

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord – January 2, 2022

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Jan. 4	06:00 pm	STL	NO MASS
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	Jan. 6	06:00 pm	SJV	NO MASS
SAT	Jan. 8	05:00 pm	SJV	Shirley Karczewski † Jamie Karczewski †
SUN	Jan. 9	09:00 am	STL	Isaac Beying

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As of 12 May 2021, all archdiocesan safety protocols relating to COVID-19 are rescinded.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).

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

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 christspce.com, send an email to: info@christspce.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.

HE WILL ASK: Please people, search your conscience for the truth. Did you know that abortion in our country used to be considered murder back before 1973? Have you also heard recently that approximately 63 million babies have been murdered by abortion since 1973. Do you remember the Holocaust in Germany where the Nazis were responsible for the deaths of over six million Jews? The United States helped win that war over the evils of Hitler and his army. What are we doing now to combat abortion that has us pitted against one another? Our courts and even our Supreme Court justices are arguing an abortion case at this time do doctors who perform abortions deserve rights to a hospital? And a tiny baby that has a fetal heart beat is considered “alive” and don't they deserve the right to live?

We cannot allow them to be killed! We are not a cruel country. We need to strive for “peace”. Then did you know our federal law protects the Bald Eagles with fines of over \$20,000 for killing or even wounding an eagle? Are they that far superior to a tiny human baby? Rev. Billy Graham's son Rev. Franklin Graham recently said, “President Trump is the most pro-life friendly president in modern history”. Finally, and most important, what will you say to our God when he asks what did you do to help put an end to abortion? And he will ask.

COUPLE TO COUPLE LEAGUE ANNOUNCES POSTPARTUM NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS

A Couple to Couple League sponsored class in using the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning during the postpartum period takes place at St. John the Evangelist extra building, 200 W. 13th St., Lawrence, KS, on Fri., Jan. 21, at 6:30pm. For more info about this class or other self-paced online classes, call Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015. Pre-registration is required at: www.ccli.org.

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collection amount for Christmas Day: \$1,354 including \$95 for Utilities, \$10 for a Mass and \$40 for CCD enrollment, and \$311 for Catholic Charities. For Dec 26: \$2,274 including \$560 for Utilities, \$50 for a Mass and \$100 for memorial. Online donations were \$169.60. Thank you for your generosity

PLEASE WELCOME Fr. Karl Good to our parish while Fr. Francis is away on vacation. Fr. Good will be celebrating the weekend masses with us during most of the weekends while Fr. Francis is gone.

NO WEEKDAY MASSES: Fr. Francis will be vacationing in Ghana after the Christmas Holiday. There will be NO WEEKDAY masses from now 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.

PRINTED ENVELOPES for 2022 have been discontinued. We appreciate your generosity. If you are giving cash, please put your name on a plain envelope so we can credit it appropriately. 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.

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)

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/4emVrbufBB4KqKcu5>

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: A planned gift is a wonderful way to leave a legacy that will have a lasting impact in line with your faith, values, and ongoing wishes. Planned giving is simply making arrangements in the present for a future gift. Typically, this is done by including a bequest in your will, trust, or by designating your beneficiaries on your life insurance or retirement accounts. Your planned gift to our parish through estate plans proclaims to those you leave behind what you believe in and will deepen your own faith commitment. Your pastor invites you to create a legacy gift, today, that will bear fruit for generations to come. For more information about the benefits of planned giving, visit archkck.giftlegacy.com.

MARCH 18 - 20, 2022 | WILLIAMSBURG KS



MAGNIFY RETREAT 2022

A LENTEN RETREAT FOR WOMEN

CONFESSION | ADORATION
HOLY MASS

SIGN UP AT
MAG90.COM

MEDITATIONS & TALKS FEATURING:

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KELSEY SKOCH

MAGNIFY *the Lord with me,
and let us exalt His
name together*
PSALM 34:1-3

KANSAS MASS & MARCH FOR LIFE

JANUARY 25, 2022
TOPEKA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Come Holy Spirit, set our hearts aflame to defend life!
IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR
THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN



IGNITE: YOUTH RALLY - 9:00 AM

IGNITE YOUTH RALLY
LIFE MASS FOR

For information and to register visit
archkok.org/ignite



MASS FOR LIFE - 10:30 AM

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with
the Kansas Bishops and Priests



KANSAS MARCH FOR LIFE - 12:00 PM

March from TPAC to the Capitol; Rally on the
Capitol steps coordinated by Kansans for Life

All events are free.
IGNITE is intended for youth
but all are welcome.



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING FOR THE POSTPARTUM COUPLE



- NFP: SAFE & EFFECTIVE DURING THE POSTPARTUM PERIOD.
- CCL OFFERS A SEPARATE CLASS ON THE RETURN OF FERTILITY AFTER CHILDBIRTH.



WHERE: St. John the Evangelist (extra building)
200 West 13th Street
Lawrence, KS

WHEN: FRIDAY, JANUARY 21st

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

COST: \$50 for CCL members; \$75 for others

Pre-registration required at www.ccli.org.

Call: Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015

Offered by the Couple to Couple League

ccli.org

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.