

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 27, 2022

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Mar. 29	06:00 pm	STL	Parishioners of SJ-SL
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	Mar. 31	06:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
FRI	April 1	06:30 pm	STL	Edward & Rose Hand†
SAT	April 2	05:00 pm	SJV	Helen Karczewski†
SUN	April 3	09:00 am	STL	Jack Rogers†

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As of 12 May 2021, all archdiocesan safety protocols relating to COVID-19 are rescinded.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, Rose Baranko, Joe Brose, Judy Brose, Jennifer Brushwood, 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, Charlie Schletzbaum, 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, 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).

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OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collection amount for the weekends of March 19-20 was \$1,671, which included \$20 SJV Cemetery and \$25 Utilities. The second collection for Ukraine was \$634. Online donations were \$344.60. Thank you for your generosity!

THANK YOU! We received a note from Leavenworth Catholic Charities thanking our parish for the 43 pounds of food and hygiene items that were donated in the month of February. This donation helped to serve 698 individuals last month. Thank you to the parishioners of St. Joseph-St. Lawrence for their generosity.

LENTEN SCHEDULE:

April 1	Mass & Stations of the Cross	STL-6:30 pm
April 8	Mass & Stations of the Cross	STL-6:30 pm

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: You are invited to experience the Lord's mercy, forgiveness and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Wednesday evening throughout the Holy Season of Lent, **now through Wednesday, April 13** from 6-7pm. Please embrace this opportunity and experience the Lord's forgiveness and an outpouring of his abundant grace upon you in this beautiful sacrament. **Father will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evenings during Lent from 6-7 pm at St. Lawrence.**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

SAT, April 9	Palm Sunday Mass	5pm	SJV
SUN, April 10	Palm Sunday Mass	9 am	STL
THUR, April 14	Holy Thursday Mass	7 pm	STL
FRI, April 15	Good Friday Service- Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the cross, Communion	7 pm	STL
SAT, April 16	Easter Vigil Mass-Mass of Light, Word & Eucharist	7:00 pm	STL
SUN, April 17	Easter Sunday Mass	9:00 am	STL

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.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: The Finance Council is happy to announce that the parish will be accepting applications for one or more scholarships for Catholic school (K-16) attendance during the 2022-2023 academic year or Catholic camp attendance during summer 2022. Interested applicants should fill out the application form, attach either a report card or transcript, and provide contact information for a reference. **Applications are due by May 1, 2022.**

Please visit the link or QR code, which should both take a user to the application form.

Link:



OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

FISH SUPPER: You are invited to St. Joseph's Fish and Shrimp Supper, Nortonville, KS, 5-7 pm, all Friday evenings during Lent **now through April 8th**. Adults \$12 (ages 11 and up) and Children (4-10) \$5.00

PRO-LIFE ANSWERS TO FALSE PRO-CHOICE ARGUMENTS (PART II):

A woman's right to "choose"? The word "choice" (as used on the subject of abortion) is probably the most misleading and deceptive term in the English language. While it might sound good to say that government should allow people to make all their own choices, that is neither practical nor desirable. Some choices are crimes. All crimes are choices. Once a woman is pregnant, barring a miscarriage or an induced abortion, she will have a baby. Therefore, her only "choice" is, "How is the baby going to come out?" Will he or she come out alive and crying, or dead and in pieces? Truly, her choice is between life and death---a live baby, or a dead one.

Consider this hypothetical situation. A group of young men have just started a "Right to Rape" organization. They argue that they have the right to choose to rape women. The real question, they tell us, is, "Who decides, us or the government?" We believe that the government should stay out of this very private matter." Furthermore, they want the state to set up tax-funded centers where they can rape women in a safe, legal fashion. Clearly, our response would be, "Absolutely not; rape is wrong!" Note carefully that the real and overriding question is not, "who decides" but a question about the action itself. We must first ask ourselves, "Is rape right or wrong?" Only then can we answer the question of who has the right to choose to do it.

And so it is with abortion. No one should have the "right to choose" abortion because it involves taking the life of a separate, innocent human being and is therefore an atrocity.

FISH FRY: Please join us for St. Theresa's Drive-by Fish Fry, Friday, **April 8th**, serving 4-7 pm at 310 Oak Street, Perry, KS. Meal includes: Fried Fish, Salmon Patties, Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw and Cupcakes for dessert. Suggested donation is \$10.

LENTEN SILENT RETREAT: REDEMPTION AND EUCHARIST: Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Road - Easton, KS Friday, **April 8th at 5:30pm – Sunday, April 10th at 4:30pm** Join us over Palm Sunday weekend for our Lenten Silent Retreat as we look toward the Resurrection of the Lord through study and contemplation of the Letter to the Hebrews. The Old Testament roots of the Eucharist and the Jewish sacrificial system will be examined in the light of Jesus' fulfillment, and how we as the Body of Christ continue his redemptive work. 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.

THE ENDERLE-BOGENRIFE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT: Mary Rose Enderle and Richard Bogenrife have established a scholarship endowment for Catholic students living in Leavenworth and Wyandotte counties that plan on attending a trade or vocational school. Most trade and vocational programs are available through community and technical colleges. The scholarship award is for tuition up to \$5,000.00. To request a scholarship application please email Dave Hernandez at landofoz1239@sunflower.com or call 913-369-2718. Scholarship application **deadline is May 1, 2022.**

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)

CHRIST IS ALIVE IN 2022 ESSAY CONTEST: Students in grade 3 through 8, who are enrolled in Catholic School or Parish Religious Education may participate in the 3rd Annual Christ is Alive! Essay Contest. All they have to do is describe a moment they felt close to God. Only one page. **Due March 31, 2022.** The winner receives \$100 and a bible, the winner's teacher or catechist receives \$100, the winner's class receives \$100 for a class celebration and the winner's school or parish receives \$200. Over \$5,000 in prizes will be awarded to 2 winners in each grade, but most importantly, students who participate have a chance to proclaim the Good News that Christ is Alive! Visit comcenter.com/christisalive for contest details and entry forms.

DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES-SERVANTS OF MARY, MINISTERS TO THE SICK: Single Catholic women between the ages of 18-33 are invited to join in conversation with the Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick every Tuesday evening via ZOOM (details attached). Single Catholic women ages 18-35 are invited to a **Lenten retreat** with the Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick **April 8-10, 2022** (details attached). Any questions about either discernment event can be directed to Sister Elizabeth, Vocation Director, at 213-840-9608 or visit their website: www.sisterservantsofmary.org.

RUNNIN' WITH THE REVS TOPEKA GAME. All are invited to cheer on their favorite priest or student player at the Runnin' With the Revs basketball game on Monday, **April 25th** at 7pm at Hayden High School. Priests will be teamed up with 8th grade and high school students from our Catholic schools in an exciting game of basketball. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this fun event. Donations collected will benefit our seminarians.

RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES: "We felt like we did when we were first married!" The Living in Love retreat is back in person and better than ever! Now called the Weekend Immersion offered by EverMore in Love, this weekend will help married couples experience the wonder of being more in love. **April 23 & 24** at Holy Spirit, Overland Park More information, and special coupon code for our Archdiocese found at www.archkck.org/livinginlove

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND FRIDAY, APRIL 29 – SUNDAY, MAY 1 Savior Pastoral Center Beginning Experience Weekend for persons who are separated, divorced or widowed. This program helps men and women work through the grief process associated with the end of a marriage and move into the future with new hope. For more information go to beginningexperiencekc.org or contact Maria Meli at 913-314-9844.

REVIVE-CAMP TEKAKWITHA'S ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT: Do you hunger to grow in relationship with the living Christ, and want to develop holy friendships with other women? This is a weekend for you! Here you will find the space to relax, rejuvenate and reconnect. This is a retreat for all women 21-100. There will be speakers that inspire you, Sacraments that draw you into the heart of Christ, and time for fellowship with other women, free time, friendship, laughter, and joy. Come enjoy the beauty of God's creation at Prairie Star Ranch and the gift of sharing life with other women seeking the heart of Jesus. Retreat starts at 6:00 pm on Friday **April 29**, and ends at 1:00 pm on Sunday **May 1**. Cost for the Retreat: • Early Bird Registration (before February 15): \$225 • Registration after February 15: \$250 • Full Time Student: \$200 To register, go to: <https://archkck.org/camp-tekakwitha-womens-retreat/>

FINISH FAITHFUL CONFERENCE- MAY 14, 2022 The Office of Stewardship and Development is hosting a ½ day free conference sponsored by the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas and Catholic Cemeteries of Northeast Kansas, on "all things pre-planning for your legacy and preparing for end of life." The conference will be held Saturday, May 14 at Holy Spirit parish from 9 am – 1 pm. The content of the conference seeks to offer valuable tools to enable the faithful throughout the archdiocese to finish faithful at the end of life using Catholic resources and teachings. Four topics, practical and spiritual, will be presented by four engaging speakers. It is the perfect opportunity for the faithful to learn about estate and gift planning, burial and funeral planning, advanced healthcare directives, and getting to Heaven, all in one place.

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.

BCYC ENCOUNTER (BENEDICTINE COLLEGE YOUTH CONFERENCE): July 17-19-- 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.

 **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>

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Journey through the
Gospel of John with
weekly reflections for
personal or group study!

Podcast: <https://archkck.libsyn.com>
Study guide: <https://archkck.org/adults/home>



Welcome the King!

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*Lenten retreat
single Catholic women ages 18-35*

Contact Sr. Elizabeth: 213-840-9608
Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick
140 North G Street, Oxnard CA
www.sisterservantsofmary.org



WHY SUPPORT THE VALUE THEM BOTH KANSAS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT? Few people realize that Kansas is already becoming an abortion destination - a "haven state" for abortion access. The abortion rate in Kansas is up almost 10% in the latest data released by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). For the first time ever, more than half of all Kansas abortions are being performed on women coming to Kansas from surrounding states. The abortion industry projects that if Roe v. Wade is overturned and Kansas does NOT pass Value Them Both, the abortion rate in Kansas will skyrocket by 1300% to more than 100,000. Let's not allow our state to become a destination for abortion; let's make Kansas a destination for Life! Vote YES for Value Them Both on August 2nd. Visit www.ValueThemBoth.com to learn more.

Our Respect Life efforts go far beyond Value Them Both. Let others know about all of the support resources available to women challenged by an unplanned pregnancy, or women who have been hurt by an abortion. Go to www.archkck.org/prolife to learn more.

VALUE THEM BOTH VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS IS NOW OPEN We need your help to educate Kansans on how the Value Them Both Kansas Constitutional Amendment will help protect women and babies from the abortion industry by preserving our Kansas pro-life laws that are now in jeopardy. The Value Them Both headquarters in metro Kansas City is now open at 11644 W 75 Street, Suite D, Shawnee, and the Topeka VTB office will be opening soon! We are actively recruiting volunteers – can you help? Training for door knocking and phone calling is available. Contact Amanda@kfl.org to volunteer and learn more. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, pray for us!



AUG. 2, VOTE YES

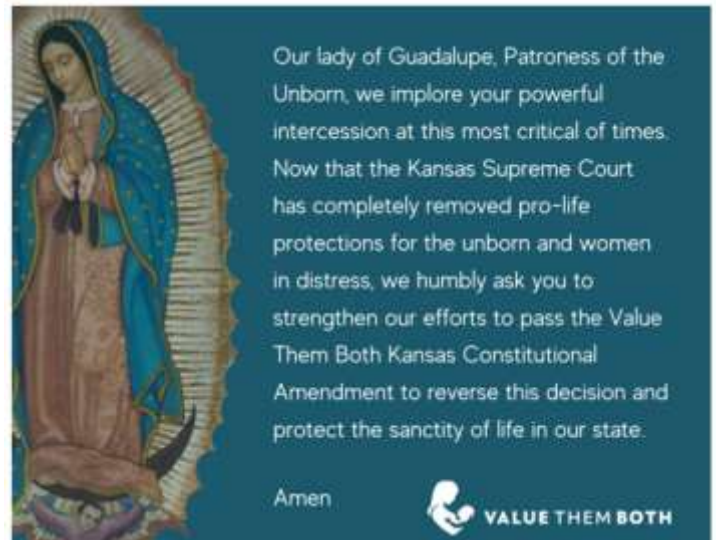
Keep Kansas from becoming an abortion destination state.
Extremists have been encouraging "abortion tourism" to Kansas.
Last year for the first time ever more NON-Kansas residents
underwent abortion procedures in our state than residents.

Aug. 2, VOTE YES to stop unlimited abortions in Kansas.

VALUE THEM BOTH


Learn more at ValueThemBoth.com

The graphic features a woman kissing a young child on the cheek, with a white silhouette of a fetus in a blue circle to the left.



Our lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, we implore your powerful intercession at this most critical of times. Now that the Kansas Supreme Court has completely removed pro-life protections for the unborn and women in distress, we humbly ask you to strengthen our efforts to pass the Value Them Both Kansas Constitutional Amendment to reverse this decision and protect the sanctity of life in our state.

Amen

 **VALUE THEM BOTH**

The graphic features a traditional painting of the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe on the left side.