

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus  
Second Sunday of Easter– April 11, 2021

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Apr. 13	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	Apr. 15	05:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	Apr. 17	05:00 pm	SJV	Richard Heim †
SUN	Apr. 18	09:00 am	STL	Donald Gwartney †

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, 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: CPT 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 amount was \$1716.06, including \$25 for utilities and \$60 for Parochial Collections. Last week's on-line collection was \$353.95. Thank you for your generosity.

**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).

**SECOND COLLECTION** will be held **April 25<sup>th</sup>** for the Good Shepherd Sunday Collection. Each year, a special offertory collection is taken up throughout the Archdiocese on Good Shepherd Sunday which is allocated to three special funds supporting the Priesthood. They include: 1. The education and support of our 20 seminarians 2. Continuing education and retreats for our priests (there are more than 100 of us) 3. The care of our 20 retired priests. Please be generous in showing your support for my brother priests and for our seminarians who are discerning the priesthood. Thank you.

**ATTENTION! COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2021** Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration **June 13, 2021**, 2:00 pm, Church of the Nativity/Leawood To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, please call Sue Griffiee at 913-773-8342 and give her your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding. Please do this as soon as possible so she can send the request to Deacon Zimmerman, who is the coordinator.

**WINNER, WINNER CHICKEN DINNER**-Please join us at the Easton Methodist Church (Easton KS) for a Fried **Chicken Dinner to Go**. Saturday, **April 24<sup>th</sup>** 4:30-7:00 P.M. Adults-\$9.00-Children \$5.00.

## OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY:** This weekend we celebrate the Sunday of Divine Mercy. God's greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be healed. Women and men alike who have been involved in an abortion may feel deep grief, guilt, anxiety, depression, broken relationships and a sense of alienation from God and the Church. They may experience anniversary reactions to the date of the abortion or what would have been the baby's due date. For anyone struggling with this, the Church cares. It is never too late to seek the Lord's mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Consider confidential, compassionate help from our diocesan abortion healing ministry. It is open to those of any faith or no faith, offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. Please visit [www.projectrachelkc.com](http://www.projectrachelkc.com), call 913.621.2199 or email [projectrachelkc@archkck.org](mailto:projectrachelkc@archkck.org)

**ENFLAME OUR HOMES APRIL: Joyful Homes CELEBRATE!** What we choose to celebrate and how speaks volumes to our kids about what is important to our family. Who knew that family celebrations could be one of the most effective (and fun!) ways to pass on the Faith? Here's this month's page: [archkcks.org/celebrate](http://archkcks.org/celebrate)

**ABORTION IS A SYMPTOM OF CHANGES IN SOCIETY:** I recently had the privilege of hearing a resounding talk on behalf of the unborn babies - a pro-life message. We should all be shouting our outrage of abortion from the house tops. But we are so complacent. This problem has not gone away. Babies are still being murdered by the thousands every day. We have laws that say it's OK to kill babies. And let's not kid ourselves any longer. Those are babies that women carry in their wombs. We have laws that say it's wrong to speak God's name in our public schools, then we wonder why the children of today have so many problems. They are being cut off from God. And be careful if you mention God in a letter to your employees or you will be mocked by someone in the newspaper. I say to all such business owners that you are in good company: Christ also was mocked.

What has happened to us? We used to be a God-fearing people. But now you're considered strange if you talk about God. It seems to me our "educated" people and politicians who are making all these anti-God laws need to review the basics of right and wrong. What will it take to wake us up?

**XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Preschool - eighth grade, is currently enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year. The teachers and staff invite all interested families to join us for several enrollment events.

**Kindergarten Experience Night:** April 22, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, In-Person at 541 Muncie Road or Virtual.

**Preschool Open House:** April 29, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM, In-Person at 1409 2nd Avenue

**Virtual Open House:** Preschool - Eighth Grade, May 6, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Please note that COVID restrictions will be in place. For more information or to register please call Lisa Forge at 913-682-7801.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, **April 25, 2021** also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Resources for promoting vocations can be found on the USCCB website.

**CHRIST'S PEACE HOUSE OF PRAYER APPEAL:** We depend on your generosity to fill the gap between our income from guests and the Archbishop's Call to Share and what is needed to keep us operating efficiently. Thank you for being examples of the living out in real time the ideal of almsgiving. We appreciate your donations! You may donate online here: [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=C6TEJNB5CAXVQ](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=C6TEJNB5CAXVQ)

**CHRIST'S PEACE HOUSE OF PRAYER: Springtime Prepping for Growth:** Come out for a day of service and fellowship and help us prepare the grounds for a new year of growth. RSVP as lunch will be provided. This will be held April 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

**ST. ISIDORE DAY RETREAT, MASS AND BLESSING OF SEEDS AND SOIL** will be held Saturday, **May 15<sup>th</sup>** from 10:30am-4:30pm at Christ's Peace House of Prayer. Please join us for a special mass in honor of St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers on his feast day. The day will begin with Mass at 10:30am followed by a procession to the Saint Isidore Shrine. Bring seeds and soil in a small decorated basket to be placed at the altar for blessing. After lunch and a time of fellowship, there will be a spiritual conference on Pope Saint John Paul II's encyclical "Laborem Exercens" – On Human Work, adoration and evening prayer. All are welcome! A free-will offering will be taken up during the retreat.

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

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**(FOR POSTING ON THE CHURCH INTERNET SITE)**

**APRIL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** Child Abuse Prevention Month is an annual observance in the United States dedicated to raising awareness and preventing child abuse. April has been designated Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States since 1983. The Archdiocese encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making our communities a safe place for children and families. By ensuring that parents and mentors have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect. In April, we highlight these prevention efforts. Unfortunately during the COVID-19 crisis, children may face an increased risk of abuse and neglect. While many schools may still be closed and families are staying home, more abuse cases could go unreported and unnoticed. It is of particular import we continue to be vigilant and work together to prevent abuse. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 913-602-7717 or [ivalenti@archkck.org](mailto:ivalenti@archkck.org)

**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](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:**

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

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** ~ Grief Support Weekend Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend **April 30 – May 2, 2021**, at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For more information visit: [www.beginningexperiencekc.org](http://www.beginningexperiencekc.org) email: [register.bekc@gmail.com](mailto:register.bekc@gmail.com) or contact Laura 308-530-1873

**3 DAY YOUTH CONFERENCE “THE SUMMIT” - FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH:**

The Summit is a three-day Catholic youth conference hosted in Overland Park, KS. We will encounter the Lord together in the Sacraments and Adoration, through dynamic speakers, praise and worship, small group conversation, and downright fun. The Summit is open to all incoming high school freshmen (those entering 9th grade) through graduating high school seniors (those exiting 12th grade). **June 14-16th, 2021** from 9:00am-9:00pm each day There will be keynote addresses, time for small groups, praise and worship, daily Mass, confessions, and Eucharistic adoration as well as plenty of time for games so be prepared for full days! You can visit their website at: <https://www.kcksummit.org/about>. The conference is being hosted by The Church of the Ascension (9510 W 127th St, Overland Park, KS 66213). Our main session space will be outside under a huge tent. Parking will be available on site each day. Breakouts sessions and vendor spaces will be available inside. COST For teens, the cost is \$150/teen. For chaperones, the cost is FREE (\*up to a parish ratio of 6:1 then \$50 per additional chaperone). Priests and religious attend at no cost! Registration includes access to all summit sessions, 6 meals (lunch & dinner all 3 days), an awesome t-shirt, snacks, inflatable games and personal lanyard name badges. WEBSITE For more information, you can visit our FAQ's page on our website. QUESTIONS Contact Ascension Youth Minister Lee McMahan (785) 218-2708 /[lmcmahan@kcascension.org](mailto:lmcmahan@kcascension.org)

**CAMP KATERI TEKAKWITHA:** There is still time to take advantage of a week of faith, fun, and friends happening down at Camp Kateri Tekakwitha this summer! We can't wait to spend that time with your (grand)kids and family. Camp Kateri Tekakwitha has always been a place of adventure activities combined with powerful, spiritual, and unique encounters with God. As with every summer, we continue to enhance our property to allow for a safe place for kids and families to develop life-changing memories. This summer we are offering both day camps and overnight camp options. The day camps are a great way for kids to have the opportunity to experience camp, but allow them to return home in the evenings. We look forward to spending the summer with you. We are excited to announce that we are expanding the first sessions of our Kateri and Jr. High camp sessions to include an overnight option. These sessions will now be hybrid camps for campers who wish to come as a day camper, leaving and returning each day, AND for campers who wish to stay overnight. The cost is the same. All campers will enjoy the same activities. If you haven't had a chance to sign your (grand) kids up yet, there is still time! All age groups

have availability for both boys and girls. Give them the opportunity to experience faith, fun, and friends in a safe and thrilling atmosphere. Camp Kateri Tekakwitha continues to be a place of adventure activities combined with powerful, spiritual, and unique encounters with God. To see the available camp spots visit <https://archkck.org/camp/camps/camp-session-dates-cost-availability/>. Visit [www.archkck.org/camp](http://www.archkck.org/camp) for more information about Camp Kateri Tekakwitha. And, join us on Facebook (Camp Tekakwitha at the Prairie Star Ranch) and Instagram ([campstekakwitha](https://www.instagram.com/campstekakwitha))

 **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>

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

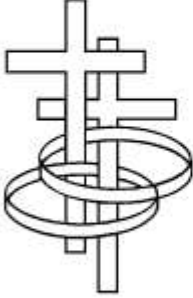
1. **Increase in tax deduction for cash gifts:** For donors that itemize their tax return, before the new legislation, the annual income limit was capped at 60% for cash gifts. The new legislation allows for charitable donations up to 100% of a donor's annual income.
2. **New deduction:** If you do not 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).

Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas

*50th Wedding Anniversary  
Celebration*

Sunday, June 13th, 2:00 pm  
Church of the Nativity

*To receive your invitation, see details below:*



If you are celebrating your 50th  
Wedding Anniversary in the year 2021  
and would like to take part in the  
**Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary  
Celebration, please call the parish office.**

Please give us your name, address, phone  
number and wedding date  
**as soon as possible.**

The Archdiocesan Marriage & Family Life  
Office will send each couple a formal  
invitation from Archbishop Naumann.

Marriage & Family Life Office  
Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas  
12615 Parallel Parkway  
Kansas City, KS 66109  
913-647-0345  
E-mail: [flifese@archkek.org](mailto:flifese@archkek.org)