

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time– Feb. 23, 2020

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Feb. 25	06:00 pm	STL	Jack Rogers †
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.				
WED	Feb. 26	06:30 am	STL	NO MASS
WED	Feb. 26	04:45pm	SJV	CCD Teachers, Students, and Families
WED	Feb. 26	07:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
FRI	Feb. 28	06:30 pm	SJV	Edward & Rose Hand †
SAT	Feb. 29	05:00 pm	SJV	Irene Schmidling †
SUN	Mar. 1	09:00 am	STL	Jack Rogers †
<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. 29th and March 1st

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Carol Kroll, Robert Jardon, & Rita Herken	Kris Beying	Mr. and Mrs. Josh DeMaranville and family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Ted & Dawn Staver, Jennifer Roggenkamp	Ted Staver	Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmidt and family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collection for was \$1440. The Knights donated \$375 to our CCD program. 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.*

"CALL TO SHARE": As we come close to the conclusion of the Archbishop's Call to Share Campaign, let us remember to share our gifts of faith and blessings, and encourage others to do the same. Your participation in the Archbishop's Call To Share Appeal makes many programs and ministries possible in our parishes and communities. Please consider a donation to this appeal, and thank you to those who have already contributed.

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!

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.

SECOND COLLECTION will be held the weekend of **March 1st** for Black and Indian Missions. 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.broadaddus@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.

FIELD DAY: A fun morning of physical activity for family of all ability levels, ages 3 and up. **April 18th**, 9 AM-12 PM, Benedictine College, Murphy Recreation Center, 1020 N. 2nd Street, Atchison, KS. Registration link: www.archkck.org/ministries--offices/special-needs.

SPRING 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Join us for the Kick-off Rally of the Spring 40 Days for Life on February 26th at 9:00 a.m. outside the Center for Women's Health abortion facility, 4840 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful, prayerful vigil where our community will unite with others across the country and internationally to pray for the end of abortion! The family friendly vigil runs Feb 26th to April 5th from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. daily. Sign up at 40daysforlife.com/overlandpark to be a part of this powerful prayer mobilization. Together we will protect women and save lives!

KC MAVERICKS FAITH AND FAMILY DAY GAME! Our Faith & Family Day is centered around family, community, fellowship, and fun – and is coming up **on March 8** at 4:05pm followed by a post-game skate with the team. Below is a personalized link and flyer that will give you access to discounted tickets for this game! If you would rather organize a group so you can all sit together for the game, I am more than happy to take care of that for you by reserving seats in advance, so you're guaranteed to sit together-call Jaimie Myers at 816-872-1213 or 816-759-9078. Link: Kcmavericks.com/familyfaith - Promo Code: Family.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY: St. Therese and The Shroud of Turin
 Join us **March 27th 5:30 pm thru March 29th 4:30 pm** at Christ's Peace House of Prayer, as we meditate on the Holy Face with St. Therese and enter more deeply into the passion of Christ by learning what scientists have discovered about the Shroud of Turin. There will be conferences, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$170 Single/\$250 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$100 (Meals Included). To attend, send an email to: info@christspeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

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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(FOR POSTING ON THE CHURCH INTERNET SITE)

EVER WONDER WHY ? (PART I)

There is a multitude of anomalies, inconsistencies and downright deceit surrounding the abortion issue.

Why is it...one never sees the word "abortion" on the buildings or signs at abortion clinics? If abortion is such a good "choice", why hide what it is they really do?

Why is it...when three people die from E.coli poisoning, spinach is immediately pulled off the shelf in every corner of the nation, but when eight women die from the RU-486 (the at-home abortion pill) no one even raises an eyebrow?

Why is it...that on one floor of many US hospitals they will abort babies left and right, but on another floor, we spend tens of thousands of dollars to save a child born at the same gestational age as the children being aborted floors below?

Why is it...when a woman goes into an abortion clinic, the champions of "choice" only offer the choice of abortion?

Why is it...that Planned Parenthood has a budget well over \$800 million a year, while pro-life organizations are forced to eke out projects and programs on a shoestring budget?

Why is it...that we are flooded with images of violence in our media, yet it is deemed entirely inappropriate to provide any photos or images related to an abortion and even provide the public with a factual description of what takes place?

Why is it...that abortion protagonists use incomprehensible language such as "disarticulating a fetus" or

MARRIAGE MINUTE: Is there someone outside your marriage who causes trouble between you and your spouse? Most of us have a friend, sibling, parent or coworker who hurts us through their criticism, controlling behavior or thoughtlessness. We often hesitate to "turn the other cheek" with these people because it sounds like we are just letting them get away with bad behavior. The opposite is true!

Here are some simple steps to deal with difficult people:

- Describe the hurt to your spouse.
- With your spouse, pray to forgive the person.
- Choose to love the person without expecting anything in return.
- Decide together how to love the person appropriately (even if they won't like it)!

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.wmme4youandme.org, or call/email Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net

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 vocservantsmk@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 lnop@archkck.org

GIVEN KC – YOUNG WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: GIVEN Gathering KC is a one-day Catholic young women's conference that will empower women aged 18-35 to see and embrace their God-given gifts in order to more fully live out their Feminine Genius. Women from all stages of life are welcome - single, engaged, married and consecrated religious. GIVEN Gathering-KC is formed in response to the Pope's plea for a deeper understanding and activation of the unique gift of women in the Church. Throughout this day attendees will engage in three principle themes: to receive the gift you are, to realize the gifts you've been given, and to respond with the gift only you can give. Tickets include breakfast and lunch; a full day of talks, including three given by our keynote speakers, Fr. Timothy Gallagher, Deacon James Keating, and Dr. Deborah Savage. Followed by Holy Mass with Archbishop Naumann, confessions, and Adoration. Also includes a book of resources for spiritual growth. The conference will be Saturday, **March 28, 2020** at St. James Academy in Lenexa, KS beginning at 8:00am and concluding at 5:00pm. For more details and to purchase tickets, please visit www.givenkc.org.

PATRICK MADRID – CATHOLIC SPEAKER: Patrick Madrid will be presenting on Saturday, **March 28th** in Emporia, Kansas. He will be teaching about our Catholic faith so that we may be more comfortable in joyfully sharing it with others through the following presentations :

- Why Be Catholic? (When You can be Anything Else?)
 - The Bible and the Catholic Church: A Marriage Made in Heaven
 - The Case for Christ: Evidence of His Existence, Resurrection and Divinity
- There will also be an open forum for Q&A. Registration/Continental Breakfast: 8am, Conference: 9am – 4pm, Location: Lyon County Fairgrounds, Anderson building, 2700 U.S. 50, Emporia, KS 66801, Tickets: \$10. Lunch provided by Olpe Chicken House (free will offering requested) Pre-register by March 25th at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/patrick-madrid-why-be-catholic-tickets-92545982525> Limited seating available – call 620-475-3767 (after March 25) to check on available seating

"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, 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>.

“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!