

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus  
Third Sunday of Advent – December 12, 2021

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Dec. 14	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	Dec. 16	06:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	Dec. 18	05:00 pm	SJV	Virginia Hattok <sup>†</sup>
SUN	Dec. 19	09:00 am	STL	Edith “Sam” Erzen <sup>†</sup>

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As of 12 May 2021, all archdiocesan safety protocols relating to COVID-19 are rescinded.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 \$3,559, including \$1099 for the regular collection and \$2460 for Utilities. Online donations were \$669.60. Thank you for your generosity.

**SECOND COLLECTION – TODAY, DEC. 12<sup>TH</sup>:** Help Aging Religious - Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

**ANGEL TREE:** Our parish is adopting 3 families this Christmas Season. The sign-up sheets will be on line like they were last year. This seemed to work very well. If you do not have a computer or are computer illiterate like I am we would welcome groceries, gas cards or Wal-Mart cards. Thank you for your generosity. Please have your gifts back to the respective Churches the weekend of **Dec. 18-19** so we can sort them and get to respective families. Thank you. Virginia Mowery-913-773-8303. The link for Angel Tree Family#1: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45aea822abf4c34-sjsl1> and link for Angel Tree Families #2 and #3: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45aea822abf4c34-sjsl> (NOTE: They have accidently been listed as Families 3 & 4).

**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR:** will be held TODAY, SUNDAY, 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.

**PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES** from the parishioners of St. Joseph-St. Lawrence Parish to the family of Francis (Buddy) Heintzelman, who passed away Dec. 3rd. May he rest in peace. He will be missed by his sister, Mary Wagner, and his children, Mary, Jacqueline, Timothy and Angela.

**OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY** is extended to the friends and family of Donald Heim, who passed away recently. May he rest in peace.

**FATHER'S FRANCIS BAKYOR 39TH PRIEST ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY.** Please congratulate and pray for Father Francis Bakyor on his 39th Priest Ordination Anniversary on **December 16, 2021**.

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

**NOTE:** The confirmation class will be doing the readings and participate in the Mass on **Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**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.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas continues to develop programming that removes barriers and supports people on the road to self-sufficiency. This past fiscal year we have provided skills training, employment and financial education to 10,116 people. Your donation to the Christmas Second Collection will help Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas provide programs and services to people in need throughout all 21 Counties of our Archdiocese.

**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).

**LECTOR'S AND EUCCHARISTIC 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** In addition to a strong academic program, Xavier Catholic School emphasizes moral development and self-discipline for all students through both the study of scripture and the virtues. Please call 913-682-7801 for more information or to arrange a tour!

## RESOLUTION FOR NEW YEAR

Jesus was born into a harsh world, where Herod was doing the unthinkable: killing babies. Is there any doubt that our world today needs Jesus to come and dwell among us?

As a new year begins, let us resolve to be a more effective and dedicated instrument of Jesus. Let us do more to promote love and peace. Let us do more to help moms turn the unplanned into a loving plan that embraces innocent life. Let us do more to change our culture of death.

**BABY SHOWER:** The Knights of Columbus, Immaculata Council #900, will be conducting their Annual Pro-Life Baby Shower throughout the month of January 2022. Donations of new and good used clothes, diapers, blankets, baby formula, or cash are very much needed and appreciated. Baskets will be located in the back entries of area churches. The donated items will then be given to Birthright of Leavenworth. For more information or questions, contact Marty Moreno at 913 702 4168.

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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**(FOR POSTING ON THE CHURCH INTERNET SITE)**

**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.

**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.

**2022 RCIA RETREAT REGISTRATION IS NOW LIVE:** Registration for the 2022 RCIA Retreats are now live! As in the past, retreat days are for catechumens, candidates, and sponsors to have an encounter with Christ rooted in Eucharistic Amazement. Mr. Curtis Keddy will be leading the retreats in Topeka and Kansas City.

Retreat Dates/Locations:

- Saturday, January 29, 2022, at Mother Teresa Parish in Topeka, 9am – 3pm
  - Saturday, February 12, 2022, at Holy Trinity Parish in Lenexa, 9am – 3pm
- To register, go to: <https://forms.gle/4emVrbufBB4KqKcu5>

**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!

**MAGNIFY WOMEN'S RETREAT – MARCH 2022:** Looking for that perfect gift for the woman in your life? Desiring some time for self-renewal? Join us for a ladies' Lenten retreat at Prairie Star Ranch, **March 18 - 20, 2022**. The theme is Magnifying the Lord - in our own souls and also to others in the same way that the Blessed Virgin Mary models for us in her Immaculate Heart. Featured speakers include Fr. Edward Ahn, Kelsey Skoch and Fr. Andrew Mattingly, along with Katie Burton and Kaylene Brown. Take time to let the Lord speak to your head and fill your heart at this retreat that is for women thirsting for a deeper union with God while shutting out distractions of the current culture! More details and registration at [mag90.com](http://mag90.com) or email [kaylene@mag90.com](mailto:kaylene@mag90.com)

**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).

 **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.

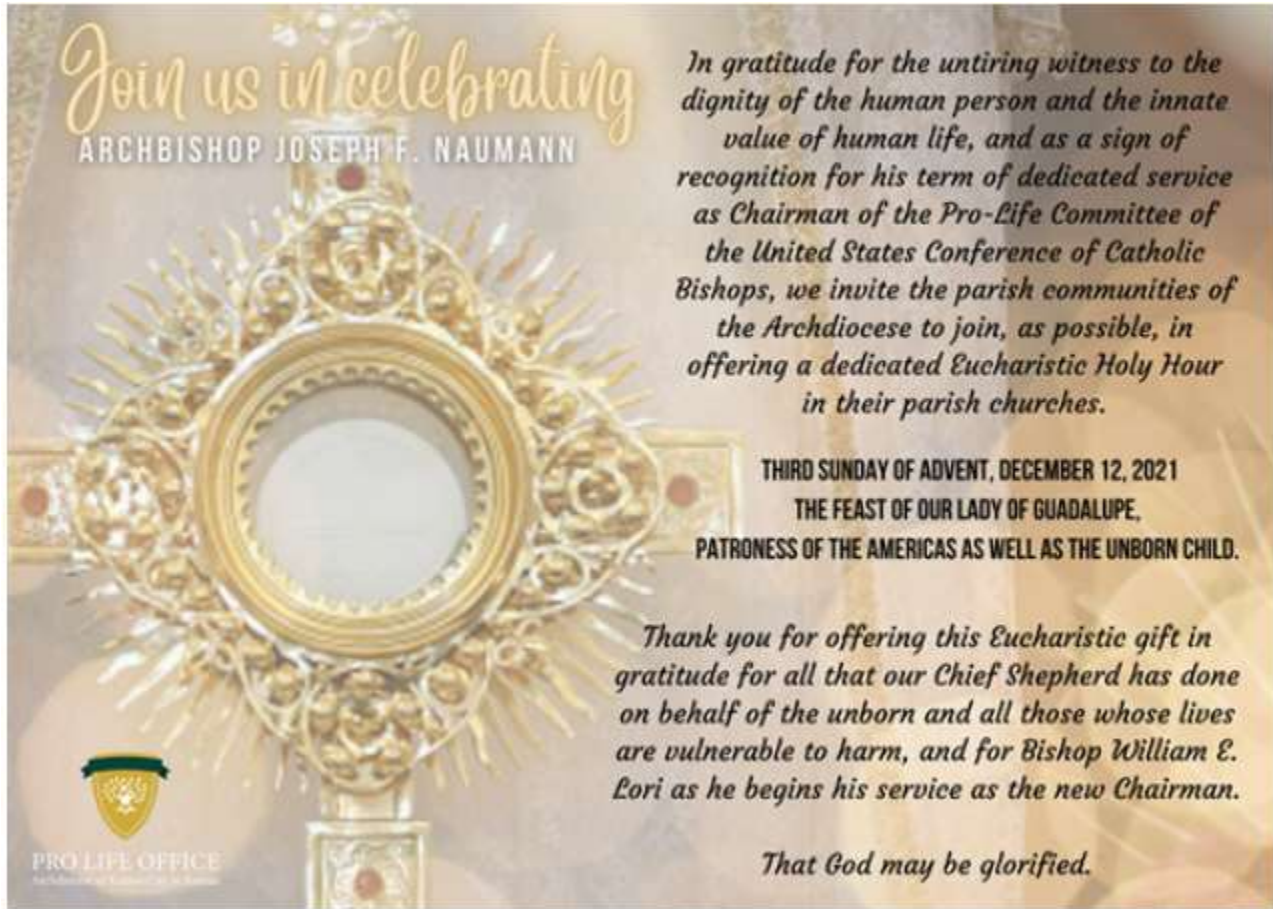
**ONLINE MASSES:** For those who may not be able to attend our parish masses, here are some of the masses that are available to watch on line or on television:

- 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.)



*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

**Dec 12th Eucharistic Adoration in Thanksgiving for Archbishop Naumann’s Pro-Life Service** Let us join as a parish community in a Eucharistic Holy Hour in gratitude for Archbishop Naumann’s faithful and courageous three year service as the Chairman of the USCCB Pro-Life Committee which concluded on November 17. We will pray in thanksgiving for his unwavering and inspiring dedication to the dignity and value of all human life, for Bishop William E. Lori as he begins his service as the new Chairman, and for the protection of all whose lives are vulnerable, especially the unborn and their mothers. **At our parish, this will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm, at St. Lawrence.**

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**MAGNIFY RETREAT 2022**

**A LENTEN RETREAT FOR WOMEN**

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**MAGNIFY** *the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together*

PSALM 34:1-3

## **CAMP KATERI TEKAKWITHA 2022 DATES**

We are excited to announce the schedule for Camp Tekakwitha 2022! Come join us in faith, fun, and friends down at Camp Kateri Tekakwitha in 2022! Camp has always been a place of adventure activities combined with powerful, spiritual, and unique encounters with God. We look forward to spending time with you.

Camp Tekakwitha Women's Retreat is happening again this spring! We are looking forward to gathering again to grow in friendship and love of Christ.

We are also looking forward to the NEW Spanish Family Camp taking place in July!

The camp dates for 2022:

- Camp Tekakwitha Women's Retreat April 29-May 1
- Kateri 1 (for students going into 5th-6th grade) June 3-5
- J-high 1 (for students going into 7th-8th grade) June 6-11
- Kateri 2 (for students going into 5th-6th grade) June 13-15
- Family Camp (Special Needs) June 17-19
- HS Max (for students going into 9th-12th grade) June 20-25
- J-high 2 (for students going into 7th-8th grade) June 27-July 2
- Family Camp July 8-10
- Kateri 3 (for students going into 5th-6th grade) July 11-13
- Spanish Family Camp July 15-17
- J-high 3 (for students going into 7th-8th grade) July 18-23
- HS Extreme (for students going into 9th-12th grade) July 25-August 2

Visit [www.archkck.org/camp](http://www.archkck.org/camp) for more information about Camp Kateri Tekakwitha. Registration dates will be announced in the coming weeks.

**SUMMER 2022**

**Tekakwitha Women's Retreat:**  
April 29-May 1

**Kateri 1: June 3-5**  
**J-High 1: June 6-11**  
**Kateri 2: June 13-15**  
**Family Camp 1: June 17-19**  
*(Seeking families with disabilities)*  
**High School Max: June 20-25**  
**J-High 2: June 27-July 2**

**Family Camp 2: July 8-10**  
**Kateri 3: July 11-13**  
**Family Camp 3: July 15-17**  
*(Bienvenidas las familias hispano parlantes)*  
*(Seeking Spanish speaking families)*  
**J-High 3: July 18-23**  
**Extreme: July 25-Aug 2**