

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Fourth Sunday of Lent– March 31, 2019

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Apr 2	09:00 am	STL	NO MASS
WED	Apr 3	06:30 am	SJV	NO MASS
THUR	Apr 4	09:30 am	ENH	NO MASS
FRI	Apr 5	07:30 am 07:00 pm	SJV STL	NO MASS Stations of the Cross
SAT	Apr 6	05:00 pm	SJV	Max and Irene Roemer †
SUN	Apr 7	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, 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: April 6th & 7th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Carol Kroll, Tracy Heim, Vince Eimer	Kris Beying	First Communion Class
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Sharon Wagner, Sue Griffee, Rita Oatney	Rita Oatney	Lane Green and family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1,901 for the general collection, \$20 SJV Cemetery, \$285 Mass Stipends and \$1475 in Memorials; 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 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.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US for the Sacred Paschal Triduum services (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). Locations and times are to be determined. 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: 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.

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. Lawrence on 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 this weekend of March 31st for Catholic Relief Services.

THE ARMY OF CHRIST YOUTH GROUP will be meeting March 31st 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 have questions, call or text Abby, 913-683-9937.

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.

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 Friday April 5th; St. Casimir's Church, 719 Pennsylvania St., at 6:00 p.m. on the Fridays of 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.

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.

FISH FRY: Please join us for St. Benedict Catholic School's Annual Lenten Fish Fry on April 12th, 5pm-7:30 pm at St. Benedict Catholic School Commons, 201 Division St, Atchison, \$9 Adults; \$5 Children 7 & under. Meal includes fried or baked fish or cheese pizza, scalloped potatoes and roll, choice of sides and homemade dessert. Hope to see you there!

XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE for all new, interested families at K-8th grade and preschool campuses on Thursday, April 25th, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We invite you to come meet our teachers and staff and discover the wonderful things happening at Xavier! If you are unable to attend that day, please call us to schedule a tour. Xavier Catholic School Xavier Catholic School, Kindergarten - Eighth Grade Preschool and Administration Office, 41 Muncie Road 1409 2nd. Avenue, Leavenworth, KS 66048. For more information please contact: Lisa Forge at lisa.forge@leavenworthcatholicchools.org or 913-682-7801.

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.”

BECOME A LIAISON FOR CHRIST'S PEACE HOUSE OF PRAYER
 Christ's Peace House of Prayer, an Archdiocesan Retreat Center, is initiating a Liaison Program and is looking for a parishioner from each parish to be a contact person to present our ministry to their parish and keep their parish supplied with our informational materials. A yearly two free night stay will be given to the Liaison for these services. If interested in being a liaison, call 913-773-8255 or email. info@christspce.com.

RESPONSE IN CRISIS WEBSITE: Transparency and accountability are imperative in the Church's response to the crisis of sexual abuse of minors. In response to current national discussions, our Archdiocese encourages you to visit our website that provides important information, addresses questions and offers an opportunity for parishioners to share their concerns and lend their voices by responding to an online survey. Please visit <https://responseincrisis.archkck.org/> to learn how we actively safeguard the innocent and provide care for those affected by abuse. Please join us in praying to our Blessed Mother, Mary, who feels our sorrow and shares our pain.

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.

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/>

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 Sisparish@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)

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/Leawood. 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.

EASTER AND THE VICTORY OF LIFE

Easter celebrates the victory of LIFE. Christians do not come to Church on Easter simply to congratulate Jesus for rising from the dead. They come in order to touch their own victory over death.

In rising, Christ destroyed not only His own death, but ours! He overturned the entire kingdom of death. Death has no more power over Him; nor does it have ultimate power over those who live in Him. The influence of the Church on the world, therefore, is the influence of a community which already participates in victory over death. That influence moves the choices of society away from death and destruction, and toward the affirmation, in word and deed, of the precious gift of LIFE.

The victory of LIFE has already been won, but has not yet fully unfolded. We therefore rejoice and struggle at the same time. We have unshakeable confidence that the power of LIFE is greater than the forces of death. Yet we must not relax our efforts to protect God's gift of LIFE from the culture of death which surrounds us.

Easter Pro-life Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, we praise your Resurrection! We celebrate your triumph over the Kingdom of death! May we, your Church, proclaim, celebrate, and serve the victory of LIFE in our world. May we respond to the needs of those who are tempted to destroy the LIFE within them by abortion, and may we help to build a world which rejects every form of violence and in particular, the violence of abortion. You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

SCHOOL OF LOVE “DATE NIGHT”: Join us for KC's only Catholic recurring event for married couples. Date Night, on first Thursdays. See what 1,000 KC spouses, of all ages, from 65 parishes, and both KC dioceses already have. It's fun but classy. Low-key but important. And it's free! We start your date with happy hour, appetizers, and a brief talk on faith, marriage, family... You finish your date at home or out on the town! www.schooloflovekc.com/date-night THURS, APR 4th, 6:30-7:30pm, CLASSIC CUP, CELLAR, 301 W. 47th St. (Plaza, KC) private entrance from lower level of parking garage off Central St. between 47th and Nichols.

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.

LEARN MORE ABOUT AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS!

Come learn more about American Heritage Girls, the premier organization for girls in our Archdiocese! AHG information night is for parents and any adults interested in helping start a troop. **April 7th**, 6:15pm Good Shepherd Community Center (near gymnasium). 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. Events include troop meetings, field trips, troop trips, camping, service projects, retreats, religious awards and MORE! AHG is open to girls in Kindergarten through High School from any parish. Please contact the parish of one of the current troops if you want to visit a troop meeting or join:

Cure of Ars, Leawood KS2206
Holy Trinity, Lenexa KS0138
Church of the Ascension, Overland Park KS3130
Saint Michael the Archangel, Leawood KS12790
Saint Ann, Prairie Village KS0022
Christ the King, Topeka KS5973
Most Pure Heart of Mary, Topeka KS0219
Knights of Columbus, Marysville KS0007

ArchKCK has local AHG leaders happy to 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 to start the conversation about an AHG troop at your parish!

MINISTRY FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD—MEETING APRIL 8TH

Project Chrysalis is a ministry for parents who have lost a child find hope through Sacred Scripture and community. The next meeting will be held on Monday, **April 8** at 7:00 p.m. in the RCIA Room of the old convent at Queen of the Holy Rosary, 71st & Metcalf in Overland Park. TOPIC: Church teaching on mediums and psychics. For more information, contact Ken or Patty Billinger at 913-634-4210 or email kbillinger@archkck.org. You can also find more information on our website at 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.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: For a Christian, marriage is not just a social institution, it is a real supernatural calling. A great sacrament, instituted by Christ. It is a permanent contract that sanctifies in cooperation with Jesus Christ. He fills the souls of husband and wife and invites them to follow him. He transforms their whole married life into an occasion for God's presence on earth. How well are you living out your supernatural calling? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you explore and answer that question! The next weekend in the Kansas City area will be **May 3-5, 2019**. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit www.wmwe4youandme.org, or call/email Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net

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 tracunas@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 tracunas@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 your Youth Minister to let them know you are interested! You can find out more at <http://www.archkck.org/ncyc>.

MARRIAGE MINUTE: The Journey of 1000 Miles...

Begins with the first step, and sometimes, the first step is the most difficult. Imagine the Prodigal Son; how difficult was it for him to acknowledge his offenses against his dad? The lost son had to admit serious sin, swallow his pride, and risk being rejected. The same scenario exists in the married relationship. How often does a spouse have to risk rejection if he or she admits wrongdoing and asks for forgiveness? Humility is difficult, but it is always worth it. If reconciling with your spouse is difficult, try the following:

- Remember the last time you reconciled and the joy of being reunited
 - Look ahead and imagine how great it will be to be set free from your prison of isolation
 - Remember how Christ desires reconciliation and ask for His help
- For practical strategies to reconcile, check out Every Day in Love at www.archkck.org/everyday

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>

ONE MORE TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARY NEEDED

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Archdiocese Kansas City in Kansas is seeking one more woman committed to her Catholic Faith, who feels called to share it with youth of parishes within the Archdiocese, to complete the 2019 TOTUS TUUS team, which will consist of four members: two men and two women. The four individuals will travel to 6 parishes in the archdiocese, spending a week at each and running programs for elementary aged children during the day and teens during the evening. Team members share in Christian community with the parishes they are visiting, participating in events and staying with host families. Throughout their time with the community, they seek to give witness to their love for Christ and his Church and share their enthusiasm. The team also strives to create an authentic Christian community with each other: praying, working, sharing, and spending many hours together to provide mutual support. This position is a temporary two-month commitment (May 23-July 26, 2019). This includes one week of training and a one week break for the 4th of July. This is a great summer job experience for anyone who wants to work in ministry, education or with children in any setting.

Job Requirements:

- 18 or older
- Willing to devote themselves to the program for 8 weeks.
- Practicing Catholic faithful to the Church's teaching.
- Desire to work with and witness to youth.
- Maturity to live and work as part of a mutually respectful Christian team
- Successful completion of a background check and VIRTUS safe environment screenings.

Application Instructions: To apply, send email of interest with resume to Fr. Zarse at jzarse@archkck.org