

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Second Sunday of Advent – Dec. 8th, 2019

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Day	Date	Time	Church	Minister
MON	Dec. 9	07:00 pm	STL	Jack Rogers †
TUES	Dec. 10	06:00 pm	STL	Janet Schneider †
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.				
WED	Dec. 11	06:30 am	STL	Stephen Payeur †
FRI	Dec. 13	07:30 am	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	Dec. 14	05:00 pm	SJV	Pete Gwartney †
SUN	Dec. 15	09:00 am	STL	Daniel P. Herken †
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, George Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Vince Eimer, Donald Ernzen, Tom Flack, Tina Gaspard, Ronnie Gast, Alan Halstead, Marly Heim, Rita Sachse 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: Dec. 14th and 15th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Aaron & Vickie Welch, Vince Eimer	Vince Eimer	London Siebenmorgan and family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Rita Oatney, Sue Griffee, Shirley Navinsky	John Johnston	Violet Woodruff and family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$2,045, including \$200 for Hall rent, \$130 for utilities, \$20 for SJV cemetery, and \$25 for Retirement Fund for Religious. Last week's on-line collection was \$5. Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION will be held THIS weekend of Dec. 8th for the Retirement Fund for the Religious.

PLEASE JOIN US for the Holy Day Mass for the Immaculate Conception on Monday, Dec. 9th at 7:00 pm at STL.

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.

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 brings snacks and drinks to share.

ANGEL TREES: The Angel trees are coming. Please watch for them at your respective Churches. Please take an Angel and make someone extremely happy this Christmas!

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.

CHRISTMAS 2nd COLLECTION: When we feed the hungry, take care of the sick, and welcome the stranger, we are also serving Jesus himself. Your donation to the Christmas Second Collection will help Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas provide programs and services to people in need throughout all 21 Counties our Archdiocese.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

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.

PRAYER AND FASTING SILENT RETREAT for the healing of the family will be held Dec. 13th-15th at Christ's Peace House of Prayer. Perpetual adoration, fasting on bread/water, liturgy of the hours, rosary, mas, & confession. Suggested donation: \$170 individual or \$250 couple for cabin/courtyard room or \$80 for single guest room. If you are interested, please contact us at info@christspeace.com or call 913-773-8255.

PARISH ADVENT MISSION: Come to our Advent Parish Mission offered by Dom Elias Carr, Augustinian Canon of 900-year-old Klosterneuberg at Holy Angels Catholic Church at 15408 Leavenworth Rd., Basehor, Kansas 66007

- Monday, Dec. 9 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass 6:30 p.m., 15-minute refreshment break; holy hour with mission preaching, Benediction and Compline or Night Prayer.
- Tues., Dec. 10 Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto Mass: 6:30 p.m. 15-minute refreshment break; CONFESSIONS during holy hour with mission preaching; Benediction and Compline or Night Prayer.
- Wed., Dec. 11 Votive Mass of Holy Mary, the New Eve: 6:30 p.m. 15-minute refreshment break; CONFESSIONS during holy hour with mission preaching; Benediction and Compline or Night Prayer.
- Thurs., Dec. 12 The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 6 p.m.* 15-minute refreshment break; holy hour with mission preaching; Solemn Vespers, Benediction and Compline or Night Prayer.

LIFE AND DEATH

An unborn baby has a measurable heartbeat at twenty-one days and brainwaves at forty days---long before the earliest abortions. What do you call it when there is no longer a heartbeat or brainwaves? Death! What do you call it when there is a heartbeat and brainwaves? Life! So, what does abortion do?

MARRIAGE MINUTE: Is Your Path Straight? While most of us are knee-deep in Christmas preparations already, let's not miss one of the most important—repentance! Repentance “makes straight the paths” to both Jesus and our spouse:

- It humbles us, which opens us to deeper intimacy
- It reminds us that our relationship is more important than being “right”
- It fills us with compassion for our spouse
- It takes the focus off ourselves and puts it onto our spouse.

Advent is the perfect time to apologize to our spouse for any behaviors and attitudes that have hurt our spouse. Also make use of the sacrament of Reconciliation! For more joy this Christmas in your marriage, go to www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com.

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.

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 is 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.

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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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!

NATIONAL CONFERENCE: The National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD) will be hosting their national conference “Pastoral Week 2020: Bread of Life, Heart of Christ” in the Kansas City metro area for the first time, **January 9-13, 2020**. This is a wonderful opportunity for deaf and hard of hearing in the Mid-West region to have access to national speakers, so as to learn more about their Catholic faith, how to be active in the Church, and how to serve as missionary disciples to evangelize their deaf brothers and sisters in Christ. To register for the conference, email info@ncod.org or call: 301-577-1684, VP: 301-841-8209. (NCOD website: <https://www.ncod.org/>) All are also invited to Mass at St. Joseph, Shawnee, on Sunday, **January 12**, at 10:30 am. The National Catholic Office for the Deaf is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to Pastoral Ministry with Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons. NCOD serves 5.7 million Deaf and Hard of Hearing Catholics through its pastoral ministry and through its special advocacy to bishops, pastors and families with Deaf children.

“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

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://stmichaelp.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/journeywithdante.

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>.