

**Next Sunday
we celebrate the Holy Day of
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD.**

**Our Mass schedule:
Saturday, December 31st
5:00pm at St. Joseph of the Valley
Sunday, January 1st
9:00am at St. Lawrence Church**

IMPRESSIVE! What a wonderful evening last Saturday. After Mass at St. Joseph of the Valley Church — overflowing with so many parishioners and visitors, we were then treated to an outstanding program I see the guidance of our religious education team. Under the leadership of Linda Heim, our parish youngsters presented an inspiring rendition of the Christmas story. I can see why this annual custom here keeps going strong. It really did jump start my own personal Christmas celebration. Thanks to all who, once again, gave us the tidings of great joy.

Father Bill

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collection amount for last week was a total of \$3,773.26 which included Rents \$100, Utilities \$50, Retirement Fund \$281, Mass Stipends \$20, STL Cemetery \$128, and SJV Cemetery \$40. Online donations were \$344.57. Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: This weekend we will be collecting for Catholic Charities. Thank you for being a part of the mission of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas by considering a gift to the Christmas collection to help those in need.

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 28th**, 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

THANK YOU! Thanks to all who donated to our Adopted Families for Christmas. Especially the Easton

MASSES THIS WEEK:

*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 †*

*Tues, Dec. 27, 6:00 pm Mass, STL
Intention of the Celebrant*

*Thurs, Dec. 29, 6:00 pm Mass, SJV
Intention of the celebrant*

*Sat, Dec. 31, 5:00 pm Mass, SJV
For the People of the Parish*

*Sun, Jan. 1, 9:00 am Mass, STL
For the People of the Parish*

Lions Club for their generous donation and all who donated gifts, gift cards groceries and special goodie bags for our families. May God Bless your families this Christmas Season.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tanner John Siebenmorgan, son of **Nicole and Lucas** who was Baptized into Christ last Saturday, December 17th, at St. Joseph of the Valley Church.

XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the faculty and staff at Xavier Catholic School! May God continue to bless our parish families in 2023!

CCD NEWS: Please note, we will resume CCD Classes on **January 11th**. We look forward to seeing our students soon!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is 7pm on Wednesday **January 4th** 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 or 785-370-9737.

LIONS CLUB MEETING - Jan. 5th at 7:00 P.M. Chairman Debbie Ernzen-Kris Beying, Lori Simmons and Evelyn Wagner.

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.

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

Lectors And Eucharistic Ministers: Contact Sharon Wagner at w5cattle@aol.com or 913-683-4495.

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.

NEW YEAR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION AND PLANNING

RETREAT: Christ's Peace House of Prayer, 22131 Meager Rd., Easton, Friday, **Jan. 6th** at 5:30pm – Sunday, **Jan. 8th** 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

SHROUD OF TURIN

PRESENTATION: will be held **Jan. 8th** at 3:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Church, Miega Hall, 711 N. 5th St, LVN. The Shroud of Turin is believed by many to be the cloth in which Jesus Christ was buried in. Join us to hear about the shroud and

see a full sized facsimile. Free will offering.

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. Scholarships available! Contact Brad DuPont: 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>

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA LITTLE

FLOWER CIRCLE: The next meeting will be **Jan. 22**, at 12:40 PM in Yadrich Hall at Christ the King Parish, 5972 SW 25th St. For more info, please contact Diana Ortiz at 785-554-4256 or Chancellor Gen Orozco at 785-213-0374

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.

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

TOTUS TUUS is now accepting applications for Summer 2023 Missionaries. Application instructions can be found on the Totus Tuus page of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas website at <https://archkck.org/family-kids/kids-teens/youth-formation/totus-tuus>. If you know of anyone who would make a great missionary, please encourage them to apply.

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. Ruhman, 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).

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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:



Let's stick to "No room at the Inn", children, and leave out "have you tried the internet?"

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