

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time– January 31, 2021

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Feb. 2	06:00 pm	STL	NO MASS
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	Feb. 4	05:00 pm	SJV	NO MASS
SAT	Feb. 6	05:00 pm	SJV	Shirley Karczewski † Jamie Karczewski †
SUN	Feb. 7	09:00 am	STL	Wendi Johnston

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, 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! Collection count received last weekend is \$3,618, including \$200 for utilities and \$30 for the Church in Latin America. Last week's on-line collection was \$254.23. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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!

YEARLY CHURCH DONATION STATEMENTS: Any Parishioners needing a statement of their yearly money contributions to the church for 2020 should contact Sara Green by email at sgreen0427@gmail.com.

CALL TO SHARE: Have you ever met someone, had a teacher or coach, listened to a speaker or been to a concert and been blown away by the person in charge or leading the event? You walk away thinking "Wow! That was excellent!" What was it about that person? It's not so much what they said, but *HOW* they said it. Well, that's what it was like when Jesus spoke in the synagogue. He blew people away...even the evil spirits! We should be blown away too. Maybe we need to listen more closely. He speaks to us every day. He'll drive out what needs to be driven out of you as well. Let's begin today to listen more intently, and ask for his help to cleanse us from the things that keep us from him. Ask him to be the authority in your life and for his guidance in your participation in the *Archbishop's Call to Share* appeal.

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

DO NOT CONFORM YOURSELF TO THIS AGE: St Paul tells us, "Do not conform yourself to this age but ...discern...what is good and pleasing..." Since Roe v. Wade, around 63 million innocent children have lost their God-given right to live. An entire class of persons, children in the womb, have been relegated to the status of "chattel", personal property, who can be disposed of by those more powerful than they. They have no power to resist. They are subject to abuse and destruction by those with more power, namely the power of the State. They have no voice that can be heard except our own. Without doubt, the killing of innocent children in the womb is the pre-eminent moral evil of our age.

It is for this reason that we must "not conform" to this grave injustice. As St Paul tells us, we must instead stand on the side of truth and justice and "what is good and pleasing to God". We must recognize what both medical science and natural justice tell us: children in the womb are human persons with an inalienable right to life. Undoubtedly, the most important human rights issue of our age is to protect our "first neighbors" ----children in the womb. The womb is the "first home" of the whole human race and standing up for them is a matter of solidarity with our neighbor and love for the poor. We should not stand by while thousands of children every day are evicted and killed! Our call (as St Paul reminds us) is to replace the current culture of death with a new culture of life and a civilization of love.

XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Preschool - Eighth Grade. As we celebrate Catholic School's Week we are thankful for our partnerships with our parishes. We want to invite all families to experience the difference of Catholic schools! Did you know Xavier Catholic School is now enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year? Did you know we are open for tours and we are here to help you make a well-informed choice about the best school to meet your child's education needs? Call 913-682-7801 to schedule a tour and find out more information.

LENTE REFLECTIONS: Archbishop Naumann will be offering Lenten reflections that will provide spiritual nourishment for our journey to Easter Joy. Reflections will be available the week of Ash Wednesday, as well as the following five weeks of Lent. Each 30-minute audio session will include the Archbishop's reflection on the upcoming Gospel (Ash Wednesday/Sunday) and a short personal witness from a member of the Archdiocese. Please visit the Archdiocesan website and Enflame Facebook page soon to access these Lenten offerings. For questions, please call April in the Office the Evangelization at (913) 647-0373.

LENTE SILENT RETREAT: Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Road - Easton, KS **February 12th** at 5:30pm - **February 14th** at 4:30pm. Our Lenten Silent Retreat will focus on our spiritual nature and how our lives are part of a spiritual combat between God and the demonic forces. We will explore how we can live in such a way as to claim our places in heaven as co-heirs with Christ. 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@christspce.com or call 913.773.8255.

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(FOR POSTING ON THE CHURCH INTERNET SITE)

CHRIST'S PEACE HOUSE OF PRAYER has adjusted many of the ways we operate in order to create a safe environment for our retreatants. The layout of our facility naturally lends itself to social distancing with separate guest cabins and rooms each with private entrances and self-contained kitchen and shower areas. We have altered many of our operating procedures including how we clean, serve food and interact in the public spaces together so as to eliminate the spread of the virus. The CDC pandemic guidelines are carefully followed. We want our guests to be safe and know that they can trust the steps we have taken to make that possible. It is a privilege to serve each of you in these challenging times. Schedule a time for a personal retreat, organize a group retreat or join one of our monthly preached retreats. Send an email to: info@christspeace.com or call 913.773.8255 to schedule a retreat. Visit us at christspeace.com.

2021 RETREAT SCHEDULE FOR CHRIST'S PEACE:
 February 12-14: Lenten Silent Retreat
 March 26-28: Palm Sunday with the Shroud of Turin
 April 9-11: Divine Mercy - The Father's Love
 May 15: St. Isidore Mass - Blessing of Seeds and Soil
 May 21-23: Freedom in the Spirit
 June 25-27: St. Joseph – With a Father's Heart
 July 9-11: Theology of the Body w/ Fr. Thomas Loya
 August 13-15: Consecration to Mary
 September 17-19: Living in the Present Moment
 October 15-17: Discovering the Wisdom of Saint Pope JP II
 November 19-21: Unlocking Difficult Scripture
 December 3-5: Advent Silent Retreat
 January 7-9: New Year Spiritual Reflection and Planning

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 and in parishes on the weekend of February 6-7, 2021. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

THE LEAVEN is available in audio format Do you know someone who is blind, low vision, or has a reading disability? Do you prefer to listen to an audio book rather than read one? If so, there are three ways to access an audio version of each issue of The Leaven. The University of Kansas Audio Reader Service offers a telephone reader service or an audio reader service for people who are blind or low vision. For more information, contact www.reader.ku.edu. An audio version of the Leaven is also accessible on the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas home page at www.archkck.org. For questions or for more information contact the Special Needs Ministry at 913.647.3054 or tracunas@archkck.org.

THE CALIX SOCIETY (www.calixsociety.org) is a national association of Catholics in 12-Step recovery (AA, NA, OA, AlAnon, etc.). The Calix Society meets the first Friday of each month at Church of the Ascension in Overland Park. The next meeting will be Friday, **February 5th**. For specific information on time and meeting format, call Neil at 913-645-7244, or Mary at 913-747-5039.

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.

“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.wwe4youandme.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!

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.

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>

“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! Please visit the 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.

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.

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.

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.

PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Almighty and eternal God,

You blessed the union of married couples
so that they might reflect the union of Christ
with his Church:

look with kindness on them.


Renew their marriage covenant,
increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace
so that, with their children,
they may always rejoice in the gift of
your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.


Amen.

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