## WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH - ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

"Two Churches. One Parish"

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 23, 2022

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:				
TUES	Jan. 25	06:00 pm	STL	NO MASS
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m CANCELLED				
THUR	Jan. 27	06:00 pm	SJV	NO MASS
SAT	Jan. 29	05:00 pm	SJV	Helen Karczewski∄
SUN	Jan. 30	09:00 am	STL	Frank Heintzelman &
Confessions: SAT-4:30 nm at S IV: SI IN-8:30 at STI				

### **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As of 12 May 2021, all archdiocesan safety protocols relating to COVID-19 are rescinded.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, Lonnie Dean Phillips Jr., Adam Pineau, Mike Pursel, Mary M. Ruhlman, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Julie Simonis, Jim (Poly) Sloan, Gary Stafford, Aaron Welch, Pat Wilson, Louise Wistuba and Nick

**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 week was unavailable. Online donations were \$169.60. Thank you for your generosity

DONATION RECEIPTS: If anyone wants their donation physical record (online donations records are online via their account history) to contact Sara Green at <a href="mailto:sgreen0427@gmail.com">sgreen0427@gmail.com</a>.

**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 Griffee at 913-773-8342 or Rita Herken at 913-647-0312 for assistance.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all of those who helped with the snow removal on the parking lots, steps and sidewalks of the churches this past weekend. We truly appreciate all of your hard work out in the cold to keep the walkways clear and safe for us.

CAN YOU PROVIDE A RIDE? Agnes Kays would love to attend services, but no longer drives and has lost her transportation to church. If anyone is in the McLouth area and would like to give her a ride, please call her at 913-796-6366.

CALL TO SHARE: Today's Gospel is a transformational moment for Jesus. After standing up in the synagogue and reading Isaiah's prophecy about the coming of one who will free the captives, heal the blind, and bring glad tidings to the poor, Jesus tells those gathered: "Today the Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus gives his listeners any other interpretation: He is the Messiah. He is the one who fulfills all the Old Testament prophecies. Do we believe this? Do we believe that Jesus really can bring freedom and healing and spiritual richness, to us and to the world? If so, then how important is His Church? How important is the liturgy, the sacraments, acts of Christian service, learning the Church's teachings, and all the other good things we do at our parish?

Our parish activity is an essential way that Christ continues to fulfill these ancient prophecies, pouring His love out into the world. Help this essential work continue by supporting our Archbishop's Call to Share

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection this weekend of Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> 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: <a href="mailto:jnichols@dfamilk.com">jnichols@dfamilk.com</a>
OR Sharon Wagner, phone: 913-683-4495 or email:

LECTOR'S AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: POC: Sharon Wagner at <u>w5cattle@aol.com</u> or 913-683-4495 if you would like to become or continue as a lector or Eucharistic minister.

# MOTHER 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 Lednicky 913 240 4122.

CHOICE: Abortion advocates do not want to talk about facts or science, but they love to talk about "choice". They refuse to be called "pro-abortion", but they gladly accept the label, "pro-choice". Indeed, nothing has so clouded and confused the politics of the abortion debate more than the misconstrued application of this word. For years, abortion advocates have sought to bestow upon "choice" a nobility of its own, thereby avoiding what is being

The fact is that "choice" is nothing apart from the context to which it is applied. Laws against rape, murder, assault, theft, and drunk driving (to name a few) are all "anti-choice". They remove choice in order to protect a more fundamental freedom. In the final analysis, we are only free to choose so long as that choice does not harm another person. For example, a person cannot choose to rape another person because rape is a violent assault on another human being. And so is abortion.

FINDING PEACE OF SOUL: Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Road - Easton, KS Friday, **February 4th** at 5:30pm - Sunday, **February 6th** at 4:30pm Peace of soul comes through a life of prayer, personal reform and renewal. Living in this way confronts modern culture with the tough-minded resilience of inner truth. One of the most important works of Catholic spirituality, "The Spiritual Combat: Treatise on Peace of Soul" by Dom Lorenzo Scupoli will be used as a guide to discover how to live an interior life for and with God. 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.

**UNBOUND: FREEDOM IN CHRIST RETREAT** Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Road - Easton, KS Friday, March 4th at 5:00pm -Sunday, March 6th at 4:30pm Start out this Lenten season encountering the Father's Blessing. We all have areas in our lives where we don't experience freedom. These can be patterns of habitual sin, addictions, negative thoughts, resentments, and other forms of spiritual difficulty. Jesus came to set us free by breaking the power of sin and revealing the love of God. UNBOUND MINISTRY RELEASES THE POWER OF JESUS INTO WOUNDED HEARTS. You will learn how to unlock your prison doors by using the Five Keys to Freedom. The conference involves times of prayer, insightful teaching, and personal ministry from the Wichita Unbound ministry team. This conference will equip you to cooperate with God as He sets you free. 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.

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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HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT: Are you looking for a way to go deeper? Join students across the Archdiocese on **February 5th** (Location TBD) in Topeka for "SEEK: Recognizing a Need for God." *This retreat was originally* scheduled for Jan 7-8 but was postponed due to COVID. Please go to www.archkckyouth.org to register under Seek: Recognizing a Need for God. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch.

#### **PRO-LIFE BANQUETS**

Please support two local organizations doing great work to support and protect preborn children and their mothers. Tuesday, Feb 15 – Kansans for Life Banquet with keynote speakers Actor Jim Caviezel and Survivor Melissa Ohden. For more information and to register, visit <a href="https://www.kflkcbanquet.com">www.kflkcbanquet.com</a>. Tuesday, March 1 – Kansas City Pregnancy Center's first banquet at Sporting Park with Chief's Kicker Harrison Butker and prayer and comments by Archbishop Naumann. For information and to register, visit www.kcpregnancyclinic.org/banquet

A RESOLUTION FOR YOUR MARRIAGE! In 2022 resolve to tell, and show, your spouse that you love them every day. Join us on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to learn a simple, but powerful tool, that makes saying "I love you" part of the fabric of your everyday life. The next in-person weekends will be **February 25-27** in Kansas City, KS or **March 18-20** in Carthage, MO. For more information, visit the website at www.WWME.org or contact DeaconTony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net

BCYC ENCOUNTER (BENEDICTINE COLLEGE YOUTH CONFERENCE): July 17-19--Early registration 10% off for your group (Nov 1-Feb 1). Teens will learn to pray from the Monks of St. Benedict's Abbey, hear Catholic speakers, and encounter an experience that is meaningful to make prayer and their faith accessible and relatable to teens today. Contact at youthoutreach@benedictine.edu/BCYC or call 913-360-

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 –

To register, go to: <a href="https://forms.gle/4emVrbufBB4KgKcu5">https://forms.gle/4emVrbufBB4KgKcu5</a>

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. 25**th, 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!

"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE" - Peer-To-Peer Grief Support - Beginning Experience of Greater Kansas City ministers with persons who are suffering from the loss of a marriage relationship. Our programs help those suffering these losses through the grieving process, enabling them to look to the future with renewed hope and deepened faith. Beginning Experience of Kansas City is hosting a 10-week, online session to help divorced and widowed persons deal with grief and pain. "Coping With Life Alone," begins February 7, 6:30 to 8:30. \$50. Via Zoom. For more inform, please visit www.beginningexperiencekc.org or call Maria at 913-314-9844.

FIRE RETREAT FOR MEN: Stuck in the late winter doldrums, men? Join the regular guys at F.I.R.E. (Fellowship, Inspiration, Renewal, 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.

JR HIGH YOUTH RALLY-SAVE THE DATE: Save the Date, Jr. High Rally Feb 27. Registration opens Friday. Cost is \$35, and bus transportation is available for rural parishes for \$15/person.

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 <a href="mailto:ruralyouth@archkck.org">ruralyouth@archkck.org</a> 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.



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
- 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:

  O 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.

# **Christ's Peace House of Prayer**

What if you could reach out and touch God's love, and never be the same?

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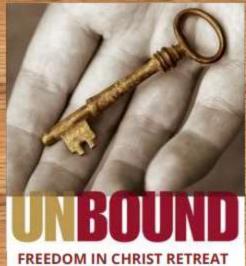
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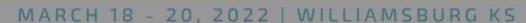


FREEDOM IN CHRIST RETREAT Friday, March 4th at 5:00pm thru Sunday, March 6th at 4:30pm

Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$170 Single / \$250 Couple Single Guest Rooms / Hermitages: \$100

Christ's Peace House of Prayer is located on 120 acres of rolling pastures and timberland just west of Leavenworth and one hour from Kansas City, Topeka and Lawrence.

913.773.8255 - www.christspeace.com - 22131 Meagher Road - Easton, KS





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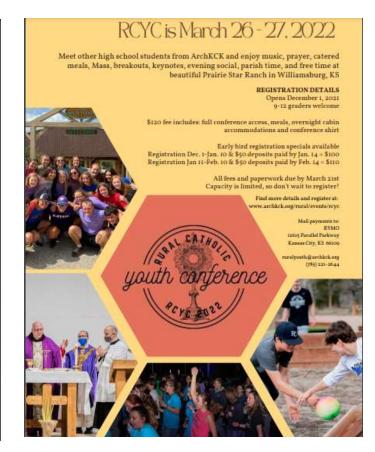


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## **CAMP KATERI TEKAKWITHA 2022 DATES**

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 <u>www.archkck.org/camp</u> 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 <a href="https://archkck.org/camp/general-information/campstaff">https://archkck.org/camp/general-information/campstaff</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:youthadmin@archkck.org">youthadmin@archkck.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:abailey@archkck.org">abailey@archkck.org</a> to inquire about any available positions.