

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus  
Sixth Sunday of Easter– May 17, 2020

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	May 19	06:00 pm	STL	CANCELLED
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Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED

WED	May 20	06:30 am	STL	CANCELLED
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FRI	May 22	07:30 am	SJV	CANCELLED
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SAT	May 23	05:00 pm	SJV	CANCELLED
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SUN	May 24	09:00 am	STL	CANCELLED
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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 17<sup>th</sup> and until further notice. Please pray for the health and protection of our entire community and nation, and for an end to this crisis.**

**STAY TUNED TO FACEBOOK FOR ANY CHANGES IN OUR SCHEDULE!**

**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, 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.

Please call Father to make an appointment for Confession, if desired. We are also encouraged to go to the Church for private prayers and adoration (but no more than 10 people at a time, and observing the social distancing of 6 ft apart). St. Joseph of the Valley and St. Lawrence Church will be open and available for private visits and prayers from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday starting on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. At no time shall there be more than ten persons present in the church at one time. Each person should keep proper social distance (minimum of 6 feet) from one another.

**Father has also provided his Homily for this Sunday. It is attached to this bulletin.**

**PLAN TO RETURN TO LOCAL SERVICES:** Our parish is working on a plan to return to local services. There are a few tasks that have to be accomplished first. The goal is to return to services on Memorial Day weekend, but we will confirm as we get closer to the date. Thanks for your prayers in this endeavor!

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collections received this week totaled \$325.00. Last week's on-line collection was \$586.02. Thank you for your generosity.

**DO YOU WANT TO DONATE and not sure how during this time?** In Father's letter of March 24<sup>th</sup>, he wrote "I know many families are going through hard times this period. I would still like to encourage everyone to continue giving your weekly donations for the upkeep of the parish through online or mail services. God loves a cheerful giver." **Any donations during this difficult time will be greatly appreciated.** You can mail in your donations to: St. Joseph-St. Lawrence, P.O. Box 129, Easton, KS 66020 or deposit online by visiting our website at <https://www.sjslparish.org/home/donations> to click on the link to donate on-line! Thank you! We wish everyone good health. Blessings to all!

**PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES** from the parishioners of St. Joseph-St. Lawrence Parish to the family of Rita (Sachse) Heim, who passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** St. Joseph-St. Lawrence Parish has been selected for the 2020 Best of Leavenworth Award in the Places of Worship category by the Leavenworth Award Program. This program identifies local companies that enhance the positive image through service to their community and help make the Leavenworth area a great place to live, work and play. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

## OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

### PRAYER FROM POPE FRANCIS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us. He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2020:** The Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration has been rescheduled to Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 2:00 pm, at the Church of the Nativity/Leewood. 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.

**VOTING:** Edmund Burke once said, "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." Unfortunately, evil in America has triumphed in recent years. Since Roe v. Wade, 4,000 children have been routinely deprived of the fundamental right to life each and every day. Meanwhile, millions of Americans stand idly by, too busy to vote or too disenfranchised to care. While both of these are real concerns, disinterest or apathy should not prevent us from answering the needs of the community, particularly the most defenseless in our society. Please register to vote now because the November election provides an opportunity to make a stand on behalf of the innocent unborn child.

**A RETREAT ON SOCIAL JUSTICE WITH DOROTHY DAY:** To be held at Christ's Peace on Friday, June 12, 2020 5:30 PM - Sunday, June 14, 2020 4:30 PM. Please join us as we delve into the teachings of Dorothy Day and her deep conviction for Social Justice. Come be inspired by the dynamic way in which this journalist's conversion propelled her to found the Catholic Worker movement and advocate for the poor. 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](mailto:info@christspeace.com) or call 913.773.8255.

### CHRIST'S PEACE UPCOMING RETREAT SCHEDULE:

June 12th- 14th

*Dorothy Day - Social Justice*

July 12th

*Consecration to Mary - Initial Meeting*

July 17th – 19th

*Katheryn Doherty – A Poustinia Desert Weekend*

August 14th - 16th

*St. Louis de Montfort - Consecration to Mary*

September 11th – 13th

*St. Benedict – Work and Holiness*

November 6th – 8th

*St. Louis and Zelig Martin – Family Sanctity*

December – 4th – 6th

*St. John the Baptist – An Advent Silent Retreat*

January 8th – 10th

*Spiritual Reflection and Planning*

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> page to this bulletin.

Bulletin Items: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email [Sjslparish@gmail.com](mailto: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)**

**DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION – OPEN POSITION:**

Director of Faith Formation: St. John Parish in Lawrence, KS is seeking a full-time Director of Faith Formation. This person would develop, articulate, and administer a vision and direction for parish faith formation programs. He/she would oversee all faith formation programs and evaluate their effectiveness; develop/implement ideas and programs that would be available for parishioners from womb to tomb. Ideal candidate will be a bilingual (English/Spanish) practicing Catholic who holds a degree in Catechesis or Theology and/or has equivalent work experience relating to faith formation. This person would also have strong knowledge of Catholicism, intercultural competence in ministry, strong interpersonal skills, proven organizational and leadership skills and computer/technology competencies. 2-4 years of parish ministry experience preferred. Please see full job description and requirements at [www.sjevangelist.com](http://www.sjevangelist.com). This is a full-time position and eligible for the Archdiocesan benefits package with start date of July 20, 2020. Position will be open until filled. Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. John at [frjohn@saint-johns.net](mailto:frjohn@saint-johns.net) (subject line: DFF) or 1229 Vermont Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.

**VIRTUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** Wyandotte and Olathe Pregnancy Centers are taking their Baby Bottle Campaign virtual this year! During this time of the Covid 19 crisis, your prayers and financial support are needed more than ever to assist them in carrying out their mission of supporting women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. Visit: <https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/website/home/?e=20149> or donate through your parish link. Together, we can continue to share God's truth while showing His Love to men and women in our community facing unplanned pregnancies.

**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>

**NOTE: MESSAGE ABOUT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS**

The Archdiocese is closely monitoring the unfolding COVID-19 situation. At this time no decisions have been made about summer programs of Camp Tekakwitha, Totus Tuus or Prayer/Action. We will keep you updated as we explore all possible options for safely conducting summer programs in 2020.

**“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.

**AMAZING PARISH:** Registration is filling fast for the upcoming Amazing Parish Conference hosted by our Archdiocese on **Oct. 19-21<sup>st</sup>** 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

**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](http://www.archkck.org/prolife-end-of-life-care) .

6<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year A (5/17/2020).

*Texts: First Reading, Acts. 8:5-8,14-17*

*Second Reading, 1Peter. 3:15-18*

*Third Reading, John. 14:15-21*

*Theme: Be strong and example in the Faith, and Share the faith.*

*Congregation: St. Joseph- St. Lawrence Parish, Easton/ Kansas.*

Dear beloved people of God,

Warm greetings to you all again. I hope everyone of you is still keeping safe. My continues prayer for you all and your loved ones. May we continue to be each other's keepers in these hard and difficult times in the world and in communities. Now we listen to what the word of God has for us this weekend. We reflect on the Second Reading of 1Peter 3:15-18

One thing that strikes and fascinates visitors to the big towns in Ghana such as Accra, Kumasi and Techiman on market days is the phenomenon of street trading. Everywhere in the cities you see men, women, and children traders who carry their goods in their hands or on their heads to sell them to passer-by and motorists. You could buy anything from the window of your car: soda, clothes, and electronic gadgets. One thing we have learnt from street trading is that success is often determined not by the quality of the goods but by the ability of the traders to advertise and get themselves noticed. No matter how precious the goods one has to sell, if you keep you mouth shut and do not advertise it to prospective customers, no one will notice and no one will buy.

Something similar happens in the business of evangelization. No matter how precious and true our faith is, if we do not tell others about it, they will not know about it and they will not embrace it. In today's second reading from the First Letter of Peter we have a wonderful teaching on how share our faith with others.

"But in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord" (1Pt.3;15a). This instruction is directed to those who are not "zealous for what is right" for fear of being harmed. How many times do we fail to speak up for what we believe to be right and true for fear of being ridiculed or called names by others. Rather than fear people, we are urged to fear and sanctify Christ who dwells in our hearts as the supreme Lord. In other words, we are asked to abandon our timidity and follow the example of Peter and the apostles who said to those who wanted to silence them: "We must obey God rather than human authorities" (Act. 5:29). Fulton J. Sheen once said that we are God's chosen people but often we behave like God's frozen people.

"Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for that that is in you" (1Pt. 3:15b). How do people make this demand? People make this demand on believers on a daily basis, both explicitly and implicitly. We all know when someone explicitly asks us why we hold certain beliefs and hopes. But do we recognize when they make the same demand in implicit and indirect way? At times when people turn hostile and contradict you, insult you or even simply ignore you when you try to take a faith stand, what they are saying in not so many words is: "Why should I believe you? Why should I believe that going to Church is not waist of time? Why should I pray to God rather

solve the problem in my own way?" Are we prepared to answer the spoken and unspoken questions of people today, especially those of the younger generation, who are growing up in an increasingly confused world?

But how can we defend the truth of our faith, you may ask? The simple answer is: Be grounded in the faith yourself and then you can share it with others." *Nemo dat quod non habet*": You can't give what you don't have. We must make effort to know our faith more by knowing the basis documents of our religion, the Bible, the teaching of the church, the Catechism. It was St. Jerome who said: "Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of Christ."

"Do it with gentleness and reverence" (1Pt.3:16a). Virtue stands in the middle. What we see mostly among believers today is bashful timidity on the one hand and ill-mannered incivility on the other. A drop of honey attracts more flies than a jar of vinegar

"Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame" (1Pt. 3:16b). Actions speak louder than words. We can conclude with the inspired words of St. Francis of Assisi to his friars: Preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary, use words.

Fr. Bakyor Francis