

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus  
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 15, 2020

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Nov. 17	06:00 pm	STL	For the Sick
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	Nov. 19	06:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	Nov. 21	05:00 pm	SJV	Rita Heim †
SUN	Nov. 22	09:00 am	STL	Johnny Ivison Jr. †

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

## PLEASE NOTE:

Attendance for Masses is limited. We will be seating every other pew. We must continue to practice social distancing (of at least 6 feet). Masks are required to be worn. We are 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. 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 \$1,246, including \$30 for utilities. Last week's on-line collection was \$303.86. Thank you for your generosity.

**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](mailto:jnichols@dfamilk.com) OR Sharon Wagner, phone: 913-683-4495 or email: [w5cattle@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:w5cattle@aol.com).

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection the weekend of Nov. 22 for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

**NOTE MASS TIME CHANGE:** On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26th, Mass will be held at St. Lawrence at 9:00 AM only. There will be no 6:00 PM service at SJV on that day. We look forward to celebrating with you that day!

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** The Finance Council is happy to announce that the parish will be accepting applications for one or more scholarships for Catholic school (K-16) attendance during the 2021-2022 academic year or Catholic camp attendance during summer 2021. The scholarship is made possible by donations specified for Catholic Education. Interested applicants should fill out the application form, attach either a report card or transcript, and provide contact information for a reference. Applications are due by April 1, 2021. The link to the application form is available on the parish website and parish Facebook page. If you cannot access the application form one of these ways, send an email to [angela.broaddus@gmail.com](mailto:angela.broaddus@gmail.com) to request the link. LINK: <https://forms.gle/TZprU6dvCQ9wa9n7>

## CHRISTMAS MASSES SCHEDULE:

Below is the schedule for the upcoming Masses for this holiday season. We hope that you can join us!

Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	SJV
Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 pm	STL
Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	STL

## OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

**ALL LIVES MATTER:** We are so overwhelmed and shocked by all the terrible tragedies we hear about! They are happening in the United States, in Pakistan or Australia or elsewhere. They are carried out by cowardly terrorists or mentally disturbed loners or fame seekers. They attack little, defenseless, innocent children. We've had way too many children slaughtered in the schools or homes by the murderers. Then we hear 'Black lives matter,' which is true!! Well, 'All lives matter.' The 'Unborn Babies lives matter,' too!

Schools are not the only place where children are attacked! The most dangerous place for children to be today is in the womb of their mothers. They are being killed every single day by the thousands but that doesn't reach the news. Have we become so immune to the plight of the unborn who are being aborted? They suffer just as surely as do the school children. When our government ruled on abortion, they made a horrible mistake. I feel it's the duty of our government to protect all the people. We are the United States of America and should be a shining example to the rest of the world of how to take care of our people, young, old, and the unborn. God help us all.

**STEWARDSHIP:** "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." (Matthew 25:21)

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

**NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH** – is held in November, a special time to pray for and celebrate families that have grown through adoption. As people of faith, we know that adoption is a loving and beautiful way for a child to be welcomed into a family. We ask God to bless all of those whom adoption is a part of their life story – an adopted child or a child waiting for their forever home, parents placing their child for adoption, adoptive families, couples in waiting, and those with a loved one touched by adoption. This is also a time to raise awareness of the more than 110,000 children in foster care in the United States, waiting to be adopted. St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, please pray for us! Visit [www.archkck.org/foster](http://www.archkck.org/foster) to learn more.

## NOVEMBER 21ST EVENT FOR ALL TEENS AND ADULTS

The Rural Catholic Youth Conference has been moved to February 20-21, 2021, and we are hosting these northern and southern region events for all adults and teens (targeted for high school aged; junior high welcome) on November 21, 2020. Please join Sister Mary Elizabeth Albers, SOLT and RYMO for a morning or evening to Enflame Your Heart. We know you were created For Such a Time as This (RCYC Theme). Let us each embrace our own belovedness, so that we may share the Lord's love with others in our homes and communities. For more info, see flyer attached below.

**ADVENT SILENT RETREAT WITH ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST:** Christ's Peace House of Prayer will offer this special retreat from December 4 at 5:30pm- December 6 at 4:30pm. Come, prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord this Advent as we look to St. John the Baptist to show us how to prepare the way. This will be a silent retreat. There will be conferences, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$170 Single/\$250 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$100 (Meals Included). To attend, send an email to: [info@christspeace.com](mailto:info@christspeace.com) or call 913.773.8255.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS QUARTERLY AWARDS:** Congratulations to the following who received awards: July 2020-Knight of the Month - Craig Chmidling & Family of the Month - Mike & Shelia Thibault; August 2020 - Knight of the Month - Bill Mathia & Family of the Month - Ed & Anne Keeley; September 2020 - Knight of the Month - A C Christoffsen & Family of the Month - Bill McNamee.

**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 [Sisparish@gmail.com](mailto:Sisparish@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)**

**PROJECT CHRYSALIS MASS November 30.** You are cordially invited to join us for the Project Chrysalis Metro Mass for those who have lost children or grandchildren. Church of the Ascension, Monday, November 30th, 7:00 p.m. (This Mass is open to all in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas and the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph). If you would like to celebrate with us and wish to reserve a memory candle, please RSVP no later than Monday November 23 to Patty (pbillinger@kcascension.org or 913-681-3348) Information needed: correct spelling of the name of the deceased, your relationship, your name, and whether you plan to be present

**UPCOMING RETREATS AT CHRIST'S PEACE HOUSE OF PRAYER:**  
Save the date!

**Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021:** Spiritual Reflection & Planning Retreat. Retreat info: <https://www.archkck.org/cpp/christs-peace-house-of-prayer-calendar?cid=38&ceid=3377&cerid=0&cdt=1%2f8%2f2021>

For more information, contact [info@christspeace.com](mailto:info@christspeace.com) or 913-773-8255.

**MARCH FOR LIFE & TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST**

We made the difficult decision not to take a delegation to March for Life in January in DC. But this opens up the possibility for teens to attend the Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreat. We will provide a small group retreat experience for high schoolers **on January 16-18, 2021** at Prairie Star Ranch (PSR). We will be following social distancing and other safety procedures that allowed Camp Tekakwitha to happen. TEC is a 3-day retreat based on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. TEC involves 16 and older adolescents encountering Christ in a way that many have never experienced before. On a TEC retreat, you will have the opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ through talks, group discussion, individual reflection, prayer, and sharing in the Sacraments. The weekend retreats are led by a team of youth, adults and a priest as spiritual director. To sign up go to: [www.sunflowertec.org](http://www.sunflowertec.org)

 **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.



"The most beautiful and stirring adventure that can happen to you is the personal meeting with Jesus, who is the only one who gives real meaning to our lives." Saint Pope John Paul II

**WHEN:** November 21, 2020

**WHERE:** St. Leo Parish Center, Horton KS  
9-11:30 am  
or  
Southern Region Location TBA  
Saturday late afternoon / evening

**WHAT:** Gather!! (safely spaced)  
Inspiration from Sr. Mary Elizabeth Albers. SOLT  
Prayer, snacks, & free resources

THESE GATHERINGS FOR ADULTS AND TEENS WILL  
LEAD US INTO RCYC WHICH HAS BEEN MOVED TO  
FEB 20-21, 2021.  
FREE WILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED  
NO RSVP NEEDED



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33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time, Year A. (11/15/2020).

Texts:

*First Reading. Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20,30-31*

*Second Reading. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

*Third Reading. Matthew 25:14-30*

Theme: "Let us stay alert and sober."

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

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Warm greetings once more. Wishing you all and your families good health and the blessings of the Lord.

Today the First letter to the Thessalonians tells us: "Let us stay alert and sober." This is a strong message at the end of the Church year and as we think of the end of the world and of our own personal death. We should not fear the end of the world or our own personal death. Most likely the world will not end in our lifetime, but we do not know that. On the other hand, we can be completely confident that we ourselves shall die. True life is always living toward death.

The first reading today comes from the Book of Proverbs, which is part of the wisdom literature of the Old Testament. The selection today tells us of the value of a good wife. In reality, the good wife is a model for all of us, women or men. Such a person brings good and blessings to all others, knows how to do things wisely, knows how to work, know how to care for the poor and knows how to care for her husband and her family. One of the points of this reading is that physical beauty can be deceiving and what really counts is beauty of character. The wife in this reading is clearly a person who knows how to use and invest her talents in the realities that last forever. She knows how to live towards death will all that truly matters.

The second reading is from the First Letter to the Thessalonians and addresses directly the end of the world. No one knows how that day will happen. It will come like a thief in the night. On the other hand, we should be prepared each day as though it will happen today. This kind of thinking is not meant to scare us but it is meant to keep us aware that we must be prepared. Just as the wife in the first reading seems always prepared for whatever happens, so also, we must be prepared for all that happens. Even at this very moment, death could be coming to me soon-but probably not. It is that "probably not" that allows us to forget death and to live as though death and what is beyond it do not exist.

One of the remarkable aspects of aging is that people come face to face with the reality of death. Some of us struggle in every way possible to stay young and to pretend that we are young. Others of us seem to embrace getting old, sometimes before old age has even come upon us. For most of us, getting older is simply a part of living to be accepted. The point of the reading today is that part of getting older is being prepared to die and to meet the lord. We need to ask ourselves: "Am I ready to meet the Lord right now?" If I am not, then I had better begin the work to prepare myself!

The Gospel today, from Saint Matthew, tells us about how to live. Each of us has been given a personal life. Each of us has been given gifts and talents and capacities. What do I do with them? Are we truly living? Do we use our lives for others? Do we seek to be faithful to what the lord asks of us?

Reflect on the many gifts you have from God. What "talents" has He given you? How can you use those gifts too bring glory to God? As you throughout this week, take a note of the many blessings you have, thank God for them, and strive to offer them back to Him for His glory.

Fr. Francis Bakyor