

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus  
First Sunday of Advent – Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Dec. 3	06:00 pm	STL	Jack Rogers †
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.				
WED	Dec. 4	06:30 am	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
WED	Dec. 4	04:45 pm	SJV	In Gratitude
FRI	Dec. 6	07:30 am	SJV	Doris Blockburger †
SAT	Dec. 7	05:00 pm	SJV	Irene Schmidling †
SUN	Dec. 8	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, George Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Vince Eimer, Donald Ernzen, Tom Flack, Tina Gaspard, Ronnie Gast, Alan Halstead, Erny 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. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Rita Herken, Traci Heim, Carol Kroll	Kris Beying	xx and family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Jennifer Roggenkamp, Mary Ray, Sharon Wagner	Mary Ray	xx and family

## OUR PARISH NEWS

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$872 for the regular collection, \$258 for Utilities, \$295.14 for the Special Collection and \$30 for Mass Stipend. Last week's on-line collection was \$5. Thank you for your generosity.

**ADVENT PRAYER JOURNEY:** Advent is about waiting and longing. As we enter this Advent Season, let us remember as we shop and get ready for the Christmas Season that the Season begins with Christ. Travel your Advent Prayer Journey with the booklet "God With Us" to renew your relationship with Christ. Booklets are available at both churches this weekend.

**THANK YOU!!** Thank you to all who helped make our Parish Fall Fest a success. We appreciate all those who shopped and chopped, stirred and served, decorated, picked up and put away. Congratulations to the winners of the raffle prizes: 1/2 beef--Ross Ray, 1/4 Beef--Peggy Gwartney, 1/4 beef--Mary Ray, \$150.00--Emily List, and the Price Chopper gift card--Linda Oertel.

**PLEASE JOIN US!** On Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> -We will have donuts/coffee/juice after the 7:30 am Mass at SJV, please join us for fellowship!

**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 Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> for the Retirement Fund for the Religious.

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL** for the Pastoral Council, Finance Council and CCD Teachers will be held on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LADIES NIGHT** is planned for Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Griffiee @ 913-773-8342.

**CHRISTMAS 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** Since 1956, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas has provided help and created hope for those who are most vulnerable and most in need throughout the 21 counties of Northeast Kansas. Open your hands and hearts to embrace the poor through a gift to the Christmas 2nd Collection to support Catholic Charities. Your financial gift to Catholic Charities of Northeast will provide essential programs and services to people throughout the 21 counties of our Archdiocese. On behalf of those who are hungry and homeless, people who are along and sick, and families that struggle with poverty, thank you for contributing the Christmas 2nd Collection.

## OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

**GREETINGS!** Learn and Stop Trafficking monthly in 2020! View the web site each month and during the year consider a gift to further the work of U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://www.sistersagainstrafficking.org) USCSAHT is a 501© 3 organization.

2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (**Request to be placed on their publication mailing list--learn how to combat trafficking.**)

**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. 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 8<sup>th</sup>**, 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. 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:info@christspeace.com) or call 913-773-8255.

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR VICTIMS/SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE:** As Catholics, our first response in regard to victims/survivors of abuse is for healing and reconciliation. The Archdiocese is hosting a support group for survivors of sexual abuse harmed by an agent of the Church or by other perpetrators. The group meets twice a month, at a location in the Johnson County, KS area. This is a safe, supportive environment to be able to talk about the impact to your lives and your feelings, to know you are not alone, and to promote healing. To protect the privacy of potential participants please contact Linda Slater-Trimble by email at [lslater-trimble@archkck.org](mailto:lslater-trimble@archkck.org) or by phone at 913-298-9244 for the days, times and location of the meeting. You must be at least 18 years of age to participate.

**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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> page to this bulletin.

Bulletin Items: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email [Sjslparish@gmail.com](mailto: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)**

**LOVE CAN MAKE THE “UNWANTED CHILD” WANTED!**

“One hundred fifty years ago, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation declaring that slaves held in Confederate territory were free men and women. One hundred fifty years later, children in every part of the country still face the degradation and hopelessness of the practice President Lincoln sought to end....For the last 40 years and even earlier in some states, many of our judges and lawmakers have treated people like property. They’ve held babies in the womb to be like chattel, possessions to be discarded or destroyed, with their mothers cast as owners. These officials, along with the abortion industry itself, feign ignorance of the unborn child’s humanity....We can’t stop all evil in this fallen world, but we can fight it in our own neck of the woods with love. Love never ends. Love can save lives.

Love declares that there is no such thing as an unwanted child....With love, children are adopted, not aborted. With love, children are cherished, not abused. With love, there is less room for the oppressor because his hunting grounds are smaller....We simply need to see no child as unwanted.... And it can start with just one. One life loved can make all the difference.

After all, one life changed the entire world.”

Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. King.

**MARRIAGE MINUTE:** Are you “awake?”

When Jesus tells us this weekend to “stay awake,” he isn’t suggesting a strategy for getting all our extra holiday errands done! It is a call to lift our heads out of the present moment and remember what is really important, and your marriage is at the top of the list. This Advent, remind your spouse of his/her importance to you by:

- Offering an extended hug before leaving the house or when returning.
- Sending notes, texts or emails that affirm a quality in your spouse you appreciate.
- Asking how you can help to ease their busyness.
- Praying for and with your spouse.
- Treating tasks like shopping or cleaning into a “working date.”

For more joy in your marriage, go to [www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com](http://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 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](http://www.archkck.org/ranch) or contact the Retreat Team at: [psrministry@archkck.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:kbillinger@archkck.org). More info on our website at [www.hopeinscripture.com](http://www.hopeinscripture.com). The group is also open those who have lost a grandchild. Immediate family members are also invited to attend.

**10<sup>TH</sup> 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. 14<sup>th</sup>**, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center. For more info and tickets, please visit [HarkTopeka.com](http://HarkTopeka.com) or contact [admin@HarkTopeka.org](mailto: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!

**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](mailto: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 [lknop@archkck.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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>.

**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](http://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 our 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](http://archkck.org/prolife) under the Kansas Amendment tab to see an example letter and suggested key points to include in your personal message.