

John the Baptist called the Pharisees, Israelites, and Herod alike to repentance. Even before his birth, John showed that he was wholly given to proclaiming Christ's coming—even leaping in the womb. John's total commitment to preaching repentance surely moved Jesus. Just as Jesus wept at the death of his friend Lazarus, Jesus would have been deeply grieved by his cousin John's arrest and eventual murder.

Jesus kept moving forward through such trials. Today's Gospel implies that Jesus may have viewed John's incarceration as the "hour" to begin preaching the message of repentance Himself. Jesus "picked up the baton" in Matthew 4:17. This included both a message of love for the lost and condemnation for the wicked in power. It also began the chain of events that would end in His crucifixion. Yet, He didn't do it alone. He invited others to join him. Today, he invites St. Joseph-St. Lawrence Parish into joining the same mission: to preach the good news and repentance.

Supporting our Archbishop's Call to Share appeal is one very important way of helping our parish preach God's word. The world is hungry for it. Pray for Call to Share and join in whatever way God asks you!

-Father Bill

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collection for last 2 weeks was \$6414.76 which included \$117 Breakfast donations, \$75 utilities, \$200 Catholic Charities \$310 for Mass Stipends, \$1167 for Memorials, \$40 CCD, and \$50 STL Cemetery. Online donations were \$270.57. Thank you for your generosity!

**MASSES THIS WEEK:**

*Sat, Jan. 21, 5:00 pm Mass, SJV*

*For the People of the Parish*

*Sun, Jan.22, 9:00 am Mass, STL*

*Susan Beying †*

*Tues, Jan. 24, 6:00 pm Mass, STL*

*Intention of the Celebrant*

*Thurs, Jan. 2, 6:00 pm Mass, SJV*

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*Sat, Jan. 28 5:00 pm Mass, SJV*

*Cathy and Bill Farney †*

*Herman "Doc" Sachse †*

*Catherine Court †*

*Sun, Jan.29, 9:00 am Mass, STL*

*For the People of the Parish*

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** will be held this weekend of **Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>** for the Church in Latin America (CLA). We appreciate your generosity.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA** In which year did the church start allowing for Catholics to attend Mass on Saturday night to fulfill their weekly Sunday obligation? Answer: 1970

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** is observed throughout the USA from January 29th to February 4th. It is a time to celebrate and to promote the exceptional education that comes from our Catholic schools. Education has always been a vital part of decision-making for every parent, and Xavier Catholic School in Leavenworth provides an excellent option. Take a look at their excellent standards, faith formation, positive programs, and the high quality teachings our local Catholic schools offer.

-Father Bill

**XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:**

Tickets are on sale for Xavier Catholic Schools' **Ignite the Green and White 2023**. Join us at the Riverfront Community Center on February 11 to celebrate Catholic education in our community. Please scan the QR code to purchase tickets, register for the auction, and learn more about the event.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK:** St. Marianne Cope - January 23. St. Marianne Cope immigrated to the USA from Germany when she was a child. A gifted leader, she oversaw schools, hospitals, and missions during her long life. Most notably, she volunteered to provide

care to those outcast with leprosy in Hawaii.

**IGNITE: Jan. 24** at the Topeka Performing Arts Center. Begins at 9:00 AM Rally, 10:30 Kansas Mass for Life and Noon for Kansas March for Life. Register your group at [www.archkck.org/ignite](http://www.archkck.org/ignite) For more info, contact Melissa at the Prolife Office at [Melissa,mjoerger@archkck.org](mailto:Melissa,mjoerger@archkck.org)

**THE SYMPTO-THERMAL METHOD OF NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING TRAINING** during the postpartum period takes place at St. John the Evangelist extra building, 200 W. 13th St., Lawrence, KS, on Fri., **Jan. 27**, at 6:30pm. For more info about this class or other self-paced **online** classes, call Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015. Pre-registration is required at: [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).

**ANONYMOUS GROUP.** If you have a willingness to stop drinking and/or using drugs, you have help and support. 12-Step Anonymous meetings have begun at Easton's United Methodist Church 7pm on Wednesday evenings. Contact 913-683-2271 for more information.

**THE JOURNEY IS YOURS. WALK WITH YOUR BROTHERS. F.I.R.E. 2023.** Will be held **Feb. 11** at 7:00 am to **Feb. 12** at 11:30 am. 1124 California Rd, Williamsburg, KS. Cost \$123 to cover food, lodging, etc. RSVP: For RSVP go to <https://www.fire-ministries-retreat.org/event-details/the-journey-is-yours-walk-with-your-brothers-f-i-re-2023> For more information go to <https://shoutout.wix.com/so/b1OJO-AmD?languageTag=en&cid=9e9c6abf-5a78-4ab0-ad16-dfe0e886d176>

**HEALING RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE:** Adult children of divorced or separated parents can come find healing at the Life-Giving Wounds retreat, **Feb. 24-26** at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, KS. Includes insightful talks, Reconciliation/Adoration, time for prayer and optional small groups. For more information and to register: [archkck.org/LGW](http://archkck.org/LGW)

**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH RALLY 2023:** For Middle School Students and their chaperones. Will be held **Feb. 26**, 9am to 4:30 pm at Prairie Star Ranch, Williamsburg, KS. Cost \$38 per person, including lunch. For more info

and to register go to:  
<https://archkck.org/youth-ministry/junior-high-youth-rally>.

### **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 [kjunebug1@yahoo.com](mailto:kjunebug1@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.

### **Q&A: What is the difference between a chastisement and a punishment?**

Answer: The distinction between chastisement and punishment is, in many ways, a subtle one, but which is still relevant in our Catholic tradition.

First, chastisement is a concept that is grounded in Sacred Scripture. Here, we see chastisement as a response by God to people's actions that is intended to teach a lesson. As St. John Paul II observed, "chastisement appears to be ... a kind of divine pedagogy, in which the last word is reserved to mercy: He scourges and then shows mercy, casts down to the depths of the nether world, and he brings up from the great abyss" (Tobit 13:2). The idea here is that in order to

capture our attention or to highlight how we have not lived out our covenant-relationship with God as we should, there are times when God uses events in life to draw us back to the quality of relationship or faith that we should have.

The concept of punishment, however, has a different sense. The Catechism of the Church observes that punishment is the consequence of a damaging action that "has the primary aim of redressing the disorder" and to protect the community and the common good from further damage or harm (see no. 2266). Although we always hope that someone who is being punished for a crime or some other harmful action will learn from their actions, punishment isn't necessarily intended to teach a lesson in the same way that a chastisement is.

Ultimately, how we make the distinction between chastisement and punishment is a matter of discernment. As with almost everything in life, our experiences can be an opportunity for grace — or for something less — depending on how open we are to recognizing the movement of God's Spirit within them. ©LPI

**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, Steve Bromell, 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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**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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