

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 22, 2020

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	March 24	06:00 pm	STL	CANCELLED
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
WED	March 25	06:30 am	STL	CANCELLED
FRI	March 27	06:30 pm	STL	CANCELLED
SAT	March 28	05:00 pm	SJV	CANCELLED
SUN	March 29	09:00 am	STL	CANCELLED
Confessions: SAT-4:30 pm at SJV; SUN-8:30 at STL- CANCELLED				
PLEASE NOTE: Archbishop Naumann has cancelled all public celebrations of the Holy Mass effective March 17th and until further notice. Please pray for the health and protection of our entire community and nation, and for an end to this crisis.				

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, Kim Sachse, 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).

OUR PARISH NEWS

REMINDER: Father would like to encourage everyone to pray for the health and protection of our entire community and nation, for all our brothers and sisters who are ill, for their caretakers, doctors, nurses, medical and emergency preparedness personnel and elected officials. Should you have an emergency and need to speak with Father, you are encouraged to call him at 913-773-5712 or 913-235-6837.

MAGNIFICAT During this difficult time, many of the faithful may be unable to attend Mass. To help you sanctify your day and to keep walking in the liturgical rhythm of the Church, the MAGNIFICAT is temporarily available to everyone for free. You may access it at www.magnificat.com/free and it is also available in Spanish: www.magnificat.com/gratis.

A SUGGESTED PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION.

Jesus, really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar, since I cannot now receive thee under the sacramental veil, I beseech thee, with a heart full of love and longing, to come spiritually into my soul through the Immaculate Heart of thy most Holy Mother, and to abide with me, thou in me, and I in thee, in time and in eternity. Amen

PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES from the parishioners of St. Joseph-St. Lawrence Parish to the family of Charlyn "Lyn" Myhand, who passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collection-Total \$1476, to include \$10 Mass Stipend. Last week's on-line collection was \$5. Thank you for your generosity. **We appreciate your continued support to the parish during this difficult time.** You can mail in your donations or deposit online by visiting our website at <https://www.sjsparish.org/home/donations> to click on the link to donate on-line!

THANK YOU for your contributions to the Archdiocesan-Wide Capital Campaign: *One Faith, One Family, One Future in Christ*. The parish received their third campaign rebate in the amount of \$2076.26, bringing the total rebates that we have received to date to \$8361.78.

THANK YOU! Catholic Charities sent a note thanking our parishioners for the 32 lbs. of food that was donated in February that helped serve 1,151 individuals. We appreciate your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION: will be held this weekend of March 22nd for The Catholic Relief Services (formerly the American Bishop's Overseas Appeal). We appreciate your generosity!

THE LENTEN SEASON HAS ARRIVED, and soon we will be celebrating Holy Week. We need men and women volunteers to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. If you are willing to participate in this ceremony, please call Sue Griffiee at 773-8342 or e-mail at grmasue@embarqmail.com. There will be Eucharistic Adoration after mass on Holy Thursday also from 8:30p.m. until midnight. There will be sign-up sheets in the back of the churches soon to add your name to the time that you will be participating.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 9 (Holy Thursday)	SL: 7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper, Washing of the Feet, Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight
April 10th (Good Friday)	SL at 7:00 pm	
April 11 (Holy Saturday)	SL at 8:30 pm	Easter Vigil mass, Word & Eucharist
April 12 (Easter Sunday)	SL at 10:00 am	

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 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.broadus@gmail.com to request the link.

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER: Elmer Karczewski will be celebrating his 90th Birthday on **April 15th** with his immediate family. If you would like to honor him on this occasion, please send him a birthday card, letter, photos, and other good wishes, to 22068 Millwood Road, Easton, KS 66020. Happy Birthday Mr. Karczewski!

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

FISH AND SHRIMP SUPPER—HAS BEEN CANCELLED for the remaining dates. Thank you for your support! 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.

INVITATION: All families are invited to Xavier Catholic School's 160 Years of Catholic Education Celebration on **April 18th**. We will begin the day with a Faith Run Family 5K at 8:00 a.m. beginning at Xavier Catholic Preschool (1409 2nd Avenue.) At 9:30 a.m. all community members are welcome to Xavier Catholic School's Re-Dedication (541 Muncie Road.) We will end the day with a FREE Kid's Fest from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. featuring a storybook carnival, STREAM Minute to Win It competitions, inflatables, concessions, and get your photo with Llama Llama! For more information or to register for the 5K please go to <https://leavenworthcatholicchools.org/give/faith-run> or contact Lisa Forge at 913-682-7801.

COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2020: The Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration is on Sunday, June 7, at 2:00 pm, at the Church of the Nativity/Leawood. To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, please call the parish office and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding. Please do this as soon as possible.

MARRIAGE MINUTE: "I can See!" This weekend's readings are about seeing clearly. While few people experience physical healing like the blind man in the Gospel, many of us can recall times when God has allowed us to see a situation from a new perspective—with equally miraculous results.

If you and your spouse keep running up against the same conflict or difficulty, perhaps you are in need of a new perspective.

- Pray specifically for God to "open your eyes" to a new way of seeing your spouse and his or her perspective.
- Seek counsel from a couple whose marriage you respect who may have traveled through similar difficult circumstances in the past.
- Gain new insights and skills from a marriage enrichment such as "Living in Love" or "Worldwide Marriage Encounter."

Other practical marriage tips can be found at www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com.

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 Sjsparish@gmail.com. Mass intentions may be scheduled with Kim as well. MUST SUBMIT BY 9 pm TUES FOR INCLUSION.

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LOVE AND PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN

The whole mission of the Catholic Church in the world—the theme and purpose and vocation of every institution and every Catholic individual—is **love**. Why does the Church set up hospitals and adoption agencies and soup kitchens? Why have whole orders of nuns been founded to care for the elderly or the sick? Why did St. Damien offer to go to spend his last years serving in a leper colony in Hawaii? Why did Mother Teresa establish homes for men dying of AIDs?

It's not for money. It's not for recognition. It's not a plan to increase our numbers and our social influence. It's not even because the Church is committed to taking care of her own. It matters not at all to any of these institutions or individuals whether the people they're serving are Catholic. They don't have to be Catholic. They can even be anti-Catholic. We don't do it for ourselves; we do it for love.

We do it because we understand that each and every person is made in the image and likeness of God. Each, no matter how small or weak or wounded or messed up, is completely unique and infinitely precious. We understand that all human life ----including every child in the womb----is a gift to be received, cherished, and *served*, not abused, not manipulated, not degraded, not destroyed.

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.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED, A YEAR OF SERVICE

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes should be “islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference.” The nationwide initiative called “Walking with Moms in Need, A Year of Service,” is a wonderful opportunity for us to assess, expand, and better communicate the resources that we have throughout the Archdiocese to help women and families in need. The effort will kick-off Wednesday, **March 25, 2020** which is the 25th anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (The Gospel of Life). Find the Prayer for Pregnant Mothers and learn more about the resources available, the Gabriel Project Ministry, and how you can help at www.archkck.org/prolife-walkingwithmoms.

Unfortunately, the **March 29th Mass & Awareness Walk** that was planned to celebrate the kickoff of this initiative **has been postponed**. Please stay tuned for the rescheduled date.

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

FAMILY DAY AT PRAIRIE STAR RANCH

Prairie Star Ranch is offering you the chance to step away and enter into a day of prayer, adventure, outdoor activities, and time to reconnect. Families, friends, and communities are invited to join us on **May 3rd** from 9am to 5pm! Opportunities include Horseback Riding, Canoeing, Ropes Activities, and time for prayer. The experience will culminate with the celebration of the Holy Mass in our beautiful St. Kateri Chapel. Let us journey together on this day of Christ-centered adventure! Register online now or contact the Team at Prairie Star Ranch. www.archkck.org/ranch -- 785-746-5693 -- psrministry@archkck.org

CREATING FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR A LOVED ONE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS : 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

4/22/20 - EVENTS WITH FIGHT THE NEW DRUG: Fight the New Drug is coming back to KC on 4/22/20! They have presented at over 500 schools, they have over 5 million followers on social media, and over 200,000 people using their app. Registration and group discounts - www.kcvalor.com. Check out the new 50 second promo video aimed at teens & college students - <https://vimeo.com/394051267/b7e19e0294> 4/22/20 - 8:30-11:30 am & 1:30-4:30 pm @ Holy Trinity in Lenexa - Quigley Center -Two identical training events for youth & ministry leaders, pastors, school leaders, school counselors & counselors.

- certificates of attendance are available for counselors, school counselors, etc.

4/22/20 - 6:00-9:00 pm @ College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe - an inspiring educational event for students (6th grade and up), parents, youth groups, and adults in the KC area

- Chick-fil-A dinner included with registration fee

CAMP TEKAKWITHA WOMEN'S RETREAT

Ladies, this is a weekend for you! Here you will find the space to relax, rejuvenate and reconnect. This is a retreat for women of all ages (21+). You will find speakers that inspire you, sacraments that draw you to the heart of Christ, and fellowship with other women. Come enjoy the beauty of God's creation at Prairie Star Ranch and the gift of sharing life with other women seeking the heart of Jesus. Fri, **Apr 24** - Sun, **Apr 26** at Prairie Star Ranch. Further details and registration: <http://www.camptekakwitha-womensretreat.com>

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE ~ Grief Support Weekend: Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend **April 24-26, 2020**, at Precious Blood Retreat Center in Liberty Mo. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For more information visit: www.beginningexperience_kc.org email: register.bekc@gmail.com or contact Laura 308-530-1873.

FAITH IN BLOOM BENEFIT DINNER

Join us in celebrating 75 years of the Villa St. Francis mission at the Faith in Bloom Benefit Dinner & Live Auction! Wednesday **April 29th**: 5:30 Cocktail Hour; 6:30 Dinner Program; 7:30 Award & Auction. Reserve your ticket today! Archbishop Naumann will be presenting the annual Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann Sanctity of Life Award to the Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick, in honor of their dedication to promoting the dignity of life through their end-of-life ministry. If you or someone you love has been impacted by the Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick, (also known as the Sisters, Servants of Mary), and would be interested in helping us honor them by sharing your story, let us know by replying to this email by Friday, March 6th.

AMAZING PARISH: Registration is filling fast for the upcoming Amazing Parish Conference hosted by our Archdiocese on **Oct. 19-21st** at the Overland Park Convention Center. Parish teams from around the country have already signed up to take part in this valuable training! Register Here: <https://amazingparish.org/>

What does an Amazing Parish look like? If you're ready to build an effective leadership team and improve the organizational health of your parish, we hope you'll join us. Amazing Parish gives busy pastors and their teams the tools they need to transform their parishes - moving from maintenance mode to mission communities that are truly alive! For more information : Parish Journey – A Pastor's First Steps, <https://amazingparish.org/get-started/#firststeps> or call the Office of Evangelization at 913-721-1570

FAITH-BUILDING AND EVANGELIZATION OPPORTUNITIES

Benedictine College is pleased to offer a number of opportunities for faith-building and evangelization:

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>.

NEW END-OF-LIFE RESOURCE GUIDE IS NOW AVAILABLE

The Ethics Council that serves Archbishop Naumann has produced a comprehensive resource for end-of-life planning titled “Catholic Guide For-End-Of Life and Establishing of Advance Directives”. The purpose of the guide is to assist the faithful in making wise decisions about complex treatments in grave illness or as life's end approaches in accordance with the teachings of our Catholic faith. It also includes two Appendices for a Durable Power of Attorney and an Advance Directive form. For a free digital copy of the Guide, visit www.archkck.org/prolife-end-of-life-care.