

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Sixth Sunday of Easter– May 9, 2021

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	May 11	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	May 13	06:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	May 15	05:00 pm	SJV	Rita (Sachse) Heim †
SUN	May 16	09:00 am	STL	Eric Felske †

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 unavailable. Last week's on-line collection was \$314.23. Thank you for your generosity.

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

CALL TO SHARE: There are a lot of ideas out there about what it takes to be happy: earn a certain income, have certain experiences, achieve certain things. In today's Gospel, Christ presents us a vision of happiness that is wildly counterintuitive to our contemporary, individualistic society: "love one another."

Jesus reveals that we find ourselves only by giving ourselves away. This is because we are made for relationship, not self-indulgence. Christ tells us that there is no greater love than to "lay down one's life one's friends," not in an effort to scare us, but so that his joy may be in us and that "your joy may be complete."

So how do we live out this self-giving love? Most of us aren't called to be missionaries in foreign lands, or to completely devote our lives to caring for the poor or sick. Yet opportunities to lay down our lives for others abound. One simple way? Support our ongoing *Archbishop's Call to Share* appeal. Your offering will directly contribute to our ability to share the love of Christ with a world in desperate need, truly producing "fruit that will remain."

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 Griffie 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@dfamil.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.

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 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

ST. ISIDORE DAY RETREAT, MASS AND BLESSING OF SEEDS AND SOIL will be held Saturday, **May 15th** 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 christspc.com, send an email to: info@christspc.com or call 913.773.8255.

AMENDMENT CAN BRING FREEDOM: Annually we celebrate the birthday of our independence - the birth of our nation with parades, fireworks and parties. Why then do we have abortion laws which deny children their right to have birthdays? We have allowed this holocaust to go on too long. It should never have become a law at all! We cannot honor the laws of man above the laws of God – one of which states "Thou shalt not kill".

We need to take off the blinders. We need to change. What we need is a human life amendment to the constitution outlawing abortion.

"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 for simple suggestions and activities this month for growing in this principle as a family.

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 to learn more.

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

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COUPLE TO COUPLE LEAGUE ANNOUNCES PRE-MENOPAUSE

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS: A class in using the Sympto-Thermal Method (STM) of Natural Family Planning during the pre-menopause period takes place at St. John the Evangelist in the extra building, 200 West 13th St., Lawrence, KS, on Wedn., **May 19**, at 6:30pm. For more info about this or other Couple to Couple League classes in the metro area, call Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015. **Online pre-registration is required at: www.ccli.org.**

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 McMahan (785) 218-2708 /lmcmahan@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

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

TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARY NEEDED

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Archdiocese Kansas City in Kansas is seeking two men committed to their Catholic Faith, who feel called to share it with youth of parishes within the Archdiocese, to complete the 2021 TOTUS TUUS team, which will consist of four members: two men and two women. The four individuals will travel to 8 parishes in the archdiocese, spending a week at each and running programs for elementary aged children during the day and teens during the evening. Team members share in Christian community with the parishes they are visiting, participating in events and staying with host families. Throughout their time with the community, they seek to give witness to their love for Christ and his Church and share their enthusiasm. The team also strives to create an authentic Christian community with each other: praying, working, sharing, and spending many hours together to provide mutual support. This position is a temporary two-month commitment (May 26-Aug 7, 2021). This includes one week of training and a one week break for the 4th of July. This is a great summer job experience for anyone who wants to work in ministry, education or with children in any setting.

Job Requirements: • 18 or older • Willing to devote themselves to the program for its entirety • Practicing Catholic faithful to the Church's teaching • Desire to work with and witness to youth • Maturity to live and work as part of a mutually respectful Christian team • Successful completion of a background check and VIRTUS safe environment screenings Application Instructions: To apply, got to <https://totustuus.church/be-missionary> and scroll down to “National Missionary Application. When asked which diocese be sure to check KS: Archdiocese of Kansas City in KS. Questions can be sent to totustuus@archkck.org

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM ARCHBISHOP NAUMANN:

On Thursday, May 6, 2021, 3:11 PM, Office of Archbishop Naumann wrote:

The Hyde Amendment has protected Americans from funding abortion for 45 years. It's credited with saving the lives of over 2.4 million children to date.

Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away this law that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Without it, billions of taxpayer dollars could go to abortion.

That means abortions would be cheaper, easier, and funded with our taxpayer dollars.

As Pope Francis has said, "The future of humanity ... is fundamentally in the hands of peoples and in their ability to organize."



It is **critically important** for Catholics to send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. Because of the incredibly high stakes Congress needs to hear from a massive number of people.

I invite the people of your parish to join our diocesan response to this nationwide effort by the USCCB, set for the **first week of June**.

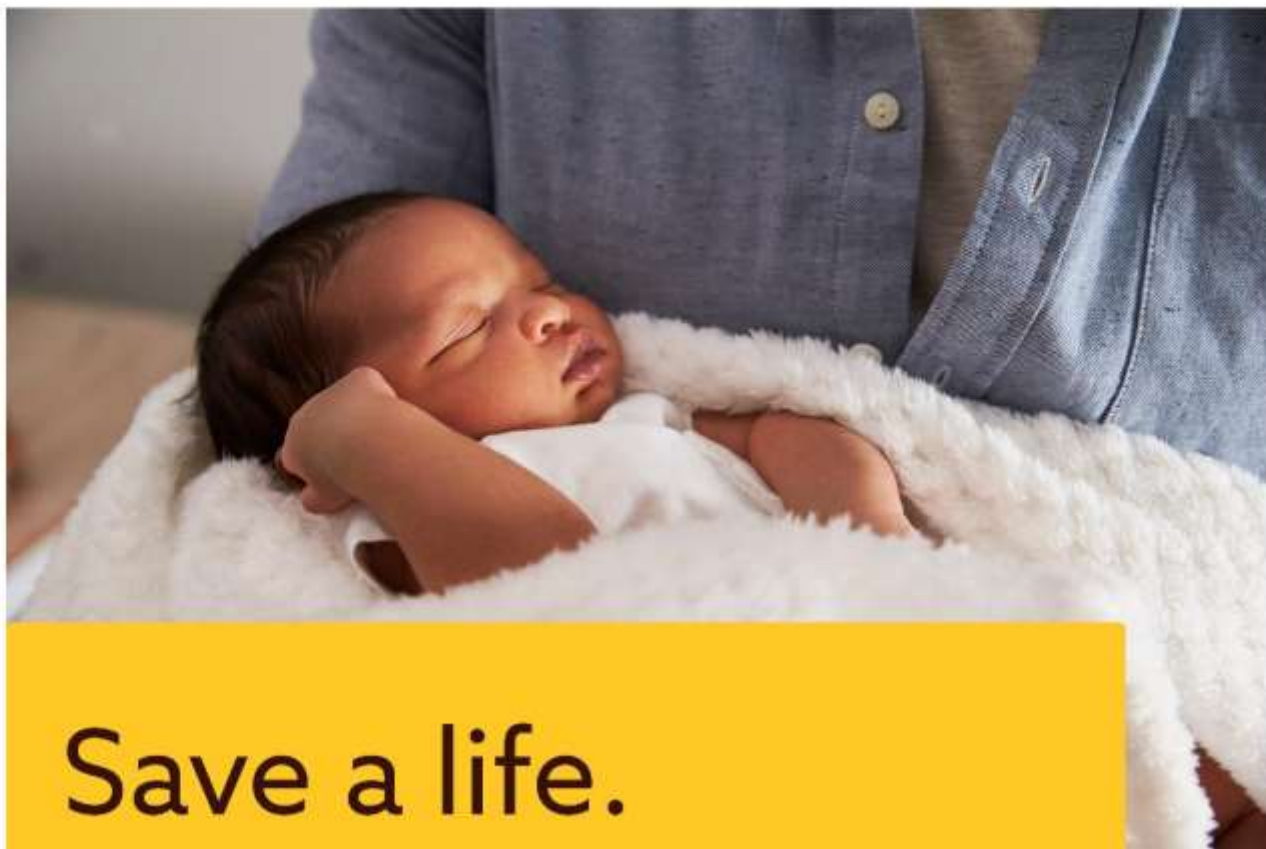
The primary goal is for millions of Catholics to sign the petition on [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com) (<https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/>).

The USCCB has created easy, ready-to-use tools that can be found at [respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion](https://www.respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion). (<https://www.respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion>) These include a sample announcement, graphics, flyer, and infographic. More tools continue to be added as they become available, so be sure to check back.

Additionally, the USCCB is hosting a webinar **Wednesday, May 12 at 2:00 PM (EDT)** that will give more information on the push for tax dollars to pay for abortion and what Catholics can do to stop it. Anyone interested can register at [respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion](https://www.respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion). (<https://www.respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion>)

PS: Please consider including this announcement in your parish bulletin and other communications: **Stop your tax dollars from going to abortion.** [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](https://www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com)

Sincerely yours in Jesus, the Lord of Life,
Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann



Save a life. Contact Congress.

WHAT

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

HOW

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that *both* Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century.

WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS?

Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

TAKE ACTION

Sign the petition to Congress at NoTaxpayerAbortion.com!