

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time– Feb. 16, 2020

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Feb. 18	06:00 pm	STL	Jack Rogers †
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.				
WED	Feb. 19	06:30 am	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
THUR	Feb. 20	09:30 am	ENH	Country Care Residents Easton Nursing Home
FRI	Feb. 21	07:30 am	SJV	Anne & Betty Glettig †
SAT	Feb. 22	05:00 pm	SJV	Shirley Karczewski † Jamie Karczewski †
SUN	Feb. 23	09:00 am	STL	Pete Gwartney †
<u>Confessions:</u> SAT-4:30 pm at SJV; SUN-8:30 at STL				

Please pray for the sick, especially: Phil Bell, Deacon Guy Berry, 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, Richard 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, Don Navinsky, 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. 22nd and 23rd

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Vicki Welch, Vince Eimer & Tracy Heim	Vince Eimer	First Communion Class
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Sharon Wagner, Shirley Navinsky & Rita Oatney	Rita Oatney	Bryce Seifert and family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collection for was \$1693, including \$160 for utilities and \$160 for Mass Stipends. Last week's on-line collection was \$154.63. Thank you for your generosity. *Please include your names on the church envelopes when giving cash in order to get credit for the donations.*

"CALL TO SHARE": This weekend we kick off 2 weekends of the In-Pew envelope Campaign for the Archbishop's Call To Share Campaign. If you did not receive a donation envelope in the mail, or have misplaced it, please use the envelopes in the pews. You may either mail them in directly, or put them in the collection baskets. Your donations help Campus Ministries at various colleges, Prairie Star Ranch, Christ Peace House of Prayer, Catholic Charities, the Pro-Life Office, and many of the other 40 different ministries of the Archdiocese. Thank you to those who have already donated to the Archbishops Call To Share Campaign.

REGIONAL CONFIRMATION MASS with Archbishop Nauman will be celebrated on Monday, **Feb. 17th** at 7:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Church, Leavenworth. Please consider joining us and supporting our CCD Confirmation class.

CONFIRMATION RECEPTION: The Altar Society will hold a coffee and doughnut reception for the Confirmation children on **Feb. 23rd** after the 9 AM Mass at St. Lawrence Hall. All parishioners are invited to join us!

PLEASE JOIN US: Father will be offering mass at the Country Care Nursing Home on Thurs., **Feb. 20th** at 9:30 a.m. Parishioners are invited to attend this mass also.

FIRST PENANCE has been rescheduled to **Feb. 22nd**, before the 5 p.m. Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION will be held **during Ash Wednesday services, Feb. 26th** for Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe (CCEE). We appreciate your generosity.

VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY 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 note that Fr. Francis will be hearing confessions after Mass/Stations each Friday during Lent. 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: 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.broaddus@gmail.com to request the link.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

FISH AND SHRIMP SUPPER—Please join us **every Friday during lent**, serving 5:00-7:00 pm for fried and baked fish, fried shrimp, potato, roll and dessert. \$12.00- age 11 and older, \$5.00 --ages 4-10. No Supper served on Good Friday, April 10th. St. Joseph Catholic Church, Nortonville, Ks.

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.

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.

IGNITE THE GREEN & WHITE: Although the premier scholarship even is sold out, you can still help fund scholarships to Xavier Catholic School by purchasing tickets for the Raider Raffle trip to Hilton Head, SC or Choose Your Own Adventure Raffle. You can also bid on our amazing auction items! Our auction is online and you do not need to be present to win. Register for a bid number or purchase raffle tickets at <https://leavenworthcatholicschools.org/give/ignite-the-green-and-white> or contact Lisa Forge at 913-682-7801 for more information.

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.

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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ABORTION AND CHILD ABUSE

Abortion teaches us that violence is an acceptable way to deal with difficult life problems. It teaches us that human beings are only valuable if they meet certain criteria, and it teaches us that the strong have a legal right to kill the weak and defenseless. When the unique value of individual human life is trampled upon, society inevitably suffers. Abortion advocates argue just the opposite. They purport that aborting “unwanted” children will reduce child abuse, neglect, poverty and violence and will generally lead to happier families. However, our experience since 1973 proves that this theory does not work. During that time, over 60 million “unwanted” babies have been denied the right to live, yet we have more crime, more violence, more dead-beat dads, and more gangs. The list goes on.

Abortion advocates even argue that abortion is an effective way to prevent crime since it eliminates those who are “most likely” to commit crimes, more specifically the babies of poor mothers. Dianne Glass wrote an article supporting this radical idea. It is hard to believe that in this age, people could argue that human beings should be executed for crimes they may commit in the future and that abortion is the answer to solving poverty. Indeed, it is a truly frightening social policy! In the final analysis, it is only logical to conclude that societies who are willing to abort children before birth will be far more likely to abuse them after birth. Abortion is child abuse, and it is the most severe form of abuse in existence.

MARRIAGE MINUTE: More than the Pharisees

On our wedding day, can anyone remember thinking, “I want to do as little as possible for my spouse?” Hopefully not, and yet, sometimes as the years go on, we start thinking, “Does she really expect me to do that?”

Something went wrong along the way, and we can slip, or at least be tempted to slip, into a dangerous attitude that Jesus warns us about in the Gospel. The Pharisees were always thinking, “What is the minimum I have to do to please God?” Jesus tells us our righteousness must surpass the Pharisees. In marriage, we rob ourselves of God’s joy when we look to do the minimum for our beloved. To fight this temptation, try:

- A marriage retreat
- Daily prayer with your spouse
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Regular date nights

For more, go to www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

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.

PROJECT CHRYSALIS is a Catholic ministry designed to help parents and grandparents who have lost a children find hope through Sacred Scripture and community. Our next meeting is Tuesday, **February 25, 2020** 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 also welcome parents of those whose children have lost their life to suicide. For more information, contact Ken Billinger at kbillinger@archkck.org. More info on our website at www.hopeinscripture.com. Immediate family members are invited to attend.

THE JOURNEY OF FORGIVENESS – WHEN YOU ARE STILL WOUNDED Fully Alive is a new integrated mind-body-soul wellness program in the Archdiocese. Please join us for a two part series on Forgiveness on Tuesday, **February 25th** and Tuesday, **March 3rd**. The sessions will be presented by Chuck Jansen. The series will be held at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church Parish Center in Shawnee from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The evening will start with prayer, followed by the presentation and then small group discussion. Please RSVP 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.

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

“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.

SISTER SERVANTS OF MARY OFFER DISCERNMENT RETREAT: Have you ever wondered what religious life is like? Women from 18 – 25 are invited to a weekend retreat from **Feb. 28** at 4pm to **March 1** at 3pm at the Sister Servants of Mary convent in Kansas City, KS. The sisters’ mission is to nurse the seriously ill in their homes and bring comfort to their families. If you would like to learn more about discerning God’s call and experience a weekend of prayer, discovery and fellowship, email vocservantsmkc@yahoo.com by **Feb. 24**.

CREATING FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR A LOVED ONE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS : Tuesday, **March 3, 2020**, 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Parish Center. 5901 Flint, Shawnee, Kansas 66203 **OR** Tuesday, **April 21, 2020**, 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., St. Ann’s Catholic Church, 7231 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas 66208 **OR** Tuesday, **May 5, 2020**, St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 11822 Homes Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64131

- Establishing a Special Needs Trust
- Guardianship
- The Achieving Better Life Experiences Act of 2013 (ABLE) which allows for tax-advantaged savings accounts for individuals with disabilities. RSVP to Tom Racunas at tracunas@archkck.org or call 913.647.3054. Sponsored by the Special Needs Ministries of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas and the Diocese of Kansas City—St. Joseph Missouri

“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

“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 a “Living in Love” retreat at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Seneca, KS, **March 29-30**, and Holy Spirit Parish in Overland Park, KS, **April 18-19**. Register online at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information.

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>.

“VALUE THEM BOTH” AMENDMENT VOTE On Friday, February 7, the “Value Them Both” Amendment failed to reach the necessary 2/3 majority vote in the House. It received 80 YES votes, but needed 84. Thank you to everyone who prayed, fasted, and contacted their Representative for the support of this important Amendment! While we are disappointed that it did not pass, Value Them Both will likely come up for another vote this year. We will continue to work to educate key Representatives on how this amendment will help to save lives and protect women. Kansans deserve better than unlimited and unregulated abortion in our great state. Visit archkck.org/prolife to see how your representative voted. Please send a note of thanks or a message of disappointment to your Representative. Please also join in the Kansas Rosary Crusade until we succeed in the passage of the “Value Them Both” Amendment (kansasrosarycrusade.org). Our Lady of Guadalupe, please pray for us!