

**CHRISTMAS MASSES****Christmas Eve**

5:00 pm at St. Lawrence  
10:00 pm at St. Joseph  
of the Valley

**Christmas Morning**

9:00 am at St. Lawrence

**ADVENT WREATH PRAYER:** Here is a prayer you may use when lighting the third Advent Wreath Candle this week:

***Loving Father, Christmas comes soon, and we rejoice that Jesus, who is coming to save us, is drawn ever more near. Help us to live in a generous and merciful way, just as He taught us. May we keep the flame of faith shining in our hearts, and never allow despair to intrude. Fill us with hope and joy. Bless those who mourn the loss of loved ones during these days, and comfort those in pain. Help us to be alert for the many ways Christ joins His life to ours. Through Christ our Lord.***

I wish you all a good Advent journey made up of many small gestures of peace every day: welcoming gestures, gestures of understanding, closeness, forgiveness, and service... Gestures from the heart, like steps towards Bethlehem, towards Jesus, the King of peace.

**- Pope Francis**

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collection amount for last week was \$3,578.25, which includes: \$50 utilities, \$1530 memorial money and \$25 St. Lawrence Cemetery.. Online donations were \$349.57. Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND COLLECTION** will be held this weekend of **Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas continues to develop programming that removes

**MASSES THIS WEEK:**

**Sat, Dec. 10, 5:00 pm Mass, SJV**  
*Stephen Payeur †*

**Sun, Dec. 11, 9:00 am Mass, STL**  
*For the People of the Parish*

**Tues, Dec. 13, 6:00 pm Mass, STL**  
*Brandy Nikes*

**Thurs, Dec. 15, 6:00 pm Mass, SJV**  
*For the People of the Parish*

**Sat, Dec. 17, 5:00 pm Mass, SJV**  
*Helen Karczewski †*

**Sun, Dec. 18, 9:00 am Mass, STL**  
*For the People of the Parish*

barriers and supports people on the road to self-sufficiency. This past fiscal year the Resource Bus provided necessities, case management and more to our rural neighbors 10,117 times. Your donation to the Christmas Second Collection will help Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas provide programs and services to people in need throughout all 21 Counties of our Archdiocese.

**ONLINE GIVING IS EASY** go to: [SJSLparish.org](http://SJSLparish.org) and click the ONLINE GIVING tab. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the form. You may set it up to use your bank account for automatic payment, or use your card. You have benefits that'll come from giving this way: • No need for checks. • Align your giving along with your paycheck schedule. • Flexibility when you want to changes. • You can even use your credit card to gain airline mileage, bonuses, etc. We use a service called Vanco, which utilizes the highest security standards. It's safe and secure. Any questions? Please contact: Sara Green (913) 426-3022, [sgreen0427@gmail.com](mailto:sgreen0427@gmail.com).

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS,** Monday, **December 12<sup>th</sup>** at Sacred Heart Church in Leavenworth. 8:00am Rosary (Spanish), 8:30 Bilingual Mass, then refreshments in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**CCD NEWS:** The Nativity play will be Saturday evening, **Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>,** right after the 5 o'clock mass.

**XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** You can help Xavier Catholic School simply by shopping for the holidays! Please consider listing the Leavenworth Catholic School System as your charitable organization for Amazon Smile and Dillons Community Rewards. Thank you for your support!



**VERY DISTURBING** There have been public statements with racist and anti-Semitic overtones. It's very disturbing to me and I hope for you, too, because both of these evils have no place in the Christian mind and heart. There is but one race—the human race, created by God. Every person is of equal dignity before God and should be before we humans. And to be anti-Jewish offends Jesus Himself who was born and raised and lived as a Jewish person. Spiritually we Christians are Semites because through Christ we are spiritual descendants of Abraham. Both racism and anti-Semitism are very serious sins, plain and simple.

**Father Bill**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES at SJV-STL:**

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

**Music/Cantors:** Contact Karen Logan at 913-683-2406 or [kjunebugl@yahoo.com](mailto:kjunebugl@yahoo.com).

**Mass Server Coordinator Volunteer Opportunity:** Contact: Kevin Heim @ 913-271-1900.

**Lectors And Eucharistic Ministers:** Contact Sharon Wagner at [w5cattle@aol.com](mailto:w5cattle@aol.com) or 913-683-4495.

**SARAH KROGER BAND ADVENT TOUR DECEMBER 17-18:** The "Light Has Come" advent concert with the Sarah Kroger band will be in Sabetha Dec. 17th and Scranton Dec. 18th – both shows are 6-8 pm. There is no cost to attend and all ages are welcome!

**RETREAT FOR NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES:** Couples married 0-7 years are welcome to join the First Seven Fellowship at Queen of the Holy Rosary in Overland Park for a Weekend Immersion retreat: **Jan. 21-22, 2023.** For more information go to: [archkck.org/livinginlove](http://archkck.org/livinginlove). Scholarships available! Contact Brad DuPont: [bdupont@archkck.org](mailto:bdupont@archkck.org)

**ARCHDIOCESAN MARCH FOR LIFE  
DC ADULT TRIP – JAN 19-22, 2023:**

Join other adults from the Archdiocese, and thousands from across the country, to pray and march for unborn children at the National March for Life in DC. Participants will make their own travel arrangements to DC then join in community for the Rally & March for Life as well as several prayer opportunities with Archbishop Naumann. For more information and to reserve a room in the Archdiocesan block of hotel rooms, visit <https://archkck.org/national-march-for-life>.

**ALL ARE INVITED – 49TH CATHOLIC CHARITIES SNOW BALL** benefitting Catholic Charities Foundation of Northeast Kansas. To be held at the Overland Park Convention Center on **Jan. 21, 2023**. For more information about the event or to register visit: <https://snowballgala.org>

**KANSAS MASS, MARCH & RALLY FOR LIFE 2023: IGNITE for LIFE, Jan. 24th, 2023** in Topeka! IGNITE for LIFE is the Catholic Kick-Off Rally for the Kansas March for Life. It is an inspirational morning of praise & worship music, motivational speakers, and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass with the Bishops of Kansas. Following IGNITE, all are invited to join in the Kansas March for Life to the capitol for the Kansans for Life rally. This year, we lift our prayers and call all to serve to show we still

value them both. IGNITE is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

**SEEK – JANUARY 2023:** The Making Missionary Disciples Track at SEEK23 is an opportunity for you and your family, friends, parishioners and fellow Catholics from around the country to take the next step in missionary discipleship. Developed for adults, this track is a chance to grow in faith, discover the Gospel anew and be encouraged in the life Christ is calling you to follow. Join an ArchKCK group in travelling to St. Louis (**January 2-6**) to hear from today's top Catholic speakers, spend time in prayer and fellowship, and explore practical ways to witness the Gospel in your parish, family and community. Featured speakers include Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sr. Miriam Heidland, Dr. Ted Sri, Chika Anyanwu, Jason Evert, Sr. Bethany Madonna, Paul J. Kim, Fr. Joshua Johnson ... and more! For more information: <https://forms.gle/UsCCqD9U81M7G4zs7> Contact: *Emily Lopez* – [elopez@archkck.org](mailto:elopez@archkck.org) Adult Evangelization Office

**CFNEK: End of the Year Tax Solutions:** Do you still have charitable gifts to make? There is still time to create a tax deduction for 2022 by bundling your giving with a *Catholic Donor Advised Fund*. To learn more, visit [cfnek.org/donor-advised-funds](http://cfnek.org/donor-advised-funds)

**BULLETIN ITEMS:** Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email [Sjlsparish@gmail.com](mailto: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).

# St. Joseph – St. Lawrence Parish

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Fr. Wm. McEvoy, Pastor. [Fr.Wm.McEvoy@gmail.com](mailto:Fr.Wm.McEvoy@gmail.com)  
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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

Our Sunday Funny:



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