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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the St. Lawrence Center, the Catholic Church at the University of Kansas, is to form those she encounters through the intellectual, moral, liturgical and spiritual traditions of our faith. Her deepest desire is to send out free and full disciples of Jesus Christ who are capable of the greatest vocations.

MASS INTENTIONS

Masses continue to be livestreamed on YouTube, search KU Catholic.

Monday	**April 5, 2021**
5:15 PM	Joe Shoemaker +
Tuesday	**April 6, 2021**
9:00 PM	Julie Scott +
Wednesday	**April 7, 2021**
12:10 PM	Souls in Purgatory (at Danforth)
5:15 PM	KU Students
Thursday	**April 8, 2021**
5:15 PM	KU Faculty
Friday	**April 9, 2021**
12:10 PM	SLC Staff
Saturday	**April 10, 2021**
4:00 PM	Daniel Murray BD
Sunday	**April 11, 2021**
9:00 AM	David Case +
11:00 AM	KU Students
5:00 PM	Rosemary Werth +
9:00 PM	KU Greek Life

CONFESSION AND ADORATION TIMES

Look online for our full confession and adoration schedule: kucatholic.org/mass. For confession, please follow the instructions posted on the confessional door closely. For a confession appointment, text (913) 220 8809.

J&J VACCINE INFORMATION

WASHINGTON– On March 2, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement on the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine recently approved for use in the U.S.

"The approval of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine for use in the United States again raises questions about the moral permissibility of using vaccines developed, tested, and/or produced with the help of abortion-derived cell lines.

"Pfizer and Moderna's vaccines raised concerns because an abortion-derived cell line was used for testing them, but not in their production. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, however, was developed, tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines raising additional moral concerns. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that 'when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available *... it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process*.' However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's.

"While we should continue to insist that pharmaceutical companies stop using abortion-derived cell lines, given the world-wide suffering that this pandemic is causing, we affirm again that being vaccinated can be an act of charity that serves the common good."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers to assist in counting the collection basket on Monday/Tuesday mornings. It takes around 1 hour each week, and you would be scheduled every other week or so. If interested, contact Bob Washatka at rwashatka@kucatholic.org.

We are also working to fill the front desk volunteer schedule, and Maureen Washatka has stepped in to fill that role. If you have 1-3 hours to spare and want to volunteer, please email Maureen at office@kucatholic.org to snag a spot to help us out. We are so grateful for all of our volunteers — our mission is much more full because of you!

ADVOCATING FOR ETHICAL VACCINES

In the document *Moral Considerations Regarding the New Covid-19 Vaccines*, the U.S. bishops addressed the moral concerns raised by the fact that all the vaccines have a connection, some more remotely than others, to cell lines that originated with tissue taken from abortions. Though they concluded receiving a COVID-19 vaccine "is morally permissible and can be an act of self-love and charity toward others" given the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, they also warned that Catholics "must be on guard so that the new COVID-19 vaccines do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal cells in research."

Therefore, the bishops believe it is the responsibility of Catholics and all people of good will to advocate to pharmaceutical companies and the government for the ethical development, production, testing and distribution of all vaccines and medicines. To assist with this advocacy, the Archdiocese is providing a sample letter for people to use as a template to send to pharmaceutical companies. Visit www.archkck.org/vaccines for the template and to learn more. Please read the original USCCB document (www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines) for a detailed explanation of the moral permissibility of taking the vaccines and to learn why the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are preferred over the other currently available vaccines.

WE'RE HIRING!

St. Lawrence is looking for a membership director to work in advancement. Check out catholicjobs.com for the whole job description and send to anyone you know that might be interested!

FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Calling all family members!! Serve St. Lawrence by joining in on the family advisory council! Find more information on handouts in the gathering space and apply online kucatholic.org/family-membership if you are interested in this service opportunity!

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

If you are a student, please reach out to us by visiting kucatholic.org/exploringKU, or shoot a message to Kyle Kuckelman: kkuckelman@kucatholic.org. We'd love to get you connected!

If you are a faculty, staff, or family member, please visit kucatholic.org/family-membership for more information on the mission of St. Lawrence and to learn about joining our community.

DIVINE MERCY NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we celebrate the Sunday of Divine Mercy. God's greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be healed. Women and men alike who have been involved in an abortion may feel deep grief, guilt, anxiety, depression, broken relationships and a sense of alienation from God and the Church. They may experience anniversary reactions to the date of the abortion or what would have been the baby's due date. For anyone struggling with this, the Church cares. It is never too late to seek the Lord's mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Consider confidential, compassionate help from our diocesan abortion healing ministry. It is open to those of any faith or no faith, offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. Please visit www.projectrachelkc.com, call 913.621.2199 or email projectrachelkc@archkck.org.

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