

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 5, 2021

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Sept. 7	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	Sept. 9	06:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	Sept. 11	05:00 pm	SJV	Shirley & Jamie Karczewski †
SUN	Sept. 12	09:00 am	STL	Jack Rogers †

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As of 12 May 2021, all archdiocesan safety protocols relating to COVID-19 are rescinded.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, Charles Mullins, 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 Broaduss, 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 Aug. 21 & 22 was \$1216.00 which included \$45.00 for utilities; on-line: \$269.60. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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

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

LOVE CAN MAKE THE “UNWANTED CHILD” WANTED!

"One hundred fifty years ago, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation declaring that slaves held in Confederate territory were free men and women. One hundred fifty years later, children in every part of the country still face the degradation and hopelessness of the practice President Lincoln sought to end....For the last 40 years and even earlier in some states, many of our judges and lawmakers have treated people like property. They've held babies in the womb to be like chattel, possessions to be discarded or destroyed, with their mothers cast as owners. These officials, along with the abortion industry itself, feign ignorance of the unborn child's humanity....We can't stop all evil in this fallen world, but we can fight it in our own neck of the woods with love. Love never ends. Love can save lives.

Love declares that there is no such thing as an unwanted child....With love, children are adopted, not aborted. With love, children are cherished, not abused. With love, there is less room for the oppressor because his hunting grounds are smaller....We simply need to see no child as unwanted.... And it can start with just one. One life loved can make all the difference.

After all, one life changed the entire world."

Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. King.

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 @ projectrachelkc@archkck.org or 913-621-2199 (text or call).

LIVING IN THE PRESENT MOMENT RETREAT Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Road - Easton, KS Friday, **September 17th** at 5:30pm – Sunday, September 19th at 4:30pm Develop the tools needed to find peace and contentment in your life by learning to live in the present moment and studying de Caussade's spiritual teaching of self-abandonment to Divine Providence. There will be conferences, workshops, 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 christspce.com, send an email to: info@christspce.com or call 913.773.8255.

REKINDLE THE ROMANCE. Every relationship experiences periods of drought, times when you wonder what happened to the passionate, happy couple you see in your wedding pictures. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend allows you to rediscover the love you have for each other and reignite the flame in your marriage. The next weekend in the Kansas City area will be **September 10-12**. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit www.WWME.org, or call/email Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net

ADVOCATE FOR ETHICAL VACCINES: One of the moral challenges of the pandemic is the fact that all of the current vaccines have a connection, some more remotely than others, to cell lines that originated from victims of abortion. However, the Church has stated at many levels, that receiving a COVID-19 vaccine is morally permissible and can be an act of self-love and charity to protect oneself and others, especially the most vulnerable. In his Aug 21, 2021 letter on Covid-19 and Vaccine Mandates, Archbishop Naumann said that "those who decline (the vaccine) for reasons of conscience must do their utmost to use other means to protect the health of others, especially those most vulnerable...just as those receiving the vaccines are obligated to advocate to pharmaceutical companies and government officials to provide vaccines that are not morally tainted." To assist with this advocacy, the Archdiocese is providing a sample letter for people to use as a template to send to pharmaceutical companies. It is available in both English and Spanish. Visit www.archkck.org/vaccines for the template and to learn more about the Church's teaching on the vaccines.

VOLUNTEER WORK EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY: Christ's Peace House of Prayer, an Archdiocesan retreat center, located on 120 acres of rolling pastures and timberland in Easton, KS, offers guests the possibility of exchanging their time of retreat for work in helping to keep up the grounds. Currently, there is a work exchange position available for someone with painting experience. If interested in learning more about this opportunity, call us at 913-773-8255 or email us at info@christspce.com.

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)

JOB OPENING AT THE CHANCERY:

Receptionist– The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is seeking a part-time receptionist for the Chancery Office. This position will be two to three days a week from 8:00am to 5:00pm. This position is responsible for operating the main switchboard, receiving all calls and visitors to the Chancery, sorting mail and other clerical duties as assigned. Ideal candidate will be a practicing Catholic in good standing. High school diploma required. Must be able to provide hospitality and efficient response to all calls and visitors to the Chancery Offices. To apply, please visit www.archkck.org/jobs. Application deadline is **September 15**.

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.

FAMILY DAY AT PRAIRIE STAR RANCH Prairie Star Ranch is offering you the chance to step away and enter into a day of prayer, adventure, outdoor activities, and a time to reconnect. Families, friends, and communities are invited to join us on **September 19th** from 9am to 5pm! Opportunities include Horseback Riding, Canoeing, Ropes Activities, and time for prayer. The experience will culminate with the celebration of the Holy Mass in our beautiful St. Kateri Chapel. All ages are welcome to this come-and-go as you please event! Register online now or contact the Team at Prairie Star Ranch. www.archkck.org/ranch -- 785-746-5693 -- psrministry@archkck.org

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 Evangelista! 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>

WALKING WITH WOJTYLA/CAMPOUT: High School Students–Take some time away to enjoy the outdoors while spending time with God and others. Join us this Fall at the Walking with Wojtyla Campout. The campout will focus on St. John Paul II’s love of the outdoors with talks along hiking trails, games, s’mores, adoration, Reconciliation and Mass. Campout begins on Saturday, **September 25** at Noon and ends on Sunday, September 26 at Noon. The campout will take place at Big Bull Creek Camp Grounds in Edgerton, KS. Cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the campout. To register, go to WWW Sign Up If you have questions, please email Rick Cheek at youth2@archkck.org.

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.

