

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH
“Two Churches, One Parish”
Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Nov. 24, 2019

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Nov. 26	06:00 pm	STL	Jack Rogers †
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.				
WED	Nov. 27	06:30 am	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
THUR	Nov. 28	09:00 am	STL	Mass of Thanksgiving
FRI	Nov. 29	07:30 am	SJV	Doris Blockburger †
SAT	Nov. 30	05:00 pm	SJV	Jamie Karczewski †
SUN	Dec. 1	09:00 am	STL	Eric Felzke †
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, Jennifer Brushwood, Glenn Coffey, Carl Davidson, Georgia Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Vince Eimer, Donald Ernzen, 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. 30th and Dec. 1st

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
THUR	STL	9:00 am	Volunteers	Ted Staver	Volunteers
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Aaron & Vicki Welch, Robert Jardon	Aaron Welch	Ella Coppinger and family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Rita Oatney, Sue Griffee, Shirley Navinsky	Rita Oatney	Cooper Potter and family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1,831.30 to include the regular collection of \$1611.30; \$20 for CCHD; \$100 for Memorial; and \$100 Mass stipends. Last week's on-line collection was \$180. Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME TO OUR FALLFEST! We are so happy you are here! 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.

SECOND COLLECTION will be held THIS weekend of **Nov. 24th** for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: Please join us to give thanks for all the blessings we enjoy on **Nov. 28th** 9 am, St. Lawrence.

AOC MEETING: Please join us this Sunday, **Nov. 24**. Father Francis will be having Youth Mass at 5:00, Sunday evening, at St. Lawrence. We will then meet at 6:00 in the St. Lawrence Hall for dinner and discussion. We welcome all High School Parishioners. Please contact Abby Nichols, to let us know you will be attending, 913-683-9937.

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.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL for the Pastoral Council, Finance Council and CCD Teachers will be held on Dec. 12th at 7:00 pm at the STL Rectory, hosted by Father Francis Bakyor. Spouses are invited to attend. Please bring snacks and drinks to share.

LADIES NIGHT is planned for **Dec. 11th** at 6:00 pm at SL Hall. Please bring a snack to share, and a \$10.00 gift for the gift exchange.

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 Griffee @ 913-773-8342.

FORMED: THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND is a resource tool to help build our own faith. FORMED is a popular online platform that has been likened to a Catholic “Netflix,” but it's so much more. FORMED provides a vast array of life-changing, trustworthy Catholic films, talks, e-books, audiobooks, and studies from over 75 providers. It has a wealth of content in both English and Spanish, and it can be used as a resource for evangelization, faith formation, and discipleship. FORMED can be utilized in a vast array of ministries: Adult Faith Formation, RCIA, Sacramental Preparation, Bible Studies, Youth Ministry, and much more. Father Francis Bakyor took out a 30 day trial period for the parish for Formed.org, beginning Nov. 14th. We will need to have the Parish Finance Council approval to purchase FORMED after the 30 days has expired. The cost for a small parish under 400 families is \$1,000 for the first year with a 10% discount. Please provide your feedback on your thoughts on FORMED after you try it out.

To sign in: Go to Formed.org and click on sign up - in the upper right hand corner of the screen. Click on “I Belong to a Parish or Organization”. Enter the zip code of our parish “66020”, St. Joseph of the Valley/St. Lawrence should pop up. Click on St. Joseph of the Valley/St. Lawrence Parish. Click on Next. Enter your name and email address. Click Sign up. Please do not sign out, just close the window, otherwise you will need to sign up again. There is a FORMED app for smart phones and IPADS. If you have any questions, please contact me at 913-683-4304 or email me at brosej01@gmail.com

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA (WAA) and Belden-Larkin and R.L. Leintz Funeral homes have joined together to honor and remember our veterans. This year they hope to expand the program to service personnel buried in private cemeteries as well as the nationwide cemeteries. These funeral homes are sponsoring the 2 Easton area cemeteries, St. Lawrence and Easton cemetery. They are inviting you to honor your loved one this holiday season by purchasing a remembrance wreath to be placed on their graveside. A single wreath is \$15 or 3 for \$30. When placing the wreath at the graveside, the only request is to announce their name. Checks can be made out to Wreaths Across America and sent to Belden-Larkin Funeral Home. Place Group ID: KS0074 and Location ID: KSFLNC on your memo. Requests must be submitted **no later than Dec. 2nd**. Their staff will place wreaths on the afternoon of Dec. 14th. Your family is welcome to meet our staff and assist with the wreaths. For further information, please contact Ray Rodriguez at 913-682-2820 or Margaret Bardroff at 913-682-3314.

LIVING NATIVITY: Please join the Franciscan Servants of the Holy Family for a family event of The Living Nativity, on **December 8th**, from 4-8 pm at the Community Indoor Arena at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Lawrence, Kansas. There will be live animals, carolers, and more! Admission is FREE.

MARRIAGE MINUTE: Husbands, are you up for a mission? Why is it so important to understand the nature of Christ's kingship? In it, husbands see the model and receive the call of who they should strive to be. If we misunderstand Christ's mission toward his bride, we as husbands will misunderstand our mission to our bride. The King and Bridegroom we celebrate this weekend:

- Always puts the good of His Bride first.
 - Accepts His Bride just as she is, and encourages her to improve through His patient love.
 - Passionately pursues His Bride, never giving up on her.
 - Enthusiastically listens to His Bride.
 - Generously shares His heart with His Bride.
 - Lays down His life for His Bride, in thousands of tiny ways that lead up to the ultimate sacrifice of the cross.
- Husbands, our task is bigger than we are, but so is the King we emulate. For more, www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

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)

POPE BENEDICT: CRITICAL TIME IN HISTORY TO DEFEND THE SANCTITY OF LIFE "In the First Book of the Kings, it is recounted that God invited the young King Solomon, on his accession to the throne, to make a request. What will the young ruler ask for at this important moment?he asks for a listening heart so that he may govern God's people, and discern between good and evil (cf. 1 Kg 3:9).

Through this story, the Bible wants to tell us what should ultimately matter for a politician. At a moment in history when man has acquired previously inconceivable power; this task takes on a particular urgency. Man can destroy the world. He can manipulate himself. He can, so to speak, make human beings and he can deny them their humanity. Yet it is evident that for the fundamental issues of law, in which the dignity of man and of humanity is at stake, the majority principle is not enough.

The conviction that there is a Creator God is what gave rise to the idea of human rights, the idea of the equality of all people before the law, the recognition of the inviolability of human dignity in every single person and the awareness of people's responsibility for their actions. In the awareness of man's responsibility before God and in the acknowledgment of the inviolable dignity of every single human person, it has established criteria of law: it is these criteria that we are called to defend at this moment in our history." Pope Benedict XVI's speech, addressing Germany's lower house of Parliament, the Bundestag, on the first day of his four-day state visit to the nation.

#GIVECATHOLIC WATCH PARTY

The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas (CFNEK) is celebrating #iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday, December 3, 2019, with a LIVE Watch Party at Church of the Ascension in Overland Park, KS. Please join us for snacks and beverages in the St. Matthew/St. Mark room between 4:00-7:00 pm as we witness in real time our Catholic community rallying together in support of the organizations that shape our souls: Our parishes, schools, and ministries. For more information and to RSVP, please contact CFNEK at 913-647-3062 or cfnek@archkck.org

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!

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.

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.

ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY'S CENTER for Arts and Letters and the Office of Alumni and Constituent Relations invite you to “**Ceremony of Lessons and Carols**,” performed at 7 p.m. on Saturday, **Dec. 7**, by the University Chorus and Chamber Singers in Arrupe Hall auditorium on the Rockhurst University campus. In this Christmas tradition, a 25-voice chorus and instrumental ensemble will fill the auditorium. The concert will feature carols and hymns from Poland, Nigeria, England, Ukraine and Spain. A reception will follow the concert at 8:15 p.m. Both are free, but please bring a nonperishable food item for families in need. These items will be distributed during the holiday season to people in the Saint Francis Xavier parish and the surrounding neighborhood. Free parking is available in the garage at 52nd Street and Troost Avenue and in all campus lots accessed by the 54th Street entrance. Register your attendance by Friday, Dec. 6, at rockhurst.edu/lessonsandcarols2019.

MUSICA SACRA CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA will perform “**A Baroque Christmas**,” its annual Christmas program, on Sunday, **Dec. 8**, in Arrupe Hall auditorium. The concert will feature sacred works by Giacomo Puccini the Elder, the great-great-grandfather of the well-known and popular opera composer from the turn of the 20th century, and popular Christmas carols arranged by the iconic English composer and conductor Sir David Willcocks. Live program notes from Timothy McDonald, musical director, will begin at 6:45 p.m. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Register at rockhurst.edu/baroquechristmas. Parking is available in the north parking garage at 52nd Street and Troost Avenue and in lots accessed through the campus entrance at 54th Street and Troost Avenue.

MINISTRY FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

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 Tuesday, **December 10**, 2019 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the St. Mark Room at Church of the Ascension, 9500 W. 127th St. in Overland Park. We will feature a video with Fr. John Riccardo speaking about hope. Please bring a couple of photos of your child for the photo board and for our Christmas remembrance candles. For more information,

contact Ken Billinger at kbillinger@archkck.org. More info on our website at www.hopeinscripture.com. The group is also open those who have lost a grandchild. Immediate family members are also invited to attend.

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.

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
- March For Life: All high-schoolers are invited to join us on the March for Life Pilgrimage, **January 22-26, 2020**. Registration online by December 9th! <https://www.archkck.org/march4life>

- 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

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/>

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 Douthat, New York 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>.

KANSAS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ADDITIONAL ACTIONS

More ways you can support the Kansas Constitutional Amendment Effort: Thank you to all who have supported the KS Constitutional Amendment petition drive rejecting abortion as a constitutional right in Kansas. Below are additional actions that you can take now to help reverse the ruling of our Supreme Court and keep life-saving limits on the abortion industry. Our Legislators will be voting in January on whether to allow Kansans to decide at the ballot box if they support this Amendment.

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. Go to www.KansasRosaryCrusade.org to learn more.

2. Contact your elected officials! Signing the petition was just the first step. Next, please contact your State Representatives and Senators directly by phone, email, or a handwritten letter. 2020 is an election year, and your representatives appreciate 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. Visit archkck.org/prolife under the Kansas Amendment tab to see an example letter and suggested key points to include in your personal message.