

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord – Jan. 5, 2020

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Jan. 7	05:00 pm	SJV	Hope & Thanksgiving
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.				
WED	Jan. 8	9:00 am	STL	For Victims of Human Trafficking
FRI	Jan. 10	07:30 am	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	Jan. 11	05:00 pm	SJV	Steve Payeur † Joseph & Delvina Hattok †
SUN	Jan. 12	09:00 am	STL	Barbara Crook †
<u>Confessions:</u> SAT-4:30 pm at SJV; SUN-8:30 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 Erzen, 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, Elmer Karczewski, Phillip Leon, Kelly Long, Mary Meinert, Jeni Mettelstedt, Kay Nocktonick, Dannie Phillips, Adam Pineau, Mike Pursel, Mary M. Ruhman, 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: Jan. 11th and 12th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Tracy Heim, Ted & Dawn Staver	Ted Staver	Brooke Coffey & family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Shirley Navinsky, Mary Ray, & Sharon Wagner	John Johnston	Jude Miller & family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$1,291 for the Christmas collection, including \$25 for Cemetery Fund and \$80 for utilities. Catholic charities was \$876.10. The weekend collection was \$2138 including \$20 for utilities and \$10 for Mass stipend. Last week's on-line collection was \$5. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU to all who made our Christmas Celebration such a beautiful and Holy Season. Thank you to those who cleaned and decorated the churches, to those who set up the Nativity Scenes and to the wonderful CCD teachers who planned and worked with the children to put on such a wonderful Christmas Play. Thank you to the choir, the organists and the vocalists, and to those who served as altar servers and helped set up for the masses. A special Thank You to those who contributed gifts to our Angel Trees, and made Christmas special for so many children. May everyone in our Parish enjoy a Holy and Healthy New Year.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: There is a vacancy on the Finance Counting Team. Volunteers count the collection/donations approximately once a month. Please contact Karen Logan at 913-683-2406 if you are interested in filling this vacancy. Thanks!

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.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

JAN. 11 is “National Human Trafficking Awareness Day”. Keep those who are trafficked in your prayers and REMEMBER THAT TOGETHER WE CAN EMPOWER ONE ANOTHER AS LEADERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. Thanks for VISITING THIS LINK: (www.sistersagainstrafficking.org) USCSAHT is a 501© 3 organization. 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131

BABY SHOWER: The Knights of Columbus, Immaculata Council #900, is conducting their 21st Annual Pro-Life Baby Shower throughout the month of **January 2020**. Donations of new and good used clothes, diapers, blankets, baby formula, or cash are very much needed and appreciated. Baskets will be located in the back entries of churches. The donated items will then be given to Birthright of Leavenworth. For more information, please contact Marty Moreno at 913-702-4168.

OUR POLICY ON LIFE DEFIES BOTH LOGIC AND DEGENCY: "Life is beautiful. One's value is not contingent upon external features, such as one's bank account, one's successes or one's lineage. A human being's value is intrinsic, not earned. Without this basic moral understanding, few of our laws would make much sense. Laws against murder, for instance, would fail to make sense if we did not deem human life to be intrinsically valuable and worthy of protection. Rather than choose an arbitrary starting point for valuing human life, we should go to the point when life begins. For this, science gives us clear understanding of when a new human life begins. Science tells us that life begins at the moment of conception... From the moment of conception onward, a new human being is present until that life is ended in a laboratory, by an abortionist, or at some point after birth. Sadly, our current life-related policy in the United States ignores science, choosing

capricious points at which to protect innocent human life. Our current policy is inconsistent, defying both logic and decency." - *Senator Sam Brownback*

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY - Christ's Peace will host a retreat: Spiritual Planning for the New Year from Friday, **Jan. 10** to Sunday, **Jan. 12**. The focus will be on how to make a spiritual plan of life. There will be talks and time to develop your own plan. We also have daily Eucharistic Adoration, Mass at the local parish and prayer time. The cost for individuals is \$170, or \$80 for a smaller room, and \$250 for couples. If you plan on attending, please contact us at 913-773-8255 or info@christspice.com.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: A Couple to Couple League sponsored class in using the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning during the postpartum period takes place at St. John the Evangelist School, 1208 Kentucky St., Lawrence, KS, on Wed., Jan. 22, at 6:30pm. For more info about this class or other self-paced **online** classes, call Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015. **Pre-registration is required at: www.ccli.org.**

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA: On **Jan. 26th**, at 12:45 PM - Rosary followed by the business meeting and social at Christ the King Parish, 5972 SW 25th St., Topeka, KS. The meeting will be held in Yadrich Hall. If anyone knows of a member or family member of Daughters of Isabella 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 to call Cindy Keen at 785-228-9863.

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.

HOPE FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES AFTER DEATH BY SUICIDE. Fully Alive is a new integrated mind-body-soul wellness program that will begin with a two week session on after suicide support using the book, *After Suicide: There is hope for you and them* by Fr. Chris Alar, MIC. The evening will begin with Mass, followed by small group discussion facilitated by Catholic counselors. The evening will end with prayer. The program will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Shawnee on **January 14th and 21st** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Adults and teens, accompanied by a parent, are welcome. Please RSVP with number attending to Tom Racunas, Special Needs Ministry, by calling 913.647.3054 or emailing tracunas@archkck.org. It is not necessary to give your name when you respond.

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)

“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.

CALLING ALL MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER COUPLES . . . Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering an afternoon of enrichment, for any couple that has experienced a Marriage Encounter Weekend, on Saturday, **January 18, 2020** from 1:00 - 4:15pm at the Precious Blood Center, 2130 Saint Gaspar Way, Liberty, Missouri. Entitled “Lighting the Way Together - Castles to Lighthouses”, the afternoon will reinvigorate your communication and rekindle the love in your relationship. Mass will be celebrated at 4:30pm with a free willing offering to defray the program costs. For more information or to RSVP email Rich & Wendy Lorenz at wendyteach3@yahoo.com by January 10th.

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, rwill2@juno.com. Weekend Application Couple: Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net. Inviting Resource Couple: Ralph & Jan Lewis, 913-909-1028, encountercouple@gmail.com. Behold, I make all things new! . . . The start of a new year brings with it the opportunity to begin anew in all aspects of our lives, including our relationships with God, our family and our friends. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is the perfect way to renew your love and commitment to each other. Grounded in the love of Jesus Christ, the weekend will provide you the tools and the time necessary to grow deeper love so that you can live more intimately and responsibly as a couple of God. The next weekend in the Kansas City area will be **Feb. 28 - Mar 1, 2020**. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit www.wme4youandme.org, or call/email Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net

RACIAL HEALING MASS ON MLK DAY 1/20/2020: To commemorate Martin Luther King Day Archbishop Naumann will celebrate Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church, Kansas City, Kansas at 9:00 am. During this Mass we will pray for Racial Healing and reflect upon the pastoral letter, Open Wide our Hearts, the Enduring Call to Love. Attendees are encouraged to attend the MLK Rally at the Reardon Center which starts at 11:00 AM and features Msgr. Stewart Swetland as the Keynote. Priests are welcome to concelebrate with the archbishop and may express their interest with Bill Scholl at the office for social justice. When: MLK Day, Monday, **January 20th** at 9:00 AM. Where: Blessed Sacrament Church, 2203 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66104

2020 KANSAS MARCH FOR LIFE & IGNITE PRO-LIFE YOUTH RALLY Join us in Topeka for a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and to acknowledge the 47th year of the Roe vs Wade Supreme Court decision. On **January 22nd, 2020** at the Topeka Performing Arts Center. 9:00 a.m. IGNITE Pro-Life Youth Rally; 11:00 a.m. Mass with the Kansas Bishops and Priests; 12:30 pm March to the Capitol for the Kansans for Life Rally. Presented by the Pro-Life Office, Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. For more information, visit: archkck.org/prolife. The event is free and open to all! Please register groups at www.archkck.org/ignite

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN DC ON JANUARY 24, 2020 - Archbishop Naumann will be the primary celebrant for the Vigil Mass on Thursday evening (Jan. 23). Information for adults and young adults interested in attending the Mass & March can be found at: www.archkck.org/march4lifeadult

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!

PROJECT CHRYSALIS is a ministry that offers hope to parents who have lost a child through Sacred Scripture and community. While this ministry is not a bereavement group, our mission is to offer support and hope through scripture in a time of transformation. The next meeting will feature guest speaker Monsignor Charles McGlenn and will be held on Tuesday, **January 28** from 7:00-8:15 p.m. in the St. Luke's Room at Church of the Ascension,

9500 W. 127th St. in Overland Park. For more information, contact Ken Billinger at 913-634-4210 or email kbillinger@archkck.org. The group is open to parents who have lost a child or grandparents who have lost a grandchild.

“COME AND SEE” LEAD COUPLE: Are you seeking a way to serve the Church that will bring you closer to your spouse? Do you love the Church's teachings on marriage and family? Consider mentoring the engaged. The Office of Marriage and Family Life will host a Lead Couple “Come and See” for perspective couples who are interested in this important ministry to the engaged. Date: **Feb 8, 2020**. Time: 6:30-8:30. Location: Holy Spirit Parish in Overland Park, KS. Appetizers, drinks, and dessert will be served. Interested couples should RSVP to Brad DuPont, bdupont@archkck.org or call 913.647.0301.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: “Prescription for a Long and Happy Life,” with Dr. Laurie Heap - This introduction to NFP takes an intellectually-honest look at the medical benefits of natural fertility management systems and how they enhance the married relationship. Our next event is Saturday, **February 8, 2020**, from 1:30-5:00pm at Holy Spirit Parish in Overland Park. Light appetizers and drinks will be served. If you are engaged, this fulfills your Archdiocesan requirement for NFP introduction in Marriage Preparation. For more info, contact Brad DuPont in the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life at bdupont@archkck.org or 913.647.0301. To register, go to www.archkck.org/prescription (\$55/couple)

RLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020: Come celebrate World Marriage Day and renew the commitment you made to one another on your wedding day! Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann on Sunday, **February 9, 2020**, 11:45am, at Church of the Ascension, 9510 W. 127th Street, Overland Park, KS. Mass will include a “Renewal of Commitment and Blessing” for the married couples. Mass will be followed by a reception. Families are welcome! Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas and the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. For more information call 913-647-0329.

KANSANS FOR LIFE VALENTINE BANQUET featuring TIM TEBOW. Join us at the KC Regional Kansans for Life Valentine Banquet Tuesday, **February 11** at 5 PM. Social Time/Silent Auction; 7 PM Dinner & Program at the Overland Park Convention Center – 6000 College Blvd OPKS. Come huddle with Tim Tebow and KFL as we take the field to “reverse the ruling” of our KS Supreme Court and restore the right to protect unborn lives in Kansas with a Constitutional Amendment! \$100 per person (\$50 tax deductible). RESERVE AND PAY AT KFLBanquet.com. Call 913.642.5433 or email: kansansforlife@aol.com with questions.

“LIVING IN LOVE” RETREAT: See why over 700 couples in the Archdiocese have experienced the “Living in Love” retreat. You can sign up now for the “Living in Love” retreat at St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center at Kansas University in Lawrence, KS, **February 15-16, 2020**. Register online at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information.

“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 Lesle Knop with any questions at (913) 647-0326, or email her at lnkop@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/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>.