

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nov. 3, 2019

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Nov. 5	06:00 pm	STL	Jim Reno †
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.				
WED	Nov. 6	06:30 am	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
WED	Nov. 6	04:45 pm	SJV	Our CCD Students and Teachers
FRI	Nov. 8	07:30 am	SJV	Doris Blockburger †
SAT	Nov. 9	05:00 pm	SJV	Anne & Betty Glettig †
SUN	Nov. 10	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, 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, Wendi Johnston, 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-3 Connor Schuler, A1C Noah Tattershall. NAVY: ADDA Jason P. Herken, YNS1 (SS) Kevin Lansing.

Prayer for Vocations: Brother Seelos (Tyler Lunsford).

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Nov. 9th and 10th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Aaron & Vicki Welch, Carol Kroll	Aaron Welch	Abe Heim and family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Sharon Wagner, Rita Oatney, Sue Griffiee	John Johnston	Liv Fletchall and family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1093 and \$100 to SJV Cemetery Fund. Last week's on-line collection was \$5. Thank you for your generosity.

XAVIER PRESENTATION: We'd like to welcome Mike Connelly who will be at the Masses this weekend of **Nov. 2nd and 3rd**.

Xavier Catholic Schools is celebrating 160 years of Catholic Education in the Leavenworth area. It was on March 8, 1859 that the Sisters of Charity opened Saint Mary's Academy for Young Ladies, the first Catholic School in Kansas. The solid foundation established by the Sisters of Charity has enabled us to provide faith-based education for thousands of families and children in our region for 160 years. Celebrating 160 years of Catholic education in Leavenworth would not have been possible without the continued support of our community. We are forever grateful for the financial support from our community, and especially grateful for the prayers and words of encouragement our community provides.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST! All Parishioners are invited to our monthly Parish breakfast THIS Sunday, **Nov. 3rd** following the 9:00 a.m. mass at St. Lawrence Hall. Hoping to see everyone there.

GRATEFUL HEARTS: The Board of Directors and the Volunteers of Birthright thank Fr. Francis Bakyor, members of the parish who helped with the collection, and the parishioners of St. Joseph-St Lawrence Parish who generously contributed \$209 on Respect Life Sunday. We are very grateful for the Respect Life Sunday Collection at the Catholic Churches in the region which is a vital part of this total volunteer ministry, providing approximately 20% of our annual budget. The total collected in Leavenworth & Lansing area was \$4449.21. God bless you for your generous gifts helping women and babies in our community. Please keep us and the families we serve in your prayers. If you would like to see more information about Birthright you can look at www.birthright.org or “Like us on Facebook”.

PLEASE JOIN US: Father will be offering mass on Wed. **Nov. 6th** for our CCD students and any other parishioners who would like to attend at 4:45 p.m. at SJV church. Please join us!

PLEASE PRAY! Prayer is our most important action as we seek to end the devastation of abortion. Please pray the rosary and use the prayer cards in the pews to help bring an end to the issue of abortion.

PLEASE DONATE! The Fall Season with cooler temps has arrived. Please clean out your closets and donate any extra coats, jackets, or hoodies that you may not need to Leavenworth Catholic Charity. Hats, gloves and new socks are also needed. Totes are in the back of church to put them in. Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION: will be held the weekend of **Nov. 10th** for the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

FALLFEST NOV. 23: Soup/Chili Supper, serving from 4-7 pm at St. Lawrence Parish Hall. Free-will donation. Turkey/ham bingo to follow. Raffle tickets are available with some great prizes – ½ Beef (processing included); ¼ beef (processing included) ¼ beef (processing included); \$150 cash; and \$100 Price Chopper Gift Card.

We are in need of 40 lbs of hamburger and soup bones if anyone has any they could donate for the Fall Fest. Please contact Virginia Mowery at 913-773-8303. Thanks to all for their generosity!

SAVE THE DATE: Ladies Night is planned for **Dec. 11th** at SL Hall.

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.

LIONS CLUB: **Nov. 7th** – Chairman Tracy Wagner, Lisa Crook, Sue Barnes and Virginia Mowery. Serving time is 7 pm, please prepare for 15 people.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

PRHS BOOSTER CLUB'S VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR will be held on Saturday, **Nov. 9** from 9 am - 2 pm. Homemade decor, gifts, and crafts will be showcased, as well as product vendors. This will be the perfect start for your Holiday shopping! Pictures with Santa and chili and cinnamon roll concessions will also be available. Join us at Pleasant Ridge High School.

ADVENT RETREAT: Christ's Peace House of Prayer invites you to take time to prepare for the coming of our Lord. **Nov. 22nd to Nov. 24th**. Suggested donations, including meals: \$170 single; \$250 couples-cabins; \$80 single guest rooms. If you are interested please call 913-773-8255 or info@christpeace.com

CRAIG JOHRING, FOUNDER OF HOPE OF THE POOR

Join us for an inspirational night at St. Michael's! Craig Johring, founder of Hope of the Poor, is coming to share the mission of his ministry, bringing the light of Christ into the darkest mission fields. Listen as Craig speaks of his call, and the experience of serving Jesus Christ in the poor of Mexico City. Hope of the Poor serves at the city dump, providing meals to the 1,000 who live or work at the dump. Their food cart serves 80 homeless and street kids in Mexico City each week. Craig will be speaking about this ministry. Come hear how countless people have responded to the call to serve and had their own lives changed forever. Perhaps your heart will be stirred to serve alongside Craig and many others. **Sunday, November 3, 7:00 pm**, Fr. Porter Hall Video, photos and more info at stmichaelcp.org/hope-of-the-poor.

SCHOOL OF LOVE “DATE NIGHT”: SLOW DOWN BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS.

Set some time aside to work on your marriage!! This event brings in couples of ALL ages and faith journeys! Invite a friend to join you! 1st Thursday! Drinks, free appetizers, a talk to get you thinking and purposeful time with your spouse. What could be better? We start your date with happy hour, appetizers, & a brief talk on faith, marriage, family... You finish your date at home or out on the town!

www.schooloflovekc.com/date-night

DATE NIGHT, FIRST THURSDAYS

THURS, **November 7, 6:30-7:30pm**, at CLASSIC CUP, (Main Restaurant), 301 W. 47th St. (Plaza, KC) - We are in the Cellar, three stories down. Parking in underneath parking garage

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA LITTLE FLOWER CIRCLE

On **Nov. 17th** at 12:30 PM a Memorial Mass will be said followed by a business meeting and social at Christ the King Parish, 5972 SW 25th St., Topeka, KS. All will be in Yadrich Hall. If anyone knows of a member or family member of D of I in need of the Circle's prayers call Bobbie Graff-Hendrixson at 785-271-0145. If you are interested in or would like more information about Daughters of Isabella please call Cindy Keen at 785-228-9863.

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)

DEAF MINISTRY FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS, is pleased to announce we will be hosting a 4-week ASL courses at two different locations: St. Paul Catholic Church in Olathe, Kansas, and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Shawnee, Kansas. Classes at St. Paul will take place on November 5, 12, 19, and 26. The first two classes will be in the St. Matthew Room and the last two classes will be in Room 103. Classes at St. Joseph will occur on November 7, 14, 21, and December 5 in the Barnabas Room. The classes are free, and will be from 6 PM to 7 PM at both churches. Please follow the signs to find the classroom. Families are welcome. If you want to attend, RSVPs to Katie Locus at deafministry@archkck.org is encouraged.

WORDS ARE IMPORTANT! Words are powerful. The words used by both sides of the life issue clearly and frequently shape the value system of society. Semantics is a critical part of the abortion debate. When pro-abortion activists first adopted the word "pro-choice," it was certainly no accident. The phrase had a specific intention to elicit a strong emotional response and infer that abortion was a personal freedom. Any time we call them "pro-choice," we reinforce their argument (and subterfuge) and help them disguise what the "choice" really involves, namely terminating innocent human life. Therefore, we must always call them pro-abortion.

In recent years, the pro-abortion movement has adopted new, misleading language. Phrases like "reproductive rights" or "reproductive justice" are an attempt to expand and convolute the debate and the issues. Make no mistake, the crux of their efforts is abortion and the massive profits that industry generates. So, our words must reflect their true intention, which tragically is abortion-on-demand. Please make a commitment that your words will always be life-affirming. Innocent lives hang in the balance, so we must do our level best to protect them.

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER: Many people this time of the year are looking for ways to give. Planned giving can help with gifts for today, also. Any parishioner 70.5 years and over with a balance in their IRA is required to distribute a percentage of their IRA assets to themselves or a charity, by the end of the year. If you'd like to choose our parish, have your IRA Plan Administrator write the check directly to your parish or the Archdiocese, so they will not incur any tax. For some of our parishioners, this will save them from pushing their income into a higher tax bracket and help them find the money to make a gift to the One Faith campaign or other parish need.

“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.

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 a Prairie Star Ranch

PRESENTATIONS AT ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY:

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.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK IS NOV. 3-9

This is National Vocation Awareness Week. God calls each of us to holiness through a vocation to marriage, priesthood, consecrated religious life, or the heroic single life. The most important thing we can do is take the time to seriously pray, discern, and respond generously to the vocation God is calling us to. Only in choosing to follow God's will for our life, we will be the most fulfilled. Furthermore, as the Body of Christ, we have shared responsibility to help others come to know and say "yes" to God's will in their life. National Vocation Awareness Week is a specific time set apart by the Church to be reminded of this truth. Parents, relatives, and friends play a very important role in supporting a person in their discernment. Not only do we need to be helping those around us to simply "follow" Jesus Christ, but to sometimes take the opportunity to share what we actually see in them. If you know a young person who exhibits the qualities and character that you see in priests or religious, let them know! Tell them you will pray for them. Your sincerity and confirmation may be all they need to explore their vocation. Although the voice of God is best heard when we are silent, we must never forget that sometimes God calls us to speak up and be that voice and encouragement for someone else!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND is an opportunity to strengthen the foundation of your marriage. The next weekends in the Kansas City area will be November **15-17, 2019**. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit www.wm4youandme.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

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.beginningexperience.kc.org or email: register.bekc@gmail.com or contact Laura 308-530-1873.

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

SCOTT HAHN TALK—ALL ARE INVITED Don't miss Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center at St. Michael the Archangel Friday, **April 17, 2020**. Study Scripture from the heart of the Church with one of today's most respected scholars. Dr. Hahn will deliver two talks over the course of the evening. Join us in the Church to go deeper into the riches of our Catholic faith! This event is sponsored by the St. Paul Center. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online here: <https://stmichaelcp.org/scott-hahn>

Schedule:

- 6:30 p.m. — Welcome and talk by Scott Hahn
- 7:15 p.m. — St. Paul Center Presentation
- 7:30 p.m. — Break, books available for sale
- 7:45 p.m. — Talk by Scott Hahn
- 8:30 p.m. — Closing, books available for sale

REGISTRATION OFFICIALLY OPEN ON OCTOBER 15TH, 2019

Register now for the Camp Tekakwitha Women's Retreat, scheduled for the weekend of **April 24-26, 2020**. Here you will find the space to relax, rejuvenate and reconnect. This is a retreat for women of all ages 21+. No matter your age, you will find speakers that inspire you, sacraments that draw you to the heart of Christ, and fellowship with other women. Reach out to friends and family, and invite them to come with you! Learn more and register at: <http://www.campstekakwitha-womensretreat.com/>

MARRIAGE MINUTE: A Month of Prayer

We begin November commemorating All Saints and All Souls, and keep all our dearly departed in mind throughout the month. It's a good time for us to call to mind and pray for:

- Our biological parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, from whom we inherited life.
 - Our "adoptive parents," whether formal or informal, who nurtured our vocations.
 - The clergy and religious in our lives whose celibate witness showed us how to live our own spousal relationship generously.
 - Any married couple who inspired us to love our spouse more deeply.
 - Our children's current or future spouses.
 - Ourselves, that we would embrace our married vocation as our own path to sainthood!
 - All married couples, that they will live the joy of God's beautiful plan of marriage.
- For more resources, go to www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

KANSAS AMENDMENT NEXT STEPS

Thank you to all who have supported the KS Constitutional Amendment effort rejecting abortion as a constitutional right in Kansas and therefore giving Kansans the ability to keep and place life-saving limits on the abortion industry. Below are the next steps that you can do to help REVERSE the RULING and NOT abandon women in crisis and pre-born babies to an unregulated abortion industry.

1. Pray! We are consecrating our efforts to the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, so please pray the rosary for the passage of a State Constitutional Amendment rejecting abortion as a constitutional right in Kansas. Go to www.KansasRosaryCrusade.org to register your family, parish, organization, or self.

2. Contact your elected officials! Signing the petition is just the first step. Now we are asking everyone to contact their elected officials directly by phone, email, or handwritten letter. 2020 is an election year, and nothing gets the attention of an elected official than when a constituent takes the time to reach out personally with a respectful, clearly written letter expressing their opinion on an important issue.

- To find your State Senator and Representative, go to: <https://openstates.org/ks/legislators>
- Key points to include in your personal message:

Please support the state constitutional amendment that will reverse the ruling made by the Kansas Supreme Court in the case Hodes & Nausser vs. Schmidt. This ruling puts in jeopardy all of our existing, common-sense and well-supported existing pro-life laws that have helped reduce abortions in KS over the past ten years. By supporting this amendment, you are allowing KANSANS to have our say in this crucial issue at the ballot box. The majority of Kansans do want some limits on the abortion industry so that women and pre-born babies are not left to a potentially unregulated industry. Thank you for researching and considering this request and thank you for your service.