

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 16, 2020

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Aug. 18	07:00 pm	STL	For Our Priests and Deacons
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	Aug. 20	07:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	Aug. 22	05:00 pm	STL	Irene Schmidling †
SUN	Aug. 23	09:00 am	STL	Jack Rogers †

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, 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 \$2,410, including \$25 for the Leaven, \$100 for rent, \$40 for utilities and \$5 for Mission Co-op. Last week's on-line collection was \$328.85. 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!

**NOTE: MASS LOCATION CHANGE for AUG. 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Typically Saturday night masses are held at SJV but for those dates only – we will celebrate them at St. Lawrence. Please join us as our second graders receive their First Holy Communion.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Our 2nd graders are finally getting to receive their First Holy Communion. They will receive the Eucharist in small groups on **August 15, 16, 22 & 23rd**. All the masses will be celebrated at St Lawrence.

Our first group, this weekend: on Saturday **August 15** will include: Lane Coppinger, John Paul Peltzer, Addalee Shoemaker & Kohen Urban. The following children will receive First Communion on Sunday, **August 16:** Gunnar Pohl, Abe Heim & Broxton Navinsky.

Our second group, next weekend: on Saturday, **August 22<sup>nd</sup>** will include: Harper Schmalstieg, Natalie Heim, Kevin Adaline, Mitchell Waters, & Lily Bryan. For Sunday, **August 23rd-** Jax Martin, Blayke Roggenkamp & Lane Green.

Please pray for them on this important occasion.

**PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES** from the parishioners of St. Joseph-St. Lawrence Parish to the family of Richard Heim, who passed away recently. May he rest in peace.

## OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

**XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Enrollment is open for preschool through eighth grade. It is our plan to return to on-campus learning. Check our website for more information. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Forge, at 913-682-7801.

### 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.

**FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT AND ELECTIONS:** As the election draws near, we are hearing more and more about health care, education, the war on terrorism, and other important topics. All of these are, to be sure, very important. However, the most important topic is the one that few people (particularly politicians) want to talk about: abortion. One might ask, "But how is abortion more important than quality education?" Easy. A child

cannot receive a quality education once he/she is aborted. It is certainly a noble goal to ensure that every child receives a quality education, but when one-third of children die before they reach kindergarten, we have failed in providing them with a quality education.

The same is true for other issues. Certainly children should have access to proper health care, but why is health care important? Health care is important because we value human life and seek to protect it from harm. Abortion, conversely, says that the purpose of health care is to destroy life, not to nurture it. In short, every humanitarian goal (and there are many of them) rests on the premise of the value and protection of human life.

**ATTEND THE FOSTER MINISTRY FAIR** to help vulnerable children and the families who care for them! We all have heard how the Kansas foster care system is overwhelmed. There are currently 7,500 children in care and only approximately 2,000 foster families. Unfortunately, the need is expected to grow due to effects of the pandemic and as vulnerable children come back into the public eye when schools open again this fall. The Church is the solution to this crisis! We are confident our Catholic community will respond once we all become aware of the need and the many ways to help. Join parish leaders and members to learn more about the resources available to make a difference in the lives of so many children in our communities. **Foster Care Ministry Fair:** Thursday, **August 27**, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Offered via Zoom AND in-person at: Savior Pastoral Center, Keleher Conference Room, 12601 Parallel Pkwy, KCK. Zoom registrants will receive a link before the event. Registration is required for both in-person and virtual participation: <https://archkck18.wufoo.com/forms/r18111q0mpkg57/>. Please visit our new website at [www.archkcks.com/foster](http://www.archkcks.com/foster) to learn more and see the resources available. Contact Debra Niesen at [dniesen@archkck.org](mailto:dniesen@archkck.org) with any questions.

**BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & TRAINING** Birthright Volunteers offer hope, understanding and love to women distressed by pregnancy. We help them evaluate their situation, look at resources and discover how they can give life to their babies. For 34 years Birthright of Leavenworth, Inc. has been helping women in this area carry their babies to term. If you are interested in being a Birthright Volunteer, we will be having a training wearing masks or social distancing when appropriate. We are practicing safety measures at the Birthright center. For more information or to sign up for orientation call Margaret McNamee 913-991-7660.

**ST. BENEDICT WORK AND HOLINESS RETREAT:** Conferences about the rule and life of St. Benedict, **Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>**. There will be conferences, time to work on various projects around the retreat center, 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.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING:** Catholic Sisters around the world are working to combat human trafficking. Google TALITHA KUM and learn about networks. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. VISIT THE LINK> ([www.sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://www.sistersagainstrafficking.org)) USCSAHT is a 501© 3 organization. 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131

**PLEASE** – 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)**

**FATIMA MOVIE RELEASE:** The new movie Fatima, Inspired by the True Story is scheduled to be released on August 28. A powerful and uplifting drama about the power of faith, Fatima tells the story of a 10-year old shepherd and her two young cousins in Fatima, Portugal, who report seeing visions of the Virgin Mary. Their revelations inspire believers but anger officials of both the Church and the secular government, who try to force them to recant their story. As word of their prophecy spreads, tens of thousands of religious pilgrims flock to the site in hopes of witnessing a miracle. What they experience will change their lives forever. You may view the trailer at [www.fatimamovie.com](http://www.fatimamovie.com).

**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](mailto:admin@fertilitycarekc.com) or [pwhite@fertilitycarekc.com](mailto:pwhite@fertilitycarekc.com).

**PROJECT CHRYSALIS** is a ministry offering hope through Sacred Scripture and community to parents/grandparents who have lost a child or grandchild. While this ministry is not a bereavement group, our mission is to offer support and hope through scripture in a time of transformation. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday **August 25** from 7:00-8:15 p.m. both in person and online via Zoom. Msgr. Tom Tank will be our guest speaker. We will meet in the St. Mark Room in the lower level of Church of the Ascension, 9510 W. 127th St in Overland Park. For those joining us online, we will email each of you with the Zoom link and assist you in getting set up for our meeting. For more information, contact Dcn. Ken Billinger at 913-634-4210 or email [kbillinger@archkck.org](mailto:kbillinger@archkck.org). The group is open to parents or grandparents who have lost a child.

**ONLINE AD ALTARE DEI CLASSES**, NOW FORMING FOR CATHOLIC BOYS AND GIRLS (ages 13-18) IN NON-CATHOLIC CHARTERED TROOPS FOR FALL 2020! In a special outreach ministry delivered through live, online classes (via Zoom), the Catholic Committee on Scouting in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, is offering the opportunity to Scouts in non-Catholic units throughout the Archdiocese to fulfill his or her Duty to God and earn the Catholic Religious Award. We are very excited to offer this first-of-its-kind class. To learn more, and to register, visit [www.archkck.org/scouting-home](http://www.archkck.org/scouting-home). Classes start in September.

**“COPING WITH LIFE ALONE” - PEER-TO-PEER GRIEF SUPPORT** – NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE! Easy - requires Internet access to join! "Coping with Life Alone ®" is a Beginning Experience ® grief support program that meets each week for 8 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. Upcoming program dates: Saturdays, **Sept. 12th through Oct. 31st**, from 1:00 to 3:00pm. This session will be held online using Zoom. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for more information and required **registration by September 1st**.

**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/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 ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** Join us on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, **Sept 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a traditional, in-person, experience at the Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas. The option for a Virtual Weekend Experience, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, will be offered in conjunction with the scheduled traditional, in-person weekend. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit [www.wmwe4youandme.org](http://www.wmwe4youandme.org), or call/email Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net).

**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

 **RESOURCES** 

**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.

**“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.

**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](http://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](http://www.archkck.org/fostercaredatabase)

**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).

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM - ADULT TRAINING (VIRTUS)**

Effective Immediately In light of the current health conditions, one prudent and preventative measure we are taking is to make the VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults training available Online as an option. Effective immediately, due to COVID-19, the Archdiocesan requirement for attending a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults workshop live session will be suspended and the option of the online version of the module can be offered in lieu of live training. This is a temporary safety precaution, and parishes may still offer the live training session available as an option if they prefer as long as the local county and state ordinances in effect at the time of the event are followed. Please note, the training must still be completed prior to participants working around youth, but the requirement may now temporarily be met by completing the online Protecting God's Children module. Individuals needing to attend a session will be offered the option of the online module at the time of registration. They will still need to follow the background screening and policy completion process at the time of registration. Individuals who are already currently registered for an upcoming live session, may log back into their account and change to the online module. These procedures will be reviewed and updated periodically as needed and are in place to protect you, those you work with, and your family. Please stay safe and healthy and continue to pray for all our brothers and sisters in Christ! We are praying for all of you and your families. If you have questions, please contact Sandy Vielhauer at [svielhauer@archkck.org](mailto:svielhauer@archkck.org) or Jenifer Valenti at [jvalenti@archkck.org](mailto:jvalenti@archkck.org). May God bless you and keep you safe.

**PLANNED GIVING BRIEF:** Our Catholic Church has spanned the centuries and the globe and through all previous pandemics and disasters has been a source of charity to all through its parish priests and religious. We invite you to make a grateful response to God for these gifts by planning a deferred gift to your parish. Visit [CatholicPlannedGiving.org](http://CatholicPlannedGiving.org) to learn how to accept this invitation.

## Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (8/15/2020)

### Texts:

First Reading: Rev. 11:19a, 12:1-6, 10ab

Second Reading: 1Cor. 15:20-27

Third Reading: Lk. 1:39-56

Theme: Mary Queen of Heaven and Earth

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

Just imagine that you were the President of this Great Nation. What honor will you give to your parents, especially your mother in the White House where you will be living? You will probably give them/her a very comfortable place where they/she will feel at home with you when you are around. We all owe so much to our mothers who have carried us 12 months in their wombs. Caring for us with our daily needs for years until we are on our own. What we are in life is very much the making of our mothers. Thus, we give them special place in our lives.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today the Church rejoices together celebrating the great occasion of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. On this day, we gather together to remember the glory and honor which the Lord gave to His beloved Mother, Mary, Blessed Ever Virgin, who has received graces and blessings beyond all other women and all other children of God. This feast is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics in the United States. January 1 is the feast of Mary the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

What is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary? In order to understand this word, first of all we must distinguish it from the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into heaven. For at the Assumption, declared in the year 1950 to be a dogma of the church but has been believed since time immemorial refers to the moment when Mary was bodily assumed in the body and spirit, into the glory of heaven without passing through the process of death.

This is different from the Ascension in that, while the Lord ascended into heaven by His own power, glory and majesty, and by His own will, Mary was assumed into heaven by the grace and the will of God, and not by her own will and power. The Assumption of Mary was widely acknowledged by the Church teachings and tradition for many years before it was formally announced as a dogma in 1950, because of the church fathers' teachings on Mary, as the mother of God.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. The feast was celebrated under various names, commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption, from at least the fifth and sixth century. Today it is celebrated as solemnity.

Scriptures does not give account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as

God's people. Since Mary embodies the people of both Old and New Testament, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Since Mary is associated closely with all the mysteries of Christ's life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and in heaven.

Today with universal Church, we affirm our belief that Mary, the Mother of God is the perfect model of Christian life; who was preserved from the corruption of the grave and who is the Queen of heaven and earth.

On this Solemnity, we are reminded that our destiny lies beyond the grave and each day we are being called to destiny. For that reason, we said these words in our Opening Prayer: "Always attentive to the things that are above, may we merit to be sharers of Mary's glory".

We cannot assume that we will go to heaven. We must strive daily to cooperate with the Lord's grace so that we may be prepared on the day He calls us to Himself. Mary shows us the way, Like her, we must, "proclaim the goodness of the lord and rejoice in God our Savior. Like her, we must with profound trust say daily: "Let it be done to me according to your word." In other words, as humble and faithful disciples our souls must magnify –not ourselves, but the One is Lord, the Son of God, the Son of Mary.

How blessed are we that from the cross he gave Mary to us as our Mother to guide us on our earthly journey and to the ultimate goal for which we long. Just yesterday we celebrated the Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe who offered us this sound advice: We should let ourselves be guided by Mary and rest quiet and secure in her hands. She will watch out for us, provide for us; answer our needs of body and spirit and dissolve all our difficulties and worries" Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, pray for us today and always.

Now brothers and sisters in Christ, as we reflect on this great Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, can we reflect on our own lives as well? Are we able to think through our every actions and deeds, all that we may have done in contrary of God's will, and caused by our greed and by our own wickedness? All these things that had led us into sin against God?

Let us all turn therefore towards God, and devote our whole attention to Him from now on, if we have no done so. Let us all look towards Mary, the Mother of our God, by whose intercessions, we have been helped each and every single days of our life. Let us all imitate her examples, her piety and commitment to God, that we may also one day share in the same glory that God has given Mary, His Mother most blessed among women and most faithful among men.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, whom your Son has willed that you be worthy of assumption into glorious heaven, in body and soul, our beloved mother and guide, pray us all sinners, now and always and at the hour of our death. Intercede for us during this time of great stress, fear, anxiety and pain with this dreadful pandemic decease.

Amen.

Fr. Francis Bakyor.