoral letter by Dr. Troy Hinkel, co-founder of the Holy Family School of Faith. Come help us celebrate the cultural diversity of the Universal Church and open wide your heart. Friday, **Feb. 8**, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church 13615 W 92nd St, Lenexa, KS

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.

WEEKEND RETREAT – DEEP CONVERSION & DEEP PRAYER: Christ's Peace House will host a weekend retreat, Deep Conversion and Deep Prayer, Friday evening to Sunday, **Feb. 8-10**. The retreat will consist of 5 talks, Mass at the local parish on Saturday evening and daily Eucharistic Adoration. If interested in attending, please contact info@christspceace.com or call 913-773-8255.

BENEFIT DINNER FOR THE FRANCISCANS POOR OF JESUS CHRIST: A benefit dinner for the Franciscans Poor of Jesus Christ of KC, KS is being hosted at Holy Trinity Parish (Lenexa) in the Fr. Quigley Center on Saturday, **Feb. 9th** at 5:30pm. Proceeds help to fund their mission in our area, including two annual spiritual retreats for Hispanic young adults, a retreat for married couples, formation offerings, worship nights of adoration, and other apostolic events. In order to continue their apostolate and to better serve the poor, they are working to fund an “Evangelization Center.” There they plan to serve Christmas and Thanksgiving for the homeless, additional meals throughout the year, and host spiritual events and formations for the members of the community.

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://kccascension.org/messy-family> or contact Sarah Streitwieser ssreitwieser@kccascension.org. Registration is requested by **Feb. 3rd**.

10TH ANNUAL WHITE MASS: KC CMA (Catholic Medical Association's) 10th Annual White Mass for all healing professions will be celebrated on Saturday, **Feb. 9**, at Church of the Ascension, 9510 W. 127th St., Overland Park, with Mass at 6:30pm and a reception at 7:30pm. Reception cost is \$15 and you may register at www.catholicmedkc.org.

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.

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. To register a loved one please go to 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 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.

VILLAGE FIRE - All are invited to join in an evening of prayer and worship! If you have any questions, call the Office of Evangelization at 913.647.0373. **Feb. 26th**, 7-830 pm, Holy Trinity Catholic Campus, Lenexa

SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCE FAIR: A Special Needs Resource Fair will be held on Tuesday **Feb. 26**, at the Hilltop Conference Center, 7700 W. 143rd St. Overland Park, KS 66223 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm. Over 100 vendors representing various disabilities, information on camps and other recreational opportunities, therapies, equipment, adult/transition services, financial/legal, health & wellness, and much more. FREE childcare provided by SOAR (Special Needs Ministry of Grace Church). Fair sponsored by the Blue Valley School District and the Blue Valley Special Education Advisory Council.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION ART EVENT: The Catholic Education Foundation is hosting an Art Event at Boulevard Brewery on Thursday, **Feb. 28**, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Tickets are \$60 and include appetizers, drinks, and an Art Exhibit featuring local professional artists and student artists from Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese. All proceeds benefit the Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund, which provides emergency scholarships for students at 22 Catholic schools when their families face a job loss, medical emergency or other unexpected financial crisis. For sponsorship and ticket information, visit cefks.org/events or call 913-647-0379.

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 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>.

PROJECT RACHEL – UNFAILING MERCY RETREAT: HEALING AFTER

ABORTION: If you or a loved one is hurting from an abortion, please join our Project Rachel Ministry for a one-day “unfailing mercy” retreat to share god's mercy and healing after abortion. Our first retreat of 2019 will be held on Saturday, **March 2**. All communication, services and logistics are confidential. Please call, text or email Ann Marie Alvey at 913-621-2199 or projectrachelkc@archkck.org for retreat time and location. For more information about this ministry please visit projectrachelkc.com.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE – A Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change.

Serving the Widowed, Separated and Divorced; who are suffering the loss of a love relationship and may feel left out by their church, uneasy around married friends, unsure of themselves and uncertain about their futures. Helps grieving persons focus on their experience, deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth emerging from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning. The next Beginning Experience Weekend is **March 8-10, 2019**, at Precious Blood, Liberty MO. For more information visit: www.beginningexperiencekc.org, email: register.bekc@gmail.com, or contact Michelle, 913-709-3779.

AN AFTERNOON OF PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE & INTERCESSION: The hidden wounds of abortion affect each of us whether it be one's neighbor, co-worker, friend, relative or oneself, as a community we have all been touched. Please join us on Saturday **March 9th**, from 1:30 -3:00pm at St. Thomas More Parish, 11822 Holmes Rd. Kansas City, Mo 64131. As we gather to pray and intercede on behalf of our nation, seeking forgiveness and healing in god's merciful love. Confession will be offered after the prayer service. mass begins at 4:00pm. all are welcome to come pray with us. Sponsored by the Respect Life Office Of Kc/St. Joe.

IGNITE: Xavier Catholic School's premier scholarship event is scheduled for **March 9th** 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.

MADE FOR MORE with CHRISTOPHER WEST & MIKE MANGIONE: Brought to you by Prince of Peace, Holy Trinity, Church of the Ascension, Sacred Heart/Shawnee, the Archdiocese of Kansas City, and The Cor Project

• **April 4, 2019**, 7-9:30 pm, Prince of Peace Catholic Church - Olathe, KS
1,100 people attended this event in Topeka in February of 2018, and here's a 2 min video of what it was like – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owbFBh2hRns>. Tickets will go fast, so grab your tickets NOW in the parish office or online at www.corproject.com/kc. Tickets are \$20.

MADE FOR MORE is an inspired blend of teaching, live music, and art that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body. This event is appropriate for ages 15 and up. Please contact Larissa Smith at lsmith@popolathe.org or 913-747-7746 if you would like more information.

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.

MARRIAGE MINUTE- “The Super Bowl of Life” -

It's kickoff time! When you hear that, you are probably thinking of the Super Bowl, which is one of the most “sacred” events of our secular culture. However, in addition to crowning a football champion this weekend, it is also time to kick off National Marriage Week. While National Marriage Week does not have the pomp and circumstance that the football game has, perhaps it should. Super Bowl Sunday is a great opportunity to gain insight on how to strive for excellence in our own marriage. What if we approached our marriage in the same way these incredible athletes approached this game? To kick off your more intentional marriage, consider the Living in Love retreat at Holy Spirit in Overland Park, Feb 16-17, or other National Marriage Week events at www.archkck.org/JMPevents.

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