

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus  
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 15th, 2019

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Sept. 17	06:00 pm	STL	Jack Rogers †
WED	Sept. 18	06:30 am	STL	SJ-SL Parishioners †
FRI	Sept. 20	07:30 am	SJV	Jim Reno †
SAT	Sept. 21	05:00 pm	SJV	Robert Pierron †
SUN	Sept. 22	09:00 am	STL	Travis Pierron †

*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. 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Rita Herken, Robert Jardon, Carol Kroll	Kris Beying	Abe Heim & family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Shirley Navinsky, Jennifer Roggenkamp, Geri Wilburn	Jennifer Roggenkamp	Kevin Adelaine and family

## OUR PARISH NEWS

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$2,173 which included \$12 for the Leaven, \$70 for utilities, \$440 for CCD, and \$100 for SJV cemetery. The collection for the Catholic University was \$246. Last week's on-line collection of \$154.63. Thank you for your generosity.

**THANK YOU!** Leavenworth Catholic Charities continues to send their thanks to our Parish for our food and hygiene contributions to their organization. With our donations, they were able to meet the growing needs of almost 1500 individuals in August. Thank you for your continued donations to this organization.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** – A second collection will be held the weekend of Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> for 2019 Disasters to assist the victims of Hurricane Dorian and those that may be impacted from any other natural disasters that occur this year. The funds collected will be used to respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, medical care, and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ that they may find hope, healing and support through these efforts.

**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 until Oct. 11th to Ghana. We will have priests assigned for the weekend masses during his absence.

**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 Griffiee @ 913-773-8342.

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

**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 Bawobr from Ghana. The Parish Council will host the event.

**MISSION APPEAL:** Father Mariananda Mendem from Sacred Heart Church in Leavenworth will be celebrating mass with us as a mission appeal on the weekend of Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

## OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

**FALL FEST:** Sacred Heart-St. Casimir Parish 1405 2nd Ave., Leavenworth, Ks. invite you to their annual Fall Fest on Sunday, Sept. 29th from 11:30am to 3:00 pm. A turkey and ham dinner will be served for \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. There will also be kid's games, a DJ, silent auction, country store a cash raffle and also a raffle for a Heating/ AC Unit.

**PROJECT CHRYSALIS,** a Catholic ministry designed to help parents who have lost a child find hope through Sacred Scripture and community. Our next meeting is Monday, Sept. 30th, 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. Our guest speaker will be Bill Graveman from Servants of Mercy talking on purgatory. For more information, contact Ken Billinger at [kbillinger@archkck.org](mailto:kbillinger@archkck.org). More info is on our website at [www.hopeinscripture.com](http://www.hopeinscripture.com). The group is also open to those who have lost a grandchild. Immediate family members are also invited to attend.

**FALL BAZAAR:** Please join us at the St. Theresa Catholic Church Bazaar in Perry, Ks. on Sunday, Oct. 6th. We will be serving a ham and turkey dinner with homemade desserts from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00. Also, bingo, children's games, cakewalk, country store, raffle, silent auction and beer garden.

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS.** Bring your furry, feathery and/or scaly family members to the annual Blessing of Animals at St. Francis de Sales Church, 900 Ida in Lansing on Sunday, Oct. 6th at 1:00PM.

### EVER WONDER WHY .... ? (PART I)

There is a multitude of anomalies, inconsistencies and downright deceit surrounding the abortion issue.

Why is it... one never sees the word "abortion" on the buildings or signs at abortion clinics? If abortion is such a good "choice", why hide what it is they really do?

Why is it... when three people die from E.coli poisoning, spinach is immediately pulled off the shelf in every corner of the nation, but when eight women die from the RU-486 (the at-home abortion pill) no one even raises an eyebrow?

Why is it... that on one floor of many US hospitals they will abort babies left and right, but on another floor, we spend tens of thousands of dollars to save a child born at the same gestational age as the children being aborted floors below?

Why is it... when a woman goes into an abortion clinic, the champions of "choice" only offer the choice of abortion?

Why is it... that Planned Parenthood has a budget well over \$800 million a year, while pro-life organizations are forced to eke out projects and programs on a shoestring budget?

Why is it... that we are flooded with images of violence in our media, yet it is deemed entirely inappropriate to provide any photos or images related to an abortion and even provide the public with a factual description of what takes place?

Why is it... that abortion protagonists use incomprehensible language such as "disarticulating a fetus" or.....

**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!

**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](http://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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> page to this bulletin.

Bulletin Items: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 or Email [Sjslparish@gmail.com](mailto: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)**

“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/marty-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.

**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](http://www.archkck.org/rural-outreach) Online pre-registration will be available soon or you may secure your registration via email: [rurayouth@archkck.org](mailto:rurayouth@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](http://www.archkck.org/ranch) -- 785-746-5693 -- [psrministry@archkck.org](mailto:psrministry@archkck.org)

**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](mailto:bdupont@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).

**REGISTRATION FOR CAMP TEKAKWITHA 2020 OPENS IN FALL**

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

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](http://www.wmme4youandme.org), or call/email Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.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](mailto:wendyteach3@yahoo.com). Local Area Leadership Priest: Fr. Ron Will, 816-390-7950, [rlwill2@juno.com](mailto:rlwill2@juno.com). Weekend Application Couple: Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066, [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net). Inviting Resource Couple: Ralph & Jan Lewis, 913-909-1028, [encounteredcouple@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**PRESENTATIONS AT ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY:**

On Thursday, **Oct. 24**, the Visiting Scholar Lecture Series and the Thomas More Center for the Study of Catholic Thought and Culture present the Rev. Steve Kastouros, S.J., “Come to Believe: How the Jesuits are Reinventing Education (Again).” Dean of Arrupe College, the innovative two-year program at Loyola University of Chicago aimed at giving students of limited means a low-cost path toward an associate degree while preparing them for a bachelor's degree, Fr. Kastouros will address innovative, mission-driven approaches to Jesuit education changing the face

of higher education today. The lecture is free and will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Arrupe Hall Auditorium. Visit [rockhurst.edu/center-arts-letters](http://rockhurst.edu/center-arts-letters) for more information or to register.

Sister Helen Prejean will be the guest of the Visiting Scholar Lecture Series on Wednesday, **Nov. 6**, in a lecture co-sponsored by Rockhurst's Respect Life organization titled “Getting Jesus Right: My Spiritual Journey.”. Since being thrust into the national spotlight with the 1995 film, “Dead Man Walking,” Sr. Helen has never deviated from her mission to promote alternatives to the death penalty. In her lecture, she will challenge the audience to think about what it really means to promote a culture of life. The lecture is free and will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Arrupe Hall Auditorium. Visit [rockhurst.edu/center-arts-letters](http://rockhurst.edu/center-arts-letters) for more information or to register.

**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](http://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 your 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 [lknop@archkck.org](mailto:lknop@archkck.org)

**MARRIAGE MINUTE:** Do you want the angels to rejoice? Scripture tells us that it is simple to make the angels rejoice. All we have to do is repent of sin. It may be simple, but that does not make it easy. We can think that the angels rejoice when big public sinners repent, but remember, the angels do not put a qualifier on the “bigness” of the sin. Turning away from sin, no matter how big, causes rejoicing in heaven.

Examination for Married Couples:

- Do I spend time with my spouse?
- Have I been affectionate with my spouse?
- Have I listened to my spouse?
- Have I prayed with my spouse?
- Am I attentive to my spouse's needs?
- Have I spoken harshly to my spouse?
- Have I been moody with my spouse?

The rest of this examine for spouses can be found at the “Confession” tab on the Laudate app.