

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
First Sunday of Lent– March 10, 2019

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Mar 12	09:00 am	STL	NO MASS
WED	Mar 13	06:30 am	SJV	NO MASS
THUR	Mar 14	09:30 am	ENH	NO MASS
FRI	Mar 15	07:30 am 07:00 pm	SJV SJV	NO MASS Stations of the Cross
SAT	Mar 16	05:00 pm	SJV	John Bromell †
SUN	Mar 17	09:00 am	STL	Jack Rogers †

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, 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, 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: March 16th and 17th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Carol Kroll, Robert Jardon & Rita Herken	Rita Herken	Cooper Beying and Family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Dawn Staver, Rita Oatney & Shirley Navinsky	John Johnston	Luke Heim and Family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1247, including \$220 for utilities, \$10 Mass Stipend, and \$20 for St. Joseph Cemetery, 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!

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 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.

SECOND COLLECTION will be held this weekend of **March 10th** 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. Gifts of any amount are welcome. You are truly being "Called to Share".

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: A volunteer is needed to pray and spend time with the Country Care residents while there is not a priest to celebrate mass each week. If you are interested, contact Marie Baranko (708-981-5783) for more details.

ROSARY LEADERS: If you would be interested in leading the rosary before the 5:00 Mass at SJV while Glenn is recovering from surgery, please contact Becky Coffey 913-796-6007.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS VOLUNTEERS: Due to the fact that we do not have a full-time priest, we are asking for Volunteers to lead the Stations of the Cross during the Lenten Season. This could be a family as a group, or interested individuals, or any CCD or AOC group. Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evenings at **7:00 p.m.** at **St. Joseph of the Valley** on **March 15th**, and 22nd and at St. Lawrence on March 29th, and April 5th and 12th. If you would like to volunteer for any of these times, please contact Sue Griffiee @ 773-8342.

SECOND COLLECTION will be held the weekend of **March 31st** for Catholic Relief Services.

CONFESSION INITIATIVE: We are encouraged to make going to confession a significant part of our spiritual lives during this season of Lent. Please remember that our parish offers confession 4:30-5:00 pm on Saturdays at SJV and 8:30-9:00 am on Sundays at STL.

We would also like to note that many churches in Leavenworth plan offer confessions every Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Beginning March 13th 6 pm at Sacred Heart, then alternating every Wednesday with St. Casimir, during the Lenten season. Beginning March 13th, 6 pm at St. Joseph, then alternating every Wednesday with Immaculate Conception, during the Lenten season. Also, the following Penance Services will be offered: March 24th at 1 pm at St. Francis de Sales, Lansing; April 7th at 2 pm at Sacred Heart Leavenworth; April 11th at 7 pm at St. Joseph Leavenworth; and April 14th at 4 pm at Holy Angels, Basehor

Has it been awhile since your last confession? Do not fear (Is 41:10) – the priest will help guide you. Also, this website can help you prepare and provides a great guide to take with you: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/upload/Bulletin-Insert-Penance-ENG.pdf>

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will also be held at the following Leavenworth Churches: St. Joseph Church, 306 N. Broadway each Friday at 7:00 p.m. beginning March 8th; Sacred Heart Church, 1405 2nd Ave. at 6:00 p.m. on the Fridays of March 22 and April 5th, St. Casimir's Church, 719 Pennsylvania St., at 6:00 p.m. on the Fridays of March 15, 29 and April 12.

ANNUAL FISH FRY: Please come join us for a fish and shrimp supper during Lent. St. Joseph's Parish in Nortonville, Ks. invites everyone to the annual Fish Fry hosted every Friday evening during Lent from 5:00-7:00 p.m. continuing until **April 12th**. Adults pay \$12.00, children 4-10 yrs old are \$5.00. Come and enjoy a meal out with your family.

BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEERS: 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. 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.

TO HELP YOU HAVE YOUR BEST LENT EVER... School of Love's PIER program is a collection of daily Mass Gospel readings with reflections, that come daily to your inbox. They are designed to be easy, digital, quick, beautiful and faithful. In just a few minutes a day, with no prep or expertise, you can greatly improve your prayer and grow closer with God. Sign up for FREE at www.schooloflovekc.com/pier-lent-2019.

2019 LIVING IN TRUTH CONFERENCE: Church of the Ascension - Saturday, **April 13**, - 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.

UNPLANNED IN THEATERS MARCH 29, Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation. All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in. Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America. Take a friend and go see this movie. It is truly life changing. Unplanned In Theaters March 29, or visit: <https://www.unplannedfilm.com/>

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)

ABORTION REMOVES THE UNLOVED AND UNWANTED: I was saddened when I read a letter which appeared to justify abortion because “it does away with the unwanted and unloved”. What a callous, selfish and inhumane mentality!

Are we to value life only if it is “productive” or “useful” to us, or happens to be “in favor” at any given time? What about children who become “unwanted” after birth? Should we allow mothers or fathers to murder such children, just because they are considered a “burden”? After all, this is precisely the reason given by Susan Smith for drowning her two young sons -- because they were coming between her and her lover and had therefore become “unwanted”. But what makes the crime any different had she been eight months pregnant with her twins and aborted them to keep her boyfriend? Presumably, ardent pro-abortionists would have applauded her for making a sensible, morally-correct decision based on her own best interests.

The truth is that there is no justice in a system that allows innocent people to be harmed at the whim of others. Just as government has the responsibility and the right to prevent armed robbery, slavery and rape, it has the same responsibility and right to prevent the killing of innocent human beings, including those waiting to be born.

“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, **March 16-17, 2019**. Register online at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information.

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 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 or 913.647.0301. To register go to 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 . *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 traunas@archkck.org. To register a loved one please go to 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 . 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.

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 .

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.

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 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 30th** at Prairie Star Ranch in Williamsburg KS. Go to www.archkck.org/specialneeds for details or contact Tom Racunas, Lead Consultant for the Special Needs Ministry at traunas@archkck.org or 913.647.3054.

NCYC 2019: The National Catholic Youth Conference is this **November 21-23**, in Indianapolis, Indiana, and is open to all high school students. Talk with you Youth Minister to let them know you are interested! You can find out more at <http://www.archkck.org/ncyc>.

MARRIAGE MINUTE: Lenten “DO’S” and “DON’T’S” for Married Couples

DO remember that your marriage is your vocation. Things that make you feel more in love can actually make you more holy!

DON'T take on a sacrifice that will make life miserable for your spouse. Deciding to go vegan for 40 days is noble, except if it means your wife has to prepare all your meals separately (and it makes you crabby)!

DO talk with your spouse about what you can do together for Lent.

DON'T think Lent has to be all doom and gloom to be successful. We can direct the practices of prayer and fasting toward our marriages, which will release great joy.

A Joyful Marriage can change the world. Find out how at www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com