

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct. 6, 2019

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Oct. 8	06:00 pm	STL	No Mass
WED	Oct. 9	06:30 am	STL	No Mass
FRI	Oct. 11	07:30 am	SVJ	No Mass
SAT	Oct. 12	05:00 pm	SVJ	Mary Gwartney †
SUN	Oct. 13	09:00 am	STL	Irene Schmidling †
<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: Oct. 12th and 13th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SVJ	5:00 pm	Rita Herken, Carol Kroll, Robert Jardon	Kris Beying	Haley Heim and family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Rita Oatney, Sharon Wagner, Sue Griffiee	John Johnston	7 th Grade Class

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1285.00 for our weekend collection; \$1000 Memorial and \$555.00 for Mission Appeal. Last week's on-line collection of \$5. Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE JOIN US for breakfast after today's (Sunday Oct. 6th) mass.

PLEASE JOIN US: Father will be offering mass on Wed. Oct. 16th for our CCD students and any other parishioners who would like to attend at 4:45 p.m. at SVJ church. Please join us!

PLEASE JOIN US: Father will be offering mass at the Country Care Nursing Home on Thurs., Oct. 17th at 9:30 a.m. Parishioners are invited to attend this mass also.

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.

TODAY IS RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY: Members of the parish will be accepting donations for Birthright of Leavenworth, Inc. after all Masses this weekend. Birthright has been helping pregnant women of our area choose life and carry their babies to term for 33 years. Birthright is a total volunteer organization, all money given today will be used to operate the local center, educate volunteers and help women of our area. Your tax deductible donation will be greatly appreciated. Please be generous. For more information check out our website, www.birthright.org/leavenworth

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

FLU SHOTS: NEK Multicounty Health Department will be offering flu shots to both adults and children at Pleasant Ridge Elementary School during Parent Teacher Conferences on Oct. 17th from 3-6 pm. If you would like to receive a flu shot at PRES, please contact Pat Chatman, school nurse, at 913-65105595 or pchatman@easton449.org by Oct. 9th. We want to make sure we will have enough vaccine available. Thank you!

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.

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER AND BAZAAR, Sunday, October 13, Sacred Heart Church, Tonganoxie, Ks. Serving 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Country Store, Kids' Games, Raffle--Cash, Gift Cards, Queen size Quilt, KC Union Station (1 Yr. Pass for 4).

OUR POLICY ON LIFE DEFIES BOTH LOGIC AND DECENCY: "Life is beautiful. One's value is not contingent upon external features, such as one's bank account, one's successes or one's lineage. A human being's value is intrinsic, not earned. Without this basic moral understanding, few of our laws would make much sense. Laws against murder, for instance, would fail to make sense if we did not deem human life to be intrinsically valuable and worthy of protection. Rather than choose an arbitrary starting point for valuing human life, we should go to the point when life begins. For this, science gives us clear understanding of when a new human life begins. Science tells us that life begins at the moment of conception..... From the moment of conception onward, a new human being is present until that life is ended in a laboratory, by an abortionist, or at some point after birth. Sadly, our current life-related policy in the United States ignores science, choosing capricious points at which to protect innocent human life. Our current policy is inconsistent, defying both logic and decency." - Senator Sam Brownback

DATE NIGHT, SCHOOL OF LOVE, FACE TO FACE - THURS OCT 10th, FAMILY ADORATION & FOOD TRUCK: Finally, a monthly event for the entire family! We start your night with family adoration, silence (relative silence!), Scripture, brief talk, live praise music, & the one thing every Catholic parent wants: the whole family together... with Christ! Then afterwards we bring in a food truck! You finish your night with (optional) family dinner, hang out, and conversation together! (Adoration is free. Dinner is up to you.) All ages & parishes welcome! www.schooloflovekc.com/face-to-face FACE TO FACE SECOND THURSDAYS THURS, OCT 10th 6:00-7:00pm (DINNER TO FOLLOW) OLD STONE CHAPEL (HOLY TRINITY - LENEXA)

DEAF RETREAT: Deaf Ministry for the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, is pleased to announce there will be a Deaf Retreat at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas, on **October 11th – 12th**. The cost for the retreat is \$10 (\$20 if staying overnight), and the retreat will begin with introductions and social from 7 – 9 PM on October 11th. On October 12th, the retreat will be from 9 AM to 4 PM with Fr. Cassian Elkins as the speaker. After the retreat, priests will be available to hear Confessions before Deaf Mass begins at 5:30 PM. If you want to register, please RSVP to Katie Locus at deafministry@archkck.org. Everyone who is involved with the Deaf community in some way is welcome! This includes interpreters and families who have Deaf members.

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.

NOV. 1 HOLY DAY MASS ONLINE FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Is someone you love unable to join us at church for the Nov. 1 Holy Day Mass in celebration of All Saints Day? Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to experience the spiritual comfort of this joy-filled Catholic Mass. Online video will be available at www.HeartoftheNation.org all day. (For those who can attend at church, the online liturgy will not fulfill the Holy Day Mass obligation.)

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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(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/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.

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, arching 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.

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>

INTRODUCING... School of Love’s NEW TOURNAMENT - FRI, OCT 11

School of Love has had a great tournament these last couple years... but we wanted to make the tourney fit our mission better. And better we’ve made it! We’re happy to introduce to you... The Kansas City Catholic Family Golf Classic. Fri, Oct 11th at Hillcrest CC (KC). GET YOUR FAMILY SIGNED UP (... & FRIENDS) Let’s get together all the golfers in your family and extended-family for what will become the most fun round of the year. Find your Thanksgiving email list and shoot an invite to every golfer (spouse, kids, siblings, grandparents, cousins, nieces & nephews, aunts & uncles...) high school age and older in your entire clan. We want your family there! YES, you CAN sign up as an individual player, request to play with another player, or sign up as a non-family team of friends. (We’ll combine and make family-clans for the day.) For additional information contact School of Love at info@schooloflovekc.com (913) 583-0007

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 tax-advantaged 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 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 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 cefs.org/events or call (913) 721-1574.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE ~ Grief Support Weekend: Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend **Nov. 8-10, 2019**, at Precious Blood Retreat Center in Liberty Mo. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For more information visit: www.beginningexperiencekc.org or email: register.bekc@gmail.com or contact Laura 308-530-1873.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND is an opportunity to strengthen the foundation of your marriage. The next weekend in the Kansas City area will be **November 15-17, 2019**. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit www.wmwe4youandme.org, or call/email Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodiv.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@prodiv.net. Inviting Resource Couple: Ralph & Jan Lewis, 913-909-1028, encounteredcouple@gmail.com

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

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE EVENTS

- March for Life, **January 22-25, 2020**. Youth bus pilgrimage to Washington DC
- J-High Rally, **February 23, 2020**, at Prairie Star Ranch

Look for more information, including details on how to get registered, coming soon!

“**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

MARRIAGE MINUTE:

Want to steal all the joy out of your marriage? Have a pity party! We know that sitting in the corner thinking about how unappreciated we are only makes us more miserable, but while we are in the midst of it, it can be difficult to get out of it. Here are some suggestions:

- Pray for the grace of gratitude.
- Make a list of your spouse’s thoughtful gestures (do NOT make one of your own!) Share it with him/her.
- Prayerfully read this weekend’s Gospel: Luke 17:5-10. Pray for the humility of the servant.
- ASK your spouse for the help you need! The noise of a pity party hardens our hearts and keeps us from hearing God’s voice. Ask Him for help to rise above it today.

For more joy in your marriage, go to: www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com