

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Seventh Sunday of Easter– May 16, 2021

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	May 18	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m.- CANCELLED				
THUR	May 20	06:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	May 22	05:00 pm	SJV	Richard Heim †
SUN	May 23	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: 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 \$4401 for the past 2 weeks, which included \$21 for the Leaven, \$50 –Utilities, \$60-Catholic Communication & Retirement for Priests, \$50-Mass Stipend, and \$2270-Memorial, \$100-STL Cemetery Fund; and \$150-SJV Cemetery Fund. Last week's on-line collection was \$409.91. Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION: will be held this weekend of **May 16th** for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Archdiocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc. Thank you for your generous donations!

FIRST PENANCE: Saturday, May 22nd, our CCD students will be receiving their first Penance before the 5:00 pm Mass: Cale Stewart, Jude Miller, Ryder South, London Siebenmorgen and Korbin Kujawa. Please pray for them on this happy occasion.

CONGRATULATIONS to the three SJSL Catholic Education Scholarship winners: Austin Green (grade 8), Maria Peltzer (grade 8) and Luke Peltzer (grade 9)! Each student was awarded \$250 by the SJSL Parish to further their Catholic Education. We are proud of these students and their accomplishments!

CALL TO SHARE: We've got quite a tall task: going out into the world and proclaiming the Gospel to every living creature. We're reminded today, on Ascension Sunday, that even though Christ ascended body and soul into Heaven, He still aids the work of the Church today. And our mission is impossible without His grace! Christ wants us to rely upon Him. But this doesn't necessarily mean depending on miracles and signs. It also means trusting that he'll bless our more practical efforts to build the Church and proclaim the Gospel.

Here at St. Joseph-St. Lawrence, we've discerned that the *Archbishop's Call to Share* appeal is a vital way of helping us live out our mission. We depend on God's grace, not only to see this important endeavor through to completion, but to inspire each of us to do our part. Let's pray as a parish community that we all might be moved by the Lord to contribute to this mission, the same one He originally entrusted to the Apostles.

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 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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Our Family Support Center Food Pantry has expanded to four days a week. It is open Monday – Thursday, 9:00AM – 4:00PM. We are still in need of volunteers to support the pantry. If anyone is interested in volunteering in the food pantry or front desk, please contact ccnekvolunteers@catholiccharitiesks.org or call 913-433-2100. Hours are flexible. The exception for food pantry hours is in Topeka – they are open Monday-Thursday as well, but closed on Wednesday mornings.

HELP STOP TAX-PAYER FUNDED ABORTION Your voice could help save millions of lives. 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. 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. We need millions of Catholics to sign the petition! Please sign at NoTaxpayerAbortion.com and encourage others to do the same. Thank you!

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:

Now Enrolling: Are you still searching for the right school environment for the 2021-22 school year? Xavier Catholic School just completed a successful school year of in-person learning. Please call 913-682-7801 or visit www.leavenworthcatholicsschools.org to schedule a tour or for more information.

Open House: Xavier Catholic Preschool is hosting an open house for all interested families at our new location - St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church (900 Ida Street, Lansing.) Please join us Thursday, **June 3** from 5:00 - 6:00 PM. We invite you to meet our teacher and discover the wonderful things happening at Xavier! If you are unable to attend that day, please call us to schedule a tour at 913-682-1943.

Teaching Positions Available: Xavier Catholic School is looking 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! We are currently hiring for second grade. Please call the school office at 913-682-3135 or email Janelle Hartegan at 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. Positions start at \$9.50 per hour increasing to \$10.00 per hour after the induction period. For more information please contact Shelly Sommerfield, Director of Extended Care at 913-682-1943 or email: shelly.sommerfield@leavenworthcatholicsschools.org

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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(FOR POSTING ON THE CHURCH INTERNET SITE)

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 christsppeace.com, send an email to: info@christsppeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

EUTHANASIA AND BLESSED CLEMENS VON GALEN

"Once admit the right to kill unproductive persons then none of us can be sure of his life." So spoke Cardinal Clemens von Galen, of Munster, Germany, in 1941. This Cardinal was called the "Lion of Munster," because he roared with the voice of the Gospel against the atrocities of the Nazi Regime. On October 9, 2005, he was beatified at St Peter's Basilica in Rome. During his life, the Cardinal protested with special force against euthanasia:

"The opinion is that since they (the old) can no longer make money, they are obsolete machines, comparable with some old cows that can no longer give milk or some horse that has gone lame Here we are dealing with human beings, with our neighbors, brothers and sisters, the poor and the invalids unproductive, perhaps. But have they, therefore, lost the right to live? Have you or I the right to exist only because we are productive?" (August 3, 1941)

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 Wed., **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.**

PROJECT CHRYSALIS Tuesday **May 25**-In Person, St. Luke Room at Church of the Ascension and Online via Zoom, 7:00PM Our next meeting will be held on May 25, from 7:00-8:15pm, in person in the St. Luke Room at Church of the Ascension and online via Zoom. Our special guest speaker will be Deacon Ed Schoener from the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania. For more information, including the Zoom invitation link, contact Deacon Ken Billinger at 913-634-4210 or email kbillinger@archkck.org. Project Chrysalis is a ministry offering hope through Sacred Scripture and community to parents or 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. The group is open to parents or grandparents who have lost children.

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.

PROJECT RACHEL WEEKEND RETREAT: Hurting after an abortion? Come to our Unfailing Mercy - Project Rachel Weekend Retreat **Friday 6/11 to Sunday 6/13**. For privacy, location is given only to those attending. For further information and to register, please contact Ann Marie at projectrachelkc@archkck.org or 913- 621-2199.

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

RETOUVAILLE: 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, 202). 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://totustus.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 totustus@archkck.org

 **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.

