

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 12, 2019

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	May 14	09:00 am	STL	NO MASS
WED	May 15	06:30 am	SJV	NO MASS
THUR	May 16	09:30 am	ENH	NO MASS
FRI	May 17	07:30 am	SJV	NO MAS [†]
SAT	May 18	05:00 pm	SJV	Mick Adamson [†] , Jim Adamson [†] and Fred Adamson [†]
SUN	May 19	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: May 18th and 19th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Aaron & Vicki Welch, Carol Kroll	Vince Eimer	Maverick Lowe and family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Sharon Wagner, Rita Oatney, Dawn Staver	Rita Oatney	Myra Seifert and family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$4352.87 last week, to include: Hall rent \$50, Utilities-\$20, Priesthood Collection \$32, and Mass Stipend-\$335, Memorials \$1345, SJV Cemetery \$140, CCD \$107.87, and Regular Collection of \$2323. Last week's on-line collection of \$154.63. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES to Harry and Anne Felzke for the loss of their son, Eric Felzke, who died on April 29th and was buried at St. Lawrence Cemetery on May 6th.

PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES to the family of Bob Crook who passed away on May 6th. May he rest in peace. Visitation will be at the Leintz Funeral home, May 13th from 5-8 p.m., and his funeral will be on May 14th at 10 a.m. at St. Lawrence.

PARISH MEMBERS UPDATE: It has come to our attention that many of the addresses and phone numbers of our parishioners have changed. Please fill out the forms that have been placed in the pews and put them in the box in the back of church so that we may update our records for the church. Thank you.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all of the Mothers, Godmothers, Step-Mothers, and Grandmothers of our parish. We would like to show you how much we appreciate all of you with a small gift that will be given to each of you after mass when you leave the church. Enjoy your Special Day!

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.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

PRO-LIFE ANSWERS TO FALSE PRO-CHOICE ARGUMENTS (PART I)

The "fetus"-----human life or not?
 As pro-lifers, we need to educate ourselves and have answers to pro-choice arguments and rhetoric. Over the next few weeks, we will highlight the typical pro-choice claims and we will arm you with good and accurate information to refute their misleading and false arguments.

For many years, their most significant and basic argument has been that the so-called fetus is not a human life; it's just a simple mass of tissue or part of the pregnant woman's body. They also claim that the question of when human life begins is uncertain and a religious issue.

However, medical textbooks and scientific reference works consistently agree that life begins at conception, when a genetically distinct individual is brought into existence. Some of the world's most prominent scientists and physicians testified to a U.S. Senate committee that human life begins at conception. At these same hearings, pro-abortionists, though invited to do so, failed to produce even a single expert witness who would testify that life begins at any point other than conception.

From the moment of conception, the unborn fetus is not simple, but very complex. The newly fertilized egg contains a staggering amount of genetic information, sufficient to control the individual's growth and development for an entire lifetime. The key word is development. Like a toddler or adolescent, the term fetus does not refer to "non-humans", but to humans at a particular stage of development. It is scientifically inaccurate and untrue to say a fetus is not a human being simply because he or she is at an earlier stage of development than an infant.

Being inside something is not the same as being part of something. The mother and the unborn child are two separate individuals and half the time, they are not even the same sex! The child has its own DNA, fingerprints and blood type, distinct from the mother's. The unborn child even takes an active role in his or her own development, even controlling the course of the pregnancy and the time of birth.

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@christspcehouse.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."

CAMP INVENTION FOR K-6 AT SBCS: Camp Invention runs **June 3 – 7** for children in grades K-6. It's held at St. Benedict Catholic School!! Camp Invention "Supercharged" - Unmask your child's creativity this summer in the all-new Camp Invention® program, Supercharged™, where children build confidence, learn to collaborate and transform their wild imaginations into epic creations. Campers in grades K-6 will learn creative problem-solving skills while coding and programming futuristic robots, uncovering ancient fossils, designing high-tech superhero gadgets and exploring radio frequencies. Ms. Annie Hart and Ms. Teresa Gorrell will lead this action-packed program featuring exhilarating, hands-on STEM activities teaching children to question, explore, break through obstacles and embrace failure! Visit www.invent.org/camp or call 800-968-4332 to register. Use promo code PLAY15LISTING to save \$15 (expires 5/10). Contact Julie Underwood for more information or scholarship requests!!! junderwood@benedictine.edu. NOTE: All BC staff will receive \$30 off of their child(ren) by registering with their BC email. The cost of Camp Invention is \$230, however there are discounts available: a. Host Discount – ANYONE WITH A BC EMAIL! Every employee of your district, church, college, or university hosting Camp Invention, receives \$30 of their child(ren). b. Sibling Discount – Every person that registers 2 or more "camper-aged" children on one order, can receive \$25 off per child. OR c. Spring into Summer expires 5/10/19 – \$15 discount available 3/23 to 5/10 using promo code PLAY15FLYER.

MAY BREATHE RESPITE CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Special Needs Ministry BREATHE Respite Care Program Saturday, **May 18**, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 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.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. According to the National Institute of Health, in a given year about one in four people have a diagnosable mental health condition. As a faith community, we are called to support individuals and their families who have mental health concerns. We can offer spiritual comfort through our prayerful presence in people's lives by acknowledging their pain and supporting them through the healing and recovery process. If you would like more information about what you can do to support people with mental illness and their families in your parish, contact the Special Needs Ministry at 913.647.3054 or by email: tracunas@archkck.org

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On Sunday, **May 12**, the Catholic Church asks us to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Just as Jesus encountered Simon and Andrew, asking them to leave their nets and follow him, he asks the same of us. The Lord's call to the priesthood or religious life is not a burden, but a loving invitation to assist him in his mission. This week, please pray that those who Christ is calling will not be afraid, but will trust in his plan for them which will bring more joy fulfillment than they could imagine.

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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PRE-MENOPAUSE NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS: A class in using the Sympto-Thermal Method (STM) of Natural Family Planning during the pre-menopause period takes place at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, 1208 Kentucky St., Room 208, Lawrence, KS, on Wednesday, **May 15**, at 6:30pm. For more info about this or other Couple to Couple League classes in the metro area, call Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015. Online pre-registration for the class is required at: www.ccli.org.

NATIONAL WEBINAR - HOPE & HEALING FROM PORNOGRAPHY: The Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP) is providing two FREE on-hour LIVE national webinars entitled “Hope and Healing: Helping Leaders Assist those Struggling with Pornography,” on **May 16th** at 11:00 a.m. (CST), and **May 21st** at 7:00 p.m. (CST). This webinar will present practical steps to help pornography users find freedom, combining grace and mercy with tough love and accountability. Register online at bit.ly/Hope-and-Healing

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. Please contact Ann Marie Alvey at director@gabrielprojectkc.com or 913-621-2199. **Tuesday May 21st** 7:00pm Queen of the Holy Rosary, Bride’s Room in basement 7023 W. 71st. Overland Park, KS 66204

SEMINARIAN TRIVIA NIGHT: You are invited to form a team of 8 to compete in an exciting trivia game which will feature our seminarians. The fun begins **May 22** at 6:15pm at St. Michael the Archangel in Leawood. A table of 8 is \$300 and included finger foods and soft drinks. Seminarians will rotate as the 9th player on various teams, making this a fun way to meet the guys discerning the priesthood. The 1st and 2nd place teams will win gift cards and a private Mass celebrated by one of the newly ordained priests. The best decorated table wins 8 reserved seats at the priesthood ordination on May 25. The vocation office encourages teams to include young men in high school and college for this fun night. During halftime the six men to be ordained priests will be given a short tribute by Fr. Scott Wallisch. Please **register by May 20th**, by going online to kckvocations.com under the Events tab or email vocation@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**.

2019 ADULT CONFIRMATION MASS: The annual Adult Confirmation Mass will be celebrated on Saturday evening, **June 8**, the Eve of Pentecost, at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle, 409 N 15th, Kansas City, KS. Archbishop Naumann will offer the Mass and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Register by **May 31**. Once received, candidates for confirmation will receive a set of instructions from the Office for Liturgy and Sacramental Life to assist in their preparation.

“EVERY DAY IN LOVE”

Do you need a common sense approach to inviting more joy into your marriage this summer? Every Day in Love is an upbeat series which offers positive insights and fun couple exercises to help couples love smarter not harder. (**Saturday, June 1, 8, 15, 22** at Prince of Peace in Olathe from 9am-Noon) Cost: \$10/couple per session. Child Care is included on Limited basis. This empowering series is a featured offering of the Joyful Marriage Project. Register and see session details at www.archkck.org/everyday. Questions: email Brad, bdupont@archkck.org

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

A Catholic support group for individuals or couples living with the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant loss will be offered the four Tuesday evenings of **June** from 7-9pm at the home of the facilitator (119th and Pflumm--address sent after registration). Cost is \$15. For more information or to register, go to archkck.org/InLovingRemembrance. Contact Libby DuPont with questions: ldupont@archkck.org

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

God designed marriage to be an “other-centered” union in a “me-centered” world. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you an unparalleled opportunity to focus on each other and discover God’s unique plan for your marriage. The next weekend in the Kansas City area will be **July 12-14, 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

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.

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 **June 28-30**, at Precious Blood, Liberty MO. For more information visit: www.beginningexperiencekc.org, email: register.bekc@gmail.com, or contact Michelle, 913-709-3779.

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

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>

MARRIAGE MINUTE

At a crowded playground, somehow mothers are able to discern their own child's cries. Likewise, when a mom shouts, "Time to go!" her own child knows he has been summoned. This is the type of intimate familiarity that Jesus wants with us when he says, "My sheep hear my voice," and the kind that husbands and wives should have with one another. Married couples can intentionally grow in this kind of unity by:

- Learning to share feelings in a way that makes them feel connected.
- Developing a healthy way to come together on issues and make decisions.
- Appreciating the other's unique masculinity or femininity.

These skills are all taught in an upcoming course called Every Day in Love. Sign up today and make it a Mother's Day gift! www.archkck.org/everyday