

**HOT BREAKFAST AFTER THE
9am MASS NEXT SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 4th.**

**FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION***
Thursday, December 8th -MASSES-
6:30am • St. Joseph of the Valley
7:00pm • St. Lawrence
*** Holy Day of Obligation**

THE WORD ADVENT MEANS

COMING This joy-filled season is our annual preparation to celebrate Jesus' birth. Our waiting and preparation for Christmas Day, though, symbolizes our waiting and preparing for the Lord's coming at the end of time, which is the theme of today's Gospel. Jesus warns us to be always prepared because He is coming back at an hour we least expect. "Stay awake," the Lord tells us.

It is important that we not only prepare for Christmas, but it is even more important we prepare to meet the Lord when He comes again. Spiritually, that means we need to clean house (go to confession), put out the welcome mat (being extra hospitable toward others), and wait in joyful hope for Jesus' coming.

May we ready ourselves, so that when Jesus comes He will find a welcome place in our hearts. Let every heart prepare him room!

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER: An ancient custom used to mark these weeks before Christmas is the Advent Wreath. We have one in church, and everyone is encouraged to have one at home.

The Advent Wreath itself is very symbolic: the circle of evergreen represents God's everlasting love, which has no beginning or end. Green is the traditional color for hope — the hope that comes into the world with the birth of our Savior. The candles are symbols of Jesus, the Light of the world.

Here is a prayer you may use when lighting the first Advent Wreath Candle this week: **Almighty God, as we enter into this Advent season, we ask You to continue the work of our salvation begun in Your son, Jesus. Let Your blessing come upon us as we light the candle on this wreath. Turn our hearts to You. Prepare us to welcome Your Son, Jesus, Who**

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Sat, Nov. 26, 5:00 pm Mass, SJV

For the People of the Parish

Sun, Nov. 27 9:00 am Mass, STL

Charlie Lowe †

Tues, Nov. 29, 6:00 pm Mass, STL

Susie Beying †

Thurs, Dec. 1, 6:00 pm Mass, SJV

For the People of the Parish

Sat, Dec. 3, 5:00 pm Mass, SJV

Billy Lowe †

Sun, Dec. 4, 9:00 am Mass, STL

For the People of the Parish

is our Savior and Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

Father Bill

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collection amount for the past 2 weeks was \$10,254.50, which includes: \$650 Rents, \$2902.50 Regular Collection, \$346 Special Parish (Fall Fest/Safe), \$65 Utilities, \$5445 Other (Double Collection), \$252 Parochial Collections (CCHD), \$60 Mass Stipends, \$120 Memorials, \$350 Other (Windows/Trim/Floor Wax), and \$64 STL Cemetery. Online donations were \$424.57. Thank you for your generosity!

OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL took an important next step last Saturday in our official establishment with the initiation and exemplification ceremony. This ceremony is an age old custom within the Knights of Columbus to welcome new brothers into the Knights and take them through the 1st through 3rd Degree rites. Thirty-three of our fellow parishioners have answered a unique calling to say "Here I am Lord" as founding members of the Easton Council. We thank and congratulate these men as they deepen their values of faith, charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism: **Jason Adelaine, Gabriel Araujo, Larry Beying, Matt Brewster, John Donovan, Vince Eimer, Bart Erzen, Justin Green, Alex Heim, Eric Heim, Kevin Heim, Mark Heim, Chad Hendrix, Timothy Herken, Matt Jadrnak, Bob Jardon, Greg List, Fr. Bill McEvoy, John McEvoy, Don Navinsky, Jason Nicols, Bradley Noll, Jacob Pineau, Herman Sachse, Ted Staver, Jason Stewart, John Wagner, Matt Wagner, Aaron Welch, and David Zule.** Our first meeting of our KofC Council will be 7pm on

December 7th at St. Lawrence Parish Hall. Contact Aaron Welch for more information: realcav17@gmail.com or 785-370-9737.

THANK YOU!! Thank you to all who helped make our Parish Fall Fest a success. We appreciate all those who shopped and chopped, stirred and served, decorated, picked up and put away. Congratulations to the winners of the raffle prizes: 1/2 beef—**Doris Herken**, 1/4 Beef—**Elmer Karczewski**, 1/4 beef—**Aaryn Auchard**, \$150.00—**Sierra Wagner**, and \$100.00 – **Karla Beying**. Annual events like this are so important to parish life and to the life of our community. Thanks for keeping the tradition going.

THANK YOU! Our Parish received a Thank You from the Leavenworth Catholic Charities for the 192 lbs. of food and personal hygiene products that were donated in October. This has helped them to serve 1001 individuals. Thank you to all the Parishioners for their generosity and support. Now that Winter has arrived, there is a great need for coats, hats and gloves of all sizes to help them with their mission.

2023 CATHOLIC CALENDARS are available for you in the vestibule. Thanks to Leintz Funeral Home for sponsoring our calendar from the Catholic Extension which provides funding and resources in generally poorer dioceses and parishes across the USA.

WE DID IT! To date we collected \$5,825 in our double fund, and in addition we received \$5,000. Thank you to all who donated. And special thanks to our anonymous donor who helped us get a lot more bang for our buck!

ANGEL TREE: It is time for our annual Angel Tree. This year we will be adopting 3 local families. If you would like to participate, please click on the link below and sign up for an item. All gifts should be wrapped with a label that lists the Family #, child gender and age. Wrapped gifts should be returned to Church by Dec. 11. This will give us time to organize and distribute the gifts. Thank you so much for your assistance this Christmas

season. The families are always so appreciative of your support.

Family #2:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945A8AD29A1FE3-adopt>

Family #12

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945A8AD29A1FE3-angel>

Family #13

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945A8AD29A1FE3-angel1>

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: All are invited to come and enjoy the annual Christmas Vespers Concert Sunday, **Dec. 4th**, 7:00pm, at Annunciation Chapel at the University of Saint Mary. Various campus musical groups perform. The event is free.

FOOD COLLECTION: Here in our parish we are steadfast in our weekly collection of food items to be given to those in need at our local Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Leavenworth. With the rising price of food our help is urgently needed. Ongoing pantry needs are: peanut butter and jelly, cans or plastic containers of fruit juice, canned fruits and vegetables, small bags of pinto beans, black beans, rice or barley, powdered milk, spaghetti sauce and tomato sauce. They also need oatmeal, cereals, breads, pastas, crackers and tortillas, canned meats and fish, soups and boxed dinners. If you donate pancake mix please consider donating syrup as well. Also in need are personal hygiene items. You may continue to leave your non-perishable items in the

bin in our church vestibules and they will be delivered to Catholic Charities.

BUSINESS MANAGER OPENING:

St. Francis De Sales Church, **Lansing**. Should have a college degree, and/or significant business experience, a working knowledge of QuickBooks, and Microsoft Office applications. Must be able to work independently and with other staff/volunteers. This is primarily a bookkeeping job, with a heavy emphasis in Human Resources and contracting. Must be a practicing Catholic. This is a full-time position (32-40 hours per week), 401K Included, Health Care Benefits available. For more information contact Sharon Kermashek at plc@stfrancislansing.org or Nancy Elmer nelmer@stfrancislansing.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES at SJV-STL:

Clean St. Lawrence Church once a month: Contact: Debbie Ernzen (913) 683-2530 or Tracy Wagner (913) 775-2064

BULLETIN ITEMS: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email Sjlsparish@gmail.com. Mass intentions may be scheduled with Kim as well. **MUST SUBMIT BY 9 pm TUES FOR INCLUSION.**

PRAYER LIST: *If you would like to have a name added or removed from our prayer list, please contact Kim Sachse. Our Parish Prayer Ministers invite you to join them in praying for the following:* Phil Bell, Joe Brose, Judy Brose, Jennifer Brushwood, Sacha Curry, 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., Betty Pierron, Adam Pineau, Krystal Roemer, Mary M. Ruhlman, Charlie Schletzbaum, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Julie Simonis, Jim (Poly) Sloan, Gary Stafford, Rebecca VanVerth, Pat Wilson, and Nick Yuska.

Prayer List for Our Soldiers: **ARMY:** CPT Daniel Broaddus, Pvt. David Crook, Lexi (Skaggs) Hargis, SGT Colby Seifert, William Stradley. **AIRFORCE:** E-4 Robert W. Herken, TSGT Scott Loecher, E-3 Connor Schuler, A1C Noah Tattershall. **NAVY:** Dennis Budasz Jr., Sterling Curry, YNSC (SS) Kevin Lansing. **MARINE CORPS:** Drake Budasz

Prayer for Vocations: Brother Seelos, FSSP (Tyler Lunsford).

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Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm at St. Joseph of the Valley Church
Sunday Morning Mass 9:00 am at St. Lawrence Church

Confessions are heard 30 minutes before the weekend Masses or by appointment

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday evening 6:00 pm at St. Lawrence Church
Thursday evening 6:00 pm at St. Joseph of the Valley Church

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