

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 8th, 2019

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Sept. 10	06:00 pm	STL	No Mass
WED	Sept. 11	06:30 am	STL	No Mass
FRI	Sept. 13	07:30 am	SJV	Doris Blockburger †
SAT	Sept. 14	05:00 pm	SJV	Mary Gwartney †
SUN	Sept. 15	09:00 am	STL	Irene Schmidling †

Confessions: SAT-4:30 pm at SJV; SUN-8:30 am at STL

Please pray for the sick, especially: Phil Bell, Susie Beying, Ellen Boudreaux, Joe Brose, Glenn Coffey, Carl Davidson, Georgia Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Vince Eimer, Donald Erzen, 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, 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, SGT 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: Sept. 14th and 15th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Aaron & Vickie Welch, Tracy Heim	Aaron Welch	Mr. and Mrs. Mark Heim and family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Ted & Dawn Staver, Sue Griffee	John Johnston	Mr. and Mrs. Richard DeMaranville

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1,867 which included \$65 for Special Collection; \$45 for Utilities; and \$25 for CCD enrollment. Last week's on-line collection of \$5. Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection held this weekend of Sept. 7th/8th for the Catholic University of America.

DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, Fr. Francis has been called away from our parish for a family medical emergency. Please remember him and his sister in your prayers, as she passed away on Wednesday, August 14th. He will be gone from Sept. 3rd to Oct. 11th to Ghana. We will have priests assigned for the weekend masses during his absence.

PLEASE JOIN US! On Friday, Sept. 13th -We will have donuts/coffee/juice after the 7:30 am Mass at SJV, please join us for fellowship!

PLEASE WELCOME: Fr. Gova Narisetty to our parish as he joins us to celebrate mass at our Parish during the weekends that Fr. Francis is away.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Fr. Francis would like to have music at the Saturday evening masses at St. Joseph of the Valley Church. If you would like to play or lead the parish in music, or know someone who would be interested, please contact Sue Griffee @ 913-773-8342.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need someone to greet parishioners and guests before the Sunday morning mass at St. Lawrence. Please Contact Sue Griffee if you can help out.

RELIGIOUS CLASSES ENROLLMENT/INFORMATION: CCD for grades K-5 will be held Wednesdays at SJV beginning Sept. 11th, and for grades 6-8 will be held Sundays at STL after 9am mass beginning Sept. 15th. Enrollment fees are \$20 per child with a max of \$50 per family. Enrollment forms will be at the back of church this weekend and can be returned in the offering, or handed to Jennifer Roggenkamp after church or emailed to dandi723@gmail.com. As of today, we also need 3 teachers and support staff volunteers this year. Please contact Jennifer Roggenkamp at 913-705-9872 for more information. Forms are also available on our website.

PLEASE JOIN US on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Lawrence Hall for a Meet and Greet for Bishop Richard Baawobr from Ghana. The Parish Council will host the event.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

PILGRIMAGE MEETING. If you are interesting in joining a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome from February 24 - March 7, 2020, an information meeting will be held on Sept. 7th and 8th, at St. Francis de Sales (900 Ida Street, Lansing, Ks) after each of their 3 weekend Masses: Saturday Mass at 5pm, Sunday Masses at 8am and 10:15am. Any questions? Please contact Father Bill: Fr.Wm.McEvoy@gmail.com

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY - Christ's Peace House of Prayer is hosting a retreat on Christian Joy based on the teachings of Pope Francis, Cardinal Newman and Bishop Barron. There will be conferences, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Friday, September 13th at 5:30pm through September 15, at 4:30pm. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$170 single/\$250 couple, or Single Guest Rooms: \$80. To attend please send an email to info@christspcehouse.com or call 913-773-8255.

3RD ANNUAL SACRED WHEELS Car, Truck & Bike Show will be held at St. Benedict Parish in Atchison on Sept. 15th from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. It will be held at St. Joseph Church, 8th and Spring Garden. Dinner will be from 11 am to 2 pm, with activities for the kids. Fun for the WHOLE family! For questions or more info, please contact Derek Franklin at 913-426-1481 or Diane Crockett at 816-392-0382.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH ROAST BEEF DINNER AND BAZAAR, will be held Sunday, Sept. 15th, from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm at 306 N. Broadway St. Leavenworth, Ks. Adult meal---\$10.00, Children \$5.00. Children's games, Country Store, Cake Walk, Raffle, and Corn hole Games

DOING OUR PART TO CHANGE HISTORY FOR THE BETTER

In 1948, The World Medical Association created the Geneva Declaration as a proclamation of human rights. It was a direct response to the atrocities that had been committed by the Nazis. They were coming out of a period where it had been acceptable to kill, mistreat and perform experiments on those who were thought of as inferior. Therefore, the Geneva Declaration was a means for declaring respect for human life. The oath included this clause, "I will have the utmost respect for human life, from the time of conception." However, in 1984, it was altered to no longer acknowledge conception. Instead, they replaced it with the words, "from its beginning." That too did not survive. In 2005, it was deleted altogether, leaving no reference to the earliest stages of life. It's shameful how this literally documents our society's degradation of life.

That leads us to the present. What will future generations see in the history we leave behind? The tragic reality is that we have a culture of death where 60 million innocent babies have been denied the right to live in the U.S. Abortion mills thrive across the country where the unborn aren't only killed, but abortionists profit from their "profession."

Yet, we have voices that are speaking out affirming the value of life. Technology, via ultrasounds, is showing the world the truth and beauty of development in the womb. Women help centers are located in communities across the country, reaching out to abortion-vulnerable women and saving babies' lives. Pro-life legislation is being introduced on both federal and state levels. Much progress is being made; but make no mistake, it's a bitter ongoing battle. For victory, we must each do our part so that we may stand at the turning point in history, where this generation will restore a culture of life.

SUNDAY GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP: Please join us at Christ's Peace House of Prayer on Thursday Evenings at 6:30 pm as we pray with the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. This is a great way to enliven your faith and grow in your relationship with the Lord! We hope you will join us!

SCHOOL OF LOVE BENEFIT 2019 – AMORE. Sept. 14th. Tickets are now available. For further information visit the website at: <https://www.schooloflovekc.com/benefit/> or contact Mike Dennihan at mike@schooloflovekc.com

FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN: A PILGRIMAGE: Life presents many possible destinations; do you know where you are heading? Come on pilgrimage with other teens in the archdiocese to encounter our Lord with St. Rose Philippine Duchesne and Anthony of Padua and find your direction. This overnight pilgrimage will meet in Mound City for an evening of fun and worship followed by a hike to the St. Rose Philippine Duchesne shrine on Sept. 13th and 14th. Meals will be provided. \$20/person or \$10/person for groups of 15 or more. For more information visit Fire on the Mountain: A Pilgrimage on Facebook or contact your parish youth coordinator to register.

CALLED AND GIFTED WORKSHOP | DISCOVER GOD'S CALL FOR YOUR LIFE Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019. God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. Discern your spiritual gifts and begin to discern God's call for your life. Come to the workshop and discover these gifts in you! (This workshop is limited to 110 participants). Registration and details: <https://www.cureofars.com/called-gifted-workshop>

SCHOOL OF LOVE BENEFIT 2019 "AMORE"- Sept. 14th Tickets are now available. For further information visit the website at: <https://www.schooloflovekc.com/benefit/> or contact Mike Dennihan at mike@schooloflovekc.com. It will be Dinner, Date, Silent & Live Auctions and Casino Night on Sept. 14th at the Sheraton Overland Park (Convention Center). All proceeds go towards the mission of School of Love. Tickets \$200 per couple or \$100 per person.

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.

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“THE HISTORY & LEGACY OF IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL” is now available for purchase from the publisher, Lulu.com. Access the link to order from Facebook pages “Forever Raiders”, “Immaculata High School Alumni” or “The History & Legacy of Immaculata High School”. Direct link is: <http://www.lulu.com/shop/mary-ann-sachse-brown-and-marti-sachse-judson/the-history-legacy-of-immaculata-catholic-high-school-in-the-first-city-of-kansas/hardcover/product-24157407.html> This is a keepsake hardcover 120 page book with nearly 300 images. Available in color (best quality) or black and white.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR VICTIMS OF ABORTION

Kansas City Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion, Saturday, **Sept 14**, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, 126th St. and Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66109. Speakers: Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, Jim Marcum, International House of Prayer. Service will be in the chapel followed by a short procession to the memorial site at the Cemetery. Solemn prayer services will be held nationwide to honor the memory of more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion. This national event is sponsored by Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life, and the Pro-Life Action League. Local sponsors include Planned Parenthood Exposed, Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, KCCoalition for Life and LIFE Runners. Local contact: Tina Jinkens, 785-615-8373, tmjinkens@gmail.com

A COUPLE TO COUPLE LEAGUE sponsored class in using the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning during the postpartum period takes place at St. John the Evangelist Parish Offices, 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS, on Wed., **Sept. 18**, at 6:30pm. For more info about this class or other self-paced online classes, call Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015. Pre-registration is required at: www.ccli.org.

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

We will be hosting 2 meetings this fall to learn about: • Establishing a Special Needs Trust • Guardianship • The Achieving Better Life Experiences Act of 2013–Launched in Kansas on January 26th, 2017, the ABLE Act amended Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986 to create tax-advantaged savings accounts for individuals with disabilities.

Thursday, **Sept 19th** from 6:45pm - 8:15pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 11300 West 103rd St., Overland Park, KS 66214

Thursday, **Oct. 17th** from 6:45pm - 8:15pm at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 5250 Mission Rd., Roeland Park, KS 66205

START A FIRE! YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENTS

Start a Fire! In the Northern Region is **September 22nd** at the Horton Fairgrounds from 3-7 pm. This event will include time with Jesus in adoration; praise, worship and dancing with the Mikey Needleman Band; inspiration with Fr. Bruce; games and dinner! Pre-registration will be open soon and is \$5 per person with a \$25 family cap. All are welcome! For more information, please visit www.archkck.org/rural-outreach Online pre-registration will be available soon or you may secure your registration via email: ruralyouth@archkck.org.

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 **September 22nd** 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

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP NAUMANN: Archbishop Naumann will commemorate the World Day of Migrant Roman Catholic Church by utilizing different languages and musical styles in our sacred worship. All Catholics are invited to join us and the multi-cultural reception that follows. On **Sept. 29th**, at 4:00 pm Mass and 5:00-6:00 Reception, at St. Patrick's Church (1086 N 94 St, Kansas City, KS 66112).

MASS OF INNOCENTS: Sunday, **September 29**, 1:00pm, at Holy Spirit Parish, Overland Park, KS. Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann will celebrate a commemorative Mass for all children lost during pregnancy or in early infancy. This Mass gives parents, grandparents, siblings, or other loved ones the opportunity to receive consolation, whether the loss was recent or many years ago. Though you may not have personally experienced this kind of loss, you are invited to come and support those who have through your prayers and presence. For questions or more info, contact Brad DuPont at 913-647-0301 or bdupont@archkck.org

REGISTRATION FOR CAMP TEKAKWITHA 2020 OPENS IN FALL

• Tuesday, **Oct. 15th**, for 9th-12th grade camps, campers entering 9-12 grade Fall 2020
• Tuesday, **Oct. 22nd**, for 7th/8th grade camps, campers entering 7/8 grade Fall 2020
• Tuesday, **Oct. 29th**, for 5th/6th grade camps, campers entering 5/6 grade Fall 2020
• Family Camps - Email beginning Tuesday **Oct. 15th**.

Go to <https://www.archkck.org/camp> for more detailed information regarding Camp Registration, Camp Schedule, Camp Fees, and more about the camp experience. All camps are held at Prairie Star Ranch.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND is an opportunity to strengthen the foundation of your marriage. Grounded in the love of Jesus Christ, the weekend will provide you the tools and the time necessary to go deeper into the Sacrament so that you can live more intimately and responsibly as a couple of God. The next weekends in the Kansas City area will be **October 4-6** and **November 15-17**, 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@prodiqy.net
For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter and how our ministry can support the couples in your parish you can contact us at the following: Local Area Leadership Couple: Rich & Wendy Lorenz, 815-761-6591, wendyteach3@yahoo.com
Local Area Leadership Priest: Fr. Ron Will, 816-390-7950, rlwill2@juno.com
Weekend Application Couple: Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodiqy.net. Inviting Resource Couple: Ralph & Jan Lewis, 913-909-1028, encounteredcouple@gmail.com

2019 ANNUAL ICSC CONFERENCE: Since 1965, the International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) has hosted annual conferences in cities across North America! Hundreds of pastors, diocesan directors of stewardship and development, parish and school leaders, professional firms, Catholic associations and religious congregations from around the world come together each year for presentations, workshops, liturgies and major addresses. This will be held **October 6 – 9**, 2019, at the Sheraton Grand Chicago, 301 East North Water Street, Chicago, IL.

Why you need to attend...

Educational Tracks - Whether your role in the Church is with a parish, school, foundation, or diocese, there are informative sessions designed specifically for you.

Discipleship, Stewardship & Evangelization - The presence of all three is critical to a thriving parish! Learn how these Christian concepts are different yet related, and why they are important.

Creative Approaches to Serving Others - Find fresh yet proven ideas on key issues like multi-cultural and young adult ministries, parish planning, and community outreach. The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas has one scholarship available to cover the registration fee. This is on a first come, first served basis. Please call Leslie Knop at 913- 647-0325 for information about the scholarship! For questions and assistance please call the ICSC Office at 800-352-3452

<http://catholicstewardship.com/events/icsc-annual-conference/>

“**COPING WITH LIFE ALONE**” - Peer-To-Peer Grief Support “Coping with Life Alone ©” is a Beginning Experience © grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. Upcoming program dates and location: Saturdays, September 7th through **October 19th**, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Location: St. Therese Parish, North, Lower Level, Birkel Room, 7207 NW Highway 9, Kansas City, MO 64152 Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for information and registration.

GAUDEAMUS EVENT OCTOBER 26: Join the Catholic Education Foundation on **October 26** for Gaudeamus, an annual celebration of Catholic education! This year's event will honor Kathleen A. O'Hara, Ph.D., who served as Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas from 2003-2019. All proceeds from Gaudeamus (“Let Us Rejoice”) benefit scholarships for students with financial need attending designated K-12 schools in the Archdiocese. The evening includes a cocktail reception, dinner and live music at the Overland Park Convention Center. With more than 1,300 guests, Gaudeamus ranked one of The Independent's Top Five Events in Kansas City last year and supported scholarships for more than 1,000 students in the Archdiocese. For registration and sponsorship information, visit cefks.org/events or call (913) 721-1574.

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>.

SAVE THE DATES - RCIA Retreat – Chosen in Christ

The Office of Evangelization is offering a retreat day for catechumens, candidates, and sponsors to have an encounter with Christ rooted in the questions posed at the Rite of Election. Fr. Andrew Strobl and Mr. Curtis Keddy will again be leading the retreat. (Please note: Space is limited and registration details will be available in December).

Two retreat dates/locations are available:

- Saturday, **January 25, 2020**, at Mother Teresa Parish in Topeka, 9am – 3pm
- Saturday, **February 15, 2020**, at Holy Trinity Parish in Lenexa, 9am – 3pm

“**SPRING BREAK**”: Advancing Christian Stewardship, Catholic Philanthropy, and Resource Development throughout the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., **March 26, 2020** at the Keleher Conference Center, Savior Pastoral Center, Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, 12615 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, Kansas. Half-Day Symposium on Best Practices in Stewardship and Development for Parishes, Schools, Ministries and Organizations. Free Lunch Included. Please contact Leslie Knop with any questions at (913) 647-0326, or email her at knop@archkck.org

MARRIAGE MINUTE: If you were building a house, you would first take stock of your resources and determine how best to prioritize your efforts. This week, Jesus reminds us that our discipleship works in the same way.

If you are married, you live your discipleship out in the concrete circumstances of your marriage and family life. Prioritizing your marriage is not a “nice extra,” but rather, the way in which you prove your love for God. Sometimes that can mean sacrificing outside activities in order to be more intentional at home. Start with simple things:

- Home for dinner together as a family
 - Screens off when you are with your spouse and children
 - Pray with your spouse and children
 - Hold your tongue on criticism and notice the positive
- For concrete strategies on how to prioritize your marriage, check out the marriage course starting on Sept 12 at Ascension: www.archkck.org/everyday.