

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time— Feb. 7, 2021

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Feb. 9	06:00 pm	STL	NO MASS
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	Feb. 11	05:00 pm	SJV	NO MASS
SAT	Feb. 13	05:00 pm	SJV	Donald Erzen †
SUN	Feb. 14	09:00 am	STL	Richard Heim †

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 \$975, with \$25 for utilities. Last week's on-line collection was \$354.23. 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION** will be held the weekend of Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

**THANK YOU!** The Pleasant Ridge Schools would like to thank the members of St. Joseph-St. Lawrence Parish for adopting families at Christmastime this year. Families are experiencing new challenges this year and the Christmas help was very much appreciated. Through different avenues of giving, we were able to coordinate help for 16 of our school families this holiday season. Again, thank you to all who contributed. --Danielle Nichols, PR School Social Worker.

**THANK YOU!** Knights of Columbus Immaculata Council #900 would like to thank all of those who made generous donations to the Jan. 2021 Pro-Life Baby shower. The donations of baby items, cash, handmade bags & blankets, and new and used clothing. The response was overwhelming, and Birthright will be the recipient of your donations. Thanks again, and may God bless you.

**CALL TO SHARE:** It's Super Bowl Sunday! The amount of money that this day takes in and gives out is unbelievable. Players on the winning team receive an additional \$118,000 and losing players receive \$59,000...for the game. Retailers make \$14.8 billion, however, some will pay as much as \$5.25 million for a 30-second ad. Fans are paying \$4,000 - \$6,000 per ticket to attend. And this does not count the gambling and other ancillary activities that surround the game. So what? A day like today should help to remind us where we get all the money to spend on this one, fun day. When we plan ahead to have people over, run to the store for more chips and dip, and decorate the table to look like a football field, let's remember that without God and all He gives us and all the blessings we have, we need to thank him. A lot. So remember, when the game is on the line and you need this touchdown or last-second field-goal, and you're praying to God that they make it, thank him for ALL your blessings too. And thank you for your participation in the Archbishop's Call to Share appeal. It's the Super Bowl of the Archbishop's mission to serve his flock.

**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/TZprrU6dvCQ9wa9n7>

## OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

**THIS TROUBLED WORLD:** We are living in a very troubled world! Nature itself is even trying to warn us to change our ways, but do we listen? No! We ignore the signs. Back in the time of Moses, God gave us the Ten Commandments to live by. They are the same today as they were then. God has never changed them, because God never makes mistakes. But we human beings have! Money, power and greed have replaced God. We make our own laws that allow sinful deeds to become legal such as abortion. Abortion is the greatest sin against God there is! With abortion we are refusing His precious gift of Life. We have allowed over 63 million innocent babies to be killed! Yet, we are appalled when the terrorists ISIS kill innocent people. Since when do we have the right to kill?

This whole war is a battle between good and evil. The devil is having a field day with us. He wants us to keep him company in hell! We can put a stop to this. We need a spiritual awakening. We need to turn back to our God for forgiveness. We need to change our hearts and minds. We need to uphold the dignity of all human life, young and old. It can be done.

**XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** This past week Xavier celebrated Catholic Schools Week which is our unique opportunity to showcase how we integrate academics and faith as children build their individual relationship with Christ. Xavier Catholic School has a mission to “Keep Christ at the center of our daily lives as we care for one another in a loving and safe learning environment.” Each and every day our staff guides children to live in a relationship with Christ as they prepare for the world around them. We would love to share more details with you about the benefits of Catholic education. Contact our school office at 913-682-3135 or visit our website at [leavenworthcatholicsschools.org](http://leavenworthcatholicsschools.org).

**LENTEN 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.

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

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS:** This Lent, learn **Natural Family Planning** and see how our Heavenly Father blesses your marriage. Classes in the Couple to Couple League's Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP begin at St. John the Evangelist extra building, 200 W. 13th St., Lawrence, KS on Wed., **Feb. 24**, 6:30pm. Reasonable course fee charged. Call Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015 for more info. Visit [live-the-love.org](http://live-the-love.org) to pre-register as required for these or **online classes**.

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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](mailto:info@christspeace.com) or call 913.773.8255 to schedule a retreat. Visit us at [christspeace.com](http://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

**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](http://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](http://www.archkck.org). For questions or for more information contact the Special Needs Ministry at 913.647.3054 or [tracunas@archkck.org](mailto:tracunas@archkck.org).

**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.

**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. 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>**, 2021. For more information, or to apply for the weekend, visit our website at [www.wwme4youandme.org](http://www.wwme4youandme.org) or call/email Deacon Tony and Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net). And don't forget to follow us on Facebook for the latest updates about WWME Greater KC!

**PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT:** Need healing after an abortion? We offer Compassionate, Confidential and Free services. Our next Saturday retreat is on **March 13<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30am - 5:00pm, in KC, MO. Lunch and snacks provided. Please contact Ann Marie Alvey @ 913-621-2199 for further details.

**RETREAT WITH THE HEART OF ST. JOSEPH** Come and retreat with the heart of St. Joseph. On Saturday, **March 20<sup>th</sup>**, you are invited to encounter the overflowing love of the Father's heart as you reflect on the life of Saint Joseph. Take a day to step away from your pandemic routine, pressures, and worries. Take a day to enter into the Year of St. Joseph. Prairie Star Ranch is offering a one-day guided retreat entitled Cor: Retreat with the heart of St. Joseph. With options for both in-person retreatants as well as live-stream participation, we hope all can take advantage of this special event. The retreat includes a vigil Mass, powerful and dynamic meditations offered by the Holy Family School of Faith, lunch, and perhaps most importantly, time for greater prayer. To find our more, register, and review our COVID-19 precautions, visit our website at [archkck.org/ranch](http://archkck.org/ranch)

 **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.

**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://kcascesion.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/marty-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](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).

**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.

**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](http://CatholicPlannedGiving.com).

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.



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**WHERE:** St. John the Evangelist extra building  
200 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrence, KS

**WHEN:** Begins Wednesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 6:30 P.M.

**MEETINGS:** Three

**COST:** \$135 (Includes all materials)

**Pre-registration required at [live-the-love.org](http://live-the-love.org).**

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