

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – January 9, 2022

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Jan. 11	06:00 pm	STL	NO MASS
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	Jan. 13	06:00 pm	SJV	NO MASS
SAT	Jan. 15	05:00 pm	SJV	Arlene Dewberry †
SUN	Jan. 16	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As of 12 May 2021, all archdiocesan safety protocols relating to COVID-19 are rescinded.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, 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 unavailable. Online donations were \$269.60. Thank you for your generosity

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!

SECOND COLLECTION for a *Special Appeal for Aid for Tornado Relief* – Bishop's Emergency Disaster Fund will be held **this 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

THANK YOU to all who made our Christmas Celebration such a beautiful and Holy Season. Thank you to those who cleaned and decorated the churches, to those who set up the Nativity Scenes and to the wonderful CCD teachers who planned and worked with the children to put on such a wonderful Christmas Play. Thank you to the choir, the organists and the vocalists, and to those who served as altar servers and helped set up for the masses. A special Thank You to those who contributed gifts to our Angel Trees, and made Christmas special for so many children. May everyone in our Parish enjoy a Holy and Healthy New Year.

CALL TO SHARE: Jesus never sinned. So why did he get baptized? To be close to us. Instead of the waters cleansing Jesus from original sin, we can think of Jesus's submersion into the river Jordan as Him baptizing the water. By taking part in this ritual, Jesus elevates it. He raises it to the level of a sacrament, a moment when we know that He will be present, through which we can encounter Him. That's what happened when each of us were baptized. We became Christ's brothers and sisters. And if we're joined to Jesus in baptism, then what he hears after coming ashore also applies to us: "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased." Through baptism, we become sons and daughters of God. This is our true identity!

Reminding ourselves of this identity—for instance, when we make the sign of the cross with Holy Water—transforms the way we live. If God is Our Father, it means our life is a gift. And it means He's inviting us into his work of generosity and love. How does this change the way we think about helping our parish community? About volunteering our time and talents? About supporting the Archbishop's Call to Share appeal? Pray about it and see!

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection on the weekend of Jan. 23rd for the Church in Latin America (CLA). Your generosity is deeply appreciated!

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

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 Lednický 913 240 4122.

FOLLOW THE TEN COMMANDMENTS: The abortion controversy is ongoing and it never should have been an issue in the first place. Back in the Biblical times of Moses, God, in His great love for His people, gave us His Ten Commandments as a guideline to get to heaven. One very important commandment for the abortion issue is 'Thou shalt not kill.'

If you have forgotten the Ten Commandments, I will list them for you...

- I am the Lord your God; you shalt not have strange gods before me
- You shalt not take the name of the Lord your God in vain
- Remember to keep holy the Lord's day
- Honor your father and mother
- You shalt not kill
- You shalt not commit adultery
- You shalt not steal
- You shalt not bear false witness against your neighbor
- You shalt not covet your neighbor's wife
- You shalt not covet your neighbor's goods

As you review the commandments, you can see how we have fallen from grace as a nation. We still have time to change, repent and become people of God. And, for the record, there is a heaven and a hell and they will last for all eternity.

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.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA Little Flower Circle
The next meeting will be held on January 23, at 12:40 PM in Yadrich Hall at Christ the King Parish, 5972 SW 25th St. A Rosary will be followed by the business meeting and social time. Masks are strongly encouraged. 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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(FOR POSTING ON THE CHURCH INTERNET SITE)

AFGHAN ASYLUM ASSISTANCE – VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas is hosting an Afghan Asylum clinic on the last Saturday of each month starting in January from 10:00AM-2:00PM. We are looking for attorneys, paralegals, or law students that could volunteer. Volunteers will assist with completing immigration legal documents and supporting clients in writing their story/need for asylum. Our long term goal is to also have attorneys and DOJ reps volunteer to be an Afghan Asylum Advocate that would represent the client at USCIS. The advocates would need to plan for at least 4-6 hours per client they are willing to support. If you are interested in volunteering, contact refugees@catholiccharitiesks.org.

TEACHERS WANTED: Are you looking for rewarding work in Catholic education? The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is looking for faith-filled Catholic school teachers at all levels from Pre-K thru 12th grade in our Catholic schools. The diocese has 36 elementary and 6 high schools. We have positions available for the right candidates. Applicants should hold a Kansas teaching, or be eligible to obtain a license. For questions contact the school office at 913-721-1570. To complete the application, go to www.archkck.org/catholicschools/employment

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.

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

THE MOST IMPORTANT KANSAS RALLY, MASS & MARCH FOR LIFE!

Join others from all across Kansas for the Kansas Rally, Mass & March for Life on **Jan. 25th**, as we pray and march for the protection of unborn children and women through the passage of the Value Them Both Amendment in 2022! The day begins at 9am at the Topeka Performing Arts Center with the IGNITE for LIFE Rally. There will be praise & worship music and an inspiring speaker program with keynote Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life. At 10:30 the Bishops of Kansas and many Kansas priests will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Following Mass at noon, all are invited to march to the capitol for the Kansans for Life rally. All events are free and open to all. For more information and to register for IGNITE, visit www.archkck.org/ignite. In Kansas, we value unborn children and women. St. Joseph, defender of life, please pray for us!

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.

FIRE RETREAT FOR MEN: Stuck in the late winter doldrums, men? Join the regular guys at F.I.R.E. (Fellowship, Inspiration, Renewal, Engagement) at the annual Prairie Star Ranch retreat **Feb 12 -13**. The retreat delivers fire in a variety of forms, inspiring talks, Mass, quality time with Jesus, and creates new opportunities for friendship and purpose.

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
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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:
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12805 Parallel Parkway
Kansas City, KS 66109
ruralyouth@archkck.org
(785) 221-2644

F.I.R.E. Ministries & Retreats

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The Journey is Yours...
Walk With Your Brothers
A Men's Catholic Retreat

fireministries@gmail.com
<http://www.fire-ministries-retreat.org>

7th Annual F.I.R.E. Retreat

Feb 12 - 13, 2022
Prairie Star Ranch Williamsburg, KS

Fellowship Inspire Renew Engage

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.