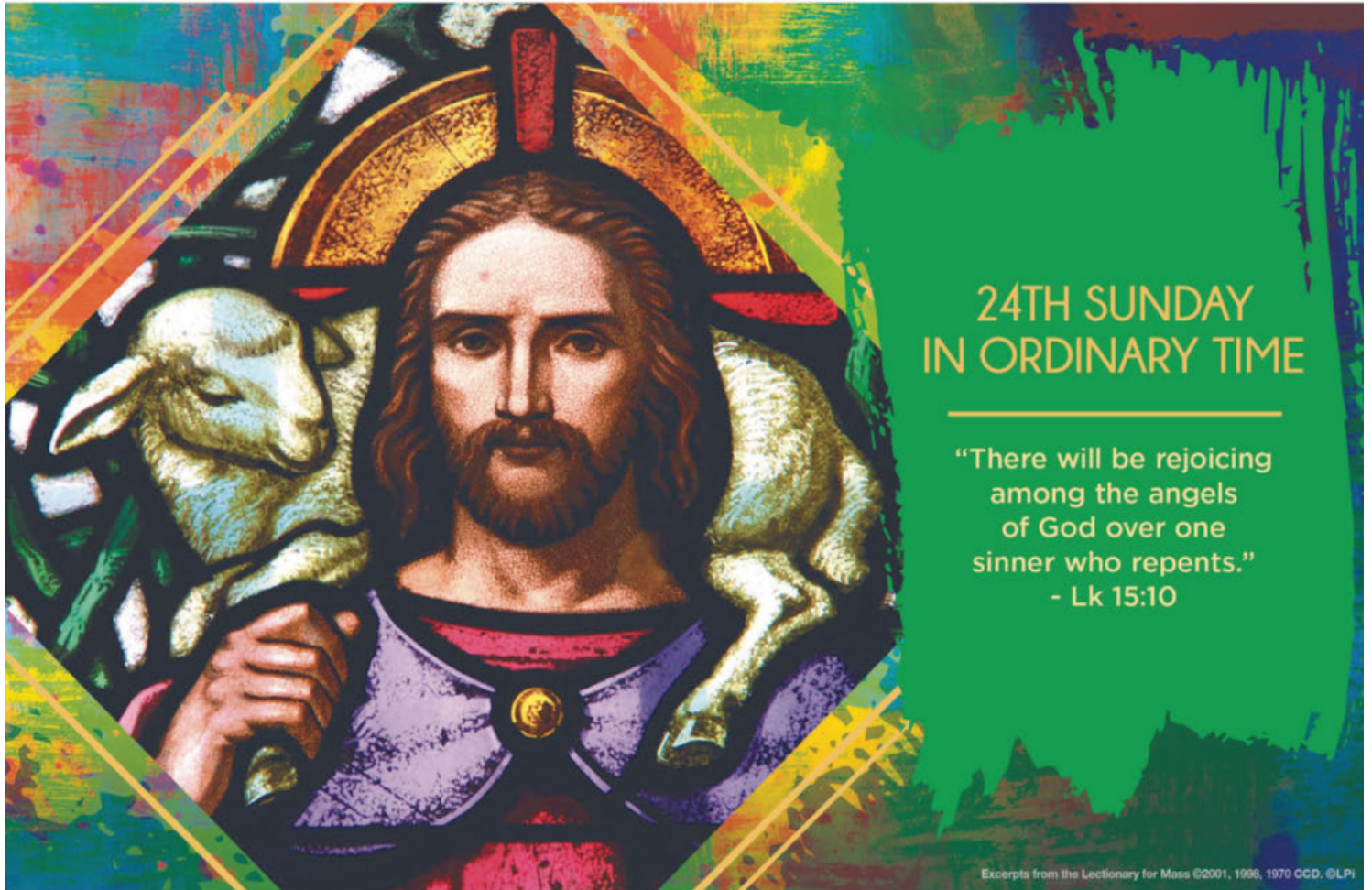


TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 11, 2022

HOLY SPIRIT

CATHOLIC CHURCH



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

CONFESSION

Tues 4:15 - 5:15 pm, Fri 7:15 am - 8:15 am
Sat 7:15 - 7:45 am & 2:30-3:30 pm

ADORATION

24/7 (Ask the parish office for the code)

DAILY MASS

Mon - Thrs, 6:45 am & 5:30 pm
Fri 6:45 am & 8:30 am | Sat 8:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

Sat 4:00 pm
Sun 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:30 pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Updated 9/4/2022 for the Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/23
(Collection numbers as of 10 weeks)

Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$46,092
Average Year to Date Weekly Collection:	\$37,815
Budgeted Year to Date Collections:	\$460,920
Actual Year to Date Collections:	\$378,152
Year to Date Overage/(Shortage):	(\$82,768)

Endowment Balances as of 6/30/22

Church Endowment:	\$131,420
Educational Endowment:	\$115,436

Support the mission of Holy Spirit:
Visit hscatholic.org/give to donate

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Catholic Charities: (913)384-6608
Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center: (913)962-0200
Gabriel Project: (913)602-0306
Olathe Pregnancy Clinic: (913)289-0100
Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic: (913)287-8287
Project Rachel/ Joseph: (913)621-2199

"What prayer could be more true
before God the Father than that
which the Son, who is Truth, uttered
with his own lips?"

St. John Chrysostom

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 12th

The Most Holy Name of Mary

6:45 am †Jerry Cronan, †Margaret Dix, †Mike Scheele, &
Moon Porina, Sp. Int.

5:30 pm †Pat Ferris; †All Souls; Terri Boyer, Sp. Int.; & Nicholas
Sanem, Sp. Int.

Tuesday, September 13th

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6:45 am Bernie Olson, Sp. Int.

5:30 pm †Harold Berendzen

Wednesday, September 14th

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6:45 am Jenny Van Houdt, Sp. Int.

5:30 pm Taylor & Christina Mermis, Sp. Int.

Thursday, September 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

6:45 am †Rick Mendoza

5:30 pm †John Keeney

Friday, September 16th

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

6:45 am †Eugene Strick & Brian Seago, Sp. Int.

8:30 am †Mary Pearson, †Lorraine Heles, †Norma Heiman, &
†Maria Minh Hanh Nguyen

Saturday, September 17th

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Moon Brian, Sp. Int.

4:00 pm Vigil Mass †Marilyn Maskill

Sunday, September 18th

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:00 am People of the Parish

9:00 am †Katie Reynolds Scott

11:00 am †Karen Grantham

6:30 pm Jake Sanem, Sp. Int.

To submit an item for the bulletin or parish email, please send inquiries to:
bulletinehscatholic.org. Submissions are due the Tuesday prior to each weekend by Noon.

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913.492.7318

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913.492.2582

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Parish Rosaries:

Monday through Friday after the 6:45 AM Mass

Tuesday after the 5:30 PM Mass

Saturday at 7:30 AM and at 3:30 PM

Sunday at 6:30 AM

MINISTRY FAIR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

FOLLOWING THE 9AM AND 11AM MASSES

Plus coffee and donuts in the Martha and Mary Room!
Join us!

Prayers for our Community

Baptized in Christ

Avaleigh Maren Miget,
daughter of Scott & Jennifer

With Sympathy

Connie John,
Sister of Therese King

Jim Sheeley,
father of Shelly Kelly

Nuromeo Vinluan,
brother of Ludivina Vinluan, Lily Casillan, & Lu Dayrit

Alice Gage

Men's Bible Study

Monday Mornings
6:30-7:40am

We're starting a new study on 1st Corinthians, beginning Monday, Sept 12th, and continuing until early December.


Each week we'll watch a short video, followed by discussion. This will focus on the Early Church and how we face many of the same challenges today.

All men are welcome to join! We meet each Monday from 6:30 - 7:40 am in the Martha & Mary Room.

For more info, contact Ryan Wilkerson at 573-356-9474 or rwilkerson@impactwealthplanners.com



Light of Christ

PRAYER GROUP 
Thursdays at 7:15 AM

The Light of Christ Prayer Group is based on praise, thanksgiving, and prayer intentions for the parish, our country, and individual requests. The group meets on Thursdays at 7:15 AM. Contact Carol Denning for more details, or simply stop by on a Thursday to pray with us.

Let us offer
our praise
and exalt our
Lord and
Savior.

The Sacraments

Baptism: A baptismal preparation class must be completed prior to scheduling your child's baptism. Please call the Parish Office for more information and to schedule a class.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance to complete the necessary paperwork/requirements. Please contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: Offered after the 4:00 PM Mass on the First Saturday of the Month. Call Ariel in the Parish Office at 913.492.7318, if someone is hospitalized or ill and would like to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Funerals: Please contact the Pastor before final arrangements are made.

Volunteer Spotlight Dave & Joyce Boone

Dave and Joyce have generously given so much to so many Holy Spirit ministries over the years! They have also been the fearless leaders of our Holy Spirit Respect Life Ministry for 27 years. We are so grateful to them for all they have done to spread the pro-life message and to lead our parish in opportunities to help moms and babies in crisis. We thank them for their generous hearts and wish God's blessings upon them as they pass the baton to our new Respect Life Ministry liaison, Michon Quick.



Michon Quick

Also sharing the spotlight is Michon Quick! Michon worked tirelessly to lead our parish through the Value Them Both campaign. From coordinating volunteers at weekend Masses to running to the VTB and Archdiocese offices to get more materials, we could not have made such an impact without her dedication. Thank you, Michon!



Whom do you see making a difference at Holy Spirit? Email Shaw Leach at sleachehscatholic.org with your nomination!

You're invited to learn about Catholic Community Health

**Wednesday, September 14th
6:30- 8:00 pm**

Church of the Nativity Parish Hall
3800 W 119th St | Leawood, KS 66209

Catholic Community Health, sponsored by the Archdiocese, is trying to raise awareness in the community of the services they offer. This is an open invitation....everyone is invited to this presentation! We are asking for an RSVP for planning purposes so we have the right amount of educational materials and hospitality.

RSVP to Michelle Buzzard at (913)484-2222 or mbuzzard@catholiccommunityhospice.com



Monthly Pro-Life Prayer to End Abortion



Friday, September 16th
Christ the King Church in KCK
3024 N. 53rd St | KCK 66104

Christ the King Church is hosting a monthly all-night adoration, Mass, and procession to beg for the protection of the unborn on the third Friday night of each month beginning Friday, September 16th.

Adoration will run from 7 pm on Friday til 8 am on Saturday, followed by a bilingual Mass and short walk down Leavenworth Road to the Planned Parenthood clinic, where we will pray until 10 am. Please join us for part or all of this work to end abortion in Wyandotte County, Kansas, and the whole country. We are looking for adorers throughout the night, particularly able-bodied men, to anchor the safety of the night hours.

Please contact the Christ the King office to sign up for a slot: 913.287.8823 (call or text) or contact@ctkkck.org.

COME TO

YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Bible Study & Dinner every Sunday 5-6:30 pm

WEDNESDAYS

JUNIOR HIGH



Wednesday, September 14th:
Friendship with the Saints 101

J-High Afternoons are from 4 PM to 5:15 PM
(Social hour starts at 3:30 for those staying after school.)

J-High Evenings are from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
in the Martha & Mary Room & in conjunction with SOR

Women of Spirit

MUM SALE

September 24 & 25

Shop for gorgeous nursery-grown mums Saturday, 8 am to 5 pm and Sunday, after Mass, 7:45 am to 12:30 pm. We appreciate your support!

Love's Reply

You're Invited!


A DISCERNMENT WEEKEND
for young women ...

ONE WEEKEND.
TWO GREAT EVENTS.
SEPTEMBER 17 & 18

Young women are invited to join Sister M. Karolyn, FSGM, and a host of other women religious for two great events designed to help them learn more about all things associated with a vocation to consecrated religious life.

Bethany Night - Saturday, September 17 from 5:30 pm to 8 pm
Love's Reply - Sunday, September 18 from 9 am to 4 pm

Both events will be held at St. James Academy in Lenexa and are FREE of charge and open to all young women, juniors and seniors in high school up to age 25. Questions? Contact the Vocation Office at 913-647-3646 or vocation@archkck.org Scan the QR code below to register:




HOLY SMOKE OFF

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 23rd & 24th

HOLY SPIRIT PARKING LOT

TEAM SIGN UP HERE!



Come have fun with the whole Holy Spirit Family...food, faith, fellowship & FRIEND-raising! Bring your BBQ from your backyard to the Holy Spirit parking lot!



FRIDAY NIGHT!
KIDS SMOKE OFF BAKING COMPETITION & PARISH PARTY

Fraternal Benefit Night



Thursday
September 15th

Time
7:30 pm

Why & Who should attend?

Those that are concerned with ...

- Financial security for you and your family
- Volatile market, inflation, recession and more...

Ed Slott, CPA - IRA Expert

All are welcome! Register now! www.tinyurl.com/slottfbb
(You do not have to be a Knight of Columbus to attend seminar)

Step 1: Register (link) | **Step 2:** Attend Event | **Step 3:** Take Survey

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Knights of Columbus

Rosary with Archbishop Naumann in front of Planned Parenthood


Planned Parenthood in KCK
6013 Leavenworth Rd
Saturday, Sept 24
9:00 am to 10:00 am

Christians in Action Sidewalk Witness: Please join Archbishop Naumann in prayer on the sidewalks in front of Planned Parenthood in KCK. Out-of-state-resident abortions are expanding rapidly in Kansas. Your prayerful, peaceful witness on the sidewalks is urgently needed to help these women choose life.

For more details, contact Ron Kelsey, Planned Parenthood Exposed, at ronkelsey10@gmail.com.

Myth: "Planned Parenthood often provides prenatal care and adoption referrals, and only some abortions."
Fact: 96.1% of pregnant clients at Planned Parenthood get abortions

<https://www.hli.org/resources/planned-parenthood-abortion-statistics/>




Knights of Columbus

GOLF OUTING

September 30, 2022

Holy Spirit Knights invite you to join our friendly Golf Outing at Heritage Park Golf Course in Olathe where we'll have a four-person scramble, shotgun start beginning at 9:00 AM on Friday, Sep 30.

Knights and Non-Knights are welcome and you're encouraged to bring your own foursome. Green fees, cart, and two beverage tickets with prizes for long drive, long putt, and closest to the pin are included in your low price of \$55.00 per golfer!

Call Greg Davis at 913-800-0581 to register.

Contact Everett Fritz at everett.fritzii@gmail.com or 913-831-8097 to discuss hole sponsorship



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Food Drive

Thank you.
Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit Church collected \$1,615 and 1,769 lbs. of food for Catholic Charities this month! AMAZING!

Last month, we collected \$1,289 & 950 lbs. of food. Thank you for helping our brothers and sisters in need!

Our agency serves the 21 counties of northeast Kansas and responds to the Gospel call to feed the hungry in our eight food pantries, the Resource Bus and the Summer Food Service Program.



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Spirit Catholic Church thanks you for your support by inviting you to this exciting workshop and wine tasting:

"Tax Reducing Strategies for Pre- and Post-Retirees"

Do you know that:

- You can sell highly appreciated assets and minimize Capital Gains taxes?
- You may be able to receive significant Tax Deductions today and possibly for another five years?
- You can protect your IRA from Double Taxation?
- You may be able increase your income significantly?

Learn answers to these questions and much more by joining us on Monday, September 19th at 11:30 a.m. or Tuesday, September 20th at 6 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in the Martha and Mary Room.

**Register
Today!
Seats are
Limited!**

2 available times to attend on
Monday, Sept. 19th Tuesday, Sept. 20th
11:30 AM Social OR 6:00 PM Social
12:00 PM Presentation 6:30 PM Presentation



LOCATION: Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Martha and Mary Room
11300 West 103rd Street
Overland Park, KS

Your Speaker



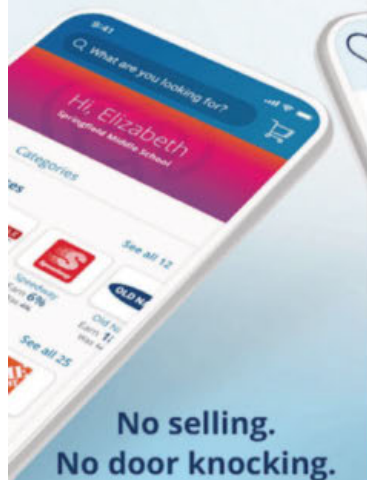
Bill Eckert is a well-known financial educator, speaker, and advisor in Kansas City. Bill has developed a specialty in teaching retirees and those about to retire how to help protect their principal and help ensure that their money lasts. Bill has directly assisted many investors to avoid the mistakes made by many pre and post retirees. Bill's counsel has helped them maximize their incomes, reduce their taxes, and provide for their children and grandchildren. Bill has also shown people how they can truly make a philanthropic impact in the community today and in the future.

Bill is a Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy which provides him an in-depth knowledge of the entire philanthropic planning process including, but not limited to, estate and trust documents, taxation, accounting, insurance, and investments tools to help clients articulate and advance their highest aspirations for self, family, and society. Bill lives with his wife, Shanthi, who also volunteers with many charities. Bill and Shanthi have four children who live in Kansas City.

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HOLY SPIRIT
Women's Scripture Study
BEGINNING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
9:00 - 11:15 AM
IN THE MARTHA & MARY ROOM

Ladies - Starting Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, we will begin
a 10 week study: EPIC: The Early Church. Written by
historian Steve Weidenkopf, this study will help us
discover the first 500 years of Church history and
encourage us to grow closer to Christ through a deeper
understanding of the Church. This study will lead us
through a powerful, fast-paced journey from the lives
of the Apostles through the rise and fall of
Constantine.

Costs for materials estimated at \$28 - \$32.
Scholarships available.
**It is very important to pre-register, to ensure enough
study books!**

For more information contact: Judy Weeks at
bible.study.holy.spirit@gmail.com or call 913-385-0089

St Gerard's Circle Book Study

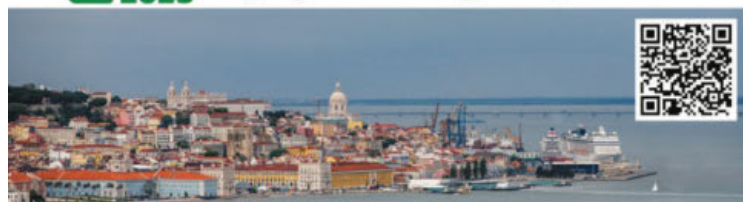
Please join St Gerard's Circle for our Fall book study.

Our group will be reading the book "Lift Up Your
Heart: A 10-Day Spiritual Retreat with St. Francis de
Sales" by Fr. John Burns.

Starting on September 20th, we will meet each
Tuesday for 5 weeks from 7:30pm - 8:30pm to
discuss two daily meditations (chapters) from the
book. We will meet by the Mary statue at the front
of the church. Please purchase a copy of the book
on your own and bring a lawn chair to our weekly
meetings. If you have any questions, feel free to
reach out to Carissa Scott (gcscotts@gmail.com).
We hope to see you there!

World Youth Day
Lisbon & Fatima
July 29th-Aug. 7th, 2023

WYD
LISBON
2023



How old do I have to be to attend WYD?

World Youth Day is a pilgrimage experience targeted at those
aged 16 to 35. We especially encourage Young Adults, High
Schoolers, Young Married Couples & Chaperones to attend.

Cost: \$3,450; with fundraising we hope to get it down to \$3,000.

Holy Spirit wants to send the largest group with the Archdiocese on this life-
changing pilgrimage!

Contact Doug Leikam with Questions: DLEIKAM@HSCATHOLIC.ORG

Family Day

@ PRAIRIE STAR RANCH

September 18, 2022

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Join us at Prairie Star Ranch on Sunday, September 18th
for an opportunity to slow down and enter into a day of
prayer, adventure, and outdoor activities. Opportunities
include horseback riding, canoeing, archery, power pole,
rock climbing, kids' sing-along, and time for prayer with
our Eucharistic Lord. The experience will culminate with
the celebration of the Mass (fulfills Sunday obligation) in
our beautiful St. Kateri Chapel. Bring the whole family or
grab a friend - all are invited to this come-and-go-as-
you-please event! Visit our website to register and to find
more information.

www.archkck.org/ranch | (785)746-5693 | psrministry@archkck.org



Grief Support Group

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Thursday evenings - Church of the Nativity, Leawood. Beginning September 1st and running for 13 weeks. To register, go to kcnativity.org/divorcecare-griefshare or call Janet Beverly, LCSW, at (913)558-4885

GRIEF SHARE

DIVORCED? SEPARATED? WE CAN HELP

DivorceCare is a weekly seminar/support group that will help you heal from the hurt. It's a warm, caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through. Gain hope for your future!

Contact us today for more information

Tuesday evenings - Church of the Nativity, Leawood. Beginning August 30th, running for 13 weeks. To register, go to kcnativity.org/divorcecare-griefshare, or call Janet Beverley, LCSW, at (913)558-4885

Find Help. Discover Hope
Experience Healing

DIVORCE Care

Christ's Peace House of Prayer

Encountering One's Deepest Center

Friday, September 9th at 5:30 pm-
Sunday, September 11th at 4:30 pm

The goal of contemplation is an encounter with God in our depths. Join us as we delve into the teachings of the Cloud of Unknowing which takes us to that center and Abandonment to Divine Providence by Jean-Pierre de Caussade which shows us how to surrender to God by trusting Him from our core. 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 Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com.

Christ's Peace House of Prayer | 22131 Meager Rd | Easton, KS



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Register for free!

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HelpOurMarriage.org
RETRouvaille
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Announcing an upcoming Retrouvaille
WEEKEND FOR COUPLES
October 14, 2022

Not willing to let go of your marriage?

Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages.

For more information, contact KC registration team: (800)470-2230 or visit our website: helpourmarriage.com





HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL OF FAITH

Hot Topics & The Gospel



With School of Faith
instructor Nicholas Hinkel



Thursdays at 7:00 PM
St. Isidore's Room

All are invited for conversation on the difficult issues
in our culture from a Catholic perspective.

Sept. 22 - Guiding Principles; Sept. 29 - Abortion; Oct.
6 - Homosexuality; Oct. 13 - Transgenderism;
Oct. 20 - Political Extremism; Oct. 27 - The Way
Forward

Free of charge! Questions? Contact Nicholas@schooloffaith.com

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The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas,
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and
The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas

request you join us for the 2022

★ Red Mass ★

October 7, 2022

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Reception to Follow

Curé of Ars | 9401 Mission Rd | Leawood, KS 66206

RSVP at cfnek.org/events/red-mass

Free Event!

We're Hiring Director of Marriage Ministry

Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Overland Park, KS, is looking for a catechetical and missionary expert who is passionate about Christian marriage and committed to fostering a community of love for marriage. This new position and ministry will be created from the ground up. This individual must be organized, detail-oriented, and have an entrepreneurial spirit.

This person must be able to create a community of people at Holy Spirit and train them on how to become missionaries themselves. This requires a solid foundation in the Church's teachings and pastoral ministry. This position must be fully engaged in the life of the parish and will require work on nights and weekends. We are looking for a self-starter and team player capable of interacting with many different groups. This is a full-time salaried position.

This position will work to build a sustainable full-circle relationship ministry for marriage.

- **Singles:** establish healthy dating habits and encourage marriage discernment.
- **Marriage Preparation:** Assess compatibility and work with mentors before and after their wedding.
- **Marriage Enrichment** for married couples to continuously learn skills to strengthen their relationship.
- **Marriages In Need:** work with couples to access marriage intensives to help save struggling marriages.

To apply:

Please submit cover letter, resume, and contact information for three (3) professional references to Shaw Leach at sleach@hscatholic.org

40 for 40: Diving Into *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*



Day 9: Entering the Mystery

From the Document: Why is it so important that we understand the Eucharist as a sacrifice? It is because all that Jesus did for the salvation of humanity is made present in the celebration of the Eucharist, including His sacrificial death and resurrection. Christ's sacrifice of Himself to the Father was efficacious and salvific because of the supreme love with which He shed His blood—the price of our salvation—and offered Himself to the Father on our behalf. His blood, shed for us, is the eternal sign of that love.

As a memorial the Eucharist is not another sacrifice, but the re-presentation of the sacrifice of Christ by which we are reconciled to the Father. It is the way by which we are drawn into Jesus' perfect offering of love, so that His sacrifice becomes the sacrifice of the Church. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote:

"The remembrance of his perfect gift consists not in the mere repetition of the Last Supper, but in the Eucharist itself, that is, in the radical newness of Christian worship. In this way, Jesus left us the task of entering into his 'hour.' . . . We enter into the very dynamic of His self-giving."

--United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*, no. 14.

Reflect: We need to get right what a "memorial" is if we are to correctly understand the Eucharist.

On the one extreme are those who relegate Christ's sacrifice to the distant past. They believe that, in the Mass, we remember what Jesus did for us, but these events do not become present realities. And so with each successive generation, the memory becomes weaker and cloudier. The Eucharist becomes merely a symbolic reminder that Jesus loves us. The focus then becomes disproportionately placed on the "horizontal" dimension of the Mass: the "gathered assembly," the external participation of the faithful, and the human needs and aspirations of the community. While these elements surely have their proper place, they become empty if they are disconnected from Christ's saving presence.

On the other extreme is a more privatized ("me and Jesus") approach to Christianity. Christ is so present to us that we do not need the sacred liturgy to encounter Him. Some Christians fundamentally misunderstand the sacrificial character of the Mass. They believe that Catholics claim to sacrifice Christ repeatedly, which seems contrary to the biblical teaching that Christ died "once for all" (Heb. 7:27). While it's important to realize that we can and should encounter Our Lord in prayer frequently apart from the liturgy, we encounter Our Lord in a singular way at Mass.

As a memorial, the Eucharist is not merely a symbolic reminder of the salvation Christ won for us long ago, but it actually makes present and effective in our midst Christ's sacrifice on the Cross for us (see Catechism, nos. 1363-67). Christ is not sacrificed repeatedly. Rather, the Eucharist is a present, unbloody participation in the one sacrifice of Christ.

Ponder: Do I "get" that Jesus' sacrifice is not simply an event that occurred 2,000 years ago? How would I explain the concept of a "memorial" to a friend or co-worker who asks about the Eucharist?

www.archkck.org/revival

www.eucharisticrevival.org/

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Contact Tessa Piscitello at 913-492-2582 or tpiscitello@hscatholic.org for more information.

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