

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - May 30, 2021

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	June 1	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	June 3	06:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	June 5	05:00 pm	SJV	Donald Erzen †
SUN	June 6	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 \$2,498, including \$1350 Memorials; \$64 STL Cemetery, \$30 utilities. Last week's on-line collection was \$468.46. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Mass on Tuesday, **June 8th** at St. Lawrence.

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: Have you heard our exciting news? Xavier Catholic School has several classes at both our preschool and K-8 campuses that are nearly at capacity! Please call 913-682-7801 or visit www.leavenworthcatholicschools.org to schedule a tour or for more information. Don't miss your chance to discover the difference of Catholic education!

THE ENDERLE-BOGENRIFE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT: Mary Rose Enderle and Richard Bogenrife have established a scholarship endowment for Catholic students living in Leavenworth and Wyandotte counties that plan to attend a trade or vocational school. Most trade and vocational programs are available through community and technical colleges. The scholarship award is \$5,000.00. To request a scholarship application please email Dave Hernandez at landfoz1239@sunflower.com or call 913-369-2718. Scholarship application deadline is **July 15, 2021**.

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

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA-LITTLE FLOWER CIRCLE: The next meeting will be held in person on **June 27th**, at 12:45 PM in Yadrich Hall at Christ the King Parish, 5972 SW 25th St. A Rosary will be followed by the business meeting and social time. Social distancing and masks will be required. If anyone knows of a member or family member of Daughters of Isabella in need of the Circle's prayers call Bobbie Graff Hendrixson at 785-271-0145. If you are interested in or would like more information about Daughters of Isabelle call Cindy Keen at 785-228-9863

EVERY CHILD A WANTED CHILD: Prior to the legalization of abortion, advocates for abortion held out the panacea of the elimination of "unwanted children" if only abortion was legal. In fact, it was Planned Parenthood, which led this charge, coining the familiar slogan, "Every child a wanted child". Despite the fact that some 60 million "unwanted" babies have died in the intervening period, the pro-choice lobby still uses this argument to justify abortion.

In the 1960's and 70's the pro-choice position was that legalizing abortion would drastically reduce child abuse. America legalized abortion and, child abuse has skyrocketed. Yet, despite this staggering increase in child abuse, the pro-choice lobby continues to tie itself in knots by now arguing that making abortion illegal would cause an increase in child abuse!!! How many more millions of children do we have to kill before their scheme starts to work? We all agree that every child should be wanted. This is an idealistic goal, but sadly we do not live in an idyllic world.

Moreover, since when does anyone's right to live depend upon someone else wanting them? Women rightfully resent that the value of a woman is sometimes determined by whether a man wants her. How can anyone possibly insist that the value of an unborn baby is to be determined by whether a mother wants him or her at any given time? To use being wanted by someone as a measure of whether a human life is allowed to live is a truly frightening concept. Its converse logically awaits us--- that the unwanted can be eliminated. Don't forget that Hitler's Germany was ideal for wanted Aryans. To make sense, the slogan: "Every child a wanted child" has to be completed "and if not wanted, aborted." To complete the sentence removes the mask from this misleading slogan and reveals it for the evil that it is!

"JOYFUL HOMES" INITIATIVE: June's theme for Enflame Our Homes is: Joyful families SERVE. Like moldy leftovers in the back of the fridge, our gifts and talents go to waste if we don't use them! Service to others doesn't need to be elaborate or expensive to have an effect on our families. Simply noticing the needs of those we care about and offering a small kindness is a habit that goes a long way toward building a more joyful family. Here is the website: archkcks.org/serve

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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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.

THE CALIX SOCIETY (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, **June 4th**. For specific information on time and meeting format, call Neil at 913-645-7244, or Mary at 913-747-5039.

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>

ENFLAME SPARK SESSION: CARE: What is the art of listening? How do we best approach loved ones that have left the Church or other difficult conversations? What does a community of care look like? Join us in a gathering of other disciples interested in growing closer to Christ. The Spark Sessions explore the core Enflame principles - Prayer, Care, Share - to deepen our relationship with God and strengthen us in building missionary discipleship relationships with others. This session will focus on Care by focusing on the art of listening, how to engage in difficult conversations, and developing a community of care as we invite people into an active relationship with God. We will share success stories and encouragement, renewing our hearts with the joy of the Gospel! Join us and register to attend now. Saturday, **June 19** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, followed by an optional networking and dessert hour from 1:00-2:00 PM Keleher Conference Center - Savior Pastoral Center 12615 Parallel Parkway Kansas City, KS Cost: \$20 (\$25 at the door) -- lunch and beverages will be provided. If you have any questions, please email our team at enflame@archkck.org. To register, go to <https://archkck.org/adults/home/spark-session/>

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

SUMMER RETIREMENT SEMINAR: Tax Reducing Strategies for Pre- and Post-Retirees With Speaker, Bill Eckert, C.A.P. **July 14, 2021**

Donnelly College, Room 229, in the new addition 10:30 am to Noon. Register at PlannedGiving@archkck.org Bill is a member of Nativity parish and is a Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy which provides him an in-depth knowledge of the legal and financial tools necessary to help Catholics articulate and advance their highest aspirations for self, family, church, and society. The Office of Stewardship and Development, CFNEK, and Donnelly College. Space is limited. Registration information: archkck.org/summer-seminar/

TOTUS TUUS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: The Totus Tuus Team will offer an adapted Totus Tuus program for people with special needs **July 19th – 23rd** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Prince of Peace parish in Olathe. This program is for persons ages 6 to adult with intellectual/developmental disabilities. The fee is \$40 per person for the week. For more information, please contact tracunas@archkck.org or call 913.647.3054. To register, go to <https://archkck.org/special-needs>.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC) WEEKEND: Does Jesus really love us back ALL the time? Does He really love us that much, even when we aren't at our best? Does He really want to listen to us, even when we haven't been a good friend to Him? When you come to a Teens Encounter Christ Retreat, you're going to hear some great things from other people about Jesus, but you're also going to get a lot of time to talk with Him and get to know Him better too. Teens Encounter Christ is a 3-day retreat where we focus on the Paschal Mystery of the dying and rising of Jesus Christ for each one of us. This is for High School Students and graduated seniors. It will be held at PSR on **August 14-16**, 2021. Cost is \$110.00. Scholarships are available. Sign up here: www.archkck.org/teens

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

TEACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE: Are you looking for rewarding work in Catholic education? The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is looking for faith-filled Catholic teachers at all levels from Pre-K thru 12th grade in our Catholic schools. The diocese has 36 elementary and 6 high schools throughout Northeast Kansas. We have positions available for qualified candidates. Applicants should hold a Kansas teaching license, or be eligible to obtain a license. We can help you through this process. For questions contact Allison Carney at 913-647-0332, or email acarney@archkckcs.org. To apply visit www.archkckcs.org and follow the Employment+ link from the menu across the top of the page.

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.

