

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Seventh Sunday of Easter– May 24, 2020

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	May 26	07:00 pm	STL	Jack Rogers
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	May 28	07:00 pm	SJV	Edith Ernzen “Sam”
SAT	May 30	05:00 pm	SJV	Pete Gwartney
SUN	May 31	09:00 am	STL	Eric Felske

Confessions: SAT-4:30 pm at SJV; SUN-8:30 at STL

PLEASE NOTE:

Attendance for Masses - limited to 25% of the building's seating capacity— 30-75 at St. Lawrence and 15-30 at St. Joseph of the Valley. We will be offering four Masses per week. Please do not feel obligated to attend weekend Masses — weekday Masses will work just fine if it fits into your family's schedule. You may sign-up for Masses online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4AA9AB2AA1FA7-sjosephst>. Please see online info for restrictions and guidance.

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

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collections received this week totaled \$950.00. Last week's on-line collection was \$264.59. Thank you for your generosity.

DO YOU WANT TO DONATE and not sure how during this time? In Father's letter of March 24th, 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!

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for the Catholic Communication Campaign.

CONGRATULATIONS to the three SJSL Catholic Education Scholarship winners: Alaine Sloan (College), Jake Heim (High School), and Austin Green (Middle School)! Each student was awarded \$250 by the SJSL Parish to further their Catholic Education. We are proud of these students and their accomplishments!

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS QUARTERLY AWARDS:

January 2020: Knight of the Month - Timothy P Fitzgerald; Family of the Month - The Pro Life Committee. **February 2020:** Knight of the Month - John Beckerjeck; Family of the Month - Keith Hustings. **March 2020:** Knight of the Month - John Nelson; Family of the Month - The Lady Knights of Columbus # 900

THE COURAGE TO SPEAK AND TO ACT AGAINST ABORTION

The mother's womb should be the very safest place for a child. Tragically, it has become the most dangerous location- more dangerous than any battlefield or terrorist target. In some cities, about 40 percent of pregnancies end in abortion. To defend these innocent children and to speak and act on their behalf takes courage. Perhaps family and friends may not like our pro-life stance. Perhaps we may lose business. We all know people who have had an abortion so perhaps we do not want to offend a relative or loved one. It is all too easy to make excuses or make calculations in our minds and hearts, which often results in paralyzed inaction and apathy.

We are always told of reasons why we cannot speak up against abortion. If the priest speaks in Church, he will be rebuked by some who will try to

argue it's too political; if we speak in the political arena, we are told it's too religious. If we speak in the media, we are told it's too disturbing; in our schools and colleges, it's too disruptive. On the public streets, it's too distressing for children; in the business world it's too 'controversial, in the family it's too divisive, and in social settings, it's too impolite or politically incorrect. So, if abortion is plainly wrong and inhumane (which it most definitely is), how do we do what is right and where do we go to say so? The unambiguous answer is that we must stop looking for a risk-free place to fight abortion, and have the courage to speak up in all these arenas!

Let's stop counting the cost to ourselves if we speak up and start counting the cost to the innocent children, if we remain silent.

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 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

UNFAILING MERCY RETREAT: PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Our next Unfailing Mercy retreat for help after abortion will be held on **June 12-14**. This is a weekend of focused, intensive time wherein God often brings about profound healing. To register please call Ann Marie Alvey at (913) 621-2199 or email at projectrachelkc@archkck.org.

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)

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: Fertility Care Center is planning to hold their next Creighton Model Education Class in August (EPI) & March(EPII). They will provide the class over two extended weekends to help accommodate everyone's busy schedules.

The dates are:

Education Phase One: **August 21-24 & August 28-31, 2020**

Education Phase Two: **March 6-8 & March 13-15, 2021**

The link to their website with all the information needed to apply is

<http://www.fertilitycarekc.com/fertilitycare-practitioner-training.html>

Questions can be referred to admin@fertilitycarekc.com or pwhite@fertilitycarekc.com.

COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2020: The Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration has been rescheduled to Sunday, **August 23rd**, 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.

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. 19-21st** 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

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.

The Ascension of The Lord Feast Day (5/24/2020)

(7th Sunday after Easter).

Texts. First Reading: Acts. 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Third Reading: Matthew: 28:16-20

Theme: Jesus returns to the father.

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

Dear friends and brothers and sisters,

Warm greetings once again. Still hoping that you are all staying safe and in good health. My continued prayers are still with you and all your loved ones. The lord is still in control of events in our daily lives. With trust in the Lord nothing is impossible.

Today the 7th Sunday of Easter, we celebrate also the Ascension of the Lord, and also honor the heroes of our nation. In some dioceses in the United States, this feast is celebrated on the 7th of Easter. The feast of the Ascension is celebrated on the 40th day after Easter Sunday, commemorating the Ascension of Christ into heaven and His completion of the work of our redemption. The Liturgy of this day celebrates the entry of Christ into heaven with our human nature glorified and the pledge of our glorification with Him.

The Christian belief is that after Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday, He rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. Jesus then walked on the earth among His followers for forty days, continually teaching about the Kingdom of Heaven. The 40th day, Jesus was eating, drinking and speaking among His followers. At this time, Jesus had "commanded" His disciples "that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but should wait for the promise of the father, which you have heard by my mouth". After all was spoken to His followers, Acts. 1:9 states "and when he had said these things, while they looked on, he was raised up: and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Can we imagine the thoughts of the apostles as Jesus rose into Heaven? He was leaving them but they remembered his words: "I will be with you always". Do we feel that Jesus has left us? Are there problems we feel we can't solve alone? Sure, 2000 years ago Jesus worked miracles for His followers but is He available to me, today? Yes, he is and I think this story may illustrate that he will always be with us.

One evening, a father who live in suburb of New York, said to his 10- year old son, "I want you to join me at my office next week. We'll take the subway and you can spend some time seeing how I spend my day. Then you'll come home yourself so you can get acquainted with travelling by subway." The boy was a bit apprehensive about the prospect of coming home alone but his father assured him he would be fine.

On the morning they left, his father explained all the details of the trip to New York and gave him in written, detailed of instructions for returning. After boarding the train, his father showed him the maps post in the cars which identified all the stops. He explained that when they change trains, the next train would be waiting for their arrival. Everything went smoothly and they arrived in New York as planned. However, the young lad was still apprehensive as his father took

him back to the station for the return trip home. He had the instructions he had his father's assurance he would do fine but he still worried.

As he waved goodbye to his father and boarded the train, he immediately went to the section where the maps were located. Sure enough, all the stops were outlined. He got off at the correct station and, just as his father promised, the other train was waiting on the next ramp. He boarded and as he again studied the map, he was relieved to see his "home" station was just 6 stops away. Now, he felt more confident. When the train approached his station, he got up, stood in front of the exit door and when it opened, he breathed a sigh of relief...he had made it.

His mother was there to meet him and as he turned toward the rear of the train, he saw her waving to him. He walked back toward her suddenly, he saw his father leaving the car right behind him. His father had been with him all the time. There had not been any need to worry. His father took his arm and said, "Son you know I will always be with you when you need me." As he locked arms with mother and father, a very confident, happy young man knew he was surrounded by those who loved him.

The parents here can relate very easily with the father of the father of the young boy. Would, you ever leave your child unprotected? If we feel that way, don't you think Jesus is even more committed to our well-being, I think it's very important for us, particularly the young people, to understand that no matter what problem may be, no matter the circumstances, Jesus has promised he will help us.

The greatest gift he left for us to help us is the gift of the Holy Spirit whose feast we anticipate to celebrate next Sunday. The same Holy Spirit that we all received on the day of our baptism and confirmation. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are still active in the life of the Church and in the individual members of the Church. (They are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord). Let us keep vigil throughout the course of the week and invite the Holy Spirit to take control of the events in our lives, especially in this time of confusion, stress, and hard times in our world.

We pray saying: Come Holy Ghost creator come, from thy bright heavenly throne, come take possession of our souls, and make us of thy own.

Next Monday we celebrate one of our national holidays of our Country called Memorial Days. A day set apart for us to remember and honor all those who have sacrificed their lives in various ways for the good of our nation. A country that does not honor heroes is not worth dying for. These people include all those in forces (army, police fire service, scientists, medical experts, farmers, teachers, dedicated parents, and hard-working young people). We owe so much to them. We are rejoicing and living on their toils. The heroic lives have paved the way for a good life for us today. Their sacrificial lives should be a great example for us to do our best for our nation. May God reward them and give them a peaceful rest with God and the saints. May they rest in perfect peace with the Lord.

Fr. Bakyor Francis.