

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus  
First Sunday of Advent – November 28, 2021

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Nov. 30	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	Dec. 2	06:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	Dec. 4	05:00 pm	SJV	Shirley Karczewski † Jamie Karczewski † Helen Karczewski †
SUN	Dec. 5	09:00 am	STL	Donald Gwartney †

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As of 12 May 2021, all archdiocesan safety protocols relating to COVID-19 are rescinded.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 \$2,168, to include \$50-the Archdiocesan Newspaper, \$75-Utilities and \$218-CCHD Collection. Online donations were unavailable. Thank you for your generosity.

**THANK YOU!** Our Parish has received a thank you note from Leavenworth Catholic Charities thanking us for the 83 lbs. of food and hygiene supplies that our parishioners donated during the month of November thus far. Our Donations helped them to serve 668 individuals. Thank you to all for your generosity, and please continue to donate during the following winter months.

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASSES:** Due to the high attendance of the Christmas Eve Mass last year, Fr. Francis has decided to schedule the following masses for the holiday season.

Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve Mass	5:00 pm	STL
Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day Mass	9:00 am	SJV
Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	9:00 am	STL
Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve Mass	5:00 pm	SJV
Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Day Mass	9:00 am	STL
Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday	9:00 am	STL

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be NO 5 pm evening Mass scheduled for Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> at SJV, nor Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> at SJV. Please review above schedule for alternate available times/dates.

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES:** Fr. Francis will be vacationing in Ghana after the Christmas Holiday. There will be NO WEEKDAY masses from **December 27th through February 11**. Parishioners will be notified when the weekday masses will be resumed. We will continue to have weekend masses which will be said by a visiting priest.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** If there is a need to contact a priest in an emergency situation during Father's absence, please call Sue Griffiee at 913-773-8342 or Rita Herken at 913-647-0312 for assistance

**PLEASE DONATE!** Dear Parishioners, For those of you who were unaware of the situation, the Parish Fall Fest has been cancelled for this year. This decision was made due to the issue of serving hot soup as a take-out, and also the need for spacing for dining in as well as Bingo. Due to this lack of expected funds, we are asking that all parishioners consider donating any extra amount that they would have spent at the Fall Fest to help pay for Winter utilities. Thank you for your help and generosity.

**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.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** The Retirement Fund for Religious Collection will be held the weekend of **December 11/12**. Please join in promoting a generous response to this annual appeal. Many Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals and parishes – often for little to no pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR:** will be held **December 12<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**NATIVITY PLAY:** Our CCD students will put on the Nativity play on **Dec 18th** at St Joseph of the Valley Hall.

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

**MASS SERVER COORDINATOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** POC: Kevin Heim @ 913-271-1900.

**PARISH DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE):** POC: Jason Nichols, phone: 913-683-2661 or email: [jnichols@dfamilk.com](mailto:jnichols@dfamilk.com) OR Sharon Wagner, phone: 913-683-4495 or email: [w5cattle@aol.com](mailto:w5cattle@aol.com).

**VOLUNTEER TO CLEAN THE RECTORY** twice a month. POC Sharon Wagner, phone: 913-683-4495 or email: [w5cattle@aol.com](mailto:w5cattle@aol.com).

**LECTOR'S AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** POC: Sharon Wagner at [w5cattle@aol.com](mailto: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** is thankful for our parish community! Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our school, students, and families. We will continue to keep you in our prayers as well.

**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](mailto:whiteflashkate@hotmail.com).

**PEACE WITH GOD:** It seems to me our country is in big trouble. Evil and sin are spreading throughout the entire world. We need to do something to fix it. We need to listen to and trust in God. We need to help and respect each other. We need to put an end to abortion. We need to save the family unit. We need more politicians we can trust and respect.

We are all God's children, regardless of race or religion. Eventually, God's patience with us will end. Remember reading about Sodom and Gomorrah? Their sins were so grave that God destroyed both cities. We have been warned about things to come but we don't know when they will happen. Only God does. We need to pray to God and make peace with him before it's too late.

**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 [christspce.com](http://christspce.com), send an email to: [info@christspce.com](mailto:info@christspce.com) or call 913.773.8255.

Bulletin Items: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email [Sjslparish@gmail.com](mailto:Sjslparish@gmail.com). Mass intentions may be scheduled with Kim as well. MUST SUBMIT BY 9 pm TUES FOR INCLUSION.

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**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 weekend in the Kansas City area will be **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](http://www.WWME.org), or call/email Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto: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](mailto:youthoutreach@benedictine.edu)/BCYC or call 913-360-7406.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.archkck.org/ranch) or contact the Retreat Team at: [psrministry@archkck.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:ruralyouth@archkck.org) with questions!

**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.

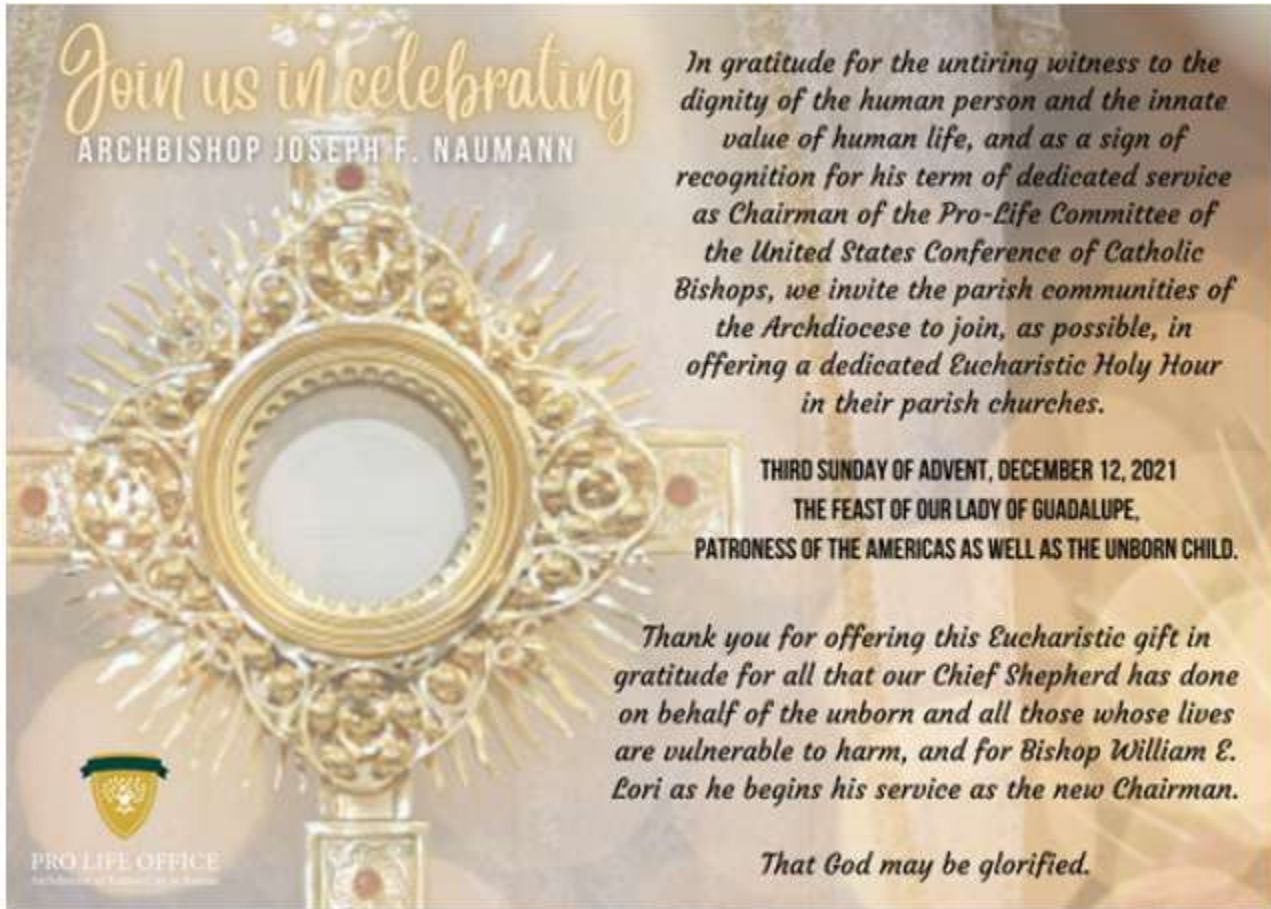
**ONLINE MASSES:** For those who may not be able to attend our parish masses, here are some of the masses that are available to watch on line or on television:

- 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.)




*Join us in celebrating*  
ARCHBISHOP JOSEPH F. NAUMANN

*In gratitude for the untiring witness to the dignity of the human person and the innate value of human life, and as a sign of recognition for his term of dedicated service as Chairman of the Pro-Life Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, we invite the parish communities of the Archdiocese to join, as possible, in offering a dedicated Eucharistic Holy Hour in their parish churches.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 12, 2021  
THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE,  
PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS AS WELL AS THE UNBORN CHILD.

*Thank you for offering this Eucharistic gift in gratitude for all that our Chief Shepherd has done on behalf of the unborn and all those whose lives are vulnerable to harm, and for Bishop William E. Lori as he begins his service as the new Chairman.*

*That God may be glorified.*

  
PRO LIFE OFFICE  
Archdiocese of Kansas City in Missouri

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 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm, at St. Lawrence.