

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 4, 2021

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	July 6	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	July 8	06:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	July 10	05:00 pm	SJV	Virginia Hattok †
SUN	July 11	09:00 am	STL	Donald Erzen †

Confessions: SAT-4:30 pm at SJV; SUN-8:30 at STL

COVID Protocols

As of 12 May 2021, all archdiocesan safety protocols relating to COVID-19 are rescinded. As we strive to provide a safe environment for our parishioners to worship, we recommend those who attend Mass and other parish functions continue to follow a few reasonable guidelines: Use hand sanitizer when entering church and practice social distancing when possible.

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, 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, 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 for last weekend was unavailable. A week ago's online collection was \$389.23. Last week's on-line collection was \$214.23. Thank you for your generosity.

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

SAVE THE DATE - SUMMERFEST 2021 is scheduled for August 7th. Parish Council is in the initial planning phase, if you would like to assist with the planning please call Sharon Wagner @ 913-683-4495. We look forward to a great event where our parish can socialize and share some home cooked chicken. **Raffle Donations** – Raffle tickets will be available at the back of each church starting July 3rd. We are asking each family to sell a minimum of 30 tickets.

MASS SERVER COORDINATOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Father would like to have servers at Mass now that our Covid restrictions are being removed. We will need someone to coordinate scheduling servers for Masses. If you can help out please contact Kevin Heim @ 913-271-1900.

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

HEARING THE CRY OF A CHILD: We were all moved by the plight of the little 18-month-old 'Lily' who was strapped in her car seat in a car that was upside down in a river in Utah years ago for 14 hours. Her mother was killed in this terrible accident. A fisherman discovered the wreck and firemen were notified. The five heroic firemen claim they each heard a voice in their heads pleading for 'help.' Within minutes after turning the car over they rescued the baby and she was on her way to the hospital and recovery. We were all thrilled! Whose voice was calling to them? Who is Lily's guardian angel? It certainly was a spiritual being - a little miracle that most certainly touched the hearts of those firemen!

If only expectant mothers could hear the cry of the babies in their wombs pleading with them to let them be born! They have so much love to share! They are just as anxious to meet their moms and dads as the parents should be to meet them. They would tell you they are a real person waiting to give hugs to loved ones. They want to run and laugh and play and smell the flowers. And to the abortion doctors they would plead with them to

honor their Hippocratic Oath as doctors to save lives - not to kill anyone. That is not their right; it never was nor ever will be. Just think what a wonderful world this would be if all the aborted babies had been saved.

XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

Xavier Catholic School is currently interviewing for the following positions for the 2021-22 school year:

Program Director for Extended Care School Age Program-Part-Time position located at Xavier's K-8 campus (541 Muncie Road)

Applicants must have taught at least one year at a licensed childcare facility OR have 7-9 academic credit hours in early childhood education and 3 months teaching in a licensed childcare facility OR have a CDA qualification.

Part-time childcare position in the preschool extended care program located at Xavier Catholic Preschool (1409 2nd Avenue). Up to 20 hours per week.

Interested applicants, please email a resume and cover letter to Shelly Sommerfield, Director of Extended Care, at shelly.sommerfield@leavenworthcatholicsschools.org.

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 on attending 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.

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/

STRENGTHEN YOUR FAMILY'S FOUNDATION! The family is the most important unit in society, and sacramental marriage is the foundation of the family. Invest in your family by investing in your marriage. Join us for the next in-person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience, July 16-18, 2021, at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas. For more information, visit our website at www.WWME.org, and follow us on Facebook. To apply for the weekend register on-line or call/email Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net

SACRED HEART-ST. CASIMIR PARISH ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER served at Sacred Heart Church Hall, 1405 2nd Ave., Leavenworth on Sunday, August 1st from 11:30 am-3:00 pm. Carry outs available. Adults \$11/Children \$6 (12 & under)

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)

NEKRYC 2021-22 MEMBERS ANNOUNCED The Rural Youth Ministry Outreach office of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas announces the 2021-2022 North East Kansas Rural Youth Council (NEKRYC) June 25, 2021. Rural YM Outreach (RYMO) is pleased to announce this amazing group of young leaders from across the Archdiocese of KCK. Members were chosen from an application and interview process and will begin serving this summer when they meet for their first prayer and planning day. NEKRYC members are high school students representing 14 unique rural parishes. The mission of NEKRYC (developed by 12 charter members in 2014) is “to inspire youth, families and communities to encounter Christ through fun and faith-filled activities.” NEKRYC helps to plan and carry out RYMO events such as the Summer / Fall tour and the Rural Catholic Youth Conference and also assists with activities sponsored by the youth office and Prairie Star Ranch such as the Junior High Rally and Family Days. NEKRYC members gather in person and via video conferences to plan, grow in discipleship, and pray for one another and all the youth of ArchKCK. 2021-2022 NEKRYC members are: Alexis Bittner, St. Stanislaus, Rossville; Renn Deters, St. Dominic, Holton; Faith Henry, St. Mary, St. Benedict; Emma Johnson, Holy Trinity, Paola; Bella Jurado, Holy Trinity, Paola; Payton McCarn, St. Joseph, Flush; Rebecca Madden, St. Bernard, Wamego; Brooklyn Plummer, St. Columbkille, Blaine; Kennedy Ratliff, Immaculate Conception, St. Marys; Thomas Rziha, St. Benedict, Atchison; Kaden Smith, St. Leo, Horton; Austin Spellman, Sacred Heart, Paxico; Riley Stallbaumer, Immaculate Conception, St. Marys; Rebekah Stuhsatz, Sacred Heart, Paxico; Morgan Sumner, St. Boniface, Scipio; Karly Tangeman, St. Mary, St. Benedict; Katie Tangeman, St. Mary, St. Benedict; Ryan Uphaus, Sts. Peter and Paul, Seneca; Reese Witherspoon, Holy Angels, Garnett; and Katie Zachgo, St. Bernard, Wamego. To learn more about youth and adult opportunities through Rural Youth Ministry Outreach, please contact us at ruralyouth@archkck.org or (785) 221-2644 or visit our website at <https://archkck.org/rural/youth/>

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>.

TOTUS TUUS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND SIBLINGS: The Totus Tuus Teams will offer an adapted Totus Tuus program for people with special needs beginning Monday, **July 24th to Thursday, July 27th** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish in Overland Park. This Totus Tuus program is for persons ages 6 to adult with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Siblings are welcome!! Fee is \$40 per person or \$60 per family. Registration deadline is July 1st. Volunteers are also needed for the program. For more information please contact Tom Racunas in the Office of Special Needs Ministry by email at tracunas@archkck.org or call 913.647.3054 or 316.305.7487. To register go to: www.archkck.org/special-needs.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC) WEEKEND: Does Jesus really have our 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.archkckyouth.org/tec

WHY BE CATHOLIC? We are asked many questions that we may not know the answers to. Have you been saved? How do we know that God even exists? Why are we here? Are we just the result of a random accident which began the creation of the universe and then later developed? Do you have a personal relationship with Christ? If you want to learn more about the answers to these questions please come to the Patrick Madrid conference on **August 28th**. Patrick Madrid is a nationally recognized author, speaker, and radio host Date: Saturday, August 28, 2021 Location: Lyon County Fairgrounds, Anderson Building, Emporia, KS Cost: \$10 admission Time: Check-in 8:00 am (Includes Continental Breakfast) Sessions: 9 am-4 pm Catered Luncheon (Free-Will donation) *Register by August 22nd* at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) (Search “Patrick Madrid-Why Be Catholic?” for tickets) Questions: Call (620) 475-3767

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

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION NIGHTS : Anyone who is interested in learning more about the diaconate to attend one of our “information nights.” We will be hosting information nights at the following locations:

- WED, Sept. 1st: Savior Pastoral Center (KCK)(Spanish Interpreter)

- MON, Sept. 13th: Christ the King (Topeka) (Sign Language Interpreter)
- THURS, Sept. 23rd: Holy Cross (Overland Park) (Spanish Interpreter)
- TUES, Sept. 28th : Immaculate Conception (Leavenworth)
- TUES, Oct. 12th: Savior Pastoral Center (KCK) (Live Streamed)
- All informational nights begin at 7:00 pm.

To assist with this effort please:

- (1) Pray** Let us begin praying for the new cohort—both collectively as well as for individual inquirers, that the Holy Spirit will inspire men to “come and see” and plant in their hearts the seeds of a diaconal vocation.
- (2) Invite** Now that the information nights have been set up, we invite men (along with their wives!) to attend one of them!
- (3) Personal Interaction** Please review the FAQs about the diaconate that are found on the archdiocesan website: Father or Leon Suprenant from this office should you have any additional questions regarding our Archdiocesan diaconate program or the diaconate in general. He may be reached via email at leons@archkck.org or by calling (913) 647-0358.

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://kccascension.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.

THE HYDE AMENDMENT:

*Congress needs to see **hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of petition signatures by July 16** in support of the Hyde Amendment. There is still time to reach our goal. **But we need your urgent help.** If the Hyde Amendment is preserved this year, it will be by a **razor's edge** of one or two votes. And if the current unprecedented attack against the Hyde Amendment is not countered with an unprecedented grassroots defense, those who want to eliminate it will be emboldened to fight harder next year.*

Some powerful Members of Congress want taxpayer dollars to pay for abortion for poor women.

To offer a woman a government-funded abortion, but not the resources she needs to care for her child, is not “choice” but coercion.

Government money would be better spent supporting women in crisis pregnancies and struggling new mothers than paying to end the lives of their children.

Tell Congress to save the Hyde amendment: <https://bit.ly/no-taxpayer-abortion-action>

