

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

*“Two Churches, One Parish”*

**Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus**  
**First Sunday of Advent – November 29, 2020**

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Dec. 1	06:00 pm	STL	For the Poor
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	Dec. 3	06:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	Dec. 5	05:00 pm	SJV	Shirley Karczewski✠ Jamie Karczewski✠
SUN	Dec. 6	09:00 am	STL	Pete & Mary Gwartney✠

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 \$1113 to include utilities of \$30 and special collection (CCHD) \$40. Last week's on-line collection was \$429.23. Thank you for your generosity.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Will be held the weekend of Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> for Retirement Fund for the Religious. We appreciate your generosity.

**VIRTUAL ANGEL TREE:** We would like to help make Christmastime special for some of the children in our community by helping their families with gifts. This year, we will have a virtual Angel Tree. We will be helping out 4 families with children who attend Pleasant Ridge Schools. The links below will list the items that the kids have wished for. Each link includes the wish list for 2 families. If you would prefer - please feel free to buy a gift certificate to Wal-Mart, The Hill Top or any Gas Card of your choice. We are also in need of any kind of non-perishable grocery items. **We have also provided screen-shots of the link and additional information in an attachment to this bulletin below (such as drop off locations). We would like all gifts by December 20.** If you have questions, please contact Ginny Mowery (913-773-8303) or Danielle Nichols (913-683-3311). Thank you for your help!

Family 1 & 2:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945A8AD29A1FE3-stjosephst>

Family 3 & 4:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945A8AD29A1FE3-2st>

**MISSALETES:** The Finance Committee has agreed to offer the new missalettes to parishioners at a cost of \$5.00 per book. These books will be available the weekend of November 28 & 29, then again on December 5 & 6. Once the missalette is purchased, please keep the book in your possession due to coronavirus.

**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).

**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

**WHY WE CATHOLICS, BOTH CLERGY AND LAITY, NEED TO DO MORE...MUCH MORE!** Since Roe v. Wade in 1973, more than 60 million innocent children have lost their lives to abortion. Clearly, abortion is the human right's issue of our time. So on our judgment day, Christ might well ask us, "what did you do to prevent the holocaust in your society?"

The Catholic Church remains the most vocal voice on behalf of the 4,000 innocents, made in God's image and likeness, who every day lose their lives in our great nation. However, the Church certainly has not lived up to its possibilities, in large part because its hierarchy and its rank-and-file lay people have been intimidated into silence, inactivity and even apathy. Sadly, only a very small percentage of Catholics do anything to prevent the slaughter. Even some of our clergy deem the subject "too political" or controversial or find some other reason to excuse themselves from taking any action.

The famous Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a founder of the abortion industry who later became pro-life (and converted to Catholicism) said that he and his pro-abortion allies would never have gotten away with what they did if the clergy had been more outspoken, united, and purposeful. This certainly applies just as much (if not more) today than it did in 1973 when abortion was legalized. We would do well to heed and keep foremost in our minds the wise words of Mother Teresa when she said, "We cannot fight credibly against other social and moral evils, including poverty and violence, while we tolerate mass killings by abortion."

*"Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination."*  
--Pope John Paul II

**STEWARDSHIP:** *"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come."* (Mark 13:33)

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

**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.

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**(FOR POSTING ON THE CHURCH INTERNET SITE)**

**BE A HOLIDAY HERO FOR FOSTER CHILDREN** Christmas will be here before we know it and KVC, a non-profit child welfare agency, is in great need of Holiday Heroes to sponsor children for Christmas. It has approximately 2,500 children across the state hoping for a good Christmas this year. The KVC team is collecting gift cards, presents and monetary donations **Nov 30th – Dec 18th**. Please visit <https://kansas.kvc.org/getinvolved/holiday-giving> for more information. Thank you for helping make Christmas a little brighter for so many children!

**ADVENT CALENDAR FOR COUPLES:** Aren't advent calendars fun? Did you have one as a kid with those little cardboard doors? There was so much expectation and fun as we awaited the coming of Christmas. Today there are so many kinds, filled with chocolate, Legos, even wine! But we have one we think you will like even better. Like any good Advent calendar, it will help you prepare to welcome Jesus at Christmas, while also providing a treat for you to give your husband or wife. Plus, it's free. We'd love to have you join us. [HTTP://ARCHKCKS.ORG/ADVENT-CALENDAR-FOR-COUPLES](http://archkcks.org/advent-calendar-for-couples)

**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.

**THE “VALUE THEM BOTH” PETITION:** We will begin to pray weekly for the passage of the Value Them Both amendment with a petition during the Prayer of the Faithful. What is VALUE THEM BOTH? VTB is the proposed state constitutional amendment for life supported by the Catholic Bishops of Kansas. The amendment is crucial because the Kansas Supreme Court recently created a nearly unlimited “right” to abortion in our state. This means that all of our existing pro-life laws including bans on taxpayer-funded and late-term abortions, and parental consent requirements will be considered unconstitutional once challenged. The VALUE THEM BOTH amendment will reverse the Supreme Court ruling and once again allow Kansans, through their elected representatives, to pass laws that will help protect mothers and their unborn babies from the abortion industry. Please pray for passage of VALUE THEM BOTH.

**FREE INFIDELITY WORKSHOP:** Free 3 Days Live Virtual Workshop beginning **Nov 30 @6:30**. Truth to Trust: Surviving and Thriving after infidelity in Marriage. Infidelity in marriage couples can leave couples raw, in an emotional space filled with a lot of hurts, anger and shame, and mistrust. But it doesn't have to be that way. It happens to us, and we came out on the other side 43 years later and happier we ever been. Can the relationship be normal again? Equally important how long will it take before your heart heals to begin to trust and love again? That's what we want in marriages! We can help! On Nov 30 we are hosting a free virtual live 3 days' workshop where we will be teaching Truth to Trust Surviving and Thriving After Infidelity in Your Marriage Workshop. Interested – like their facebook page for more information: [https://www.facebook.com/MarriedCouplesCoachingCouples/?modal=admin\\_todo\\_tour](https://www.facebook.com/MarriedCouplesCoachingCouples/?modal=admin_todo_tour)

**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

**THE CALIX SOCIETY** ([www.calixsociety.org](http://www.calixsociety.org)) is a national association of Catholics in 12-Step recovery (AA, NA, OA, Al-Anon, etc.). The Calix Society meets the first Friday of each month at Church of the Ascension in Overland Park. The next meeting is Friday, December 4th. For specific information on time and meeting format, call Neil at 913-645-7244, or Mary at 913-747- 5039.

**NEW YEAR'S SPIRITUAL REFLECTION AND PLANNING RETREAT** To be held at Christ's Peace House of Prayer, 22131 Meager Road - Easton, KS, Friday, **Jan. 8th** starting at 5:30pm and ending on **Jan.10th** at 4:30pm. Set aside time this year to focus on spiritual growth, Create growth goals for various roles, Devise steps to reach goals and Write a vision statement for the year. The structure of the retreat will allow ample time for you to do work on your plan. We will be providing resources and ideas to incorporate in your plan. There will be time to brainstorm and share our plans with others as well as time to meet with a spiritual director if you prefer to speak on an individual basis. Private Time for Prayer/Reflection, Daily Eucharistic Adoration, Praying of the Liturgy of the Hours, Confession and Mass at the local parish will also be available. The suggested donation is \$170/Single or \$250/Couples for the Cabins and Courtyard Rooms or \$100 for the Single Guest Rooms (Meals Included). To attend, send an email to: [info@christspcehouse.com](mailto:info@christspcehouse.com) or call 913.773.8255.

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES SNOWBALL 2021**

Due to COVID-19, many businesses have closed their doors, and many jobs have been lost. As more and more families are facing financial hardships, they are turning to Catholic Charities for help. Your support to our mission has never been more critical as we continue to provide help, hope and hospitality across our 21-county service area. Snow Ball 2021 is sure to be unforgettable as the event shifts to an entirely virtual experience. Guests will host their own version of Snow Ball in their homes, much like the founders who started Snow Ball with a potluck dinner and a small gathering of family and friends over 47 years ago. Register now to join us on Saturday, **January 16, 2021**. Our hope is to expand, engage and celebrate hundreds of Snow Ball parties across the agency's 21-county service footprint and beyond! <https://catholiccharitiesks.org/special-events/snow-ball/> or Theresa Gaul 913.433.2068

## **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)

**SAVE THE DATE: Jan 21st, 2021** *Kansas Mass, March & Rally for Life in Topeka!* The annual Kansas Mass for the Legal Protection of the Unborn, and the March & Rally for Life will take place this year in Topeka, KS on Thursday, January 21st, 2021. 10:30 am Mass with the Kansas Bishops – Livestreamed! 12:00 pm March to the State Capitol for the Kansans for Life Rally All are invited to join in the March for Life from the Topeka Performing Arts Center to the state capitol for the Kansans for Life Rally at the capitol steps. Stay tuned for more detailed information and the livestream links. Visit the [www.archkck.org/prolife](http://www.archkck.org/prolife) website for continued updated information and details on the day's event.

## **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)

### **THE CATHOLIC GUIDE FOR END-OF-LIFE AND ESTABLISHING OF ADVANCE DIRECTIVES**

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 in accordance with the teachings of our faith about complex treatments in grave illness or as life's end approaches. 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.

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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.





St. Lawrence/St. Joseph of the Valley

# St. Joseph/St. Lawrence Adopt a Family

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

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Please be sure that your gift includes a tag that includes the Family # and the child gender and age. (Example: Family #2, Girl age 8) This will ensure we get it to the appropriate family. If you sign up for a gift, please leave it in the back of either church or at one of these drop off locations: Linda Heim 29829 207th Street; Donna Crook-Rogers 22447 Easton Road; or Virginia Mowery 24226 Easton Road. **We would like all gifts by December 20.** If you have questions, please contact Ginny Mowery (913-773-8303) or Danielle Nichols (913-683-3311). Thank you for your help!

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Family #1; Boy age 10- Skateboard or Chiefs shirt (12 youth)	SH Samantha Hendrix
Family#1; Boy- age 10- Clothing - shirt sz 12 youth; pant sz 12 youth	Sign Up
Family#1; Boy - age10; Youth History Books	Sign Up
Family#1; Girl, age 6- Barbie or art activities	TW Tracy Wagner
Family #1; Girl, age 6- Shirt/pants sz 6t or shoes sz 13 Toddler	Sign Up
Family#1; Girl age 6- Princess books	TW Tracy Wagner
Family #1- Girl age 3; likes Frozen and Peppa Pig	Sign Up
Family #1; Girl age 3- shirt/pants sz 4T or shoes size 11 Toddler	Sign Up
Family #1- Girl age 3; Book about Unicorns	Sign Up
Family #1; Boy - age 2 months- any items for new baby	VM virginia mowery VIRGINIA MOWERY
Family #1- Boy - age 2 months- onesies or sleepers size 0-3 mo.	VM virginia mowery VIRGINIA MOWERY
Family #2, Girl age 8- LOL dolls or Failfix Makeover doll	Sign Up
Family #2, Girl- age 8- snowboots (size 5-6 girls)	Sign Up
Family #2, Girl age 8- Dog Man book	Sign Up
Family #2, Boy age 3- Ryan's World Giant Egg Mystery or PJ Masks Dino Trouble Deluxe Figure Set	Sign Up
Family #2, Boy age 3- snowboots (size 2 boys) and socks	Sign Up
Family #2, Boy age 3- books about PJ Masks	Sign Up

Family #3, Boy age 11- Pokemon Cards	CM Cassie Miller
Family #3, Boy age 11- Pants (sz 12 boys)	CM Cassie Miller
Family #3, Boy age 11- Harry Potter books	Sign Up <input type="checkbox"/>
Family #3, Girl age 8- LOL doll	Sign Up <input type="checkbox"/>
Family #3, Girl age 8- pink winter Coat (size 8/9)	CM Cassie Miller
Family #3, Girl age 8- book about horses or unicorns	Sign Up <input type="checkbox"/>
Family #4, Girl age 6- Paw Patrol toys	LH Linda Heim
Family #4, Girl age 6- clothes (size 7-8) and socks	CM Cassie Miller
Family #4, Girl age 6- Book about Paw Patrol or Curious George	CM Cassie Miller
Family #4, Girl age 8- Shopkins toys or unicorn things	Sign Up <input type="checkbox"/>
Family #4, Girl age 8- clothes (size 14-16) and socks	LH Linda Heim
Family #4, Girl age 8- Babysitters Club books	LH Linda Heim
Family #4, Girl age 11- LOL Doll or Rainbow High doll	Sign Up <input type="checkbox"/>
Family #4, Girl age 11- clothes (size 14-16) and socks	Sign Up <input type="checkbox"/>
Family #4, Girl age 11- Books: Smile, Sisters, Guts (Author Raina Telgemeier	LH Linda Heim
Family #4, Boy age 12- gift card for Gamestop	LH Linda Heim
Family #4, Boy age 12- (clothes size 16-18)	LH Linda Heim
Family #4, Boy age 12- Book: Dog Man or Fetch 22	LH Linda Heim



# Christ's Peace House of Prayer

Giving Tuesday is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and is an international day of giving. People around the globe will come together in unity and showing kindness and generosity in all its forms by giving their voice, time, money, goods, and advocacy to support communities and causes.

# GI<sup>♥</sup>INGTUESDAY

December 1, 2020

We invite you to help bridge the gap of funds necessary to operate Christ's Peace House of Prayer. Together, let us ensure these peaceful and serene grounds will be available for generations to enjoy!

You don't have to wait until Tuesday to give. Donate Today!

**Donate**

The link is: [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=C6TEJNB5CAXVQ](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=C6TEJNB5CAXVQ)

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<http://archkcks.org/advent-calendar-for-couples>





## THURS 12/3 - DN & HOLIDAY BONFIRE

### DATE NIGHT - IN PERSON & ONLINE

We're doing a hybrid holiday Date Night and we want you there! You can gather in person (!) at Dennihan Mansion for a COVID friendly bonfire (or two), food, drinks, smores, and live filming of Date Night... or you can join us online from the comfort of your own home. (Online attendees, you don't have to have Facebook to attend online! / In person attendees, please bring masks.) Either way, schedule your date for Dec 3rd, now!

**Thurs, Dec 3rd**  
**(7:30-8:45pm - Bonfire)**  
**8:45pm - Talk & Livestream**  
**Dennihan Mansion**  
**(12412 Custy St, Overland Park, KS 66214)**

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We'll start your date with a brief talk on faith, marriage, family... Then we'll send you questions and material, and you finish your date alone in your own home.

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*Date Night "replay" & discussion questions will be sent (via email & FB) after the live event ends, if you wish to plan your date later Thursday night or into the weekend.*

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## *First Sunday Of Advent, Year A. (11/29/2020).*

### *Texts:*

*First Reading. Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1-8*

*Second Reading. 1Cor. 1:3-9*

*Third Reading. Mk.13:33-37*

*Theme: Advent: Season of Great Expectation and Joyful Hope.*

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

Good morning/evening my brothers and sisters in Christ. The atmosphere is that joy in preparation for Christmas, the birth day of Jesus Christ, the savior of the world, the son of God. All the stores are filled wit good, and Christmas decorations and Christmas hymns.

Today we begin the Advent season B, the season of preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. Naturally, we all desire peace because, it is necessary for both our spiritual and material progress. It is this peace that we pray for, and expect Jesus the prince of peace to bring to our hearts, families and world at the end of this season.

The term Advent comes from two Latin words "Ad-ventus" which simply means "to arrive" or "Ad-venire" meaning "to Come". For us Christian, and Catholics in particular, it means expecting the Lord's coming. Advent marks the beginning of the Church's new liturgical calendar. It is a four- week preparation leading to Christmas. Advent is a season of expectation, anticipation and a season of waiting in hope. It is a season of hope and a period during which as Christians we await the fulfillment of the promise of God through his prophets. In addition to being a season of hope, it is equally, a season of patience and prayer. During these four weeks, what are we expected to do? We are expected to prepare for the birth of the messiah. It suffices to note that while we prepare physically, the most important must be the spiritual preparation.

Our first reading from Isaiah is both a prophetic message as well as a prayer of hope. Isaiah begins by acknowledging the greatness of God: "O Lord you are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name..."Then, he makes a petition to God: "Why leave us to stray from your ways...Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down...?"

This is a prayer of hope. As Isaiah rightly demanded, God will not keep silent until we are saved. That salvation is what our hope in Christ will accomplish for us. Therefore, when Isaiah asks God to tear the heavens and come down, he expects God to come quickly.

This is Our Lord's prayer, "Your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven." It is also Paul's petition, "Maranatha!" It is the cry of the Spirit and the Bride: "Come Lord Jesus". God power and salvation is what we hope to see at the end of this season. That is, When God's word would become flesh and born of a virgin.

In our second reading, Paul encourages us to be faithful as we wait for the coming of Christ. Though Paul was referring to the Parousia, yet, this reading is ad rem to the season of Advent. Paul reminds us



that we have received the gifts of the Spirit. It is these gifts of the Spirit that will strengthen us as we wait in joyful hope for Christ.

Our life is a long vigil, waiting for the lord to be revealed in all his glory. So, we wait with expectation and joyful hope because His Spirit is with us. If we walk with him in this season, God will not fail us because: "our expectation shall not be cut short (Pro. 23,18). So as the Spirit guides us, we must prepare prayerfully, through the help of the Sacraments. This especially, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The gospel today is a clarion call to be awake and alert. Only the spirit of god can help us to do this faithfully. Therefore, rather than obey the spirit of this world this season, we must obey the Spirit of God who sustains us. So, let us have our minds fixed on him.

It suffices to note that if we light up our houses and streets, without lightening up our lives spiritually for Christ to walk into it; if we prepare all things and places without preparing a manger for baby Jesus in our lives then, our preparation would not be complete. The season of Advent is another opportunity the church offers us to learn and especially re-examine our lives and make amends. We are called to fast and pray in order to celebrate purity of heart and in the joy of the Lord. It is a call to let the faithfulness of God change our unfaithfulness, to let the commemoration of the mystery of the incarnation open our eyes, how much God loves us.

Finally, as we eagerly anticipate the coming of the Lord this season, our hope and expectation should prompt us to be always awake and vigilant. It should make us prepare adequately in order to avail ourselves of Jesus' mercy. Therefore, our constant prayer during this season as Paul prayed should be: "Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus.

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