

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday – May 23, 2021

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	May 25	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	May 27	06:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	May 29	05:00 pm	SJV	Ernie DeMaranville † Shirley Karczewski † Jamie Karczewski †
SUN	May 30	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, 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 \$2088, including \$25-Utilities, \$45-Catholic Communication Campaign and \$1070 for Memorials. Last week's on-line collection was \$239.23. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

PLEASE TAKE ONE: The Parish has received sample copies of "The Word Among Us", which is a booklet containing the daily mass readings and meditations. These booklets are in the back of each of the churches. Please feel free to pick one up and take home, or take one to someone who is not attending mass at this time. We also will be receiving the "Magnifikids" booklets again beginning in July.

CALL TO SHARE: It's been observed that people need a mission, a sense of purpose, in life. In fact, the sense of emptiness so many experience today is a byproduct of not "being on mission." As Christians, we are always on mission. And we've been on mission ever since that first Pentecost. A mission of love, to share the Good News with a world in need. What a powerful source of purpose and meaning in our lives! To realize that we're part of the same mission that inspired the likes of St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, all the saints throughout the ages, reaching all the way back to that Upper Room where the Risen Lord appeared to the disciples and first gave them the Holy Spirit.

That mission animates us today, and it's the reason why we're so intent on strengthening our parish through the *Archbishop's Call to Share* appeal. As we rejoice in our reception of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost, let us prayerfully consider how He might be prompting us to contribute to this mission, as important now as it was 2000 years ago.

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.

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

GLOBAL MARATHON OF PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE COVID PANDEMIC: RECITE THE HOLY ROSARY – Pope Francis has called for a "marathon" of prayer in the month of May to appeal for divine assistance in bringing about an end to the Covid pandemic. The faithful are asked to pray the Holy Rosary daily for an end to this pandemic. Please join with your brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world in this daily prayer of intercession and hope to our Blessed Mother.

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

LEAVEN PRICE INCREASE: The price for the upcoming year for the Leaven — from October 2021 to September 2022 — will be \$23, instead of the \$21 that has been charged for the past 7 years. It is archdiocesan policy that all registered Catholics receive a copy of the paper; the subscription rolls are sent to our parish every summer for updates, although we can make changes at any time. If you have not been receiving the Leaven, please let us know so we can correct our records. We will be asking for your help in the fall to offset the cost of the Leaven.

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)

AMERICA'S DEADLY SILENCE! Abortion is the most common, least regulated medical procedure and the number one killer in America. More lives are lost each year through abortion than all deaths due to cancer, heart attacks, accidents, AIDS, natural disasters, wars, illness and diseases combined. The savagery of war, the atrocities of the Nazi holocaust, graphic violence, natural disasters and critical and bloody medical procedures are routinely shown on the media. But never an abortion! Women are denied critical information on the risks of an abortion, including increased risk of Breast Cancer, Post Abortion Syndrome, the sale of body parts etc.

The truth about abortion has been censored by the media, silenced by our courts, politicized by our politicians and even silenced in our churches and schools. Babies in the womb have no voice except yours and mine. We cannot remain silent any longer!

RESPIRE CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Give the gift of yourself!! The Special Needs Ministry of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas needs volunteers (14 years of age and older) to help restart BREATHE – A Respite Care Program. This program provides a break from caregiving to families who have a child with a disability. The program is held at Bishop Meige High School usually on the third Saturday of each month from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We are planning to offer our first session on Saturday, August 21st. Volunteers “buddy” with a child with a disability for a fun evening of recreation and leisure activities. COVID protocols will be followed. To learn more and to register, go to www.archkck.org/special-needs or email tracunas@archkck.org.

Virtual Trivia Night – An Ordination Celebration: Join us on **May 26** from 6:30 to 9 pm, as the Vocation Office hosts its annual Trivia Night to honor and celebrate the three men who will be ordained to the priesthood! We strongly encourage each parish to participate and look forward to this being a true Archdiocesan-wide celebration that represents the entire Body of Christ in Northeast Kansas. Gather a group of up to 8 players (\$25/person) and prepare to challenge other teams for prizes. Because questions each round will draw from knowledge spanning generations, we strongly encourage each team to include young and old alike (high school and up) and suggest parishes be intentional about inviting young people in high school or college to participate since this will be a great vocation opportunity. The evening will include: • Seven rounds of questions • Sneak peak of the video “I Will Give You Shepherds” highlighting the three men to be ordained and their journey to the priesthood • 50/50 raffle • \$25 gift card awarded each round to both a youth and an adult participant • Prizes awarded to the top two teams Looking for a little inside help? Bid on a seminar to join your team, live and in-person, for the event. Please check our website for details, registration, and to participate in the seminarian auction: <https://one.bidpal.net/seminarians/welcome> Feel free to call the Vocation Office at 913-647-0303 with any questions. All proceeds directly benefit our seminarians and the ongoing mission of the Vocation Office.

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

SUMMER DATE NIGHTS FOR MARRIED COUPLES: Grab your spouse and your favorite beverage and head out to your patio. We've got 7 great date nights filled with insights and skills that will bring you closer. Sessions are live online with recordings available for registered participants. Ready to socialize again? Invite a group of couples to register with you, then simply plan to stream all or some of the sessions together for a fun evening with friends! Course begins **June 17th**. More information and register: <https://evermoreinlove.org/everyday-skills>

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

MARY'S CATHOLIC MONTESSORI TRAINING CENTER (MCMTC) is currently accepting applicants for our fall cohort, starting in September 2021. Located in Eudora, Kansas, MCMTC trains and certifies Catholic Montessori guides to transform the world. In this program, the Montessori method and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd are united as an organic whole, preparing Catholic Montessori guides to deliver full Montessori formation to children and their families. Check out mcmtc.org for more details or email info@mcmtc.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.

