

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Second Sunday of Lent– March 17, 2019

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Mar 19	09:00 am	STL	NO MASS
WED	Mar 20	06:30 am	SJV	NO MASS
THUR	Mar 21	09:30 am	ENH	NO MASS
FRI	Mar 22	07:30 am 07:00 pm	SJV SJV	NO MASS Stations of the Cross
SAT	Mar 23	05:00 pm	SJV	Shirley and Jamie Karczewski †
SUN	Mar 24	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, 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, SPC Derrick Hunt, 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 23rd and 24th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Vince Eimer, Tracy Heim, Vicki Welch	Kris Beying	Luke Beying and Family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Sue Griffee, Jennifer Roggenkamp, Mary Ray	Jennifer Roggenkamp	Bailey Langley and Family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received a Total - \$2,159.00, which includes the Regular Collection - \$1,891.00 and Black & Indian Missions - \$268.00, as well as last week's on-line collection of \$154.63. 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 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.

EXCITING NEWS! We will be having the Sacred Paschal Triduum services (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). Locations and times will be announced soon. Please plan on joining us! Aaron Waldek, a wonderful young seminarian, has volunteered to assist by chauffeuring and by serving as Master of Ceremonies. The Reverend Fr. Joseph Carola, S.J., Patristics Professor of the Pontifical Gregorian University and sometime chaplain of seminarians in Rome, will officiate.

THE CALL TO SHARE CAMPAIGN: Thank you to all who donated to this year's Archbishop's Call To Share. Our parish contributed 55% of our designated goal with 23% parishioner participation. If you still wish to contribute to the ACTS, there are donation envelopes in the back of the church.

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 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 Griffee @ 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.

Other services (available in Leavenworth) 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? 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: Come learn about Birthright. Both meetings are required for volunteering.

Birthing Information Night: Thursday, **March 21** at 7pm, at the Leavenworth Public Library Board Meeting Room, 417 Spruce. This is an introductory meeting to learn more.

Birthing 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. 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.

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.

7TH ANNUAL FISH FRY: St. Theresa Parish at Perry, Kansas invites everyone to their fish fry on Friday, **March 29th**, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The meal includes 2 kinds of fish, potatoes, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, corn muffins and desserts. Adults--\$10.00 and kids age 10 and under --\$5.00.

UNPLANNED IN THEATERS MARCH 29, Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation. Abby Johnson was one the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. 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/>

ATTENTION! Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2019: Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held June 2, 2019, 2:00 pm, Church of the Nativity/Leewood. To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, please call the parish office and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding. Please do this as soon as possible.

PRAYER FOR AN END TO INFANTICIDE: The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act—legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. Please join us in prayer for an end to infanticide:

“Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of our elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. We especially pray for our Senator(s) Moran and Roberts. Open his/her/their heart(s) and mind(s) to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.”

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)

BABIES IN THE WOMB ARE “PRE-BORN”... NOT UNBORN

Well chosen words have power. Consider how the pro-abortion advocates marketed and sold their endorsement of abortion. It is not called pro-murder. It is called pro-choice. They appealed to the current culture's mentality; a mentality that we have been exhibiting since the 1960s. We live in a cafeteria culture. Everyone wants choices. We want to pick and choose our morality. Everyone wants to feel empowered in making their own decisions, right or wrong; moral relativism. Thus, the Madison Avenue advertising gurus cleverly chose pro-choice in promoting death, but also in concealing the truth; pro-murder. As for images? Oh, they definitely don't want you to see those, and refuse to show them in any of their promotions or campaigns.

The term “unborn” creates a problem, because it is somewhat vague. It gives the reader or listener an image of someone who is not born and perhaps, never will be. For example, a couple might talk about their future “unborn children” they are planning to have one day, but do not exist as of yet. Pre-born, on the other hand, gives an image of someone who is already in existence, and is waiting to be born. It gives a more human and realistic description of the baby developing right here and now. It describes a very real person who is living and breathing in the present – not the future.

Therefore, with the knowledge and scientific understanding that life begins at fertilization, and that we are living human beings in the womb, why don't we all use the reference preborn? If we support life, and acknowledge that a child deserves our respect, support and protection while waiting comfortably in the womb until the birth process, why not give them the dignity they deserve and refer to them as preborn? Let's proclaim life accurately. Because now that we know the truth, referring to them as anything less is not only unkind, it is also uninformed.

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/faith-life/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 lnop@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.

LIVING IN TRUTH KC CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

5th Annual KC Catholic Women's Conference will be held on **Saturday, April 13** from 7:30am-12:30pm at Church of the Ascension, 9510 W. 127th St., Overland Park. Archbishop Naumann will celebrate Mass, EWTN former co-host Colleen Carroll Campbell is the keynote speaker along with Sonja Corbitt, author of “Fulfilled” Bible Study. Open to all women age 16 and older desiring to grow in faith and holiness, and who seek to live their Catholic faith more fully. Registration is \$25 (\$30 at the door). You may register at <https://livingintruthkc.com/>

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 for details or contact Tom Racunas, Lead Consultant for the Special Needs Ministry at traunas@archkck.org or 913.647.3054.

2019 TOTUS TUUS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Totus Tuus Team will offer an adapted Totus Tuus program for children with special needs!! Monday, July 22nd to Friday, July 26th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This Totus Tuus program is for children ages 6 to 14 with intellectual/developmental disabilities. St. Joseph Parish in Shawnee. Fee is \$40 per child. **Registration deadline is Monday, July 8th.** Volunteers are needed for the program. For more information please contact the Office of Special Needs Ministry by email at traunas@archkck.org or call 913.647.3054 or 316.305.7487. To register go to: www.archkck.org/specialneeds

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 Joy

When we think of Lent, we often think of the fasting and repentance. While these disciplines are the cornerstones of Lent, this weekend's readings remind us that we are not in for 40 days of “doom and gloom.” Through the transfiguration, Jesus encourages us to focus on Him, and the joy and glory he wants to share with us. We can often view ongoing marriage formation like Lent. While it is true that it may take some sacrifice to attend and some discipline to implement, it makes more sense to look up and focus on the joy that Jesus wants to share with us in the Sacrament of Matrimony. One of the best Lenten prayer practices is a weekly holy hour. Plan your holy hour for your spouse through resources at www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

PRAYER AND ACTION – SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Prayer and Action 2019 will be hosted by Sts. Peter and Paul in Seneca Kansas. Prayer and Action is a youth mission trip program. The idea was formed by seminarians who wanted to accomplish 2 things: offer a low-cost mission trip experience and provide service to the people in their own communities. Students will spend the week in an atmosphere that is free of distractions which will foster their faith, inspire charity, and lead them closer to Christ. The Prayer & Action experience will be facilitated by the mission team which consists of seminarians and other dynamic young adults. Prayer and Action is organized through individual Parish Youth Ministers. If you are interested in attending please contact your Parish Youth Minister. If your Parish does not have a Youth Ministry and you are interested in attending, please contact Jody O'Rourke at jorourke@archkck.org. For more information please visit <https://www.archkck.org/prayerandactionkc>