

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

*“Two Churches, One Parish”*

**Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Feb. 17, 2019**

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### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Feb 19	09:00 am	STL	NO MASS
WED	Feb 20	06:30 am	STL	NO MASS
THUR	Feb 21	09:30 am	ENH	NO MASS
FRI	Feb 22	07:30 am	SVJ	NO MASS
SAT	Feb 23	05:00 pm	SVJ	Shirley Karczewski † Jamie Karczewski †
SUN	Feb 24	09:00 am	STL	Harold & Martha Heim †

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

**Please pray for the sick, especially:** Phil Bell, Susie Beying, Doris Blockburger, Ellen Boudreaux, Joe Brose, Glenn Coffey, 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 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: Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SVJ	5:00 pm	Aaron & Vicki Welch, Vince Eimer	Vince Eimer	Cooper P. and family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Sharon Wagner, Shirley Navinsky, Susan Griffee	Rita Oatney	Jake Stewart and family

## OUR PARISH NEWS

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$375 from Knights of Columbus for CCD, \$10 Mass Stipend, \$20 Utilities, and \$1992 for the regular collection as well as last week's on-line collection of \$54.63. Thank you for your generosity. Visit our website OR Facebook page to click on the link to donate on-line!

**THANK YOU!** The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners of SJ-STL for the use of the STL hall. The Knights were able to provide \$375 for their religious education program. They would like to thank the parishioners for supporting their chili/soup supper-fundraiser.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** Father Mathew has been detailed to Mother Teresa Parish, Topeka. 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 ARMY OF CHRIST YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting on **Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm at the St. Lawrence Parish Rectory. Dinner will be provided. We would love to have all High School students attend. If you can come, please let Abby, 913-683-9937, or Danielle Nichols know so we have a count for dinner.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:** Please join us on Wednesday, **March 6<sup>th</sup>** for Mass and distribution of ashes at 6:30 pm at St. Lawrence Church.

**SECOND COLLECTION** will be held on **March 6<sup>th</sup>** (Ash Wednesday) for Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe (CCEE)

**SECOND COLLECTION** will be held on the weekend of **March 10<sup>th</sup>** for Black & Indian Missions.

**THE CALL TO SHARE CAMPAIGN:** We are in the final weeks of the Archbishop's Call to Share Campaign. If you have not filled out your donation form, there are extra envelopes in the pews. Thank you to all of those who have already responded. Call to Share funds over 40 different ministries in the Archdiocese. It helps promote the Permanent Diaconate Program, Campus Ministry programs in the Archdiocese, Prairie Star Ranch, and Christ Peace House of Prayer, just to name a few. It also helps to support Catholic Charities, the Archdiocese Vocation Office and the Pro-Life Office. These programs, among others all receive funds from the Call to Share. Gifts of any amount are welcome. You are truly being "Called to Share".

**THE WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION RECEIPTS** for tax purposes are in the back of each church. Please pick them up. If you do not find yours, check the other church, or call Sara Green.

**LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE** for **March 7<sup>th</sup>** is as follows Chairman-Liz Hunt, Mary Wagner, Rita Herken and Anne Felzke. Please prepare for 15 people and Dinner is served at 7 P. M.

**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

### What is Pro Life? Are we sure we are 100% Pro Life? – Part VII

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.

### Infanticide

This is the taking of a baby or child's life after it has been born. Partial birth abortion is an example of infanticide. A baby is delivered alive, except for its head and then is killed with instruments. This is killing a child born alive, a child too completely developed to go through the earlier abortion processes. From partial birth abortion, another grave moral issue has developed. There are now mothers who had planned an abortion, but the baby arrived first. Mothers whose babies have arrived early before their scheduled abortion. These women have gone to court to protest that they still have the right to kill their baby immediately after delivery since that was their initial intent. Shouldn't they still have the choice to do that, even though the child is fully alive? No, this is Infanticide, human sacrifice, the killing of a child.

If you believe that Infanticide 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: 2/22 @ Effingham; 3/29 @ Nortonville; **4/26 and 5/3 @ 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.

**BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEERS:** Want to live your faith and make a difference in someone else's life? Birthright Volunteers offer hope, understanding and love to women distressed by pregnancy. We help them evaluate their situation, look at resources and discover how they can give life to their babies. For 32 years Birthright of Leavenworth, Inc. has been helping women in this area carry their babies to term. Come learn about Birthright. Both meetings are required for volunteering.

**Birthright Information Night:** Thursday, **March 21** at 7pm, at the Leavenworth Public Library Board Meeting Room, 417 Spruce. This is an introductory meeting for anyone interested in volunteering or who would like to know more about Birthright.

**Birthright Volunteer Training Day:** Saturday, **March 23** from 9am to 4pm; At the Birthright Center, 221-A Delaware; Leavenworth. This is training for anyone interested in volunteering at the Birthright center. Our volunteers give approximately 3 hours/week or every other week. Both meetings are required for volunteering. If you have questions or to register for training, please call Margaret McNamee 913-991-7660, or the Birthright center 913-682-2700.

**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, 7-8:30 pm**, Holy Trinity Catholic Campus, Lenexa

**MARDI GRAS:** Please join us at St. Benedict Parish (Atchison) for Mardi Gras Celebration on Sunday, **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 11 am-1:30 pm for lunch. Adults \$8; Kids 4-10) \$4. Jambalaya, beignets, Pizza, Chicken & Noodles, Maque Choux, and King Cakes. Raffles, Games, Silent Auction. For more info call 913-367-3503 or Chandra Koechner at [chandabing@gmail.com](mailto:chandabing@gmail.com).

**2019 Living In Truth Conference:** Church of the Ascension - Saturday, April 13, 2019 - 8:00 am - 12:30 pm, Cost: \$25. Inspiring Catholic speakers will help prepare your heart for a meaningful Lenten journey. Get practical advice for discovering your unique gifts, your capacity for love, and the Father's unique design for you. <https://livingintruthkc.com>. Contact Marie Baranko 708-981-5783 if you are interested in carpooling.

**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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**(FOR POSTING ON THE CHURCH INTERNET SITE)**

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** of Northeast Kansas and Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph are teaming up for a Faith and Family Night with the Kansas City Mavericks on Friday, **March 1st**. Game tickets are \$20. For every ticket sold, 10 boxes of Mac and Cheese will be donated to feed hungry families. In addition, collection bins will be on-site for those who would like to support our drive by donating additional boxes of Mac and Cheese. Join in the fun! Purchase a ticket and support the Mac and Cheese drive by going to: [kcmavericks.com/catholic](http://kcmavericks.com/catholic).

**JHIGH YOUTH RALLY:** Registration is now open for the JHigh Youth Rally, “WITNESS”, taking place on **February 24**, from 9:30am-4:00pm, at Prairie Star Ranch, featuring Steve Angrisano, Mikey Needleman Band, and Mike Debus. Archbishop Naumann will say Mass. Talk with your Youth Minister for more information, or visit our website: <https://www.archkck.org/ministries--offices/ecat-youth/junior-high-youth-rally>

**UPCOMING MEETING - MINISTRY FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD**  
Project Chrysalis is a 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, **February 25**, 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.

**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 [cefkcs.org/events](http://cefkcs.org/events) or call 913-647-0379.

**GIVEN KC 2019 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE –**  
GIVEN KC is back for the third annual one-day Catholic young women's conference that aims to empower women aged 18-35 to realize and embrace their God-given gifts in order to more fully live out their Feminine Genius. **MARCH 02, 2019** at CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY. \$35 - EARLY BIRD; \$45 - REGULAR ADMISSION; \$55 - LAST MINUTE. GIVEN KC is a one-day conference that will empower young adult women aged 18-35 to embrace their gifts and more fully live out their authentic femininity. GIVEN KC is intended for young adult women aged 18-35 who are looking to more fully live out their authentic femininity. This year's theme is JOY -- Jesus, Others, Yourself. The conference will focus on discovering more about all of these relationships within the context of femininity. To register for GIVEN KC, visit [www.givenkc.org](http://www.givenkc.org). Tickets range from \$35-\$55 depending on the purchase date. Registration is open from January 1 to February 26.

**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.wmwe4youandme.org](http://www.wmwe4youandme.org) or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email [tonybarbz@prodiqy.net](mailto: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 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](mailto:projectrachelkc@archkck.org) for retreat time and location. For more information about this ministry please visit [projectrachelkc.com](http://projectrachelkc.com).

**ST. LAWRENCE HOME ON THE HILL:** We invite all prospective KU students, parents, benefactors and friends to enjoy a night with us at the St. Lawrence Center from 4:30-7:30pm on **March 3**. Mass and dinner included! Come and see what we are all about, learn about SLC scholarships, and hear from current students about being Catholic at KU! Please RSVP on the website at [kucatholic.org/homeonthehill](http://kucatholic.org/homeonthehill). Questions? Email [jconrad@kucatholic.org](mailto:jconrad@kucatholic.org).

**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](http://www.beginningexperiencekc.org), email: [register.bekc@gmail.com](mailto:register.bekc@gmail.com), or contact Michelle, 913-709-3779.

**DEAF RETREAT IN TOPEKA:** Deaf Ministry for the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, is pleased to announce there will be a Deaf Retreat at Most Pure Heart of Mary in Topeka, Kansas, on **March 9th**. The cost for the retreat is \$10, and the retreat will be from 9 AM to 5 PM with Sr. Maureen Langston as the speaker. After the retreat, Fr. Scott Wallisch will celebrate Deaf Mass at 5 PM with a social after Mass. If you want to register, please RSVP to Jeannine Adkins at [jadkins@mphm.com](mailto:jadkins@mphm.com).

**AN AFTERNOON OF PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE & INTERSESSION**  
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**, 2019 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.

**23rd ANNUAL JOINT DIOCESAN MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
The Order of Malta is pleased to sponsor this Mass for Catholics of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas and the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, with priests from both dioceses concelebrating. Archbishop Naumann will be the Principal Celebrant and Bishop Johnston will deliver the homily. This Mass with anointing of the sick, similar to celebrations in Lourdes, France, will be at 10am, Saturday, **March 23, 2019**, at Curé of Ars Church, 94th and Mission Road, Leawood, Kansas. All are invited. The church is especially accessible for those with mobility concerns. Prior to Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 8:45 to 9:30am. Those wishing to receive the Anointing of the Sick are asked to pre-register by phone or email. Please call 816-579- 1370 or [maltakansascity@gmail.com](mailto:maltakansascity@gmail.com) and leave your name and correct spelling. Please join us in praying for all of our sick and suffering brothers and sisters. Need more information? Contact Bob Fitzgerald, 816-622-2323.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:** “Prescription for a Long and Happy Life,” an afternoon with Dr. Laurie Heap. This introduction to NFP takes an intellectually honest look at the medical benefits of natural fertility management systems and how they enhance the married relationship. Our next event is Saturday, **March 23**, from 1:30-5:00pm at Holy Trinity Parish in Lenexa. Light appetizers and drinks will be served. If you are engaged, this fulfills your Archdiocesan requirement for NFP introduction in Marriage Preparation. For more info, contact Brad DuPont in the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life at [bdupont@archkck.org](mailto:bdupont@archkck.org) or 913.647.0301. To register go to [www.archkck.org/prescription](http://www.archkck.org/prescription) (\$50/couple)

**BENEDICTINE COLLEGE SYMPOSIUM: TECHNOLOGY AND THE HUMAN PERSON:** 8th Annual Benedictine College Symposium, Technology and the Human Person, **March 29-30**. Save the date for Benedictine College's 8th Annual Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization March 29-30. This year's theme is “Technology and the Human Person.” For a list of speakers and additional details, please go to <https://www.benedictine.edu/faithlife/symposium/index>. Questions? Please contact Megan Fassero at 913-360-7967.

**CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP:** God has called and gifted you for a mission! When you were baptized, you were given the presence of the Holy Spirit and “charisms”, gifts of the Holy Spirit that enable you to be a channel of God's love, truth, beauty, mercy, healing, and provision for others. The charisms that you have been given are important clues to your God-given mission in life and Holy Spirit empowered tools to enable you to live it! Join over 100,000 Catholics around the world who have begun to discern their charisms through the Called & Gifted workshop. Come and begin to discover the Mission God has for you. The Called & Gifted Workshop is the first step in the process. Saturday, **March 30th** at Divine Mercy Parish in Gardner, KS. Register at [www.jp2kc.org](http://www.jp2kc.org). \*Lunch is provided\*

**SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY BREATHE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM**  
Saturday, **March 30, 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.

**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](http://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](mailto:lsmith@popolathe.org) or 913-747-7746 if you would like more information.

**MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION –** A Catholic Men's Conference from 7:00am-3:30pm on **April 6, 2019** at Church of the Ascension, 9510 W 127th, Overland Park, KS. The day includes breakfast, vendors, speakers (Elvis Grbac-former KC Chief's quarterback & Dr. David Anders), confession, lunch and Mass with Archbishop Naumann. Cost - \$40 adults, \$20 students. Register at [www.ksmuc.org](http://www.ksmuc.org).

**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).

**SPRING SESSIONS FOR TRAINING LEAD COUPLES FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION**  
Our next training for Lead Couples for Marriage Preparation is scheduled for **April 12-14** -- Prince of Peace in Olathe; **April 26-28** -- Most Pure Heart of Mary in Topeka. The schedule is as follows: Friday evening: 6:30 p.m. -9:30 p.m.; Saturday: 8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 1:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. There is no charge for the training or the materials. We will have light snacks on Friday evening with bagels/donuts and coffee available on Saturday morning. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. All sessions, Friday evening through Sunday, are necessary to be certified as a Lead Couple. To register go to: [flifsec@archkck.org](mailto:flifsec@archkck.org) or call Mary Anne Kierl at: 913-647-0345. If you have any questions, please call Deacon Tony Zimmerman at 913-647-0329.

**FAMILY SPECIAL NEEDS SUMMER CAMP**  
A summer camp for families who have a child (or children) with special needs will be held Friday, **June 28th to Sunday, June 30st** at Prairie Star Ranch in Williamsburg KS. Go to [www.archkck.org/specialneeds](http://www.archkck.org/specialneeds) for details or contact Tom Racunas, Lead Consultant for the Special Needs Ministry at [tracunas@archkck.org](mailto:tracunas@archkck.org) or 913.647.3054.

**MARRIAGE MINUTE:** How is your Beatitude?  
This weekend's Gospel features the famous “beatitudes,” or dispositions of heart that lead us to holiness, and therefore happiness. The Beatitudes apply in marriage as well!

- Blessed is the marriage that is “rich” in affirmation, affection and respect.
  - Blessed is the marriage that always “hungers” for ways to love one another more vulnerably.
  - Blessed is the marriage that draws closer in sorrow, helping one another to shoulder life's tragedies.
  - Blessed is the marriage that forgives lavishly and allows wounds to heal instead of fester.
  - Blessed is the marriage that is not afraid to reject cultural norms that weaken marriage.
- With these types of attitudes in place, we will be sure to be “blessed!” Discover more blessings at [www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com](http://www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com)