

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 5, 2020

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	July 7	07:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	July 9	07:00 pm	SJV	Floyd & Ruth Schmania ☩
SAT	July 11	05:00 pm	SJV	Norma Bromell ☩ Donald Erzen ☩
SUN	July 12	09:00 am	STL	Mary Gwartney ☩

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 30-45 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, 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 were \$845. Last week's on-line collection was \$179.22. 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!

FINANCE COUNTERS: Please resume the counting schedule. If you are uncomfortable with counting, please contact Karen Logan at 913-683-2406.

THE LEAVEN NEWSPAPER: The Archbishop mandates that each registered household of the Archdiocese receive the Leaven Newspaper. The cost of each family subscription is \$21.00 per year. This amounts to \$3,549.00 due from our parish. We understand that budgets are tight at this time, but it would be very much appreciated if each family could contribute the \$21.00 to help defray the cost due the parish. The money may be mailed to the rectory, or put in the collection basket and labeled "Leaven". Thank you for your understanding and generosity.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

"SPECIAL ONLINE LOURDES VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE EXPERIENCE" July 18th at 10 AM. If you **sign up by July 9th**, you get Lourdes Water, a third class relic image of the Grotto at Lourdes and a blessed candle. It is approved by the Pope as a real inperson visit to Lourdes so you get his "Extraordinary Plenary Indulgence"
<https://lourdesvolunteers.org/online-lourdes-virtual-pilgrimage-experience-2/>

XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Xavier Catholic Preschool presents Activity Time! This free event is open to public and will feature stories, science, crafts and fun. Event dates are July 17 and July 28 starting at 9 a.m. Our preschool teachers will be on hand to host the activities for the children and their parent. Group size is limited and all participants will be screened. Register now by calling 913-682-1943 or on our Xavier website at <https://leavenworthcatholicsschools.org/admissions/enrollment-events>.

POUSTINIA DESERT WEEKEND will be held **July 17th** at 5:30 pm through **July 19th** at 4:30 pm at Christ's Peace House of Prayer. Join us for this special "Poustinia" weekend. We will start the weekend off with a teaching about what a Poustinia is and how to enter into it though the words of Catherine de Hueck Doherty. Saturday will be a "Poustinia" day of prayer and fasting alone. The group will come together on Sunday for Mass and to share the fruit of their experience and what they will take back with them into the world. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$170 or Guest Rooms: \$100. To attend, send an email to: info@christspeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

CHRIST'S PEACE PRAYER GROUP: WEDNESDAY'S AT 6:30 PM
This is a special announcement for St. Joseph/St. Lawrence Parishioners: The Lord wants to speak to you. Do you know how to listen to his voice? Join us this summer on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm as we prayerfully read the gospel for the upcoming Sunday and learn to listen to the Lord. The

meetings will take place at Christ's Peace House of Prayer, 22131 Meagher Rd, Easton, KS 66020. RSVP 913-773-8255.

CONSECRATION TO MARY SMALL GROUP RETREAT will be held Sunday, **July 12th** from 1pm-4:30pm - Introduction and Orientation Meeting Sunday's (**July 19 - August 16**) from 6:30pm - 8pm - Weekly Group Meetings at Christ's Peace House of Prayer. You are invited to sign-up for this special 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration on the Feast of the Assumption using Fr. Michael Gaitley's 33 Days to Morning Glory. For six weeks, we'll individually read about and reflect on four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Pope John Paul II. They'll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. In our weekly meetings, we'll share our insights within our small group and then watch a 30-minute video. If you're looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed, develop a deeper relationship with Our Merciful Savior, and grow in holiness, join us for 33 Days to Morning Glory Small Group Retreat. To attend, send an email to: info@christspeace.com or call 913.773.8255 (prior to June 26th to be included in the book order). Cost: \$20-\$30 for books.

BIRTHRIGHT OF LEAVENWORTH, INC. has re-opened and we are observing our regular hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10am to 1:30pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30pm to 8pm. We are helping families with baby clothes, diapers and wipes and formula. We can also do a pregnancy test for any woman who needs it. All our services are free and confidential. We are located at 221-A Delaware; we're on the alley side of the Leavenworth Landing between the back of the B&B Movie Theater and Tampico Restaurant. Look for the blue awning over our door.

ABORTION: ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE HORRORS OF A HOLOCAUST A few years ago, there were two news stories dealing with the horrors of the Holocaust. One quoted Israel prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu saying that “Never again will the threat of the annihilation hang over our children.” Marvelous words, but what about the whole generation of children being murdered by abortion?

Another news story recalling the horrors of Hitler's Germany had a quote by a noted author Ernest Michel. “It (the Holocaust) remains the only example of the systematic destruction of people that was officially sanctioned by a nation's government.” Wrong! Our government sanctions abortions, the destruction of babies. Out of every two children you see playing together, there is a friend missing - dead because of abortion. No one can tell me one minute that baby in the womb is only “Tissue” and upon birth it is suddenly a baby. It's a baby from the moment of conception and we are killing them. Let's stop the killing now.

WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS – JUL 30. Let us commit ourselves to stop criminals from exploiting people for profit and help trafficking victims rebuild their lives. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. **VISIT LINK:** (www.sistersagainsttrafficking.org) USCSAHT is a 501© 3 organization. 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131

WORTHY OF HEAVEN "NOVENA RETREAT" In 2015, Louis and Zelig Martin became the first married couple to be canonized together. These saints lived lives of extraordinary virtue, but they dealt with many of the same struggles that we all experience in our everyday, modern lives. Join us for prayer and short, relevant reflections on marriage based on the lives of Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin. Reflections will be sent via email for nine consecutive days. To end the day before the Martins' feast on July 12th, participants should register on July 3rd, but the retreat is available any time. Register for free here: <https://www.archkck.org/novenaretreat>

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)

NEW FOSTER CARE WEBSITE: You can make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children in Kansas! Sadly, every day in Kansas, children are removed from their homes by no fault of their own for a variety of reasons. Each of these children is a precious, unique gift from God who deserves a loving and safe environment where he or she can THRIVE! Because care of the orphan and works of mercy are part of the mission for all baptized Catholics, the Church is the solution to an overwhelmed Kansas foster system which is facing increased needs due to COVID-19.

Please visit the new Archdiocesan Foster Care Ministry Website at www.archkcks.com/foster to learn how you can help vulnerable children in our community and support the families who have answered the call to love and protect these children. If you are currently fostering or have adopted your child/ren from foster care, we want to connect with you to support you on your journey! Please join the Archdiocesan Foster Family by registering here: www.archkck.org/fostercaredatabase

VOTER REGISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENT One of key tenets of being a faithful Catholic is faithful citizenship. Every Kansas State Representative and State Senator office will be on the ballot in 2020. One of the most effective ways to ensure fair and just public policy (laws) is by electing people into office who share Catholic values and the ultimate goal of serving the common good. In order to participate in the upcoming August 4th Kansas State Primary Election, citizens must be registered to vote by July 14th. To register, please visit: www.kansasatholic.org. It is important to register especially if you recently turned 18, recently moved, have not voted in recent elections, or if you are unsure if you have registered in the past. Registering to vote ensures that you are able to vote and that you are voting at the correct polling location.

VIRTUAL 3-DAY WORKSHOP: Pornography & Unwanted Sexual Behavior. There is a Virtual 3-Day Catholic workshop coming up for men struggling with pornography and sexual behavior problems on **July 9-11** with Fr. Sean Kilcawley, Dr. Todd Bowman, Michael Ciaccio, MS, LPC, SATP, and Sam Meier, MA, LPC, CSAT candidate. There have been over 10 My House Workshops in Kansas City, and we are excited to offer this workshop virtually during these trying times with COVID-19. Many people are struggling with increased pornography use and unwanted sexual behaviors during COVID-19. Dr. Todd Bowman is a talented psychologist who is also part of the clinical team at Bethesda Workshops in Nashville, and they recently conducted a virtual workshop. Fr. Sean Kilcawley is a national presenter on “Theology of the Body” and protecting families from pornography, who has been through the PSAP training. A flyer for the workshop is included, and there is registration information and a professional video at <https://centerforhealingkc.com/myhouse/my-house-workshops> The My House workshop has Catholic spirituality and clinical content that is similar to the Bethesda Workshops in TN, and the Faithful and True Workshops in MN.

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.

CONSECRATION TO MARY CEREMONY AND CELEBRATION

RETREAT will be held Friday, **August 14th** at 5:30pm - Sunday, **August 16th** at 4:30pm at Christ's Peace House of Prayer. Come spend a weekend dedicated to Mary and make/renew your Marian Consecration on the Feast of the Assumption! Don't forget to start your 33 day renewal preparation on July 13th or join our small group. There will be Marian conferences, a special Consecration to Mary Ceremony and Celebration, 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). Day Guests are also welcome for the Ceremony and Celebration. To attend, send an email to: info@christspeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

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.

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>

CAMP TEKAWITHA IS OPEN

Faith, Fun and Friends. Camp Tekakwitha is Open; Sign Up at ARCHKCK.ORG. Kids need fresh air, friendly smiles, fun activities and to talk about the big ideas in their heart, mind and soul. That is Camp Tekakwitha!! We are operating in correspondence with social distance guidelines, CDC and ACA guidelines.

“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.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (7/5/2020)

Texts. First Reading. Zech. 9:9-10.

Second Reading. Rom. 8:9,11-13.

Third Reading. Mtt.11:25-30.

Theme: Come and find Rest with me.

Congregation" St. Joseph- St. Lawrence Parish, Easton- Kansas.

Dear friends, I hope you are all still keeping safe with the COVID 19 virus. I am always glad to hear that you are all keeping safe and well. This evening we celebrate the 14th Sunday in Ordinary. Our reflection is from the Gospel of St. Matthew. It is one of the regular and common readings we use for the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick. It is an invitation from Jesus not to carry our burdens alone but to York it with Him.

Our modern society has been plagued by Stress and Depression. Stress is the cause and depression is the condition or consequence. Stress lasts for a few days, but depression can last for a long time.

Stress happens when there are tensions, pressures, threats, or demands, that you feel you are unable to cope with. These tensions, pressures, threats, or demands can come from outside you or from within you. When we are stressed, we feel anxious, uneasy, tense, fearful or panicky, just thinking about unpleasant situations, people or events. Too much stress causes damage and dysfunction to our body, mind and spirit.

There are so many things to get done each day at work, in school, taking care of family, errands, or cleaning the house etc. We can be stressed by a long ill health. Sometimes we get stressed by unhealthy relationship from friends and family members. Big disappointments from our love ones also brings us stress and depression. While being busy and productive is good, we need to also remember how important and even biblical it is to rest.

St. Augustine tells us that our souls can find on rest until it rests in Christ. Our ultimate rest as Christians is found in Christ. Christ invites all who labor and are burdened to come to Him, and cast our cares on Him. He meant that we

should take our burdens to Him, offer them to Him, and talk to Him about Him, asking for a solution.

In our Gospel, there is an imperative invitation from Jesus; Come!!! Surprisingly, it is an offer, but I see it more of an order. Jesus does not want us to hesitate. He needs us with our hearts, minds, souls, and strengths. It is only in Christ that we can find our complete rest, from the cares of the world, from the sorrows that plague us, and from the need to work to make ourselves acceptable to Him. In him we find complete rest from the labors of our self-effort, because He alone is holy and righteous. Jesus gives us an offer so that we can be refreshed (1Cor.16:18).

Are you tired? Are you wearied? Are you stressed? Are you depressed? Are you frustrated? Are you disappointed by a loved one? Are you suffering from the pain of sickness or decease? Have you lost you dear one? Have you lost your job?

Jesus is giving us an offer to have rest for our souls. Let us not miss the opportunity. Oh that day today you would listen to his voice, harden not you hearts.

Fr. Francis Bakyor.