

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 14, 2021

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

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

| TUES | Nov. 16 | 06:00 pm | STL | Parishioners of SJ-SL |
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| Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED | | | | |
| THUR | Nov. 18 | 06:00 pm | SJV | Parishioners of SJ-SL |
| SAT | Nov. 20 | 05:00 pm | SJV | Ernie DeMaranville † |
| SUN | Nov. 21 | 09:00 am | STL | Anna Foster |

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As of 12 May 2021, all archdiocesan safety protocols relating to COVID-19 are rescinded.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, Glenn Coffey, Carl Davidson, George Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Vince Eimer, Tom Flack, Anna Foster, 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, Pat Wilson, 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).

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collection amount for last weekend was \$1,773, to include \$69 for the Leaven, \$400-Hall Rent, \$80-Utilities, \$5-Parochial collection, and \$40-student fees. Online donations were \$169.60. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES from the parishioners of St. Joseph-St. Lawrence Parish to the family of Isaac Beying, grandson of Larry and Susie Beying, who passed away recently. May he rest in peace.

NOTE/REMINDER: The confirmation class will be the lectors on **Nov. 21st**.

SECOND COLLECTION: A second collection will be held the weekend of Nov. 21st for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). We appreciate your generous donations.

NOTE: Thanksgiving Day Mass, Nov. 25th, will be held at 9:00 am at St. Lawrence. There will be NO 6:00 pm mass at SJV on that day.

PLEASE HELP! The Fall Season has arrived, and the days and nights are getting cooler. Now is the time to clean out those closets, and donate whatever coats, jackets, and hoodies that you no longer wear or need. They can be put in the totes in the back of the churches, and will be taken to Leavenworth Catholic Charities. They are also in need of gloves, winter hats, and new socks. Thank you for your caring generosity.

THANK YOU AND PLEASE HELP! Leavenworth Catholic Charities are asking for our help with their Thanksgiving dinner support this year. They are in need of instant potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, corn, green beans, and yams as well as gravy, biscuit, corn bread and dessert mixes. Any donation that you may be able to help with will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR: will be held **December 12th** at 6:00 pm at St. Lawrence. Archbishop Naumann will be ending his term as Chair of the USCCB Pro-Life Committee. We will have a card of thanksgiving to sign before and after the Holy Hour, and will present to the Archbishop as a way to show him our appreciation for his service. Please join us! More detailed info on the last page of the on-line bulletin.

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

MASS SERVER COORDINATOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: For further info contact Kevin Heim @ 913-271-1900.

PARISH DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE): For further info contact: Jason Nichols, phone: 913-683-2661 or email: nichols@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 EUCCHARISTIC 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.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL EXTENDED CARE has part-time and substitute 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. For more information please contact Shelly Sommerfield, Director of Extended Care at shelly.sommerfield@leavenworthcatholicschools.org.

PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL AND ROME/ASSISI: A blessed opportunity

is coming next spring. Join Father David Suwalsky, SJ, and fellow parishioners and friends in a pilgrimage to walk where Jesus walked. Reflect on God's Word in places like Gethsemane, the Jordan River, the Sea of Galilee. Visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Jerusalem. The Bible will come alive to you like never before! Then we'll go to Rome, and see Pope Francis in his weekly audience. We will go into Saint Peter's basilica and pray at the Apostle's tomb. We will even go to Assisi, the hometown of Saint Francis. **May 30-June 11, 2022.** The per person cost is \$4,199 (covers all travel, 2 meals daily, hotel lodging, etc). If interested, or would like more information, please email Katie Frandsen at: whiteflashkate@hotmail.com.

ONE CANNOT LOVE THE WOMAN WITHOUT LOVING HER CHILD

There is a curious phenomenon among Americans who consider themselves "pro-choice". A growing number are willing to admit that abortions involves the killing of human beings. In fact, in a Los Angeles Times poll 57% called abortion "murder," including one-fourth of those who also said they "generally favored abortion." A growing number of people understand the message from the pro-life movement that abortion kills a baby. However, they are conflicted because of the pro-abortion message that sometimes abortion "benefits" women, who should not be deprived of the "benefit". Having accepted both messages, the majority of Americans belong to the "conflicted middle." Where this group ultimately goes is where America will ultimately go on abortion.

The difference between "pro-life" and "pro-choice" is not that pro-lifers love the baby and pro-choicers love the woman. The difference is that the "pro-choice" message says you can separate the two and the pro-life message says you cannot. Pro-lifers are criticized for being "fetus-lovers" who are insensitive to women. But one cannot, and pro-lifers do not, love the child without loving the mother. Abortion defenders claim they care for women, even as they admit they are killing their children. But one cannot love the woman without loving the child. Nor can one harm the child without harming the mother.

The message must be clear that to be pro-life means to be pro-woman, and that the challenge the pro-life movement gives to society is, "Why cannot we love them both?" One reason why many who think abortion is wrong will not actively oppose it is that they think they have to make a choice between defending the rights of the baby or those of the mother, or that they have to consider the baby as more important than the mother. But the authentic pro-life message is a message of equality. At a time when we are about to welcome the newborn Christ, our challenge is to expand the circle of welcome, love, and protection to all those expectant mothers AND their babies waiting to be born.

UNLOCKING DIFFICULT SCRIPTURE RETREAT: Christ's Peace House of Prayer, Easton, KS Friday, **November 19th** at 5:30pm – Sunday, **November 21st** at 4:30pm. We believe that the bible is the word of God, and yet we sometimes find passages that are hard to accept. In this retreat, we will learn to understand what the Word is telling us and begin to let it penetrate our hearts and enter into a deeper relationship with Christ. 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 christsppeace.com, send an email to info@christsppeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA-LITTLE FLOWER CIRCLE: The next meeting will be held on **November 21**, at 1:00 PM in Yadrich Hall at Christ the King Parish, 5972 SW 25th St. The Annual Memorial service will be followed by the business meeting and social time. If anyone knows of a member or family member of Daughters of Isabella in need of the Circle's prayers call Diana Ortiz at 785-554-4256.

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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ADVENT SILENT RETREAT: Christ's Peace House of Prayer, Easton, KS Friday, **December 3rd** at 5:30pm– Sunday, **December 5th** at 4:30pm. Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord this Advent as we look at the richness of the season's traditions. 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 christsppeace.com, send an email to: info@christsppeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: What to do after the “I do’s” are done. Your wedding day was just the start of a life-long journey together. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will give you five proven tools to help you thrive as a couple as you navigate through the hills and valleys along the way. It is never too early, or too late, to invest in your marriage! The next in-person weekends in the Kansas City area will be **November 12-14, 2021 & February 25-27, 2022**. A virtual format is being offered on **December 3-5, 2021**. 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

BCYC ENCOUNTER (BENEDICTINE COLLEGE YOUTH CONFERENCE): **July 17-19**--Early registration 10% off for your group (Nov 1-Feb 1). Teens will learn to pray from the Monks of St. Benedict's Abbey, hear Catholic speakers, and encounter an experience that is meaningful to make prayer and their faith accessible and relatable to teens today. Contact at youthoutreach@benedictine.edu/BCYC or call 913-360-7406.

MANAGING GRIEF THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS: Sunday, **Nov. 14** 6:00-7:00 P.M. (immediately following 5:00 P.M. Mass) St. Michael the Archangel – Parish Hall Speaker: Deacon Joe Allen, Chaplain at Catholic Community Hospice Are you or your family grieving the death of a loved one or experiencing the pain of loss due to a broken relationship? Approaching the holiday season can often accentuate our feelings of grief and sadness. Speaker Deacon Joe Allen, chaplain at Catholic Community Hospice, will offer helpful suggestions and offer practical tools for coping with grief during the holidays. For additional information and grief resources go to www.stmichaelcp.org/grief-support-groups or contact Mary Connor in the parish office at 913-402-3920.

"HEALING THE DIVORCED HEART" --- Divorce Support Group St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00 P.M. - Gabriel Room (lower level of the parish) You are not alone... join us! We who have experienced divorce understand, as perhaps few others can. We too were sad, lonely, scared, and angry, but we have found that with God, time, and the support of others, healing is possible. For more information go to www.stmichaelcp.org/divorce-support.

PRAY FOR DOBBS NATIONAL PRAYER EVENT – November 18, 7:00pm Catholics, Protestants, and other pro-life faith communities across the country will be coming together online to pray for the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case. This is the case that could overturn Roe v. Wade. Together we will pray for a just outcome that protects millions of preborn babies and their mothers. Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Mt 18:20) Visit www.prayfordobbs.com to learn more and register for the online event.

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. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday **November 30th** from 7:00-8:15p.m. via Zoom. For more information and the Zoom invitation link, contact Dcn. Ken Billinger at 913-634-4210 or email kbillinger@archkck.org.

ENKINDLE CONFIRMATION RETREAT: Held at Prairie Star Ranch, this complete Confirmation Retreat offers any youth the opportunity to partake in our Enkindle Confirmation Program. We ask all youth participants to have a chaperone present with them during the event, a sack lunch, and a completed Permission Form and Waiver, a link for which will be provided in the post-registration email. Register today at www.archkck.org/ranch or contact the Retreat Team at: psrministry@archkck.org or 785-746-5693 What: Enkindle Confirmation Retreat Where: Prairie Star Ranch, 1124 California Road, Williamsburg KS 66095 When: **December 4th**, 2021 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT OPPORTUNITY: Are you looking for a way to go deeper? Do you want to start the New Year off with a bang? The youth office is offering four retreats, on four different days, with four different themes. It isn't necessary to attend each one, but they will build off each other to allow for a deeper encounter. Join us January 7th and 8th at Forest Park Retreat Center in East Topeka for day one: "Recognizing a Need for God." Cost of the retreat will be \$20 and includes overnight lodging and food. Friday night, beginning at 6:00pm, is open to any high school student wanting to make it an overnight retreat, including confession, adoration, and a time of prayer. If you cannot make it Friday, you are welcome to attend the main retreat, which will be Saturday from 9:30-4. Sign up here: www.archkckyouth.org under retreats. A confirmation email will be sent after signing up.

SAVE THE DATE! KANSAS MASS, MARCH & RALLY FOR LIFE 2022
Mark your calendars and plan to join us for IGNITE for LIFE **January 25th**,

2022 in Topeka! IGNITE for LIFE is the Catholic Youth Kick-Off Rally for the Kansas March for Life. It is an inspirational morning of praise & worship music, motivational speakers, and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass with the Bishops of Kansas. Following IGNITE, all are invited to join in the Kansas March for Life to the capitol for the Kansans for Life rally. This year, let's get a great turnout to defend the preborn and to show our support for the Value Them Both Amendment! IGNITE is sponsored by the Archdiocese of KCK and is geared toward youth, but all are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, visit archkck.org/IGNITE.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2022 YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Together We Stand for the Unborn: Abortion is the most significant human rights abuse of our time. Will you take a stand? Join us this year for the March for Life in Washington DC **January 19-23, 2022**. We will depart on January 19, after Mass with Archbishop then join him in Washington DC for the Vigil at the Basilica and the March & Rally at the Mall. Cost is \$415 and includes Hotel and Transportation. Please use this link to sign up your group. More details will follow registration. Please email Rick Cheek if you have any questions: youth2@archkck.org

ARCHDIOCESAN MARCH FOR LIFE DC ADULT TRIP – Jan 20-23, 2022

Join other adults from the Archdiocese, and thousands from across the country, to pray and march for the legal protection of unborn children at the National March for Life in DC. The trip is co-sponsored by the Evangelization and Pro-Life Offices. Participants will make their own travel arrangements to DC and then join in community for several prayer opportunities, breakfast with Archbishop Naumann, and the Rally & March for Life. For more information and to reserve a room in the Archdiocesan block of hotel rooms, visit www.archkck.org/prolife/activities/national-march-for-life-2022.

CHWC MISSION TRIP TO ST. CROIX MARCH 2022: High School Youth and adults from all over the Archdiocese are invited to join RYMO for a Catholic custom mission trip **March 13-19, 2022** to St. Croix. Registration & deposit (\$200) **deadline is the end of September**. Find details at www.archkck.org/rural/youth under the events drop down menu. Please see the following flier for more information and feel free to contact ruralyouth@archkck.org with questions!

 **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: TWO THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE CHRISTMAS

1. Will you be 72 years of age sometime this year? U.S. tax law requires you to take a minimum distribution from your IRA. If you do not need your required distribution, we invite you to have your IRA account administrator write the check directly to the parish so you can avoid paying the tax on the distribution. Your check must be cashed by the charity by December 31st.
2. The CARES Act passed in 2020 included several charitable tax provisions to encourage giving. These provisions were extended by Congress for 2021 tax filing, offering a deduction for charitable donors who do not itemize when filing their tax returns to reduce your tax liability; \$300 for singles and up to \$600 for joint filers and an increase in the deduction limit up to 100% of a donor's annual income for cash gifts (previously capped at 60% of annual income.) (Not intended as financial advice. Consult your financial advisor for more ways to give relevant to your situation.)

The Catholic Fine Arts Council of the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas requests that all clergy invite their music director(s), choirs, cantors, liturgists, organists and everyone involved in their Music Ministry to attend and bring a guest to the 2021 St. Cecilia Mass. The 2021 St. Cecilia Mass is at 6:30 P.M., Friday, November 19, 2021 at Holy Angels Catholic Church, 15438 Leavenworth Road, Basehor, Kansas. Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann is the celebrant. For more information please see the below invitation. Kindly RSVP to Mary Ann Caffrey: (913) 345 – 8210. Or maryannpiano@sbcglobal.net



THE CATHOLIC FINE ARTS COUNCIL
INVITES YOU TO THE ANNUAL
SAINT CECILIA CELEBRATION
of the SACRED LITURGY
WITH ARCHBISHOP JOSEPH F. NAUMANN & THE CHOIR OF HOLY ANGELS

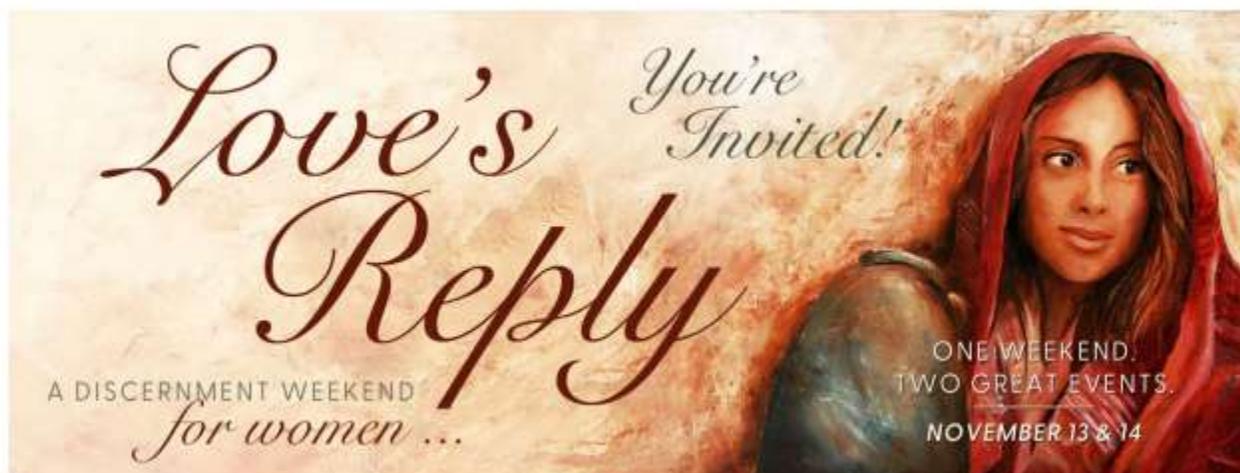


Laura Beeves-Music Director | Hayley Pedroza-Choir Director
Dr. Kevin Vogt-Organist | Father Richard McDonald-Pastor

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2021 at 6:30 PM

HOLY ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH | 15438 Leavenworth Road, Basehor, Kansas

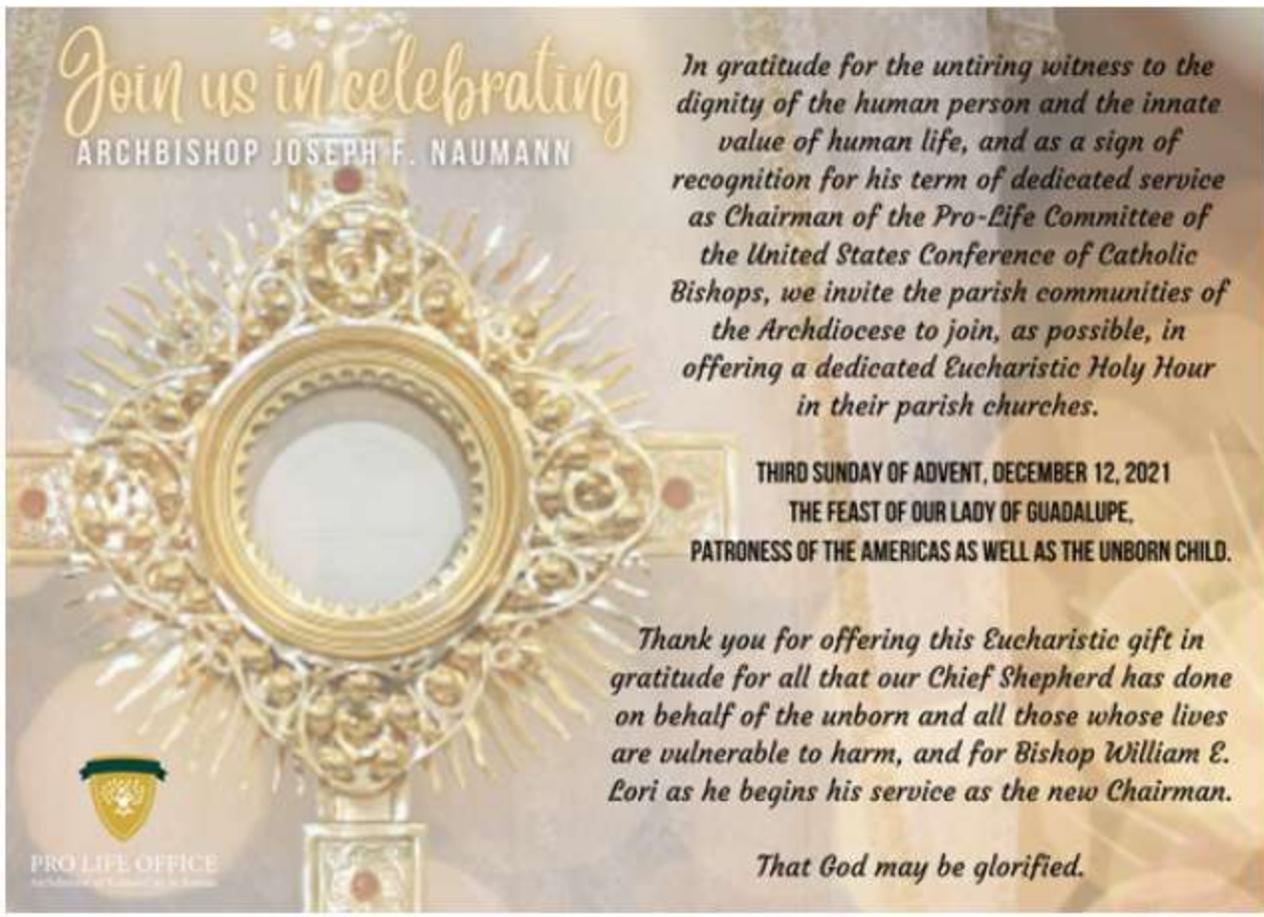
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Young women are invited to join Sister M. Karolyn, FSGM, Sister Miracles of the Little Way, PJC, and other women religious from in and around our Archdiocese for one weekend and two great events designed to help young women learn more about and explore all things associated with a vocation to the consecrated religious life! Both events will be hosted at St. James Academy, located at 24505 Prairie Star Pkwy in Lenexa, KS. Both events are FREE of charge and open to all young women who are juniors or seniors in high school and older.

Did you ever wonder what it was about their encounter with Jesus Christ at Bethany that held the power to change the lives of Martha and Mary forever (John 12:1-8; Matthew 26:6-13)? What was communicated within their dinner conversation that led Mary to entrust all that she considered most precious – her whole heart – to our Lord? Join us on Saturday evening, November 13 from 5:30 pm to 8 pm for a similarly intimate dinner and light-hearted conversation to discover answers to these questions and more. Join us on Sunday, November 14 from 9 am to 4 pm for a retreat designed to answer the questions every woman holds deep within her heart: "Am I worthy of love?", "Can I trust in love?", and "How do I arrive at that moment where I find myself free to say "yes" with my "Love's Reply?" CLICK HERE:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8h7_ObMLLO4bCC_PdDG59aQQVSjEQ1V7qMvqak0yTOuBGxw/viewform to register for either or both of these events. Questions? Contact the Vocation Office at (913)647-3646 or vocation@archkck.org



This is an invitation to join in an appreciation gift to Archbishop Naumann from all of us throughout the Archdiocese for his faithful and courageous service as the Chair of the USCCB Pro-Life Committee. We hope that all of our parishes will be able to join in this gift, of offering a dedicated hour or more in Eucharistic Adoration, in thanksgiving for Archbishop's service, in prayer for the new Chair, Bishop Lori, and for the protection of the unborn in Kansas and throughout the country.

Archbishop's term as Chair will come to an end on November 18. We will present him with your adoration gift at the Chancery Thanksgiving Luncheon next Friday, November 19. If possible, we would like to keep this gift a **surprise** until then. There will be a card for the Archbishop that people can sign before or after they adore our Lord, that is an additional way to show your appreciation.

You do not need to "RSVP" to participate in this gift. We will simply let Archbishop know that parishes across the Archdiocese will be doing this together on Sunday, December 12, which is the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn and of our Value Them Both Amendment efforts in Kansas.

At our parish, this will be held on December 12th, at 6:00 pm, at St. Lawrence.