

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Easter Sunday – April 21, 2019

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Apr 23	09:00 am	STL	NO MASS
WED	Apr 24	06:30 am	SJV	NO MASS
THUR	Apr 25	09:30 am	ENH	NO MASS
FRI	Apr 26	07:30 am	SJV	NO MASS
SAT	Apr 27	05:00 pm	SJV	John Bromell †
SUN	Apr 28	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, 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 27th and 28th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Robert Jardon, Carol Kroll, Vince Eimer	Vince Eimer	Guenther family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Sharon Wagner, Ted & Dawn Staver	Ted Staver	Cooper Potter and family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1488 last weekend and \$100 for SJV Cemetery. 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!

SECOND COLLECTION: will be held today, **Easter Sunday** for the Priesthood: Past, Present and Future.

ARMY OF CHRIST: will meet on **April 28th** at 6:00 pm in the Parish Rectory. All high school students are invited to join us! If you have questions, please contact Abby Nichols at 913-683-9937.

SECOND COLLECTION: will be held the weekend of **April 28th** for the Collection of Catholic Home Missions Appeals (CHMA).

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES to the family of Pete Gwartney, who passed away on Monday, April 15th. The visitation service will be at St. Lawrence Church on Monday, April 22nd, from 6-8 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23rd at St. Lawrence Church. May he rest in peace.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Fr. Joseph Carola, and Seminarian Aaron Waldeck, who celebrated Holy Week with us. Also, a special thank you to all who made the celebrations happen so smoothly and easily. Thank you to the Altar Servers and their coordinator, the Sacristans, the Choir and organists. Thank you to those who prepared the Altars, decorated with the flowers and everything else you did to make our churches beautiful for this Holy Celebration. Thank you, also to those who volunteered to participate in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. Our Parishioners truly appreciate all that everyone did to make Holy Week, a beautiful celebration.

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.

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.

LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE for **May 2**-Chairman Virginia Mowery, Karla Beying, Brenda Langley and Gail Demaranville-Zule.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

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@leavenworthcatholicschools.org or 913-682-7801.

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER: Rose Anne Sachse will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on **May 1st** with her immediate family. If you would like to honor her on this occasion, please send her a birthday card, letter, photos, and other good wishes, to 18741 Happy Hollow Road, Leavenworth, KS 66048. Happy Birthday Mrs. Sachse!

CAMP TEKAKWITHA 2019--THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET SIGNED UP! There are still Camp Tekakwitha 2019 spots available! This is an amazing opportunity for young people to have amazing experiences they will remember for a lifetime, while growing closer to Christ, and making new friends. Camp is open to those entering 5th to 12th grade this fall. Visit our website for more information! www.archkck.org/camp

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Please join us for a pro-life prayer event called WAKE. Through the ocean of love and mercy poured out on Divine Mercy Sunday, WAKE will honor the unborn who have lost their lives to abortion, help bring healing to those who have been affected by an abortion, and help restore the dignity of all life in our country as we pray for our lawmakers and policies – past, present and future. The event will include meditative Praise and Worship music, Scripture readings, and an inspirational skit and speaker. All are welcome! Sunday **April 28**, at 7:00 PM at St. James Academy Chapel 24505 Prairie Star Pkwy Lenexa, KS 66227

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.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY: TAKING IN THE RESURRECTION – Christ's Peace House of Prayer will host a retreat on taking in the Resurrection using Lectio Divina from Friday, **May 10 (at 6pm, with supper)** to Sunday, **May 12**. It will consist of 2 talks, several Lectio Divina sessions, daily Eucharistic Adoration and Mass at the local parish on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. The cost is \$170 for individuals and \$250 per couple. If interested, please contact info@christsppeace.com or call 913-773-8255.

FEAST OF ST. ISIDORE, PATRON SAINT OF FARMERS: Christ's Peace House of Prayer is hosting a special Mass and blessing of seed and soil for the Feast of St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers, on **May 15th**. The day will begin with Mass at 11am followed by a procession to the Saint Isidore Shrine and a blessing of the seeds and soil. Bring seeds and soil in a small decorated basket to be placed at the altar for blessing. The day will conclude with lunch and fellowship. All are welcome! RSVP 913-773-8255 or info@christsppeace.com. "To you, O Lord, we cry and pray; bless this sprouting seed, strengthen it in the gentle movement of soft winds, refresh it with the dew of heaven, and let it grow to full maturity for the good of body and soul."

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)

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR LOVED ONE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS : Please join us for a workshop to educate parents/guardians with a loved one with special needs on how to prepare for two generations of financial security. We will discuss establishing a Special Needs Trust, Guardianship and The Achieving Better Life Experiences Act of 2013. The panel of experts will include Casey Conneally, Attorney, and Ivalio Grigorov, Kacy Seitz and Debbie Niemann from Northwestern Mutual. All 4 are Archdiocese Parishioners and/or parents of children with special needs.

Two different dates are available.

Thursday **April 25**, at 6:45pm – 8:30pm Church of the Nativity St. Joseph Room 3800 West 119th Street Leawood, KS 66223 OR

Thursday, **May 2nd**, at 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Holy Trinity Parish 9150 Pflumn Road Lenexa, Kansas 66215

Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP for childcare to Jody O'Rourke at 913.647.3059 or jorourke@archkck.org

DIGNITY PROJECT – EASTER SEASON PRESENTATIONS

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH PRESENTS: The Dignity Project THE WHAT Prominent speakers from around the Archdiocese are invited to present a topic on the Dignity of the Human Life. Their presentations will aid in forming our consciences to combat the current culture. Presentations will take place on **Tuesdays** during the Easter Season at Holy Spirit Catholic Parish in the Main Church at 7:00 p.m. **THE LINEUP 4.23:** On Human Life, Elizabeth Kirk, J.D. **4.30:** End of Life Issues, Monsignor Stuart Swetland S.T.D. **5.7:** In the Image of Divine Love: Man, Woman and the Dignity of Marriage, Sebastian D'Amico **5.14:** Infertility, Fostering, & Adopting, Elizabeth Kirk, J.D. **5.21:** Protecting Families, Sam Meier, L.P.C. **5.28:** Real Healthcare, Dr. Laurie Heap, M.D. **6.4:** Presenting the Pro-Life Message to a Pro-Choice World, Joe Heschmeyer, J.D. **THE TAKE AWAY** Our goal is to find our own particular call to action in defending the value & dignity of human life in all aspects. St. Oscar Romero said, "The ones who have a voice must speak for the voiceless". We also recommit ourselves to the fact that we were not made for this world, but eternal life.

GABRIEL PROJECT ANGEL INFORMATION SESSION: Gabriel Project is a ministry of the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office providing help to pregnant women in need. Trained volunteers, called, "Gabriel Angels", are assigned to a mother when she calls for help and is responsible for ongoing contact with her. Through the Gabriel Project the mother can receive love, care, and the spiritual, material, and emotional support she needs. We are in need of new Gabriel Angels. Are you being called to help women in unplanned pregnancies? Come and hear what being a volunteer Angel entails. We will be holding two sessions. Please contact Ann Marie Alvey at director@gabrielprojectkc.com or 913-621-2199. **Session 1** Thursday, **April 25th** 7:00pm Holy Trinity School Library Enter through the East Doors across from Parish Office 13600 W 92nd St, Lenexa, KS. **Session 2** Saturday, **April 27th** 10:00am St. Thomas More: Huhmann Room 11822 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO 64131

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY BREATHE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM: Saturday, **April 27**, 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. To register a loved one please go to www.archkck.org/specialneeds and complete the on-line form.

RUNNIN' REVS GAME: All are invited to cheer on their favorite priest at the Runnin' Revs vs. Serra All Stars basketball game played at Hayden High School at 7:00pm on Monday, **April 29th**. The Revs (priest players) will challenge 8th grade and high school youth from our Catholic schools in this exciting game of basketball. Bring family and friends to cheer on your favorite priest players, and enjoy this fun event which includes a half time show. Donations collected at the door will benefit our seminarians.

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.wme4youandme.org, or call/email Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net

35TH ANNUAL POLSKI DAY CELEBRATION: The 35th Annual Polski Day celebration, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Saturday, **May 4**, at All Saints Parish on the St. Joseph Church grounds, at 8th & Vermont, Kansas City, Kansas. Enjoy the Polski Day Parade at 11:00 a.m., Polish Music, a Polish Dinner and family entertainment for babies to seniors. A special Polish Mass at 5:00 p.m. Volunteers needed visit www.polskiday.com or email Elaine Karhut Web, Volunteer Coordinator, at info@polskiday.com Profits from Polski Day supports the upkeep for All Saints Parish. The Church bells are ringing again! Thank you for your continued support.

FAMILY DAY AT PRAIRIE STAR RANCH: Prairie Star Ranch is offering you the chance to step away and enter into a day of prayer, adventure, outdoor activities, and time to reconnect. Families, friends, and communities are invited to join us on **May 5th** from 9am to 5pm! Opportunities include Horseback Riding, Canoeing, Ropes Activities, and time for prayer. The experience will culminate with the celebration of the Holy Mass in our beautiful St. Kateri Chapel. Let us journey together on this day of Christ-centered adventure! Register online now or contact the Team at Prairie Star Ranch. www.archkck.org/ranch -- 785-746-5693 -- psrministry@archkck.org

PINTS WITH A PRIEST: Join the Office of Deaf Ministry for the annual Pints with a Priest event! Father Christopher Klusman will be presenting Theology of the Body – Part Two. Join us for an evening of fun, socializing and prayer. Friday **May 24**, at 7:00 p.m. Twisters Grill and Bar 13100 Kansas Ave. Bonner Springs, KS 66012. RSVP to Katie Locus at deafministry@archkck.org by **May 17th**.

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 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: How can Easter impact your marriage?

After the sacrifice of Lent and the gloom of Holy Week, we can sometimes arrive at Easter like someone who has finished a dreaded chore, and we resume regularly scheduled life. However, if this is our approach, we miss the gift Easter can be for our marriages.

The first message of the Resurrection is "Don't be afraid!" This phrase is proclaimed to all who approach the empty tomb, and to us as married people as well. We should not be afraid:

- ... of serious illness, financial or relationship problems. He has conquered even death, so He can bring good out of any evil we face.

- ... of facing our own or our spouse's sin. He loved his disciples after they abandoned him. He can help us love each other with that same love.

To unleash Easter Joy into your marriage, visit 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>