

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 22, 2022

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

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| TUES | May 24 | 06:00 pm | STL | Parishioners of SJ-SL |
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Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED

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| THUR | May 26 | 06:00 pm | SJV | Parishioners of SJ-SL |
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| SAT | May 28 | 05:00 pm | SJV | Rita Heim † |
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| SUN | May 29 | 09:00 am | STL | Donald Gwartney † Justin Johnston † |
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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As of 12 May 2021, all archdiocesan safety protocols relating to COVID-19 are rescinded.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, Gail DeMaranville-Zule, Vince Eimer, Tom Flack, Anna Foster, Tina Gaspard, Glen Goodland, 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: YNSC (SS) Kevin Lansing.

Prayer for Vocations: Brother Seelos (Tyler Lunsford).

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collection amount for May 1, 8 and 15th Was \$4,005, including \$90 for utilities, \$350 for hall rent, \$350 for SL Cemetery and \$20 for SJV cemetery. Online donations were \$669.60. Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection the weekend of **May 29th** for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU: The Family of Bob Abel would like to thank the Ladies who served and donated food for the funeral dinner. Your kindness was much appreciated!

PLEASE NOTE: Father will be away from the Parish from June 6th to the 9th, attending a retreat. He will NOT have Tuesday evening mass on June 7th, but does plan to be back for the Thursday evening mass on June 9th.

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: Now enrolling Preschool-Eighth Grade. Please call 913-682-7801 to schedule a tour today!

MAY IS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH! Every child is a unique and precious gift from God who deserves a loving family. Sadly, every day in Kansas, children are removed from their homes for a variety of reasons and through no fault of their own. Right now in Kansas there are roughly 7,000 children in care, coming from all backgrounds and from every community. Many have experienced trauma and are frightened and lonely. Archbishop Naumann says, “To be truly pro-life, we must make sure that every child has an environment where he or she can thrive.” Foster parents open their hearts and homes helping children heal, trust, and hope again. Currently there are only approximately 2,600 licensed foster families in Kansas. The Church is the solution! Everyone can help – either by becoming a foster family, supporting the families who do foster, donating necessities or gifts for children, or mentoring teens who are aging out of the system. Please visit www.archkcs.com/foster to learn more.

NEW HELPING KANSAS WOMEN RESOURCE Thanks to the generous support of many across the Archdiocese for the Church's Respect Life efforts, the Archdiocese is able to fund an ad campaign running this month encouraging those experiencing unplanned or difficult pregnancies to contact Pregnancy Resource Centers who are eager to provide support. Please visit the new resource website Helping Kansas Women to view the ads and to help spread the word. As Archbishop Naumann says, “We truly do value both mother and child, wanting them both to not only survive but to thrive.”

ATTENTION! COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2022 Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration **June 12, 2022, 2:30 pm**, Church of the Nativity/Leawood To

receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, please call the parish office and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding. Please do this as soon as possible.

PATORAL STATEMENT ON ABORTION-PART 4:

This is the fourth part of five parts of the Pastoral Statement on Abortion

written by [Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of San Angelo](#)

Abortion is the Greatest and Gravest Moral-Pastoral issue facing the Universal Church

Our pastoral actions must include working with government and court agencies at a local state and national level. As we mark the remembrance of the Supreme Court decision on abortion in 1973, we must now more than ever promote legal and civil action to overcome this death sentence. We need to remember and take action from what the Supreme Court admitted in Roe v Wade: “if...personhood (for the unborn) is established, the appellant's case, of course, collapses, for the fetus right to life is then guaranteed specifically by the 14th Amendment”.

Based on this conditional statement, and science has confirmed that life begins at conception, so the members of the Supreme Court are obligated to rescind the decision of Roe v Wade. The 14th Amendment to the Constitution states: “nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of the law, nor to deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law”. Science is now totally clear that human life begins at conception when a new human being is formed, and the American people must now oppose abortion on demand and want innocent life to be protected especially when it is most defenseless. It now belongs to congress, if the Supreme Court does not reverse itself to resolve the question of when human life begins. For this to happen, we must all now support A Life at Conception Act, by declaring that unborn children are persons legally entitled to constitutional protection. This fact will rescue millions of unborn children from dying by abortion on demand.

Bishop Michael Pfeifer, O.M.I.

Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of San Angelo, Texas

POPE JPII'S LOVE AND RESPONSIBILITY RETREAT Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Rd., Easton Friday, **June 10th** at 5:30pm – Sunday, **June 12th** at 4:30pm In commemoration of the end of the Year of the Family, this retreat is offered to help strengthen faith and live God's joy more fruitfully in family life. The Church's teaching views marriage as an interpersonal relationship with the well-being and self-realization of each partner being of the greatest importance. We will look at St. John Paul II's defense of Catholic tradition in the teachings about family life and sexual morality through his book, “Love and Responsibility”. There are conferences, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$170 Single/\$250 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$100 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the Reservation Form at christspcace.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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(FOR POSTING ON THE CHURCH INTERNET SITE)

VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT – AN ORDINATION CELEBRATION Join us on Wednesday, **May 25** from 6:30 to 9 pm, as the Vocation Office hosts its annual Trivia Night to honor and celebrate the two men who will be ordained to the priesthood! Gather a group of up to 8 players (\$25/person) and prepare to challenge other teams for prizes. The evening will include: • Seven rounds of questions • 50/50 raffle • Prizes awarded to the top two teams Looking for a little inside help? Bid on a seminarian to join your team, live and in-person, for the event. Please check our website for details, registration, and to participate in the seminarian auction: <https://one.bidpal.net/seminarian2022> Contact the Vocation Office at 913-647-0303 or vocation@archkck.org with any questions. All proceeds directly benefit our seminarians and the ongoing mission of the Vocation Office.

COUPLE TO COUPLE LEAGUE ANNOUNCES PRE-MENOPAUSE NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS: A class in using the Sympto-Thermal Method (STM) of Natural Family Planning during the pre-menopause period takes place at St. John the Evangelist in the extra building, 200 West 13th St., Lawrence, KS, on Fri., **May 27**, at 6:30pm. For more info about this or other Couple to Couple League classes in the metro area, call Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015. **Online pre-registration is required at: www.ccli.org.**

FATHER KAPAUN PILGRIMAGE: WALKING THE PATH TO HEAVEN: From **June 1st through the 5th**, the Office of Evangelization and Catholic Formation for Youth will take high school students and their chaperones on the Fr. Emil Kapaun 60 mile Pilgrimage from Wichita to Pilsen. Will the 60-mile trek be hard? No doubt! But, the opportunity to disconnect from the noise and participate in daily Mass, guided reflection, group prayer, and reconciliation, will open the door to growing in relationship with Jesus Christ and discovering His plan for you to advance in holiness. For more information and to register go to <https://archkck.org/youth-ministry/father-kapaun-pilgrimage/> or contact Rick Cheek at youth2@archkck.org.

ST. THOMAS MORE CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas (CFNEK) is providing a Catholic-centered Continuing Education (CE) Program for those in the fields of law, accounting, financial planning, and insurance on Friday, **June 3**, at Savior Pastoral Center. Cost is \$80. For more information, program schedule, session descriptions, sponsorship opportunities and to register <https://www.cfnek.org/events/thomas-more> The program begins with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann at 8:00 am and concludes at 1:30 pm. Approved continuing education hours: KS CLE 4 hours (1ethic hour), MO CLE 4 Hours (3 Ethic hours), KS Insurance 4 Hours (4 ethic hours) and CFP 4 hours. And recommended for 2 hours CPE accounting credits (pending).

VALUE THEM BOTH TAILGATE PRAYER RALLY! Join Archbishop Naumann, the Holy Family School of Faith Rosary team, and pro-life supporters from around the Archdiocese for a Value Them Both Prayer Rally on the grounds of Fiorella's in Overland Park on **June 5th**. This prayer rally will kick off an important week of action for Value Them Both volunteers to spread the word about the amendment throughout our community. 4pm – Tailgate, yard games, live music, week of action registration 6pm – Opening comments and prayer by Archbishop Naumann and the VTB Team 6:30pm – Holy Family School of Faith Rosary 7pm – Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 – Closing prayer

We need people willing to share the Value Them Both message with others. Get a group of friends together and contact PeteC@valuethemboth.com to schedule a training. Visit www.archkck.org/ValueThemBoth > Get Involved to see more ways you can help.

8th ANNUAL PITCHING FOR PRIESTS SOFTBALL GAME-SUMMER CLASSIC! Annual Event to Help Benefit Our Seminarians. Priests from KC-SJ vs Priests from the Archdiocese of KCK. Friday, **JUNE 10th**, 7:00 pm, tailgating begins at 4:00 pm at the KC Monarchs Stadium (Old T-Bones Stadium)-Legends Field Ballpark, 1800 Village West Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66111. For more info: www.pitchingforpriests.com

THE ENCOUNTER KC SUMMER INTENSIVE is a 4-night evening school that provides a survey of the content offered in the first 4 quarters of the Encounter School of Ministry launching RIGHT HERE in Kansas City this coming September. With two teachings each night, this quick paced, jam-packed course will educate, equip, and activate you to partner with Jesus and further bring about the Kingdom of God here on earth!

Details
REGISTRATION Register here: <https://encounterkc.regfox.com/encounter-kc-summer-intensive>

WHO The Encounter KC Summer Intensive open to anyone 18 years and older.

WHEN **July 11-14th, 2022** from 6:00-9:00pm each day
WHERE St. Agnes Catholic Church Parish Hall, 5250 Mission Rd, Roeland Park, KS, 66205 US

COST The cost is \$100/person.

WEBSITE For more information, you can visit our website at <https://encounterschool.org/kansas-city/>

QUESTIONS Feel free to reach out to Lee McMahon with any questions (785) 218-2708.

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.

NFP PRACTITIONER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

Are you passionate about NFP? Do you like to help others? Have you ever considered teaching NFP? The FertilityCare Center of Kansas City is pleased to announce a Creighton Model FertilityCare Practitioner Education Program beginning **August 13-20, 2022**. Come be part of this exciting event and join our team! Classes will be held in Independence, MO. Information and application materials can be found at www.fertilitycarekc.com under FertilityCare Practitioner Training.

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION – ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC CHURCH, WAMEGO, KS is seeking a full-time Director of Faith Formation.

This position is a key pastoral leadership and formation role that requires collaboration with the pastor, staff members, volunteers and parishioners to provide Catholic education for all parishioners. The ideal applicant will be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church who: holds a bachelor's degree in theology or philosophy, catechesis or similar academic discipline; some experience in teaching/leading young children, teens and/or RCIA; leadership and supervisory experience in a Catholic parish setting; applicant should be motivated and effective in communication and be knowledgeable of current media and technology; some nights, weekends and occasional travel required. This position is eligible for the Archdiocesan benefits package with a start date of June 15, 2022. Position open until filled. Please send a letter of application, resume, and 3 references to stbernard66547@gmail.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>

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SUMMER INTENSIVE

July 11-14th, 2022

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH
1230 MISSION ST. BOULDER PARK, KS 66205

TO REGISTER & FOR MORE INFORMATION, SCAN OR VISIT:
encounterschool.org/kansas-city

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Night 1: Identity & Transformation
Night 2: Hearing God & The Prophetic Gifts
Night 3: Power & Healing
Night 4: Inner Healing & Freedom

Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas

50th Wedding Anniversary
Celebration

Sunday, June 12th, 2:30 pm
Church of the Nativity

To receive your invitation, see details below:

If you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary in the year 2022 and would like to take part in the **Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration, please call the parish office.**

Please give us your name, address, phone number and wedding date **as soon as possible.**

The Archdiocesan Marriage & Family Life Office will send each couple a formal invitation from Archbishop Naumann.

Marriage & Family Life Office
Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas
12613 Parallel Parkway
Kansas City, KS 66109
913-647-0345
Email: lifesec@archkck.org

How many times does not Holy Mother Church tell us that our life on this earth is a journey? This earth is not our lasting home. God created us for a higher, a much more perfect home, our home in heaven with the joy of God. -Servant of God Emil Kapaun

The Father Kapaun Pilgrimage

Walking the Path to Heaven, June 1-5, 2022

Are you a weary servant? Do you feel burdened, broken or in a spiritual rut? Let's go on a journey together. Will it be hard? YES, but rewarding. Daily Mass, reconciliation and a time to grow in your love for Jesus.

Cost: \$35.00 Registration Opens March 15, 2022

Register at www.archkck.org/youth-ministry/father-kapaun-pilgrimage

We will travel June 1 to Church of the Magdalen to stay overnight in preparation for the first day.

Start: Church of the Magdalen, 12626 E. 21st St. N, Wichita, KS 67206, on Thursday.

Pilgrimage begins with Mass at 6 am.

First Day: 22 Miles to Leitch Farm, 2 miles north of Whitewater.

Second Day: 14 Miles to Probody Park

Third Day: 16 Miles to Kropa Farm, US-56 and Remington Road

Fourth Day: 8 Miles to Plover, Father Kapaun Day Mass at 11:00 am

Pilgrimage: a journey, often into an unknown or foreign place, where a person goes in search of new or expanded meaning about self, others and God.

Please call 913-682-7801 to schedule a tour today!

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FOSTERING MEANS Helping Families

May is Foster Care Awareness Month

The Need

- Over 400,000 children are in foster care in the U.S. with roughly 7,000 in Kansas.
- There are approximately 2,600 licensed foster homes in Kansas.
- The average age of a child needing placement in Kansas is 9.3 years old. (4% <1 year, 30% 1-5 yrs, 20% 6-10 yrs, 24% 11-15 yrs, 21% 16-18 yrs, <1% 19+)
- The biggest need is parents willing to take kids ages 6-18 years old and sibling sets.
- Nationally, upon aging out of foster care without a family, 1/3 of youth will become homeless, 1/5 will become incarcerated and a large percentage will become victims of child trafficking.

How Our Parish Can Help

Every day in Kansas, children from every background and community are removed from their homes for a variety of reasons and through no fault of their own. Many have experienced trauma. Foster parents open their homes and hearts – helping children heal, trust, and hope again. Everyone can help – either by becoming a foster family or by supporting the families in our parishes who do foster.

- Youth in foster care often lack the necessities and supplies they need. Host a drive to collect clothing, personal hygiene items, toys, and school supplies for the children.
- Collect gift cards for foster families to help offset unexpected costs.
- Ask prayer groups and ministries to pray for foster children and families.
- Invite a speaker to educate on the need for foster families, and the support these families need.
- Connect individuals to CarePortal (careportal.org). CarePortal's online platform is designed to connect children and families in crisis in our communities to churches and people who want to help. Caseworkers uncover the needs and CarePortal makes local churches aware. Beds and cribs are often their #1 need.

For More Information

Visit the Archdiocesan Foster Ministry
Website: www.archkcks.com/foster

Or connect with the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office: archkck.org/prolife
913-647-0350
prolife@archkck.org
Facebook: Pro-Life Office Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas

May is Foster Care Awareness Month

Become a Foster Family

Is your family called to be a foster family to children in need? Even if you are not sure, you can learn more, find real answers, and hear other foster/adoptive families talk about their experiences. Families who learn about the children in need, and the support resources available, are far more likely to say yes to fostering!

Families and Individuals Helping Children & Families

If your family does not feel called to foster, you can support foster youth in other ways:

- Bring meals and material needs to families who foster. Consider forming a Care Community that provides wrap around support to foster families. Visit fosteringjoy.org to learn more about this successful model of support.
- Provide Respite Care - Respite care providers give foster parents a break for one night or a weekend. It's similar to foster parenting but much shorter in length and a great way to see if foster parenting is right for you. Connect with a foster agency for respite training & licensing.
- Mentor a Teen - As many as 20,000 youth age out of foster care in the U.S. every year without a permanent family or home. 1/3 becomes homeless, only 4% attend college and some end up in jail. Mentors can provide extra support and guidance to teenage youth as they transition into adulthood. These teens need to know that they are important and that someone cares about their wellbeing.
- Become a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for a child. CASAs are trained volunteers who represent and advocate for youth in the dependency court system. Each CASA represents the best interests of the child and makes a life-changing difference. (CASAjwc.org)
- Meet the tangible needs of vulnerable children and families through CarePortal's online platform. Child welfare professionals identify the unmet needs of children and families and CarePortal connects these needs to parishes and individuals who care and want to respond. CarePortal is based in KCMO!

Kansas Foster Care Resources:

For a list of Foster Agencies in our area, visit: archkcks.com/foster

CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates for children. casajwc.org

Care Portal - to provide material support to foster & bio families. careportal.org

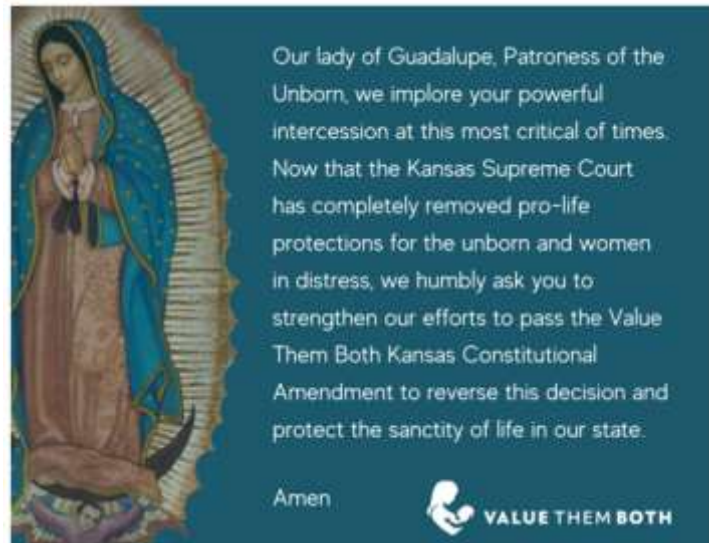
YouTHRIVE - Supporting teens into adulthood. youthrive.org

And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me. Matthew 18:5

VOTER REGISTRATION FOR THE AUGUST 2ND PRIMARY ELECTION The Church is allowed to engage in lobbying and advocacy for a constitutional amendment such as the Value Them Both Amendment, and Catholics are called to put their faith into action through the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. **Election Day is Tuesday, August 2nd with advance voting beginning July 13.** Anyone who is 18 by August 2nd and is registered to vote can vote. **The deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, July 12th.** You can register at www.kdor.ks.gov/Apps/VoterReg. Please check to be sure you are registered and register if you: • Recently turned 18 or will turn 18 by August 2nd 2022 • Recently moved or had a name change • Have not voted in recent elections

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.



Join the Memorare Army for the passage of the Value Them Both Amendment. The most important action we can take to help pass the Value Them Both Amendment is to turn to prayer, and asking Our Mother to intercede for us is effective and powerful. Mother Teresa formed the first "Memorare Army" years ago, and Archbishop Naumann and Benedictine College have both been longtime fans of this prayer campaign. There are 100 days between Divine Mercy Sunday and the Value Them Both vote. If 1,000 Kansans commit to praying 10 Memorares each day from **April 25th to August 2nd**, 1 million Memorares will be prayed for the successful passage of the amendment. If you would like to join this powerful prayer campaign, please register at www.archkck.org/VTBMemorareArmy **before April 25th**. Thank you for your support!

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen

