

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – January 10, 2021

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Jan. 12	06:00 pm	STL	NO MASS
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	Jan. 14	05:00 pm	SJV	NO MASS
SAT	Jan. 16	05:00 pm	SJV	Donald Erzen †
SUN	Jan. 17	09:00 am	STL	Ronnie Gast †

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 last weekend was \$1,615 with \$25 for utilities. Last week's on-line collection was \$254.23. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU! The parishioners of St. Joseph-St Lawrence want to say "Thank You" to all those who worked hard to clear the sidewalks, steps and parking spaces at each of our churches after the snowstorm last weekend. Your hard work is truly appreciated.

NO WEEKDAY MASSES: Fr. Francis will be out-of-town through Feb. 12th. 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.

SECOND COLLECTION: will be held the weekend of **January 24th** for the Church in Latin America. We appreciate your generosity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOUP/CHILI SUPPER CANCELLED: Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, The Corpus Christi (Mooney Creek) Knights of Columbus will NOT be hosting their annual fundraiser. We hope to be able to return to this tradition next year. Thank you for your support!

CALL TO SHARE kick-off weekend is January 9 & 10. How are your New Year's resolutions going? It is said that in order for a resolution to become a habit, it takes 3 weeks. Well, we're in week 2 of the new year. You're close to making them a habit, a routine, a reality. Is a "stewardship way of life" one of your resolutions this year? It's not too late to make Giving, Praying and Serving a habit each week. Make a commitment today to give, pray and serve as your part in the upcoming *Archbishop's Call to Share* appeal. Please take a few moments to listen to our Archbishop's Homily on Call to Share: <https://archkck.org/give/parish-resources/2021-archbishops-homily/>

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 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.

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 to request the link. LINK: <https://forms.gle/TZprrU6dvCQ9wa9n7>

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.

STAND UP FOR THE UNBORN: I remember reading an article about the U.S. birth rate that had dropped for the second year in a row and the birth rate that year set the lowest level in a century. The experts thought it may be because of the recession or it may be because of a decline in immigration to the United States. Have they never heard of abortion??

Abortion kills approximately 4,000 babies in the womb each day. Can't they do the math and see how this decreases the population? We must not sit back and let innocent babies be killed. We are Americans! Whatever happened to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all? Since when do we have the right to play God? To choose which baby lives or dies? We do not have that right. We must not sit back and let innocent babies be killed. Please do not be indifferent to the plight of the unborn. We have lived with this crime of abortion way too long. Stand up for life.

XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Did you know that 85% of students who graduate from a Catholic school go on to post-secondary education and students who attended Catholic schools score on average 20 points higher on national standardized tests, like the SAT? 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

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://kcascension.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>

PLANNED GIVING BRIEF: CARES ACT – TAX BENEFITS FOR CHARITABLE GIVING EXTENDED THROUGH 2021

1. **Increase in tax deduction for cash gifts:** For donors that itemize their tax return, before the new legislation, the annual income limit was capped at 60% for cash gifts. The new legislation allows for charitable donations up to 100% of a donor's annual income.
2. **New deduction:** If you do not itemize when filing your tax return, to reduce your tax liability, you will be allowed to take a special tax deduction of up to \$300 for charitable donations. For more information visit the Archdiocesan website, CatholicPlannedGiving.com.

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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS: Did you know that most methods of contraception can cause an early abortion? The Couple to Couple League (CCL) can teach you the modern Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning--100% pro-life! Classes begin **online** on Sun., **Jan. 24**, 2pm. Reasonable course fee charged. Email Alison or Allen Greenlief at aagreenlief@gmail.com for more info. Registration for these classes required at: [Class](#) [Registration](#) [CCLI](#) [Portal](#) (powerappsportals.com).

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

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 12:00 pm March to the State Capitol for the Kansas 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 Kansas for Life Rally at the State Capitol steps. Visit www.archkck.org/prolife for updated information and details on the day's event.

PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE! JANUARY 21-29, 2021 9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Please visit www.9daysforlife.com to join the novena (either via text or email) and for additional information.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION – A SPIRITUAL WORK OF MERCY Over 30 years ago, Roe v. Wade legalized abortion throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy which has resulted in over 60 million abortions since 1973. The late Archbishop Fulton Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child to help bring an end to this tragedy. A "Spiritual Adoption" is done by praying the following prayer daily for a period of nine months so that one particular, but unknown, child's life be spared abortion and allowed to live:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [choose a name for the baby you are 'adopting' and insert here], the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.
~Prayer of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

While this child will remain unknown to you, God knows who the child is and your prayers will make a difference for the baby and for both of the parents. At the end of the program (Sept 2021), you can donate gifts of baby items to a local pregnancy center to celebrate the birth of the child.

“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 Questions? Brad DuPont: 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 For additional information please contact Donna at (816-305-3760)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is coming to your house! . . . Great marriages are made when husbands and wives make a lot of everyday choices that say "I love you" rather than choices that say "I love me". Now is the time to tell your spouse "I love you" by giving them the gift of an intimate retreat right in the comfort and security of your own home. Join us for a Virtual Weekend Experience, **Feb. 26th - 28th**, 2021. For more information, or to apply for the weekend, visit our website at www.wwme4youandme.org or call/email Deacon Tony and Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net. And don't forget to follow us on Facebook for the latest updates about WWME Greater KC!

 **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-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

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.

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.

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



KANSAS MASS & MARCH FOR LIFE

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

JANUARY 21ST, 2021

10:30 A.M.: LIVESTREAMED MASS
WITH THE KS BISHOPS

www.livestream.com/ArchKCK/KSMassforLife

12:00 P.M.: MARCH TO THE CAPITOL FOR
THE KANSANS FOR LIFE RALLY

Join in-person at the front of the Topeka Performing Arts Center
214 SE Eighth Ave, Topeka KS



For details on the day's events, visit www.archkck.org/prolife



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