

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus  
Fifth Sunday of Easter– May 2, 2021

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	May 4	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	May 6	06:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	May 8	05:00 pm	SJV	Sam Erzen †
SUN	May 9	09:00 am	STL	Jack Rogers †

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, Judy Brose, Jennifer Brushwood, Carl Davidson, George Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Vince Eimer, Tom Flack, Tina Gaspard, Alan Halstead, Patti Harris, 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, Billy Lowe, 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 \$2,636, which includes \$25 for Utilities and \$42 for Mission Collections. Last week's on-line collection was \$304.23. Thank you for your generosity.

**PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES** from the parishioners of St. Joseph-St. Lawrence Parish to the family of Carol Heim, who passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

**THANK YOU!** Our Parish received a card from Leavenworth Catholic Charities thanking our parish for the donation of 46 lbs. of food for the month of March, which helped to serve 777 individuals. They truly appreciate our generous donations to their food pantry. Thank you to all who donate to this charity.

**PLEASE JOIN US!** Following Mass on **May 1st** at St. Joseph of the Valley, a meditative Rosary will be prayed in the hall, a light meal will be served, all are welcome to come pray with us.

**LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE** for **May 6<sup>th</sup>** - Chairman Debbie Erzen-Kris Beying, Lori Simmons and Evelyn Wagner. Please prepare for 15 people. Dinner is at 7 P. M.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** will be held the weekend of **May 16<sup>th</sup>** for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Thank you for your generous donations!

**ATTENTION! COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2021** Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration **June 13, 2021, 2:00 pm**, Church of the Nativity/Leewood 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.

**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).

**CALL TO SHARE:** It's a class trope from folklore: some magical entity (perhaps a genie?) says they will grant you a single wish. What do you ask for? Something practical, like your mortgage being paid off? Or something extravagant, like a never-ending supply of mangoes? Now re-imagine that scenario with one slight difference: *you already have everything you could ever need.* Because, in a sense, you do. You are loved and have been redeemed by the all-powerful God of the universe, a reality we focus on throughout this Easter season. Even death itself has been defeated! When we live with acceptance of and gratitude for this mystery, our desires and wishes are transformed. We can't help but want to share the love with others. This is the fruit of "remaining in" relationship with Jesus, the vine that connects us back to the Father.

When you're most connected to Jesus, how do you desire to help your parish community? One big way you can contribute is through supporting our *Archbishop's Call to Share* appeal. Take some time this week to root yourself in the Lord, and see how He might be asking you to fruitfully support this important cause.

## OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

**LIFTING OF DISPENSATION FOR MASS ATTENDANCE:** Archbishop Naumann has chosen the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the weekend of **June 5-6, 2021**, as the occasion on which the dispensation from the obligation by the faithful to attend Mass shall be lifted. Beginning with Masses for that weekend, all the Catholic faithful residing within the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas must return to observing the precept of the Church to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Of course, those who suffer from underlying health concerns or compromised immunity, or who have genuinely serious concerns about the risk of contracting the coronavirus are not bound by the obligation to attend Mass. More details will be provided as we approach the date.

**XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Xavier Catholic School K-8 has openings for full-time and part-time certified teachers. If you are looking for a faith-based teaching position where you share your knowledge and faith with students, we want to talk with you! Our current openings include: 1st - Grade, 5-8th Grade Math - Full-Time or Part-Time, and 5-8th Grade English Language Arts - Full-Time or Part-Time. Please call the school office at 913-682-3135 email: [janelle.hartegan@leavenworthcatholicsschools.org](mailto:janelle.hartegan@leavenworthcatholicsschools.org) for more information or to apply.

Xavier Catholic School Extended Care has teaching positions available for various shifts/days during the day between 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Benefits include paid training, flexible schedules, holidays, and summers off. For more information please contact Shelly Sommerfield, Director of Extended Care at 913-682-1943 or email: [shelly.sommerfield@leavenworthcatholicsschools.org](mailto:shelly.sommerfield@leavenworthcatholicsschools.org)

**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.

**PENTECOST - FREEDOM IN THE SPIRIT RETREAT** Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Road - Easton, KS Friday, **May 21st** at 5:30pm – Sunday, **May 23rd** at 4:30pm Come, prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit over Pentecost Sunday Weekend. Enter into a dynamic relationship that will enkindle your faith life. Don't forget to start the Novena to the Holy Spirit on May 14th. There will be conferences, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. The suggested donation is \$170/Single or \$250/Couples for the Cabins and Courtyard Rooms or \$100 for the Single Guest Rooms (Meals Included). To attend, sign-up at [christspeace.com](http://christspeace.com), send an email to: [info@christspeace.com](mailto:info@christspeace.com) or call 913.773.8255.

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)**

**ABORTION MAKES AMERICA HYPOCRITICAL**

We Americans are hypocrites! We say we are against war yet we are in the midst of the biggest battle of our lives going on in our own home front, a battle between good and evil. We say we are appalled by the number of deaths of our military in wars yet we condone 4,000 deaths of the unborn each and every day right here in America. We have killed more babies than all the soldiers who have died from all the wars we have ever been in! We turn a deaf ear to the cries of the babies in the mothers' wombs pleading to be born, to be loved, to have a chance to live.

We deplore the actions of terrorists, the beheadings and the killings. Yet are we any better? The abortionists do the same to the helpless and defenseless in the womb, things so-called civilized people just don't do. We rush to the aid of helpless hurricane and earthquake victims, yet some believe we should euthanize the elderly and the sick when they can no longer help themselves and have become a 'burden' to those around them.

Take a good look around. Do you like what we've become? Why have we become so immoral? Do you suppose it's because we've pushed God aside and believe we are in charge?

**“JOYFUL HOMES” INITIATIVE:** Family life is not always easy, but we are not meant to bear life's burdens alone. This month's theme for Enflame Our Homes is: Joyful Families aren't perfect, but they ASK FOR HELP. While it may not be fun to reach out when we're in need, this small act of humility goes a long way to building relationships, and it creates a holy disposition of heart! Check out [archkcks.org/help](http://archkcks.org/help) for simple suggestions and activities this month for growing in this principle as a family.

**THE CALIX SOCIETY** ([www.calixsociety.org](http://www.calixsociety.org)) is a national association of Catholics in 12-Step recovery (AA, NA, OA, AlAnon, etc.). The Calix Society usually meets the first Friday of each month at Church of the Ascension in Overland Park. The next meeting will be Friday, **May 7th**. For specific information on time and meeting format, call Neil at 913-645-7244, or Mary at 913-747-5039.

**MAY IS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH!** Every child is a unique and precious gift from God who deserves a loving family. Sadly, every day in Kansas, children are removed from their homes for a variety of reasons and through no fault of their own. Right now in Kansas there are over 7,600 children in care, coming from all backgrounds and from every community. Many have experienced trauma and are frightened and lonely. Archbishop Naumann says, “To be truly pro-life, we must make sure that every child has an environment where he or she can thrive.” Foster parents open their hearts and homes helping children heal, trust, and hope again. Currently there are only approximately 2,000 licensed foster families in Kansas. The Church is the solution! Everyone can help – by either becoming a foster family, supporting the families who do foster, donating necessities or gifts for children, or mentoring teens who are aging out of the system. Please visit [www.archkcks.com/foster](http://www.archkcks.com/foster) to learn more.

**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG** to benefit Wyandotte & Olathe Pregnancy Clinics Do you have loose change? Do you have a heart to help those in need? Do you want to make an eternal impact in the lives of many? Wyandotte & Olathe Pregnancy Clinics encourage you to join in their Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser that helps them serve women and families facing difficult pregnancies so they can choose life for their children. Beginning on Mother's Day (**May 9**), please pick up a baby bottle to fill with loose change or bills, and return the bottles to church by Father's Day (**June 20**). Or, to donate online, visit [www.wyandottepregnancyclinic.org](http://www.wyandottepregnancyclinic.org) and click on the “Events” menu tab. Your participation will make a profound difference in the lives of the women they serve and WILL save lives!

**ST. THOMAS MORE CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM:** The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas (CFNEK) is providing a Catholic-centered Continuing Education (CE) Program for those in the fields of law, accounting, financial planning, and insurance on Friday, **June 4**, via a Live Zoom Webinar. Cost is \$75. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.cfnek.org/events/stthomasmorecontinuingeducationprogram>. The program begins with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann at 8:00 am and concludes at 1:30 pm. Available CE credits 4 hours CLE (2 ethics) for KS, 4 Hours CLE (3Ethics) for MO, 4 Hours (3 ethics) Kansas Insurance CE, 4 hours CFP and recommended for 4 hours CPE accounting credits.

**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 McMahon (785) 218-2708 [lmcmahon@kcascension.org](mailto:lmcmahon@kcascension.org)

**RETRouvaille:** Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope! Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. The next Retrouvaille weekend is scheduled for **June 25, 2021**. For more information, contact KC registration team: (800) 470-2230 or visit website at [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com)

**IMMERSION WEEKEND:** The Living in Love retreat is back in person and better than ever! Now called the Immersion Weekend offered by our friends at EverMore in Love, this weekend will help married couples experience the wonder of being more in love. **June 26 & 27** at Holy Spirit in Overland Park More information, other dates and special coupon code for our Archdiocese found at [www.archkck.org/livinginlove](http://www.archkck.org/livinginlove)

 **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).

