

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 19, 2021

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Dec. 21	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	Dec. 23	06:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
FRI	Dec. 24	05:00 pm	STL	Archie Griffiee
SAT	Dec. 25	09:00 am	SJV	Ernie DeMaranville †
SUN	Dec. 26	09:00 am	STL	Donald "Pete" and Mary 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As of 12 May 2021, all archdiocesan safety protocols relating to COVID-19 are rescinded.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, Jim Heintzelman, Lydia Heintzelman, Melanie Herken, Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, Mark Hund, Michael Jones, Elmer Karczewski, Phillip Leon, Kelly Long, 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 \$2,338, including \$1567 for the regular collection, \$391 for the Retirement Fund for Religious; \$40 Masses; \$65 Memorial and \$275 for Utilities. Online donations were \$169.60. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU! Religious give thanks - A sister writes, “Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible.” Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

ANGEL TREE: Please have your gifts back to the respective Churches this 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).

PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES from the parishioners of St. Joseph-St. Lawrence Parish to the family of Billy Lowe, who passed away recently. May he rest in peace.

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO 5 pm evening Mass scheduled for Dec. 25th at SJV, nor Jan. 1st 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 ON CHRISTMAS: Last fiscal year your financial gift to Catholic Charities of Northeast helped provide essential programs and services 295,000 times throughout the 21 counties of our Archdiocese. On behalf of those who are hungry and homeless, people who are alone and sick, and families that struggle with poverty, thank you.

LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE for Jan. 6- Chairman-Virginia Mowery, Brenda Langley, Jennifer Roggenkamp and Gail DeMaranville Zule. Please prepare for 15 people and serving starts at 7 PM.

SECOND COLLECTION for a *Special Appeal for Aid for Tornado Relief – Bishop's Emergency Disaster Fund* will be held the weekend of **January 8/9th**. This will help assist recovery efforts in the wake of devastating tornadoes that ripped through six states including Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee. Funds will be distributed through the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund for the humanitarian, long-term recovery and Church needs arising from the devastating tornadoes that ravaged these states and claimed many lives. Donations to the BEDF will support the emergency responses of our partners at Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as well as the pastoral and reconstruction efforts of the United States bishops.

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 OR Sharon Wagner, phone: 913-683-4495 or email: w5cattle@aol.com.

LECTOR'S AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: POC: 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 Xavier Catholic School partners with parents and the local parishes in the faith formation and sacramental preparation of their students. Please call 913-682-7801 for more information or to arrange a tour!

NEW YEAR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION AND PLANNING RETREAT

Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Road - Easton, KS Friday, **Jan. 7th** at 5:30pm – Sunday, **Jan. 9th** at 4:30pm. Join us for our Annual New Year's Spiritual Reflection and Planning. Set aside time this year to focus on spiritual growth by creating growth goals and devising steps to reach goals. Please bring your own personal items that will aid in this process such as: bible, notebook, agenda, journal, catechism, laptop, etc. There will be conferences, 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 christspeace.com, send an email to: info@christspeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

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 used clothing, diapers, baby formula or cash are very much needed and appreciated. Preferred items are diapers size 3 and up as well as pullups. Also baby clothes size 9 mos. and up. Baskets will be located in the entries of area churches. The donations will then be given to Birthright of Leavenworth. For more information or questions, call Marty Moreno 913 702 4168, or Timothy J Lednicki 913 240 4122.

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)

WOMEN WHO HAVE HAD ABORTIONS SPEAK OUT The most powerful and convincing advocates for the pro-life movement are the courageous women who have had an abortion, yet are willing to speak out. This is increasingly evident and was very clear during a recent legislative hearing on a Right to Know bill (providing more information to any expectant mother considering an abortion) in the Wyoming legislature. The pro-life side of the debate packed the hearing room with women. They consisted of mothers who have had abortions and have personal experience of the subsequent problems. These brave women who testified spoke of being "treated like cattle" at the Planned Parenthood abortion center. They talked about the lack of choices and information and how staff at the abortion business "sold" the abortion to them. They talked about spiritual and mental health issues they faced following their abortion, referred to the miscarriages and problems in subsequent pregnancies, spoke of the breast cancer they battled, and of the regret and guilt they had to overcome.

The legislators and the abortion advocates had little response. How can you respond to someone's tragic personal story? When women who know firsthand how abortion hurt them share their side of the story (which too often is the forgotten part of the debate) it is virtually impossible to refute. Although the babies cannot speak for themselves, no one can do so with the same intensity and feeling as women who have had abortions and have found genuine healing and, forgiveness afterwards. We need to show our love and appreciation to all our mothers. We should also be particularly thankful to the mothers who have had abortions and who have found healing and are now speaking out on behalf of the pro-life movement. As these brave women increasingly lead the battle, we are increasingly likely to win the abortion war!

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.

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.

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/4emVrbufBB4KgKcu5>

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

KANSAS RALLY, MASS & MARCH FOR LIFE! Jan 25th 2022, Join others from all across Kansas for IGNITE for LIFE, the most important Kansas public witness for life in our lifetime as we pray and march for the legal protection of unborn children and women through the passage of the Value Them Both Amendment in 2022! IGNITE for LIFE begins with praise & worship music and an inspiring speaker program with keynote Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life, followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the Bishops of Kansas and many priests from the Archdiocese. Afterwards, all are invited to march to the capitol for the Kansans for Life Rally. IGNITE is free and open to all - visit www.archkck.org/ignite for details and to register.

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!

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 or email kaylene@mag90.com

CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN! RCYC, our Archdiocesan Rural Catholic Youth Conference, registration is now open! This conference is for all high school aged youth and will be held at Prairie Star Ranch **March 26-27, 2022**. Early Parish Registration discounts apply. Please see the following fliers and our website www.archkck.org/rural/youth for more information.

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.

 **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.)

MARCH 18 - 20, 2022 | WILLIAMSBURG KS



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

IGNITE | YOUTH RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE

Come Holy Spirit, set our hearts aflame to defend life!

TOPEKA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
JANUARY 25, 2022

- 8:30AM DOORS OPEN
- 9:00AM SPEAKER PROGRAM
- 10:30AM MASS WITH THE BISHOPS OF KANSAS
- 12:00 PM MARCH TO CAPITOL FOR KANSANS FOR LIFE RALLY
- 1:00 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. MATER DEL PARISH, 10TH & CLAY



KEYNOTE: KRISTAN HAWKINS
President of Students
for Life of America



MASS WITH THE
BISHOPS OF KANSAS



MUSIC BY
ALL THINGS I AM



FOR INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER VISIT:
ARCHKCK.ORG/IGNITE

This free event is intended for youth, but all are welcome!

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Know
Love
Trust
Surrender
Discover
YOUR STORY MATTERS

March 26-27, 2022
www.archkck.org/rural/youth



RCYC is March 26 - 27, 2022

Meet other high school students from ArchKCK and enjoy music, prayer, catered meals, Mass, breakouts, keynotes, evening social, parish time, and free time at beautiful Prairie Star Ranch in Williamsburg, KS

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Opens December 1, 2021
9-12 graders welcome

\$120 fee includes: full conference access, meals, overnight cabin accommodations and conference shirt

Early bird registration specials available
Registration Dec. 1-Jan. 10 & \$50 deposits paid by Jan. 14 = \$100
Registration Jan 11-Feb. 10 & \$50 deposits paid by Feb. 14 = \$110

All fees and paperwork due by March 21st
Capacity is limited, so don't wait to register!

Find more details and register at:
www.archkck.org/rural/events/rcyc

Mail payments to:
RYMO
12215 Parallel Parkway
Kansas City, KS 66109

ruralyouth@archkck.org
(784) 221-2644



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 for more information about Camp Kateri Tekakwitha. Registration dates will be announced in the coming weeks.



CAMP TEKAKWITHA APPLICATIONS Come join us in faith, fun, and friends down at Camp Kateri Tekakwitha in 2022! Camp Kateri Tekakwitha combines demanding outdoor activities with powerful, spiritual instruction bringing about a unique encounter with God. Although our adventure activities are memorable, often the love that campers experience through prayer is what they remember most. Working at Camp Tekakwitha is challenging and rewarding. We strive for excellence and faithfulness throughout each day. Camp needs faithful, joyful, and highly motivated people to staff our 2022-summer season, if you are called to apply, here is the information. For application and information regarding staff dates go to <https://archkck.org/camp/general-information/campstaff>. Because this is a professional position, you will be asked to provide a resume and cover letter. Please have those files available to upload as you move forward with the process of applying. Please email any questions to youthadmin@archkck.org or youth@archkck.org. Safe environment training is provided by the Archdiocese. Hiring begins now. Turn in your application soon. If applying after Jan. 25 please email abailey@archkck.org to inquire about any available positions.