

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 22nd, 2019

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Sept. 24	06:00 pm	STL	Eric Felzke
WED	Sept. 25	06:30 am	STL	No Mass
FRI	Sept. 27	07:30 am	SVJ	No Mass
SAT	Sept. 28	05:00 pm	SVJ	Jamie Karczewski † Shirley Karczewski †
SUN	Sept. 29	09:00 am	STL	Pete Gwartney †
<i>Confessions: SAT-4:30 pm at SVJ; SUN-8:30 am at STL</i>				

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. 28th and 29th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SVJ	5:00 pm	Vince Eimer, Tracy Heim, Rita Herken	Rita Herken	Claire Heim and family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Rita Oatney, Ted & Dawn Staver	Rita Oatney	Jaxx Martin and family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$2,087 which included \$21 for Leaven; \$75 for Utilities; and \$240 for CCD enrollment. Last week's on-line collection of \$5. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU to all Parishioners who made snack donations for Pleasant Ridge Schools. The students in need of a small treat greatly appreciate you. -Danielle Nichols, School Social Worker

SPECIAL COLLECTION – A second collection will be held **THIS weekend of Sept. 21st/22nd** 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.

ARMY OF CHRIST: will meet on **Sept. 29**, at 4:00 p.m. at Christ's Peace House of Prayer. We will be doing a service project there and then having dinner together. Please let Abby Nichols, 913-683-9937, know if you will be able to attend so we can have a count for dinner. Reminder, AOC is open to all High School Parishioners.

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.

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.

WELCOME TO Father Mariananda Mendem who will be celebrating the mass with us as a mission appeal.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY is next weekend, Oct. 5th/6th. Parish members will be accepting donations for Birthright of Leavenworth, Inc. after all Masses next weekend. Birthright is an international Pro-Life pregnancy service, the local center opened in September 1986. All the workers are volunteers and all services are free. All donations are used to operate the local center, educate the volunteers, and provide services to women. Birthright serves with confidentiality any girl or woman who is pregnant or thinks she may be pregnant. Services include: pregnancy tests, maternity and baby clothes, and information about area agencies. The most important service is offering friendship, positive emotional support and encouragement for the woman to carry her baby to term. Birthright is a non-profit organization with tax exempt status from the IRS. Your donation will be greatly appreciated. For more information check out our website, www.birthright.org/leavenworth

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. More info is on our website at 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.

FALL BAZAAR AND DINNER: You are invited to St. Aloysius Church, Meriden, Ks. On Sunday, Oct. 13th, 11:30am to 3:00 pm, Mass at 10:30 am. Turkey and Ham dinner--\$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children. Country Store, Bingo, Raffles, Beer Stand and Ice Cream Stand.

EVER WONDER WHY....? (PART II)

Why is it... that when a woman is happy about her pregnancy, it's a "baby"? She is asked questions like, "when is your baby due?" When she goes to an abortion clinic, she is often told that "it" (the growing child) is only a blob of tissue or a product of conception?

Why is it... so many people are uninformed about abortion and it receives so little coverage in the media, despite the fact that it is the number-one cause of death in the US every year.

Why is it... that you can kill an unborn baby anytime you want to, for any reason under the sun, but if you destroy a turtle egg on a Florida beach, you go to jail?

Why is it... if abortion is supposed to be available to give a woman a "choice", that illegal coercion is the number-one cause of abortion in America today? Also, the number-one cause of death among pregnant women is murder.

Why is it... that many do not see the handwriting on the wall... that abortion is a catalyst to infanticide, euthanasia, assisted suicide, human cloning etc. only to name a few contemporary assaults on the sanctity of human life?

Why is it... that the major Fortune 500 companies will proudly support Planned Parenthood, the largest provider of abortion, but pro-life companies are scared to death to openly support the unborn, for fear of retribution in the marketplace?

Why is it... that in every election cycle, God-fearing citizens cast their vote for politicians who support abortion when we know that the greatest gift God gives us is life and the greatest attack on life is abortion?

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!

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 a Prairie Star Ranch.

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 Sisparish@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.

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

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).

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND is an opportunity to strengthen the foundation of your marriage. 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@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 Local Area Leadership Priest: Fr. Ron Will, 816-390-7950, rlwill2@juno.com Weekend Application Couple: Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net. Inviting Resource Couple: Ralph & Jan Lewis, 913-909-1028, encounteredcouple@gmail.com

PROJECT ANDREW: GIVING YOUNG MEN THE TOOLS TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST AND DISCERN THEIR VOCATION

This “ground-level” vocation event is targeted to young men in high school or above who seek a better understanding of what following Jesus should look like at this stage of their lives. Three of our current seminarians will share what seminary is like, as well as how they continue to grow in their discernment through a committed prayer life, being part of a strong fraternity and brotherhood, and detachment. One of our newly ordained priests will talk about his calling, and how his time in seminary helped prepare him to make a gift of himself as a priest. Finally, Archbishop Naumann will lead the young men in a time of Eucharistic Adoration, sharing his own wisdom and insight into what good discernment should look like during these formative years of their life. The afternoon concludes with dinner and Q & A with the Archbishop. Those attending will leave with the knowledge and tools necessary to help them continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, no matter what vocation God is calling them to. Parents are invited and will have their own informative session on how they can best accompany their sons along the way. Choose either date:

- Sunday, Oct. 6 (1:30 – 5pm) at Holy Spirit, Overland Park
 - Sunday, Oct. 13 (1:30 – 5pm) at Most Pure Heart of Mary, Topeka
- To register email vocation@archkck.org, call 913-647-0303, or go online at kckvocations.com and look under events. There is no cost.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY MASS

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. Please join us for a special celebration with Archbishop Naumann. Sunday, **October 6** at 11:30 a.m.; Reception to follow in the Father Quigley Center, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 13615 W. 92nd Street, Lenexa KS

As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Visit respectlifeprogram.org/respect-life-month to learn more.

2019 Respect Life Month Educational Events

There will be a Kansas Constitution Amendment discussion at each of the following events

Visit archkck.org/prolife for more details on each event

“Catholic End-of-Life Care & Planning” – An expert panel presentation discussing the value and dignity of all life, especially at life's end, and the moral, medical and legal considerations and decisions to be made.

Oct 10, 7:00 pm: St. Paul, Olathe KS
“NARAL's Catholic Strategy” – Terry Beatley, author of What If We've Been Wrong? and President of the Hosea Initiative:

How Dr. Bernard Nathanson, the man known in the 1970s as “America's Abortion King”, helped NARAL launch the national campaign for abortion-on-demand by deceiving the Courts and Americans, and undermining the Church, and after his Saul-to-Paul conversion, became a staunch defender of life. Terry explains what this truth means for us today!

Oct 15, 7:30 pm: Young Adult “Pints for Life” Event – Transport Brewery, Shawnee KS

Oct 16, 6:30 pm: Sacred Heart, Emporia KS

Oct 17, 7:00 pm: St. Patrick, Kansas City KS

Oct 18, 6:30 pm: St. Michael the Archangel, Leawood KS

Oct 19, 10:30 am: St. Matthew, Topeka KS

“Fostering Our Foster Families” – Discover how to help vulnerable children and the families who foster them, THRIVE!

Oct 23, 7:00 pm: Church of the Ascension, Overland Park KS

For complete Respect Life Month resources and images (including those displayed below), please visit <https://www.respectlife.org/october>

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/>

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH: October is Mental Health Awareness Month. **Oct. 6th – 12th** is Mental Health Awareness Week. 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. A Mass to heighten awareness and to pray for those with mental health concerns will be offered on Saturday, **Oct. 12th** at 8:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 21650 W. 115th Terrace in Olathe. All are welcome!!

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS: Most methods of contraception can cause an early abortion, but The Couple to Couple League (CCL) can teach you the modern Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning—100% pro-life! Classes in the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP begin at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, 1208 Kentucky St., Lawrence, KS on Wed, **Oct. 16**, 6:30pm. Reasonable course fee charged. Call Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015 for more info. Visit live-the-love.org to pre-register as required for these or online classes.

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

- 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 taxadvantaged savings accounts for individuals with disabilities.

Thursday, **Oct. 17, 2019**, 6:45pm - 8:15pm, at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 5250 Mission Rd., Roeland Park, KS 66205. Please RSVP to Tom Racunas by Tuesday Oct. 15th at tracunas@archkck.org or 913-647-3054. Presented by: Ivailo Grigorov - Northwestern Mutual - Nativity Parishioner, Kacy Seitz - Northwestern Mutual - Sacred Heart of Jesus Parishioner, Debbie Nieman - Northwestern Mutual, Casey Connealy - Attorney - Holy Trinity Parishioner. Sponsored by the Special Needs Ministry of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

“**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. Katsouros 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 for more information or to register.

Sister Helen Prejan 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 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 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 lnop@archkck.org

MARRIAGE MINUTE: The “Little Way” of Marriage

One of the most popular saints of the past 150 years is St. Therese of Lisieux. Therese's spirituality made holiness accessible to all because she emphasized doing little things for Jesus. Jesus remarks to this wisdom in this week's Gospel when he says, “The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones.”

In marriage, we build trust for the mission of marriage through small daily acts of love like:

- Validating our spouse's feelings instead of trying to “fix” them
 - Keeping the overall culture of the home light and romantic instead of surrendering to the heaviness of stress
 - Cleaning the kitchen counter and loading the dishwasher before you are asked
 - Praying with your spouse before you head your separate ways for the day
- The next opportunity for marriage growth is Worldwide Marriage Encounter, www.WWME.org, October 3-5.