

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nov. 10, 2019

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Nov. 12	06:00 pm	STL	Jack Rogers †
<i>Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.</i>				
WED	Nov. 13	06:30 am	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
FRI	Nov. 15	07:30 am	SJV	Healing for those who are sick
SAT	Nov. 16	05:00 pm	SJV	Herman & Ann Sachse †
SUN	Nov. 17	09:00 am	STL	Mary Gwartney †
<i>Confessions: SAT-4:30 pm at SJV; SUN-8:30 am at STL</i>				

Please pray for the sick, especially: Phil Bell, Susie Beying, Joe Brose, Jennifer Brushwood, Glenn Coffey, Carl Davidson, Georgia Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Vince Eimer, Donald Ernzen, Tom Flack, Tina Gaspard, Ronnie Gast, Alan Halstead, Arly 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. 16th and 17th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Rita Herken, Robert Jardon, Tracy Heim	Kris Beying	Gunnar Pohl and family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Ted & Dawn Staver, Mary Ray	Dawn Staver	Harper Schmalsteig and family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$2,247 including \$30 for utilities, \$20 for CCD and \$20 for SJV Cemetery. Last week's on-line collection was \$5. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU! Leavenworth Catholic Charities sent a big "Thank You" to our Parish for the 44 lbs. of food and hygiene products that we donated in October which helped serve 1,468 individuals.

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.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS LOCATION for Saturday night, **Nov. 23rd**. To help support the FALL FEST, instead of Mass being held at SJV, it will be held at STL instead. There will be NO MASS held at SJV that Saturday night. Please join us at STL for the Fall Fest!

FALLFEST NOV. 23: Please join us for the 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!

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.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

ANNUAL GOLUMBKI DINNER, hosted by the St. Casimir Men's Society will be on **Nov. 24th** at 719 Pennsylvania Ave. in Leavenworth. The traditional Polish dinner will be served from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Adults-- \$10.00 and children 12 and under-- \$5.00. Please join us for a traditional Polish treat.

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

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.

WHAT GIVES US HUMAN DIGNITY AND WORTH? Are we inherently valuable because we are human, or are there certain qualities (like appearance) that make some of us more valuable than others? In America in the 1800's, a slave was not considered a person. Oh yes, intellectually, everyone knew that a slave was a biological member of the human race – but that was not enough. Instead of having inherent worth, a slave was denied rights. Similarly, Hitler exterminated thousands of the mentally and physically 'unfit' before turning on millions of gypsies, homosexuals and Jews.

Are you a valuable human being? Are you worthy of life and rights? If so, why? Is it because of your age? Your appearance? Your size? Your intelligence? Your success in life? The amount of money you have? Your race? Your gender? Your capabilities? Or is it because you are a human being? If you have inherent worth simply because you are a living human and not because of external characteristics, then what of a preborn baby? Abortion is wrong for the same reasons as slavery and other human rights violations are wrong--- because it victimizes a human being with inherent worth and dignity.

10TH ANNIVERSARY & FINAL HARK: It's Topeka's Christmas Spectacular, with Craft Beer Festival; Live Concert, Silent Auction and a 3-Course Dinner to be held on Sat. **Dec. 14th**, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center. For more info and tickets, please visit HarkTopeka.com or contact admin@HarkTopeka.org or call 785-230-0795.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH. As people of faith, we know that adoption is a loving and beautiful way for a child to be welcomed into a family. We ask God to bless all of those whom adoption is a part of their life story – an adopted child or one waiting for their "forever home," parents placing their child for adoption, adoptive families, couples in waiting, and those who have a loved one touched by adoption. Though there are trials and uncertainties involved in every adoption, our Catholic community needs to celebrate and share the message that adoption is a beautiful option!

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 Sjlsparish@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)

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 your 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.

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@iuno.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

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>.

ENKINDLE CONFIRMATION RETREAT: This complete Confirmation Retreat offers any youth the opportunity to partake in our Enkindle Confirmation Program. All meals and programming are covered in the registration fee. All youth participants will need to have a chaperone with them during the event as well as a completed Permission Form and Waiver, a link for which will be provided in the confirmation page and email. Register today at www.archkck.org/ranch or contact the Retreat Team at: psrministry@archkck.org; 785-746-5693

Where: Prairie Star Ranch, 1124 California Road, Williamsburg KS 66095
When: December 7th, 2019 10:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.

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 knop@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

CAMP TEKAKWITHA WOMEN'S RETREAT, scheduled for the weekend of **April 24-26, 2020**. Registration is now official open. 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.camptekakwitha-womensretreat.com/>

MARRIAGE MINUTE: A match made for heaven.

This weekend, Jesus is reminding us that our marriages are meant to point us toward eternity. Although many of us have a sense that we are supposed to help “get our spouse to heaven,” what does that actually mean? It does NOT mean dragging the other along, trying to shape them up through nagging or criticism. Rather, we accomplish this by:

- Being a mirror through which our spouse can see how beloved he/she is to God,
- Modeling the mercy of God through repeated forgiveness,
- Taking our spouse's faults to God in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to do the heavy lifting!

NOTE: In a healthy marriage, these positive measures over time are very effective at helping both spouses grow in holiness. But if you suspect that your spouse may be abusive, please seek help: www.archkck.org/domestic-violence

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.

a. To find your State Senator and Representative, go to: <https://openstates.org/ks/legislators>

b. 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.

FAITH-BUILDING AND EVANGELIZATION OPPORTUNITIES Benedictine College is pleased to offer a number of opportunities for faith-building and evangelization:

Symposium – Register Now! Benedictine College's 9th Annual Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization will be **March 20-21, 2020**. The theme is “Destroyer of the gods: Christian Culture vs. the Idols of Secularism” and the conference will feature the following keynote presenters: Ross Douhat, NewYork Times; Mary Rice Hasson, Ethics & Public Policy Center; Robert Louis Wilken, University of Virginia. Find more information and register at www.benedictine.edu/symposium. College students and groups attend at a discounted rate; priests and religious attend for free.

Study Abroad Experience: Attention, Parents and Grandparents! Do you know a high school student who would benefit from a once-in-a-lifetime short-term study abroad experience with Benedictine College? Students earn 3 hours of college credit while traveling with a Benedictine College professor to Italy **June 26 – July 16, 2020**. Highlights include a general audience with Pope Francis, guided visits to Rome, Assisi, Florence, Padua, Ravenna, Verona, and Milan. Register by December 1 to save \$500! Learn more and submit an inquiry form at www.benedictine.edu/journeymithdante.

Faith & Beauty in Italy - You are invited to travel with Benedictine College to Italy **June 15 – 24, 2020** with Associate Professor of Theology Dr. Matt Ramage. Visit the most significant cultural sites in Rome and Florence. Walk in the footsteps of St. Benedict and St. Francis in Subiaco and Assisi. Meet current Benedictine College students at their summer villa in Florence. Learn more and submit an inquiry form at <http://www.benedictine.edu/ravendiscovery>.

Opportunity for College Students and Adult Learners – Benedictine College Professor of Theology Dr. Mark Zia will lead a two-week Holy Land Study Abroad Summer Program **May 31 – June 14, 2020**. Earn 3 credit hours while traveling to Bethlehem, Galilee, Jerusalem, and other sites. Learn more and submit an inquiry form at <http://www.benedictine.edu/holyland>.