

**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

**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY  
FOR CONFESSION**

Thursday, **December 22**

Immediately following the 6pm Mass  
St. Joseph of the Valley Church  
*No confessions are scheduled on  
Christmas Eve*

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

***God of Heaven and Earth, the four candles now burn brightly. We await the best Christmas gift of all: Jesus, who comes to us through Your servant, Mary. You gave her a special role — to be the mother of Your Son. Help us to always say “yes” to Your plan, and like Mary, open our hearts to the Holy Spirit. May we live as You taught and may Your light always shines through our words and deeds. Thank You, dear Father, for sending us Your Son, Jesus, our Emmanuel, Lord for ever and ever. Amen.***

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collection amount for last week was unavailable. Online donations were \$169.57. Thank you for your generosity!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS**

**COLLECTION:** Last fiscal year your financial gift to Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas helped support over 30 programs and services throughout the 21 counties of our Archdiocese. On behalf of the who are hungry and homeless, people who are alone and sick, and families that struggle with poverty, thank you.

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

**“St. Joseph’s mission** is certainly unique and unrepeatable, as Jesus is

**MASSES THIS WEEK:**

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

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

**Tues, Dec. 20, 6:00 pm Mass, STL**  
*Intention of the Celebrant*

**Thurs, Dec. 22, 6:00 pm Mass, SJV**  
*Intention of the celebrant*

**Sat, Dec. 24, 5:00 pm Mass, STL**  
*Irene Schmidling †*

**Sat, Dec. 24, 10:00 pm Mass, SJV**  
*For the People of the Parish*

**Sun, Dec. 25, 9:00 am Mass, STL**  
*Mary and Donald Gwartney*  
*David Herken †*

absolutely unique. However, in protecting Jesus, in teaching him how to grow in age, wisdom and grace, he is a model for every educator, and in particular for every father. ... I ask for you the grace to be every closer to your children, allow them to grow, but be close, close! They need you, your presence, your closeness, your love. Be, for them, like St. Joseph: protectors of their growth in age, wisdom and grace. Guardians of their path, and educators: walk alongside them. And with this closeness, you will be true educators.”

-Pope Francis

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the USA’s newest Knights of Columbus Council, our very own parish Council #18092, —the “Father George Bertels” Council. Here are the officers: Grand Knight — **Aaron Welch**, Deputy Grand Knight — **Jason Nichols**, Treasurer — **Chad Hendrix**, Chancellor — **Steve Heim**, Recorder — **Matt Jadrnak**, Advocate — **John Wagner**, Warden — **John Donovan**, Trustee 1— **Matt Brewster**, Trustee 2 — **Jason Stewart**, Trustee 3 (1 Year) — **Dave Zule**, Chaplain — **Rev. Bill McEvoy**, Financial Secretary — **Mark Heim**, Lecturer — **Vince Eimer**, Membership/Retention Director — **Steve Heim**. Our next meeting is 7pm on Wednesday **January 4<sup>th</sup>** at Bertels Hall. If you are a Catholic male 18 years or over, you are encouraged to join the Knights of Columbus. Contact. For more information contact Aaron Welch at [realcav17@gmail.com](mailto:realcav17@gmail.com) or 785-370-9737.

**CONGRATULATIONS to FATHER FRANCIS BAKYOR** who celebrates his 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. May God bless him for his

generous service to the People of God.

**XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Did you know that Xavier Catholic School provided over \$80,000 in financial aid this year? Scholarships, financial aid, and Kansas Tax Credits are available. Please contact us at 913-682-7801 or scan the code from your smartphone camera to learn more about how we can work with your family!



**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE.** Bentley and I would like to invite anyone who’d like to come for the Rectory for a nice visit and tasty treats and drink. Our Open House is Wednesday, **December 28<sup>th</sup>**, from 5:30-7:30pm. We’d enjoy having you over to relax a bit and enjoy the holidays together. No RSVP. Come as you are.

-Father Bill

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES at SJV-STL:**

**Clean St. Lawrence Church once a month:** Contact: Debbie Erzen (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.

**NEW YEAR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION AND PLANNING**

**RETREAT:** Christ’s Peace House of Prayer, 22131 Meager Rd., Easton, Friday, **Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30pm — Sunday, **Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30pm. Join us for our Annual New Year’s Spiritual Reflection and Planning Retreat. Set aside time at the beginning of the new year to create growth goals and devise steps to reach your goals. The structure of the retreat will allow ample time for you to do work on your plan; we will provide resources and ideas to incorporate in your plan. Please bring your own personal items that will aid in the process such as: bible, notebook, agenda, journal, catechism, laptop (if this helps you plan better), etc. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$170,

Single/\$250 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$100 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the Retreat Reservation Form at [ChristsPeace.com](http://ChristsPeace.com)

### 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. 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.

**PRAYER REQUESTS.** From time to time special needs arise in one's life: personal or family crisis, illness, death of a loved one. One prays, of course, but our petitions are more powerful when we lift up our prayers together. The members of our parish prayer team takes time to pray every day for people's prayer requests. If you are in need of prayer, please go to [SJS�parish.org](http://SJS�parish.org), and click on the "Prayer Requests" tab to submit your petition. Your request is very soon forwarded to the prayer team who will begin that day to pray for your intentions.

**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 [Sjslparish@gmail.com](mailto:Sjslparish@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, Jesse Salinas, 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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Easton, KS 66020

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(913) 773-5712 [SJS�parish.org](http://SJS�parish.org)

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:



**Exchange Bank & Trust**  
216 W. Riley Street  
Easton, KS 66020  
(913) 773-5565 [MyExchangeBank.com](http://MyExchangeBank.com)

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