

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

**Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – Feb. 2, 2020**

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Feb. 4	06:00 pm	STL	Jack Rogers †
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.				
WED	Feb. 5	06:30 am	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
WED	Feb. 5	04:45 pm	SJV	CCD Students, Families and Teachers
FRI	Feb. 7	07:30 am	SJV	Edward & Rose Hand †
SAT	Feb. 8	05:00 pm	STL	Steve Payeur †
SUN	Feb. 9	09:00 am	STL	Janet Schneider †
Confessions: 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 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, Elmer Karczewski, Phillip Leon, Kelly Long, Joyce Lowe, Mary Meinert, Jeni Mettelstedt, Kay Nocktonick, Dannie Phillips, Adam Pineau, Mike Pursel, Mary M. Ruhlman, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Julie Simonis, Jim (Poly) Sloan, Gary Stafford, Aaron Welch, 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: Feb. 8th and 9th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	STL	5:00 pm	Vicki Welch, Tracy Heim, Vince Eimer	Vince Eimer	Devin Guenther & family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Mary Ray, Sharon Wagner & Shirley Navinsky	Mary Ray	Haddie Miller & family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collection for Jan. 12th was \$661. For Jan. 18-19, \$1,654 including \$65 for utilities. For Jan. 25-26, \$2,342, including \$100 for rents collected and \$25 for utilities. The collection for the Church in Latin America was \$442. Last week's on-line collection was \$5. Thank you for your generosity. *Please include your names on the church envelopes when giving cash in order to get credit for the donations.*

THANK YOU! Fr. Francis would like to thank everyone for all of the Christmas greetings, cards, and gifts that were sent to him during the Christmas Season. He truly appreciates the kindness and generosity that was shown to him during this Holy Season. May God continue to bless you as we approach the Lenten Season in our Parish.

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST on Sunday, Feb. 2nd, after mass at St. Lawrence hall. In preparation for Super Bowl Sunday, we will be serving “Super Breakfast Bowls”! We'd love for you to join us!

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

"CALL TO SHARE": Each year during the Archbishop's Call to Share campaign, we pause and consider all the good that is done because we give: the homeless are sheltered; the elderly are cared for, and our seminarians are prepared for future ministry, just to name a few. If you have not already done so, please say "YES" to the Archbishop's Call to Share with your gift today. Gifts of any amount are welcome. Your gift makes so much possible. Thank you to those who have already given.

NOTE MASS LOCATION CHANGE FOR FEB. 8th ONLY. In support of the fundraiser listed below, we will have the Saturday evening mass at St. Lawrence Church on that evening, instead of St. Joseph of the Valley. Please mark your calendars for this change of the Saturday evening mass **for that Saturday 2/8/2020 only.** The Knights of Columbus generously donates to our CCD program each year. Please join us and enjoy the evening with fellow parishioners after mass!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOUP/CHILI SUPPER: The Corpus Christi (Mooney Creek) Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual fundraiser on Saturday, February 8th at St. Lawrence Hall. They will be serving chili and soups with Bingo to follow. **In order to help support this event, we will be having the 5:00 p.m. SATURDAY evening mass at St. Lawrence on February 8th.** The Knights have always been very generous in donating to help our CCD program. Please mark your calendars to note the change of the mass location, and plan to attend and support this fundraiser. Thank You.

VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!!! 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 Griffiee @ 913-773-8342.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:

6:30 am-Feb 26 th	STL	NO MASS OFFERED at that time!
4:45 pm-Feb 26 th	SJV	Mass/ashes offered
7:00 pm-Feb 26 th	STL	Mass/ashes offered

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MASS will be offered at 6:30 p.m. at SJV on Feb. 28th, March 6th and March 13th; and at St. Lawrence on March 20th, March 27th and April 3rd. Please join us!

LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE for March 5-Sue Griffiee-Chairman, Sara Green, Samantha Hendrix and Connie Wistuba. Please fix for 15 people and serving time is 7 P.M.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY – for Catholic school (K-16) attendance during the 2020-2021 academic year or Catholic camp attendance during summer 2020. Links are posted on our website, as well as the 2nd page of this bulletin, found on-line.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

FEBRUARY 8 IS THE FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children. Pray for trafficked victims and their perpetrators. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. **VISIT US >** (www.sistersagainstrafficking.org) USCSAHT is a 501© 3 organization 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131

THANK YOU! K of C Immaculata Council #900 would like to thank all of the persons who donated baby items during the January Pro Life collection month. We were amazed at the number and quality of handmade blankets, diapers, and clothes which were donated! All donated items were taken to Birthright at 221-A Delaware in Leavenworth, KS. Baskets will be picked up over Super Bowl weekend. Thanks again. Marty Moreno, Grand Knight.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AWARDS: October 2019: Knight of the Month - J. Thomas Fitzgerald; Family of the Month - Bill & Mary Mathia. November 2019: Knight of the Month - Timothy Scanlon; Family of the Month - Ed & Anne Keeley; December 2019: Knight of the Month - Deacon Jim Skahan; Family of the Month - Tom & Barb Fitzgerald

ROME LECTURE: A group of local folks will be leaving late this month to make a pilgrimage to Israel and to Rome. In preparation for the journey Fr. Agustin Martinez, who is a graduate of the Pontifical North American College and who was trained to lead pilgrims through the archeological excavations underneath the Vatican where St. Peter's tomb is found, is going to give a biblical and spiritual overview of the Eternal City — Rome. All are welcome to attend, event if not going on the pilgrimage. Monday, February 10th, at 6:30 PM at St. Francis de Sales Church, 900 Ida Street, Lansing, Kansas.

MARDI GRAS at St. Benedict Parish, Feb. 23. Join us for Lunch, raffle prizes, children's games. Auction items at www.32auctions.com/Mardigras20. Adults \$8 and kids (4-10) \$4, (3&Under) Free. Questions – 913-367-3503. Serving Jambalaya, king cakes, beignets, maque choux, pizza, and chicken & noodles served 11 am to 1:30 pm.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA MEETING: On Feb. 23, 2020, 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 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.

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)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: The Finance Council is happy to announce that the parish will be accepting applications for one or more scholarships for Catholic school (K-16) attendance during the 2020-2021 academic year or Catholic camp attendance during summer 2020. Interested applicants should fill out the application form, attach either a report card or transcript, and provide contact information for a reference. **Applications are due by April 1, 2020.** The link to the application form is available on the parish website and parish Facebook page or visit this site: <https://forms.gle/vXjX6PPruMRyhZts6>. If you cannot access the application form in one of these ways, send an email to angela.broadaddus@gmail.com to request the link.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS: This Lent, learn Natural Family Planning and see how our Heavenly Father blesses your marriage. Classes in the Couple to Couple League's Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP begin at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, 1208 Kentucky St., Lawrence, KS on WED., **Feb. 19, 6:30pm.** Reasonable course fee charged. Call Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015 for more info. Visit live-the-love.org to pre-register as required for these or online classes.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY - Christ's Peace House of Prayer, 22131 Meagher Road, Easton, Kansas will host a St. Ignatius – Discernment of Spirits Retreat from **February 21** at 5:30pm **thru February 23** at 4:30pm. God communicates directly with each of us in our hearts, minds and souls through various interior movements – our feelings, thoughts and desires. Come learn the practice of the Discernment of Spirits. There will be conferences, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Cabins/courtyard rooms: \$170 Single, \$250 Couple; Single Guest Rooms: \$100. To attend, send an email to info@christspeace.com or call 913-773-8255.

A "DIFFICULT CHOICE": Advocates of abortion often refer to the decision to have an abortion as a "difficult choice." Why is it a difficult choice? The reason is very simple and obvious. We all know that the unborn child is a person growing inside the mother's womb. So, of course, it is "difficult". Choosing to terminate the life of another human being is a "difficult choice". If the unborn child was not a person, what would be so difficult about choosing to end his or her life?

Is killing a cancer growing inside your body a "difficult choice"? Of course not. Dehumanizing the child is a vital strategy used by pro-abortionists to disguise the "difficult choice" that is being made. The baby is made to appear like the invading "blob of tissue"----like a cancerous growth. Why do we allow such deceit and victimization of the pre-born? Can you find a more innocent or vulnerable human being than a precious baby boy or girl inside his/her mother's womb?

MARRIAGE MINUTE:

This weekend we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. As Mary and Joseph offered their firstborn son to God, it's a good chance for us as married couples to reflect on our own relationship with our children.

- Do we make decisions about the children together?
- Do we pray together about our children?
- Do we include God in our discernment of family size, seeking the Church's guidance on methods of postponing or achieving pregnancy?
- What do we want our marriage to be like when the last kid leaves the "nest?" How do we plan for that? Do we nurture our current relationship so it will be strong in the future?
- Do we model the kind of marriage we want our kids to have?

National Marriage Week begins this week! Check it out at www.archkck.org/nmw2020

CAMP KATERI TEKAKWITHA combines demanding outdoor activities with powerful, spiritual instruction bringing about a unique encounter with God. Although our adventure activities are memorable, often the love that campers experience through prayer is what kids remember most. Take advantage of this amazing opportunity for your kids. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.archkck.org/camp>

"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.

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.wwe4youandme.org, or call/email Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net

"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)

WORLD 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.

ENFLAME YOUR HEART. ENCOUNTER CHRIST. Start off your Lent with a retreat centered on the Paschal Mystery. **February 15-17, 2020** at Prairie Star Ranch 1124 California Road Williamsburg, KS. 66095 For high school students and recent graduates. Sign up at www.sunflowerterc.org. For more information contact Rick Cheek in the Youth Office at youth2@archkck.org

"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE" - PEER-TO-PEER GRIEF SUPPORT
"Coping with Life Alone ®" is a Beginning Experience ® grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. Upcoming program dates and location: Saturdays, **February 22nd through April 4th,** from 1:30 to 3:30pm Location: St. Bernadette Church, Parish Hall, 9020 E 51st Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64133. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for more information and registration.

"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, 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/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>.

TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARIES NEEDED

Totus Tuus is now accepting applications for Summer 2020 Missionaries. In order to make Totus Tuus a success, awesome faith-filled missionaries are needed...both men and women!

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Archdiocese Kansas City in Kansas is seeking 8 missionaries for the Totus Tuus 2020 team. Missionaries will travel to parishes in the archdiocese, spending a week at each and running programs for elementary aged children during the day and teens during the evening. Missionaries share in Christian community with the parishes they are visiting, participating in events and staying with host families. Throughout their time with the community, they seek to give witness to their love for Christ and his Church and share their enthusiasm. The team also strives to create an authentic Christian community with each other: praying, working, sharing, and spending many hours together to provide mutual support. This position is a temporary two-month commitment (May 25-August 7, 2020). This includes one week of training and one week break for the 4th of July. This is a great summer job experience for anyone who wants to work in ministry, education or with children in any setting. Applicants must be 18 or older, have an authentic, dynamic Catholic faith and be actively living the teachings of the Catholic Church. One year of college/work is preferred, but willing to consider mature high school graduates. No major or area of study required. To apply, applicants need to complete TT Missionary Application which can be found on the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas website or at the following link: <https://forms.gle/DFWmWHY1rGkTq3fn7>. If you know of anyone who would make a great missionary, please encourage them to apply. For more info on TT: <https://www.archkck.org/ministries--offices/ecat-youth/youth16-totustuus>