

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 22, 2021

St. Joseph of the Valley: 31151 207th Street, (Rural) Leavenworth, KS 66048

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Aug. 24	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	Aug. 26	06:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	Aug. 28	05:00 pm	SJV	Ernie DeMaranville †
SUN	Aug. 29	09:00 am	STL	Charles Abel Sr. †

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As of 12 May 2021, all archdiocesan safety protocols relating to COVID-19 are rescinded.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, Joe Brose, Judy Brose, Jennifer Brushwood, Carl Davidson, George Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Vince Eimer, Tom Flack, Tina Gaspard, Karen Gray, 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 was \$1831, \$25 utilities, \$300 Parish Social & \$200 St. Joseph Altar Society; on-line: \$347.95. Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION: will be held the weekend of Sept. 5th for The Catholic University of America. Your generous donation is deeply appreciated.

LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE: for Sep 2, 2021: Becky Stewart Chair, Rita Oatney, Kate Peltzer, & Andrea Coppinger.

LEAVENWORTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES: A thank you to parishioners for the 40 lbs of food and personal products donated in July which helped serve 791 individuals in the Leavenworth county area.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one of the following:

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.

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 TO CLEAN THE RECTORY twice a month. POC is Sharon Wagner, phone: 913-683-4495 or email: w5cattle@aol.com.

LECTOR'S AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please contact Sharon Wagner at w5cattle@aol.com or 913-683-4495 if you would like to become or continue as a lector or Eucharistic minister. Please provide your preference of Saturday evening mass or Sunday morning mass.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

BACK TO SCHOOL TIME! Pleasant Ridge is in need of individually wrapped snacks for students who forget their snack, can't afford snacks, or just need a little pick me up. Great options include: squeeze applesauce, granola bars, cereal bars, small bags of cereal, fruit snacks, crackers, or anything else that isn't heavy on sugar. If you would like to donate, there will be a box designated PR Snacks in the back of church for the next couple of weeks. If you have questions, please contact Danielle Nichols at 913-683-3311. Thank you!

BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & TRAINING Birthright Volunteers offer hope, understanding and love to women distressed by pregnancy. We help them evaluate their situation, look at resources and discover how they can give life to their babies. For 35 years Birthright of Leavenworth, Inc. has been helping women in this area carry their babies to term. If you are interested in being a Birthright Volunteer, we will be having a training wearing masks or social distancing when appropriate. We are practicing safety measures at the Birthright center. For more information or to sign up for orientation call Margaret McNamee 913-991-76

ADORATION WITH JOSH BLAKESLEY AUG 21 & 22: Please join RYMO, St. Gregory the Great parish, and St. Leo parish while we gather to spend time with one another, Jesus, and musicians, Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough. Each adoration event is for the entire family with a teen greeting crew to make all feel welcome. Snacks (light breakfast or smores), gaga ball, cornhole, and spending time with the Lord in adoration will kick-off your school year in the way we all need. All are welcome. Marysville and Horton, KS Questions? ruralyouth@archkck.org or (785) 221-2644

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT: Have you been putting off dealing with an abortion(s) in your past? Are you just coping, because you have to? Do you tend to put your needs last and everyone else's first? Perhaps it's time to set aside a couple days, just for you. Come for a weekend away in a beautiful, peaceful, safe place with no distractions to a Project Rachel Retreat. No pressure, no judgement, completely confidential. Dates/times: Friday Sept. 10th at 7:00pm to Sunday Sept. 12th at 1:00pm. Cost: Free. (Room, meals, and materials covered.) Location given upon Registration. Please contact AnnMarie @ projectrachelkck@archkck.org or 913-621-2199 (text or call).

ROE V. WADE MOST HEINOUS LAW HIGH COURT EVER PASSED

Roe vs. Wade is the most controversial and heinous law our Supreme Court has ever passed. There is nothing that can justify abortion. Many of our fellow Americans are blind to the facts of the growth of a baby in a mother's womb. At day one of conception, Life begins:

- At 17 days the baby has its own blood cells
- At 19 days, the eyes start to develop
- At 24 days, the heart beats regularly
- At 28 days, the arms and legs are forming
- At 30 days, the ears, nose and nasal tract begin to form
- At 42 days, the skeletal system is complete, the reflexes are present, the nervous system is in place and baby can feel pain - the terrible pain of abortion.

If loved by its mother, the baby continues to grow and develop in all ways. The stomach, liver, kidneys and brain can function by 56 days and the arms and legs move and the baby can suck its thumb by 12 weeks and can cry by 18 weeks.

If the medical facts are not enough to convince you of life in the womb, I recommend reading the story, in the Bible of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Visitation to her cousin Elizabeth who was six months pregnant with John the Baptist. When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the Bible says, 'the babe in her womb leapt for joy.' This is biblical! Scripture did not say fetal tissue in her womb - it said, the babe in her womb leapt for joy.' Little boys and girls can leap for joy. Tissue does not leap.

Our country has slipped morally. We can still right this terrible wrong. We must! We need to heal our country and restore it to its Christian principles. Even with our mistakes, we are still the greatest country on the face of the Earth.

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 (Search "Patrick Madrid-Why Be Catholic?" for tickets) Questions: Call (620) 475-3767

THE CRISIS OF SUICIDE – EVENING OF HEALING AND HOPE:

Join us for an evening of healing and hope. Kelly & Bob Specht, founders of Carl's Cause, will tell their story, and a teen breakout session will be offered. Professional counselors will offer resources and give concrete ways to foster mental wellness. Recommended for teens and up. Tuesday, **August 31**, at 7:00 PM at St. Ann Catholic Church, 7231 Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS 66208. For more info visit www.carlscause.org and www.archkck.org/family/caresupport/catholic-counselors/

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)

FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN! CYOJWA.ORG Cross Country - Flag Football - Tackle Football - Volleyball CYO is committed to providing Christ-centered youth sports opportunities for children within the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. Our goal is to provide the best possible environment in which your children can grow spiritually, mentally and physically through an authentically Catholic approach to youth sports. The administrators and coaches involved in CYO are held to the highest standards. Each coach participates in Archdiocesan safe environment training (VIRTUS) and Play Like a Champion Today coaching formation, with other sport-specific certification required as well. CYO policies include health and safety protocols that have been recognized among the best in the country. We take seriously the opportunity to be involved in your child's development and recognize that he or she is a gift created by God. CYO strives each day to offer programs and initiatives that ensure a fun, healthy and formative experience for children of all ages and ability levels. Together with our families and parish communities, we are committed to providing opportunities for all children to participate in sport and grow in their relationship with Christ. We are excited about the upcoming season. Please visit our website: <https://cyojwa.org/home> for more information and we look forward to your children participating in CYO Sports!

EVERMORE IN LOVE WEEKEND IMMERSION RETREAT

Are you more in love with your spouse now than you were last year? We believe that you can be! How about joyful, passionate, intimate love that gets better every year? It is possible! Plan to attend the EverMore in Love Weekend Immersion Retreat for married couples of all ages at: Mother Teresa Catholic Church - Topeka, KS **August 28-29, 2021** Saturday: 8am-9pm & Sunday: 8am-4pm Includes Sunday Mass - Sleep at home Register at: <https://evermoreinlove.org/events> Use promo code: ARCHKCK for a \$100 discount! Link to Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/3P74ficeo>

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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.

ND HOPE BANQUET: You are invited to the annual Life and Hope Banquet on **September 2**, supporting Wyandotte and Olathe Pregnancy Clinics. This year's guest speaker is Abby Johnson, a woman who experienced a change of heart while being a revered employee of one of the country's largest abortion clinics. Register at www.LifeandHopeBanquet.com. Wyandotte & Olathe Pregnancy Centers support women and families facing challenging pregnancies, helping them to choose life for their child and a healthier future for themselves.

SCHOOL OF LOVE “BIG DATE” 2021 BENEFIT

The Big Date (formerly “Amore”) is SL's biggest fundraiser - & celebration – of the year. This year we are having it the week SL turns 10! So, we want to pack the event with all of you: participants, donors, & friends from the past decade... & many new friends too. It will be a blast. Please join us: 6PM Sat. **Sept 18** at 103rd & Mastin St – Overland Park • Dinner & Drinks • Friends & Social • Program & Live Auction • Stand Up Comedy & Live Music After-Party • \$1 Tickets! (registration required) Please refer to the attached flyer (below) for more information regarding the School of Love 2021 “BIG DATE” Benefit.

THE VITAE FOUNDATION KC PRO-LIFE EVENT The Vitae Foundation's Annual Kansas City Pro-Life Event will be on Friday, **September 24**, at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel at the Convention Center. Mitch Holthus, the voice of the Kansas City Chiefs and the most decorated “play-by-play” voice in franchise history, is the keynote speaker! Dinner & Program begin at 7 PM. Registration is \$100 (\$70 tax deductible). Sponsorships Available. For reservations, or sponsorship information visit our website at <http://www.VitaeFoundation.org/events> or call 573-634-4316. Vitae leads the world in its research of abortion decision-making, perfects the right messages to reach women and produces lifesaving results that encourage a culture of life.

ONE-DAY LADIES' RETREAT WITH SONJA CORBITT:

Mother Teresa Catholic Church in Topeka, KS will be hosting a one-day ladies retreat on Saturday, **September 25th** with Sonja Corbitt, the Bible Study Evangelist! We will gather at 8:30 am to pray the rosary. The retreat will begin at 9:00 am and conclude at approximately 3:00 pm with plenty of time between talks for fellowship. Beverages, light snacks, and lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend but a free-will offering will be accepted. To assure we have enough food, registration is required. Please register online at www.mtcctopeka.org. Additionally, here is a link to our Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/16dnRWlxU>

RESPECT LIFE MONTH KICK-OFF EVENTS Please Join Us! Saturday, **Oct 2**, St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Leawood Each October the Church celebrates Respect Life Month, when we pray, reflect and become engaged in building a culture that cherishes every human life. Please join us for one or both of the following inspirational events (visit www.archkck.org/respect-life-month for all details):

Liberated in Truth Conference – 9am-1pm Dr. Bernard Nathanson – A pro-life story of truth, conversion and hope that every American should know! At this conference, we'll learn about the man who helped pass Roe, the strategy and tactics he used to deceive Americans, and how his Saul-to-Paul conversion can help us today as we work to defend life and pass the Value Them Both Amendment in Kansas. Registration and information at: www.archkck.org/RLM-Conference.

Life Will Be Victorious Celebration – 5:00 pm All are invited to join Archbishop Joseph Naumann for Mass at 5:00 pm, followed by a complimentary meal with live music by the Noah Baniewicz Band on the St. Michael's Parish lawn. Lawn games provided, coolers welcome, bring your own picnic blankets and chairs. Holy Family School of Faith will lead us in a candlelight rosary at 7:00pm, followed by a free showing of the movie Roe vs. Wade in the SMA School Gym at 7:30 pm. All are welcome!

IMMERSION WEEKEND: We felt like we did when we were first married!" The Living in Love retreat is back in person and better than ever! Now called the Weekend Immersion offered by our friends at “EverMore in Love,” this weekend will help married couples experience the wonder of being more in love. A great way to start off the new school year! **August 28-29** at Mother Teresa in Topeka OR **October 2-3** at St. Joseph in Shawnee More information, other dates and special coupon code for our Archdiocese found at www.archkck.org/livinginlove

 **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.



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**Respect Life Month
KICKOFF CELEBRATION**

JOIN US FOR 2 GREAT EVENTS!

**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH, LEAWOOD
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND**

Liberated In Truth **PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE**
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
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6:00 PM MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP JOSEPH NAUMANN
6:00 PM COMPLIMENTARY MEAL & LIVE MUSIC BY NOAH BANIEWICZ BAND
COOLERS WELCOME. BRING PICNIC BLANKETS & CHAIRS. YARD GAMES PROVIDED
7:00 PM HDLY FAMILY SCHOOL OF FAITH CANDLELIGHT ROSARY
7:30 PM ROE VS WADE MOVIE SHOWN IN THE SMA SCHOOL GYM



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THE BIG DATE
A BENEFIT FOR SCHOOL OF LOVE
CELEBRATING ITS 10TH BIRTHDAY



ANNOUNCEMENT / INFO / TICKETS

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6PM if Sat. Sept 18.7 Overland Park, KS

- Dinner & Drinks
- Friends & Social
- Program & Live Auction
- Stand Up Comedy & Live Music After-Party
- BY Tickets! (registration required)

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MORE INFO & REGISTER: EVERMOREINLOVE.ORG

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