

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus  
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord – January 3, 2021

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Jan. 5	06:00 pm	STL	NO MASS
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	Jan. 7	05:00 pm	SJV	NO MASS
SAT	Jan. 9	05:00 pm	SJV	Shirley Karczewski † Jamie Karczewski †
SUN	Jan. 10	09:00 am	STL	Cecilia Abel †

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 sign up online for one of our Christmas Masses.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4aa9ab2aa1fa7-stjosephst> Some are full – so please check first!

**Please pray for the sick, especially:** Phil Bell, Susie Beying, Jennifer Brushwood, Carl Davidson, George Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Vince Eimer, Tom Flack, Tina Gaspard, 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 for Christmas was \$2,036, including \$190 for Catholic Charities and \$100 for the St. Lawrence Cemetery. Collections received for the Dec. 26 & 27<sup>th</sup> weekend was \$760, including \$30 for utilities. Last week's on-line collection was \$179.23. Thank you for your generosity.

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES:** Fr. Francis will be out-of-town through Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, there will be NO weekday masses from **now through Feb. 12**. Parishioners will be notified when the weekday masses will be resumed. We will continue to have weekend masses which will be said by a visiting priest. **EMERGENCY CONTACT:** If there is a need to contact a priest in an emergency situation during Father's absence, please call Sue Griffiee at 913-773-8342 or Rita Herken at 913-647-0312 for assistance.

**ENVELOPES:** The weekly donation envelopes for 2021 are in the back of each of the churches for pickup for whoever wants to use them.

**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. 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. 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/TZpruU6dvCQ9wa9n7>

## OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

**BABY SHOWER:** The Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Council # 900 will be conducting their 21st annual Pro-Life Baby Shower throughout the month of January 2021. Donations of new and used clothing, diapers, baby formula or cash donations are very much needed and appreciated. Baskets will be located in the entries of area churches. The donations will then be given to Birthright of Leavenworth. For more information or questions, call Marty Moreno 913 702 4168, or Timothy J Lednicki 913 240 4122. Thank you in advance.

**NATIONAL MEMORIAL CONCERTS:** National Memorial Concerts in Washington, D.C., have always been a beautiful tribute to our Armed Forces. I congratulate the people who put the show together every year, who gather the special and the wonderfully talented singers who perform. As I write this, I am still moved remembering the stories they told of the men who were wounded and shattered and of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect us and our country. Oh, so many, many wars.

I can't help comparing them and the war of abortion - and it is a war! Babies are killed in the wombs of their mothers in the death camps of abortion clinics. Their little arms and legs are ripped to shreds just as surely as those of our soldiers and they, too, pay the ultimate sacrifice. Why?? Sin has become justified, legalized and glorified but it is still 'Sin.' We have become blind to sin and its effects. Aren't we supposed to be "The Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave"? What has happened to our country? Why do we continue to allow abortions to happen? Why?

**XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Did you know that parents and teachers in Catholic schools work in partnership to meet the unique needs of each child enrolled in Catholic school? Enrollment information for Xavier Catholic School 2021-22 school year is coming soon!

**JOYFUL HOMES - JANUARY 2021 THEME** Joyful families aren't perfect, but they're affectionate! We want to set you up for success this year with a simple but effective way of inviting more joy into your family: AFFECTION. Find discussion questions, monthly scripture passage, a fun family date night and more here: [archkcks.org/affectionate](http://archkcks.org/affectionate)

**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@christspeace.com](mailto:info@christspeace.com) or call 913.773.8255.

**ONLINE MASSES:** For those who may not be able to attend our parish masses, here are some of the masses that are available to watch on line or on television:

- For regular TV - Channel 38 airs Sunday morning Mass at 7:00am each week.
- For Dish and DirecTV - EWTN airs Sunday Mass a few times throughout the day.
- For livestream – here are some you may wish to look up:
  - Church of the Ascension, Overland Park - Sunday Masses at 8:15am, 10:00am, 11:45am & 5:00pm - <https://kccascension.org/>
  - Queen of the Holy Rosary, Wea - Sunday Mass at 8:30am - <https://qhrwea.church/watch-daily-mass>
  - St. Michael the Archangel, Leawood - Sunday Mass at 9:00am - <https://stmichaelcp.org/ecatholic-live>

Here you can find links to Holy Masses online from different parishes all around the world. There is a link to see the calendar with the Catholic Holy Masses live online. Click on the chosen hour when you want to see the Holy Mass online. <https://mass-online.org/daily-holy-mass-live-online>

**THE CALIX SOCIETY** ([www.calixsociety.org](http://www.calixsociety.org)) is a national association of Catholics in 12-Step recovery (AA, NA, OA, AIAnon, etc.). The Calix Society meets the first Friday of each month at Church of the Ascension in Overland Park. Since the first Friday of January is New Year's Day, the next meeting will be January 8th. For specific information on time and meeting format, call Neil at 913-645-7244, or Mary at 913-747-5039.

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**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)

**KANSAS MASS, MARCH & RALLY FOR LIFE IN TOPEKA!** The Kansas Mass, March & Rally for Life will take place this year in Topeka, KS on Thursday, **January 21st, 2021** to observe the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and the 48th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Let's stand up for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life, in penance for the over 60 million lives lost, and to end violations to the dignity of the human person - both child and mother - committed through the act of abortion! 10:30 am Mass with the Kansas Bishops – [www.livestream.com/ArchKCK/KSMassforLife](http://www.livestream.com/ArchKCK/KSMassforLife) 12:00 pm March to the State Capitol for the Kansans for Life Rally – In-person! Unfortunately, due to Covid gathering restrictions, in-person Mass attendance this year is by invitation only. All are invited to join in the March for Life from the Topeka Performing Arts Center to the Kansans for Life Rally at the State Capitol steps. Visit [www.archkck.org/prolife](http://www.archkck.org/prolife) for updated information and details on the day's event.

**“EVERY DAY IN LOVE”** If you ate too many cookies at Christmas, it won't ruin your health if you eat well the rest of the year. Unfortunately, you also can't expect one salad per year to make you healthy! It's the little things, done daily, that affect our lives. Start this new year right by taking 7 date nights with your spouse to learn some simple, effective daily habits that will fill your 2021 with love! 7 Thursdays, **January 21- Mar 4**, 7:30-9pm Live on Zoom, with recordings available to registered participants Scholarships available More info and register: [archkcks.org/everyday](http://archkcks.org/everyday) Questions? Brad DuPont: [bdupont@archkck.org](mailto:bdupont@archkck.org)

**“COPING WITH LIFE ALONE” - PEER-TO-PEER GRIEF SUPPORT – NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE** “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: **February 1 through April 5, 2021**, 10 sessions Monday evenings, 6:30pm to 8:30pm Cost: \$50 This session will be held online using Zoom and requires internet access. Please register in advance and receive the program workbook plus detailed Zoom meeting instructions by going to [www.beginningexperiencekc.org](http://www.beginningexperiencekc.org) For additional information please contact Donna at (816-305-3760)

 **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.

Bulletin Items: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email [Sjlsparish@gmail.com](mailto:Sjlsparish@gmail.com). Mass intentions may be scheduled with Kim as well. MUST SUBMIT BY 9 pm TUES FOR INCLUSION.

