

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 19, 2019

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	May 21	09:00 am	STL	NO MASS
WED	May 22	06:30 am	SVJ	NO MASS
THUR	May 23	09:30 am	ENH	NO MASS
FRI	May 24	07:30 am	SVJ	NO MASS †
SAT	May 25	05:00 pm	SVJ	Jamie Karczewski †
SUN	May 26	09:00 am	STL	Jack Rogers †

Confessions: SAT-4:30 pm at SVJ; 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 25th and 26th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SVJ	5:00 pm	Vince Eimer, Tracy Heim, Rita Herken	Rita Herken	Damien Guenther and family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Mary Ray, Shirley Navinsky, Jennifer Roggenkamp	Mary Ray	Lily Bryan and family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1,460, and the 2nd collection was \$158. \$32. Last week's on-line collection of \$5. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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 the weekend of **June 2nd** for Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC).

CONGRATULATIONS to Emily Wagner and Greg List on their receiving of the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Lawrence on May 11. Their parents are John and Sharon Wagner of our parish, and Theresa DaSilva and Christopher List. We wish them a long and blessed life together.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

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

A woman's right to "choose"?

The word "choice" (as used on the subject of abortion) is probably the most misleading and deceptive term in the English language. While it might sound good to say that government should allow people to make all their own choices, that is neither practical nor desirable. Some choices are crimes. All crimes are choices.

Once a woman is pregnant, barring a miscarriage or an induced abortion, she will have a baby. Therefore, her only "choice" is, "How is the baby going to come out?" Will he or she come out alive and crying, or dead and in pieces? Truly, her choice is between life and death---a live baby, or a dead one.

Consider this hypothetical situation. A group of young men have just started a "Right to Rape" organization. They argue that they have the right to choose to rape women. The real question, they tell us, is, "Who decides, us or the government?" We believe that the government should stay out of this very private matter." Furthermore, they want the state to set up tax-funded centers where they can rape women in a safe, legal fashion. Clearly, our response would be, "Absolutely not; rape is wrong!"

Note carefully that the real and overriding question is not, "who decides" but a question about the action itself. We must first ask ourselves, "Is rape right or wrong?" Only then can we answer the question of who has the right to choose to do it. And so it is with abortion. No one should have the "right to choose" abortion because it involves taking the life of a separate, innocent human being and is therefore an atrocity.

UPCOMING MEETING - MINISTRY FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

Project Chrysalis, a Catholic ministry designed to help parents who have lost a child find hope through Sacred Scripture and community will meet Monday, **May 20, 2019** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the St. Luke's Room at Church of the Ascension, 9500 W. 127th St. in Overland Park. We will share scriptures of hope and discuss an upcoming fall event and Mass for the ministry. 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.

CAMP INVENTION FOR K-6 AT SBSCS: 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, SuperchargedTM, 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 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

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY ON THE HOLY TRINITY - Christ's Peace House of Prayer will offer a retreat on the Holy Trinity from Friday, **June 7** to Sunday, June 9. Check-in on Friday evening by 5:30pm with supper at 6:00pm. There will be 4-5 talks with discussion, Eucharistic Adoration each day, Mass on Saturday and Sunday at the local parish, and time for private prayer, walks, and spiritual reading. The cost is \$170 for individuals and \$250 for couples. If you would like to attend, please email info@christpeace.com or call 913-773-8255.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ENFLAME DELEGATES - Christ's Peace House of Prayer is offering Enflame delegates a 50% discount on a personal retreat or a group retreat with fellow delegates. Please consider this opportunity to take time away to spend with the Lord and pray about how you are being called to "Build a culture of evangelization across the Archdiocese." This offer is good for the duration of the Enflame Evangelization effort. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Vince Eimer at directorcp@hotmail.com or at 913-773-8255.

WHAT IS "PLANNED GIVING?" Planned Giving is planning ahead of your death to leave a gift in your Will or Trust for a person or charity. Most people wait until five years before they die to create a Will and let their families know who gets what of their assets. The *Office of Stewardship and Development* is hoping through awareness of the benefits of planning ahead for What and How to Give, the faithful will start planning now for their bequests. Every life event offers a need to update a Will. At the new planned giving website, CatholicPlannedGiving.org your parishioners can download a helpful [estate planning guide](#) where they can make a list of bequests.

VISIT CatholicPlannedGiving.org.

- Watch videos on what and how to make a planned gift
 - Download a free Estate Planning Guide
 - Download descriptive brochures
 - Read the latest planned giving news
- Much more!

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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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

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RALLY JUNE 30TH.

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas Offices for Pro-Life and Social Justice are collaborating with Faithful Citizens and FIAT to host a Religious Freedom Rally on Sunday, **June 30**, at Ascension Catholic Church (127th Street in Overland Park). This event will conclude the U.S. Church's Religious Freedom Week promoted by the US bishops to bring people together to “pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad”. Archbishop Naumann will celebrate the 11:45am Mass at Ascension Church followed by a hotdog lunch in the Parish Hall or under “the big top!” The religious freedom rally will begin at 1:30 pm. The day will consist of an old-fashioned, patriotic ice cream social with “under the tent” presentation by speakers on religious liberty issues. There will be informational booths sponsored by religious freedom organizations including Faithful Citizens, FIAT, Kansans for Life, etc. Carnival games and food will be provided to entertain friends and families

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.wmme4youandme.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 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.

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 - Since Easter, we've been hearing about the rapid growth of the early Church, mostly due to the example of the Christians, whose lives were radically different than those around them. In short, they heeded Jesus' commandment to “love one another.” We can courageously be “different” in our marriages by:

- Prioritizing our marriage by attending marriage retreats and workshops
- Not criticizing or “venting” about our spouse to others
- Being humble enough to apologize when we're wrong
- Learning to share faith and prayer with our spouse

These types of behaviors can take sacrifice—of time or our comfort. But by acting differently, we build a different kind of marriage: one filled with deep respect, passionate romance and unbridled joy! Equip your marriage this June with Every Day in Love. www.archkck.org/everyday