WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

"Two Churches, One Parish"

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 20, 2020

St. Joseph of the Valley: 31151 207th Street, (Rural) Leavenworth, KS 66048
St. Lawrence: 211 West Riley, Easton, KS 66020
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	*Sept 22*	*07:00 pm*	*STL*	*The End of Abortion*
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.- CANCELLED				
THUR	*Sept 24*	*07:00 pm*	*SJV*	*Parishioners of SJ-SL*
SAT	*Sept 26*	*05:00 pm*	*SJV*	*Irene Schmidling ✞*
SUN	*Sept 27*	*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-stjosephst. Please see online info for restrictions and guidance.

Please pray for the sick, especially: Phil Bell, Susie Beying, Jennifer Brushwood, Carl Davidson, George Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Vince Eimer, Tom Flack, Tina Gaspard, Ronnie Gast, Alan Halstead, Marly 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 was $3005, to include $845 for the regular collection, $25 for Mt. Olivet Cemetery, $50 memorial, $30 mass stipend and a different memorial of $2,055. Last week's on-line collection was $184.23. 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 the upkeep of the parish through online or mail services. God loves a cheerful donations for 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!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: We are soliciting volunteers who would like to serve as our Parish Director of Religious Education (DRE), leading the effort to teach our children about their Catholic faith. The DRE performs a number of crucial functions: coordinating CCD enrollment and the necessary paperwork, developing the CCD calendar, recruiting and assisting teachers and other volunteers, working with the Archdiocese and teachers in curriculum development and resource procurement, communicating with parents and the parish council, and ensuring all teachers are Virtus trained. Please prayerfully consider this incredibly fulfilling role within our parish. We are also open to co-DREs if that is an approach that works for you. The parish council does not anticipate starting CCD classes before October, allowing the new DRE time to prepare. If you are interested please contact: Jason Nichols, phone: 913-683-2661 or email: jnichols@dfamilk.com OR Sharon Wagner, phone: 913-683-4495 or email: w5cattle@aol.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: We are searching for a volunteer to clean the rectory twice a month. POC is Sharon Wagner, phone: 913-683-4495 or email: w5cattle@aol.com.

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER: Betty Pierron will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on **Oct. 1st.** If you would like to honor her on this occasion, please send her a birthday card, letter, photos, and other good wishes, to Betty Pierron, 5150 Hughes Road, Apt #3, Leavenworth, KS 66048. Happy Birthday Mrs. Pierron!

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

ABORTIONIST HAS TERRIFYING VISION AT MEDJUGORJE, CONVERTS ON THE SPOT: In 2011, an unlikely group of non-religious abortionist doctors found themselves visiting the most active Catholic apparition site in the world, Medjugorje. One of the doctors, a gynecologist in her sixties, had personally performed 1000s of abortions. But her life suddenly changed after having a supernatural vision on Apparition Hill!

The group was led by Valentina, a young woman from Ukraine. She had had her own conversion experience while visiting Medjugorje for the first time in 2007, and since then had been leading pilgrimages there. Inspired by Bl. Mother Teresa, Valentina had also dedicated herself to serving the sick poor. Her work got her connected with her local medical community, which led to her inviting the group of doctors to Medjugorje. An important part of their time in Medjugorje was climbing to the top of Apparition Hill, one of the first places Mary is said to have appeared to the child visionaries in 1981. That's when something incredible happened.

"I had scarcely put my foot down on the hill," the abortionist later explained, according to Mystic Post, "when everything changed before my eyes. "The rocks disappeared. The hill was suddenly covered with the bones and skulls of all the babies I had aborted over forty years. "Look at these hands!" she cried out, stretching out her hands before the group. "Here are the hands which killed an entire city!"

With that, the doctor was done with abortions. Many of the other doctors in her group also had conversion experiences. In all, Valentina has taken somewhere around 400 abortion doctors to Medjugorje in the last few years. Whatever you make of the alleged visionaries, stories of conversion are always something to celebrate! Pray for the conversion of abortionists!

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. JOSEPH "PLAN B" BAZAAR: After all Masses the weekend of **September 26 and 27.** Sept 26 4:00 pm at St. Joseph and 5:30 pm at Immaculate Conception; and Sept 27 8:00 am at St. Joseph and 10:30 am at Immaculate Conception. Purchase BBQ Sack Suppers for only $6.00, which includes a sandwich, chips, pickle, and cookies! We will sell until they are gone. Their poster is at the end of this bulletin.

FALL 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Join us for the Kick-off Rally of the Fall 40 Days for Life on **September 23rd** at 9:00 a.m. outside the Center for Women's Health abortion facility, 4840 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS.40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-Day campaign that seeks to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. We are praying for BOTH surgical abortion facilities in Overland Park to close. The vigil runs **Sept 23rd – Nov 1st** from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. daily. Sign up individually or register a group at 40daysforlife.com/overlandpark to be a part of this powerful prayer mobilization. Contact Wendy Curtis at 816.765.9477 with questions. Together we will protect women and save lives!

VOTER REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020 ELECTION

Election Day is Tuesday, **November 3rd 2020**. In order to be able to vote, you must be registered. The deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, **October 13th.** You can register at www.kdor.ks.gov/Apps/VoterReg. It is important to register especially if you recently turned 18, recently moved or had a name change, have not voted in recent elections, or if you are unsure if you have registered.

As Catholics, we are called not simply to vote, but to be well informed voters who in casting our ballots apply the moral principles and priorities of our Faith. The Catholic Church does not tell its members how to vote. At the same time, it is the responsibility of the Church to help form the consciences of her members to understand the principles and priorities that should guide their decisions as voters. Please see Archbishop Naumann's statement on the moral responsibility of voting, at www.archkck.org/prolife. The USCCB's Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship can be found at: http://www.usccb.org/issues-andaction/faithful-citizenship/index.cfm.

XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL is excited to announce that our 2020-2021 school year has begun! We are learning in-person and we still have limited space available in both our preschool and kindergarten - eighth grade classes. If you would like more information about enrollment please contact Lisa Forge at 913-682-7801.

Xavier Catholic School is looking for substitute teachers for the Fall semester. If you are interested in working with talented children and staff at our Xavier K - 8 campus or at our extended care program please contact the school office 913-682-3135.

***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 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)

JOYFUL HOMES is a new initiative designed to carry the spirit of the Convocation into our families. As the families of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in KS, we will be getting honest about the joys and struggles in our lives and serious about making one small change each month to invite more God-- more JOY into our homes. Will you join us? Get started with September's challenge at: www.archkcks.org/intentional

OPEN GATE SERIES AT PRAIRIE STAR RANCH Did you know that Prairie Star Ranch, home of Camp Tekakwitha, is open year-round? Are you looking for opportunities to get out of the house and enjoy some COVID-friendly time together as a family? On select Saturdays in the months of September and October, the gates of Prairie Star Ranch will be open for families to enjoy some casual, open-air fun. Come fish (bring your own poles!), picnic, hike, and more! On each Open Gate day, a different staff-facilitated camp activity will be offered for a small fee. Otherwise, the experience is free, and donations are welcome. Gates will be open from 10am to 4pm, and no registration is required. Upcoming Open Gate Days include **Sept. 26th, and Oct. 3rd & Oct. 10th.** For a full schedule of event dates, the staff-facilitated activity for each weekend, our COVID-19 precautions and more, visit our website at archkck.org/ranch.

PROJECT CHRYSALIS is a ministry offering hope through Sacred Scripture and community to parents or 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 **September 28th** from 7:00-8:15p.m. both in person and online via Zoom. Fr. Dan Morris is 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 more information and the Zoom invitation link, contact Deacon Ken Billinger at 913-634-4210 or email kbillinger@archkck.org. The group is open to parents who have lost a child or grandparents who have lost a grandchild.

SCHOOL OF LOVE "AMORE" 2020 BENEFIT
This year's Amore is now partly a digital "hybrid" event. That means you can view it online via live-stream, or you can join live in-person (safely, drive in style) at the filming with food, live music, and others. (Friends can gather in parking parties!) But however you join us you must sign up. Sign up is FREE, BUT NECESSARY. **September** 26th, 7:00-10:30pm (In person parking will open at 6:00pm), at 103rd & Mastin St. - Overland Park, Featuring Mikey Needleman Band. Mr. P'z Bar & Grill - car-side drive-in menu will be available

A VIRTUAL DAY OF SPIRITUAL REFRESHMENT FOR CAREGIVERS:
Caregiving is a holy vocation that truly imitates the loving example of Jesus Christ. But it is not an easy activity, and it can take a toll on the very people who bring great blessings to others. Fatigue, depression, frustration – these and other effects can wear down the most conscientious caregiver, especially during the unprecedented times in which we are living. Presented by Maureen Pratt, Catholic Author and Speaker, Saturday **October 3**, 2020, from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Special Needs Ministry. For more information and to register go to www.archkck.org/special-needs.

OCTOBER RESPECT LIFE
Each October the Church celebrates Respect Life Month, when we pray, reflect and become engaged in building a culture that cherishes every human life. This year's theme, "Live the Gospel of Life", was chosen to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's prophetic pro-life encyclical, Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life). As Catholics, may we always strive to "see in every human face the face of Christ" (EV81) and treat each person as we would treat Christ Himself. Please join us for a special celebration with Archbishop Naumann on Respect Life Sunday. Sunday, **October 4** at 11:00 a.m. St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1086 N. 94th St. Kansas City KS. There will be an outdoor reception after Mass, weather-permitting.

"EVERY DAY IN LOVE" "These skills were a lifesaver for our marriage during this pandemic!" These past few months have been so stressful. Do you and your spouse have the skills to continue to navigate these challenging times? Join Brad and Libby DuPont for 7 Thursday nights (live, online) **starting October 8th**. We'll discover practical ways to: * Pray together * Reconcile hurts * Deal with and share feelings * Communicate * Make decisions * Achieve deeper intimacy * Tap into the grace of our sacrament. To register, go to: www.archkck.org/everyday or email Brad at bdupont@archkck.org

2020 RED MASS
Each year the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, and the Kansas City Lawyer's Guild arrange for the celebration of the Red Mass, where judges, lawyers, law students, law faculty, law enforcement, court personnel, and their families and friends gather together, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we strengthen our resolve to face the challenges of our times. Please mark your calendars for the 2020 Red Mass that will be at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, **October 11**, 2020 at the Cathedral of St Peter the Apostle. Msgr. Stuart Swetland, President, Donnelly College, is the celebrant, homilist. You may attend in person or virtually via livestream link. Please see the below invitation. If you have questions, please email The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas at cfnek@archkck.org or call 913-647-3062. RSVP at www.cfnek.org/redmass

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

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 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

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 .

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 or Jenifer Valenti at 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 to learn how to accept this invitation.

Project Andrew Event for Young Men in High School:
An Invitation from Jesus Christ to "Follow Me"

Jesus Christ is calling you to follow Him. It's a fact. The question which remains is – What does that look like for you? What is it about a relationship with Jesus Christ that has the power to transform a boy into a man - a man who is willing to lay down his life for his friends – as a spiritual father and priest? Join Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Vocation Director Fr. Dan Morris, seminarian George Rhodes, and area priests as together we unpack those two simple but life-giving words of Jesus: *"Follow me"* (Matthew 4:19).

Project Andrew will include a witness talk from an area high school senior, and how he has gone about discerning his vocation these past 4 years. Next you will hear from a seminarian, and how his time in seminary has helped form him into the man God is calling him to be. Third, you will hear insights and highlights from *a day in the life* of one of our newly ordained priests. Last but not least, our own shepherd and successor of the Apostles, Archbishop Naumann, will share his wisdom while leading us in a time of Eucharistic Adoration. Parents are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend, as the parents of one of our seminarians will speak about this calling, and what it has been like to journey with their son from their perspective.

New to ***Project Andrew*** this year, is an invitation to journey with the Vocation Director and area priests – just like Andrew, Simon, James and John did with Jesus. They didn't settle for one encounter with Christ, and you shouldn't either. This high school group will meet regularly at Good Shepherd Parish in Shawnee. There will be formation, prayer, conversation, brotherhood, and developing virtue using books and videos like *The Chosen*, and *Into the Breach*. The goal is to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ in a way that will prepare you to say "Yes" to the vocation God calls you to, whatever that may be.

Project Andrew **is Sunday, September 27 from 1 – 4pm, at Prince of Peace in Olathe, or attend October 4 at St. Joseph in Topeka**. Come and see how your next few years can be more fulfilling, rather than risking being lost in the culture and temptations of the day. This is an invitation every young man should take seriously. Register at https://www.archkck.org/page.aspx?pid=877, or email vocation@archkck.org or call 913-647-0303.

DON'T MISS IT!

ST. JOSEPH PARISH "PLAN B" BAZAAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

AFTER ALL MASSES

(4:00 PM - 5:30 PM - 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM)

You can purchase BBQ sack suppers for only $6.00. Sack includes a sandwich, chips, chocolate chip cookies, and a pickle.

Raffle

$500-1st DRAWING
SJ Stained Glass Window-2nd DRAWING
$350-3rd DRAWING
$250-4th DRAWING
$100-5th DRAWING
Omaha Steak Package-6th DRAWING
$50-7th DRAWING

DRAWING SUNDAY, September 27, 2020
After 10:30 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception
Tickets $1.00 Per Ticket, 6 FOR $5.00

ST. JOSEPH QUILTER'S "Autumn Stars" Queen Size Quilt

DRAWING SUNDAY, September 27, 2020
After 10:30 AM Mass at
Immaculate Conception Church
Tickets $1.00 Per Ticket, 6 for $5

OPEN GATE SERIES

@ Prairie Star Ranch

10 AM TO 4 PM EACH WEEK

AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY SOME OPEN-AIR FUN

With nearly 300 acres to spread out, come enjoy a free, covid-friendly day of leisure and outdoor adventure.

Pack a picnic, catch a fish (bring your own pole), go on a hike, complete our scavenger hunt, and more!

If you would like to make the day extra special, a different staff-facilitated camp activity will be offered each week for a small fee.

SEP 26 — CANOEING
$10 for one hour of canoeing

OCT 03 — ARCHERY
$10 for two rounds of shooting

OCT 10 — HORSES
$20 / Trail Ride (Age 9 and Up)
$10 / Corral Ride (Under 9)

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Attached is the Operating budget accepted by the Finance Committee for the 2020-2021 church year. The past few months and upcoming year have brought on many challenges for each and every one of us, including the parish. Financially this year will be a challenge but we are confident that with the support of all of our parishioners we will persevere.

Thank you for all of your past and future support,

St Joseph- St Lawrence Finance Committee

St. Joseph-St. Lawrence Parish
July 1, 2020- June 30, 2020
Budget

Key:
All budgeted income reflect the minimum amounts needed to cover the already reduced expenses.
Assesments (expenses) set by Archdiocese

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
INCOME FROM PARISH ASSETS	
124 · Interest income	2,000.00
126 · Rental Income	1,000.00
Total 126 · Rental Income	1,000.00
Total INCOME FROM PARISH ASSETS	**3,000.00**
ORDINARY COLLECTIONS	
101 · Envelope Collections	
101a · Online Collections	3,000.00
101 · Envelope Collections - Other	90,000.00
Total 101 · Envelope Collections	93,000.00
102 · Plate Collections	2,500.00
104 · Special parish collections	
104.2 · Utilities	2,500.00
Total 104 · Special parish collections	2,500.00
ORDINARY COLLECTIONS - Other	**0.00**
Total ORDINARY COLLECTIONS	**98,000.00**
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	
109 · Mass stipend-stole fees (Parish	875.00
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - Other	0.00
Total OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	**875.00**
140 · PARISH MINISTRY PROGRAM	
142 · Student fees	1,000.00
Total 140 · PARISH MINISTRY PROGRAM	**1,000.00**
150 · COMMUNICATION APOSTOLATE	
151 · Archdiocesan Newspaper	300.00
150 · COMMUNICATION APOSTOLATE - Other	0.00
Total 150 · COMMUNICATION APOSTOLATE	**300.00**
160 · SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	
160b · FallFest	1,500.00
160d · Summer Fest	6,500.00
161 · Socials receipts - Other	0.00
Total 161 · Socials receipts	**8,000.00**
Total Income	111,175.00

St. Joseph-St. Lawrence Parish
July 1, 2020- June 30, 2020
Budget

Expense	
616 · Maintenance Equip	750.00
619 · Other Equipment	500.00
Total EQUIPMENT CAP EXP	1,250.00
Total CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	1,250.00
PARISH OPERATIONS	
ADMINISTRATION - Other	1,500.00
Total ADMINISTRATION	1,500.00
501 · Utilities	12,000.00
505 · Telephone	
Total 505 · Telephone	2,000.00
Total GENERAL OPERATIONS	14,000.00
INSURANCE	
521 · Ins- Multi Peril	8,500.00
Total INSURANCE	8,500.00
MAINTENANCE	
MAINTENANCE - Other	2,500.00
Total MAINTENANCE	2,500.00
TRAVEL	0.00
580 · OTHER PARISH OPERATIONS	
585 · Cathadratic Tax	6,200.00
589 · Misc operations exp	500.00
580 · OTHER PARISH OPERATIONS - Other	0.00
Total 580 · OTHER PARISH OPERATIONS	6,700.00
PARISH OPERATIONS - Other	0.00
Total PARISH OPERATIONS	33,200.00
LITURGICAL SUPPLIES	
LITURGICAL SUPPLIES - Other	850.00
Total LITURGICAL SUPPLIES	850.00
741 · Archdiocesan Newspapers	3,550.00
Total 740 · COMMUNICATION APOSTOLATE	3,550.00
PARISH PROGRAMMING & SERV - Other	0.00
Total PARISH PROGRAMMING & SERV	4,400.00
PARISH RESP IN ITS MISSION	
WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE	
835 · Pastoral Center	665.00
836 · Christmas Collection	920.00
839 · Priesthood assessment	3,670.00
WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE - Other	0.00
Total WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE	5,255.00
WITHIN THE PARISH	
720 · PARISH MINISTRY SUPPLIES	1,500.00
725 · Books	1,000.00
725a · CCD Expenses	1,500.00
726 · Subscriptions & Publications	600.00
861 · High school education subsidy	12,000.00
Total WITHIN THE PARISH	16,600.00
837 · youth formation assessment	2,475.00
Total PARISH RESP IN ITS MISSION	24,330.00
SALARIES CHURCH	
311 · Pastor - Other	47,500.00
Total 311 · Pastor	47,500.00
313 · Additional Clergy Assistance	500.00
Total SALARIES CHURCH	48,000.00
Total Expense	111,180.00
Net Ordinary Income	-5.00
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (9/20/2020)

Texts:

First Reading. Isaiah. 55:6-9

Second Reading. Phil. 1:20-27

Third Reading. Matt.20:1-16

Theme: Generous God.

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

Dear friends and brothers and sisters,

Warm greetings to you all. Wishing you all good health, and keep staying safe.

Today we celebrate the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Church invites us to reflect on the generosity of God. The Gospel of this Sunday is called the Parable of the Vineyard Workers. But more accurately, it can be called the Parable of the Generous Landowner. His action greatly surprised everyone. How can he give those hired very late in the day the same salary as those who worked the whole day? There seems to be no fairness here. However, fairness is not the issue here. Those hired early were paid the right salary as agreed upon with the owner. Justice has been served. Instead, the issue here is generosity.

It is not always easy to understand the ways of God. In the Gospel parable today (Mt.20:16) we see the workers failing to understand why those who worked just one hour received the same wages as those who worked all day. It reminds us of our futile attempts to understand why some people seemingly have been dealt a better hand than others going through life. Why does God apparently give more blessings to some than to others.

There is an ancient Islamic story about a man searching under a street lamp for a key he dropped. A neighbor saw him searching and joined the search for the key under the street lamp, but he did not find it either. "Where did you drop it?" his neighbor asked. The man said "Down the road there about fifty yards." The neighbor, somewhat puzzled, asked, "Well, why are looking here?

" The man said, "Because there is,

more light here." In our first reading today from the prophet Isaiah god tells us the same thing,

"Yes, the heavens are as high above earth,

as my ways are above your ways,

my thoughts above your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:9)

It is not always easy to understand God's ways. In any case it would be silly to be jealous of others because we only see the outside and we never know what cross others have to carry.

The landowner in the parable understood human nature very well when he said, "Why be envious because I am generous?" {Mt.20:15). Those who worked hard in the heat all day were jealous of those who worked for only one hour and got the same pay. But instead of being envious and jealous of those who have been dealt a better hand than us there is a better attitude, to be grateful for the hand we have been dealt. If you envious of someone, stop for a moment and think of what life might be like if you were living in the same situation of need. If you feel that life has been unfair to you. The Bible has much to teach us to heal our attitudes. In many places the Bible teaches us that we have to give thanks to God at all times in all circumstances. In Eph.5:20 we read, Always, and everywhere, give thanks to God who is our Father". In 1Thes. 5;16-18 We read, "Be happy at all times; pray constantly and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what god expect to do in Christ Jesus. In Col.3:17 we read, "Whatever you say or do, let it be in the name of the lord Jesus, in thanksgiving to the father through him." So even when others prosper or have more success or better chance, what do we do? We can give thanks to God for the blessings he has given to them and the blessings he has given to us.

Another way of looking at this is that if God has blessed others greatly, he also expects much of them. Remember the parable of the Talents (Mt.25:14-30); the one with five talents made five more, the one with two talents made two more. To the one who has been much, much is expected. No matter what good fortune comes to others it really doesn't matter because as followers of Jesus our aim is to use everything for the kingdom of God. In Matt. 6:33 we read, "Seek the kingdom of God first and all these other things will be given you as well"

There is another way I would like to look at this; God has a perfect plan for your life. If others have more than you, it does not mean that God loves you less. God loves each of us specially. In the parable, the landowner-representing God- said, "My friend, I am not unjust to you." (Mt.20:13). God is our friend and is not unjust to us. Think of parents and children. Parents have different relationship with each child but love each child. God deals differently with each of us, because God loves each of us in the way that God knows best for us and his kingdom. The attitude to have is one of trust in God.

"My friend, I am not being unjust to you…I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous."

Peace be with all. Have a good week.

Fr. Francis Bakyor.