

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Feb. 14, 2021

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Feb. 16	06:00 pm	STL	NO MASS
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.- CANCELLED				
WED	Feb. 17	05:00 pm	SJV	Ash Wednesday Mass Parishioners of SJ-SL
WED	Feb. 17	07:00 pm	STL	Ash Wednesday Mass Parishioners of SJ-SL
THUR	Feb. 18	05:00 pm	SJV	NO MASS
FRI	Feb. 19	06:30	SJV	Stations of the Cross and Mass Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	Feb. 20	05:00 pm	SJV	Anne & Betty Gletting †
SUN	Feb. 21	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 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

NOTE: MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR FEB. 13 & 14TH DUE TO EXPECTED POOR WEATHER CONDITIONS.

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collection amount was unavailable for last weekend. Last week's on-line collection was \$303.86. Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION will be held **Feb. 17th** for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

SECOND COLLECTION will be held **Feb. 21st** for Black and Indian Missions.

THANK YOU! Thank you to the Mooney Creek Knights of Columbus. They donated \$375 for our CCD program.

CALL TO SHARE: As we prepare to celebrate “Presidents’ Day” holiday, it is important to remember the deep faith of our founding fathers. On October 3, 1789, George Washington gave a Presidential Proclamation to acknowledge God and offer “thanksgiving” to him. The proclamation stated, in part, “...it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor” — and “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God...”

And, we are all familiar with the greatness of Abraham Lincoln, whose purpose was to free the slaves and heal a nation. In his second inaugural address on March 4, 1865, he stated, “With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan...”

These are examples of their faith in and reverence for God. This week, as we celebrate them and celebrate LOVE through St. Valentine's Day, let's remember the work of charity, kindness and love that is accomplished through the Archbishop's Call to Share appeal, as well. Please make your pledge today.

To pledge/give online — this video explains how: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?bblinkid=248371396&bbemailid=28868032&bbejrid=1858333292&v=E7UbwuGawus&feature=youtu.be>

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE: Please join us on Wednesday, **February 17th** for Mass and distribution of ashes at 5:00 pm at St. Joseph of the Valley and 7:00 pm at St. Lawrence Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross and Mass will be held on Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph of the Valley on **Feb. 19th, Feb. 26th, and March 5th**, and St. Lawrence at 6:30 pm on **March 12th, March 19th, and March 26th**.

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

WAKE UP AMERICA: We are all appalled by the gun violence, opioid epidemic, school shootings and massacres in our country - as well we should be! But what about the millions of babies that have been killed by our own country's law of abortion? Since abortion was made legal, all life has been devalued. We live in the United States of America - the greatest country on Earth! How could we have allowed this to ever become a law of our land? It is evil! It is murder of little, helpless, innocent babies! Absolutely no one person nor one of our fifty States has the right to kill a baby! Wake up America!

XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL: 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.

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. To listen to the latest Enflame Lenten Reflection with Archbishop Naumann visit the Enflame website at www.archkcks.org. Past episodes will also be available as part of the Shepherd's Voice podcast at www.archkck.libsyn.com. You can also follow Enflame Our Hearts-ArchKCK on Facebook to get links to the latest episodes. For questions, please call April in the Office the Evangelization at (913) 647-0373.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH WEBSITE: On Dec 8, 2020, Pope Francis announced the beginning of the year of St. Joseph. St. Joseph is a model of individual surrender to God and availability to divine appointment. As part of the Archdiocese's three year apostolic initiative to Enflame our Hearts, Homes, and Communities, we are prayerful that this year of St. Joseph will be a catalyst to Enflame our Homes. Please visit <https://archkck.org/yearofstjoseph/> to find great resources for individuals, families, and parishes to grow during this year through the guidance of St. Joseph.

TUESDAY TOOLBOX: The latest Tuesday Toolbox is located at: https://myemail.constantcontact.com/-tuesdaytoolbox--Lent-2021.html?soid=1126690960277&aid=m92_fXleRRo At the top of the page, you can sign up to receive them in your email account, if interested.

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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 transform 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:

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. 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.

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.

Project Chrysalis is a ministry offering hope through Sacred Scripture and community to parents/grandparents who have lost a child or grandchild. While this ministry is not a bereavement group, our mission is to offer support and hope through scripture in a time of transformation. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday **February 23** from 7:00- 8:15 p.m. via Zoom. Deacon Bill Graveman will be our guest speaking on the dangers of seeking mediums and psychics. For more information and the Zoom link, contact Deacon Ken Billinger at 913-634-4210 or email kbillinger@archkck.org. The group is open to parents or grandparents who have lost a child.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH RALLY: The Jr. High Rally will be held at two different locations on two different dates: **Feb 28th** at Prairie Star Ranch and Sun **March 21st** at the KofC Hall in Seneca, KS. The rally will run from 9:30- 3:15pm each day. PSR will feature Mikey Needleman Band, Mike Debus & Dcn Jody Madden as our keynote speaker. Mass will be with Archbishop Naumann. March 21st will feature Mikey Needleman, Mike Debus and Dcn Jody Madden as our keynote speaker and Mass with Fr Zarse. For more information click here [JHR Due to COVID restrictions PSR will be limited to 180 and KofC Hall 275.](#)

JOIN RESPECT LIFE PRAYER & ACTION! Thank you to those who prayed for the protection of human life over the past month. What's Next? Archbishop Naumann, chair of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, invites you to join a growing grassroots network of Catholics praying and advocating for life. To subscribe to Respect Life Prayer & Action go to: www.usccb.org/pro-life-subscriptions. When you sign up for Respect Life Prayer and Action, you will receive the following to help protect the innocent against attacks on human life: • prayers • action alerts to contact Congress and government leaders • service opportunities for at-risk women • and more Join thousands of Catholics as we seek to our culture!

LEAD COUPLE “COME AND SEE”: Are you seeking a way to serve the Church that will bring you closer to your spouse? Do you love the Church's teachings on marriage and family? Consider mentoring the engaged. The Office of Marriage and Family Life will host a Lead Couple “Come and See” for perspective couples who are interested in this important ministry to the engaged via Zoom video. Date: **Wednesday, Feb 24**. Time: 7:30 - 8:30pm.

Interested couples should RSVP to Brad DuPont, bdupont@archkck.org. Couples will be sent a Zoom link upon RSVP. The session will be recorded for those who are interested but cannot attend live. One recently trained mentor couple said, “We are so glad we signed on for this. It has been a huge blessing for our marriage!”

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 to pre-register as required for these or **online classes**.

THRIVE! Foster/Adopt Ministry Opportunity Have you ever considered fostering or adopting a child? Or, do you want to help foster/adoptive families? The Archdiocesan THRIVE! Ministry will be hosting a Foster, Adopt & Respite Training & Licensing Information Session via Zoom on Sunday, **Feb 28th** from 4:00-5:00 pm. This informational session is for couples and/or individuals interested in learning more about caring for vulnerable children or supporting families who already do by providing respite childcare. Cornerstones of Care, a local foster agency, will share information about the training program required by the state of Kansas and other steps needed to become a licensed provider in Kansas. Go to: <https://archkck18.wufoo.com/forms/foster-adopt-respite-information-session> to register. In addition, other foster agencies host similar sessions. Go to www.archkcks.com/foster for a list of the agencies and their websites. Contact Deb Niesen in the Pro-Life Office at dniesen@archkck.org for more information.

EXODUS 90: During this season of Lent, Exodus 90 is offering a 40 day Lenten journey for Men to grow spiritually and physically. Their Lenten program offers “spiritual exercise for men that will immerse you in the Christian life and lead you through one of the most fruitful Lenten seasons you have ever experienced. Throughout these 40 days, allow the daily scriptures and reflections to be your guide as you begin your disciplined life of prayer, asceticism, and fraternity.” Exodus 90 is a ninety-day austere spiritual exercise for men based on three pillars: prayer, asceticism, and fraternity. Learn more about this Lenten opportunity for men at <https://exodus90.com/>

“A GIFT OF LIFE INSURANCE” – A LIVE ZOOM WEBINAR

The Office of Stewardship and Development is excited to offer the first Archdiocesan wide live planned giving webinar to encourage the faithful to plan a gift of life insurance to benefit your parish or archdiocesan school or ministry. **SAVE THE DATE: A Gift of Life Insurance – A Live Zoom Webinar** Sponsored by the Office of Stewardship and Development Tuesday, **February 23, 2021** – 6:30 pm or Wednesday, **February 24, 11:30 am** Register for the date and time of your choice at archkck.giftlegacy.com/seminars. Presenter • John Caton, Presenter: Past President of the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas • Member, St. Paul's parish in Olathe. • Catholic Legacy Society member and has served on parish finance councils • Served 48 years in the benefit and insurance industry What You Will Learn • Types of Life Insurance • Benefits of Gifting a Life Insurance Policy to Charity • How others have made gifts of Life Insurance No life insurance products will be sold. For educational purposes, only.

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.wyme4youandme.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!

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT: Need healing about an abortion? We offer Compassionate, Confidential and Free services. Our next Saturday retreat is on **March 13th** 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 20th**, 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

 **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://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 Sjslparish@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 13th Street, Lawrence, KS

WHEN: Begins Wednesday, Feb. 24th

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

MEETINGS: Three

COST: \$135 (Includes all materials)

Pre-registration required at live-the-love.org.

Financial assistance with fee available.

Call: Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015

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What is Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE)?

CEE is a weekend designed for couples who are preparing for a Sacramental Marriage in the Catholic Church. While it is spent with other engaged couples, the focus is on private time for the couples to build on a closer relationship. The weekend gives the couple time to discuss their future lives together. This includes their strengths, weaknesses, desires, ambitions, goals, as well as their attitudes about money, children, family, intimacy and their role in the church and society.

CEE is a Diocesan approved program.

However, you should consult with the priest supervising your marriage preparation to determine the exact requirements in your parish and diocese.

What happens on the weekend?

Through a series of presentations by two married couples and a priest, the engaged couple is encouraged to privately discuss all aspects of their forthcoming married life. Their discussion is always from the viewpoint of their own relationship. The couple's personal reflection and dialogue time becomes the focus of the weekend.

When is the weekend held?

Our 2021 Engaged Encounter Schedule is as follows:

February 13th-14th
March 20th-21st
April 24th-25th
June 5th-6th
July 17th-18th
September 11th-12th
October 16th-17th

We encourage you to make your reservations at least four months prior to your wedding date, as many weekends are filled quickly. The weekend begins Saturday morning and concludes Sunday afternoon, following mass. The couple must stay the entire time to derive the full benefit of the weekend and to receive a certificate of completion.

Where is the weekend held?

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2021 weekends will be held virtually through Zoom.

What is the cost?

The cost is \$85 per couple and it includes all supplies needed for the weekend.

How do you register for the weekend?

Registration can be completed through our website: <https://kansascity.engagedencounter.com>

Comments from Couples who have experienced CEE

"It was an unforgettable experience for both of us. We heard about marriage in a positive way."

"We became more certain of our decision to marry. We were able to concentrate on our relationship without everyday distractions."

"We've grown to love each other more, yet when we arrived on Friday night we hadn't thought that would be possible."

"We gained a better understanding and appreciation of the church's views on the sacrament of marriage."

"We drew closer as we realized how important God was in our marriage."

"It brought out feelings we didn't know we had, and we benefited from hearing the team couples talk openly about their experiences."

Contact Information

Reservation Couple:
Tom & Chris Carrol (816) 966-0947
kansascityregistration@engagedencounter.com

Local Coordinators:
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kansascity@engagedencounter.com

