

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is ten days away. Our Masses with distribution of ashes will be February 22nd: 6:45am at St. Lawrence, and 5:00 pm at St. Joseph of the Valley. We will put in the bulletin a list of all the area parishes with their Ash Wednesday schedule so that everyone will have an opportunity to begin Lent well.

-Father Bill

If you have not yet made your pledge please do so right away. Use the envelope mailed to you, or go to [archkck.org/donate/options](http://archkck.org/donate/options)



**PARISH UPDATE: CALL TO SHARE:** We are at \$8,050, which is 93% of our goal! Our parish goal is \$8,622.

**LOCAL BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY.** Since it is Black History Month, I want to honor the great and impactful history of Holy Epiphany Parish. It was established by Leavenworth's Bishop Louis Fink in 1874— the first black Catholic parish established west of the Mississippi River. The church, rectory, school and convent were located at 7th & Pottawatomie (at the site of the former June's). The school was originally staffed by the Sisters of Charity, but in 1888 the Oblate Sisters of Providence, a Black order of Sisters from Baltimore came and maintained not only their grade school (and for a while a high school), but two orphanages for Black children, one for boys and the other for girls. Their founding pastor, Fr. Martin Kuhn was very devoted to his ministry, as well as was Monsignor Shorter and the legendary and much beloved Father Matthew Guifoyle. I received a call about month ago from an elderly gentleman who grew up in the orphanage, and he told me Father Guifoyle treated him like a son. This man lives in Colorado and will be making a trip back this way soon, and I look forward to meeting him and listening to his story. The school and the parish closed in 1954— Father Tom Culhane was their last pastor. God bless all those who were part of

**MASSES THIS WEEK:**

*Sat, Feb. 11, 5:00 pm Mass, SJV  
Norma Bromell †*  
*Sun, Feb. 12, 9:00 am Mass, STL  
For the People of the Parish*  
*Tues, Feb. 14, 6:00 pm Mass, STL  
Intention of the Celebrant*  
*Thurs, Feb. 16, 6:00 pm Mass, SJV  
Intention of the Celebrant*  
*Sat, Feb. 18, 5:00 pm Mass, SJV  
For the People of the Parish*  
*Sun, Feb. 19, 9:00 am Mass, STL  
Mary Gwartney †*

and who ministered to our African-American Catholics.

-Father Bill

**SAY "I DO" AGAIN:** This weekend at our Masses, Father Bill will give married couples a special blessing – just in time for St. Valentine's Day.

**READING RECOMMENDATION:** With Lent coming up, I asked Sue Sachse of Soul Supply what she might recommend. She suggested Anne Catherine Emmerich's *The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ*. Sue also suggested reading the Gospels.

-Fr. Bill

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collection for last week was \$2318. Online donations were \$350.57. Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND COLLECTION** will be held the Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>) for Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe (CCEE).

**VERY SPECIAL THANKS** to Joe Ezell and Bart Ernzen, who constructed the new porch on the south side of Bertels Hall at St. Joseph of the Valley. Great jobs guys!

**WELCOME TO** Julia and Clark Cummings, the newest members of our parish. We're glad you are part of the St. Joseph-St. Lawrence family.

**THANK YOU!** We received a note from the Leavenworth Catholic Charities thanking our parishioners for the 17 lbs. of food that was donated last month, as well as thanking us for all of the coats, hats, gloves, etc. that were donated during the past Fall and Winter months. Your generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated.

**SPRING FLOWER BULB**

**FUNDRAISER:** Order Flower Bulbs to support our cause, which is to help individuals and families attain and sustain affordable housing. Online orders are delivered directly to your door. Go to: [Flowerpowerfundraising.com](http://Flowerpowerfundraising.com), click on Buy Bulbs & Help a Cause, scroll down to "How it Works" and search for Leavenworth, Leavenworth Attainable Housing. Then click to Our Fundraising Catalog and start adding items to your cart. For more information contact [Sheila-sexton@live.com](mailto:Sheila-sexton@live.com). Sale runs thru 5/15.

**XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL** is excited to announce that enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is open for all preschool to eighth-grade families! Discover the difference of Catholic education. Call 913-682-7801 or scan the code with your smartphone camera to schedule a tour or for more information.



**DAY OF RENEWAL RETREAT, PREPARING FOR LENT: Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>,** 9 am to 2:30 pm, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Lenexa. For information go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4cabab2ca2fac25-dayofrenewal#/>

**CURSILLO-WINTER RETREAT: Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>** at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11311 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS from 9 am to 2:30 pm. Costs \$25 per person. Register/Pay online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cursillo-winter-retreat-2023-eucharistic-amazement-tickets-511274705407>

**LENTEN SILENT RETREAT:** Penetrating Mystical Truth. Christ's Peace House of Prayer, 22131 Meager Rd., Easton. **Friday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm – Sunday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.** Start the Holy Season of Lent this year with a deep understanding of the mystical life with penetrating insight and practical usefulness. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$170 Single/\$250 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$100 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at [ChristsPeace.com](http://ChristsPeace.com) or call 913.773.8255.

**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. For more information and to register: [archkck.org/LGW](http://archkck.org/LGW)

**LENTEN BUSY PERSON RETREAT:**

Lent is a wonderful opportunity for you to grow in your personal relationship with God. Marillac Center, on the campus of the Sisters of Charity in Leavenworth, will be offering a Busy Person Retreat beginning the week of **Feb. 26** and concluding the week of **March 26**. You will have the opportunity to meet once a week at your convenience with a Sister. At the beginning of the retreat, materials and resources will be provided for your private prayer. If you would like to participate in the Busy Person Retreat, please contact Sister Sharon Smith at [ssmith@scls.org](mailto:ssmith@scls.org) by Monday, February 20. Cost: Free-will offering.

**TWO ADULT MINI-RETREATS** held on February 25, 2023 in Holton and Burlington. For more info visit: [archkck.org/rural/events](http://archkck.org/rural/events)

**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH RALLY 2023:**

For Middle School Students and their chaperones. **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>.

**A LENTEN MISSION "The Journey Knows Your Name"** will be held on Sunday, **March 19**, 3-4:30 pm at Immaculate Conception Church, LVN.

David Kauffman is the founder of Good For The Soul Music™ based in San Antonio, TX. He is a songwriter, recording artist, screenwriter and movie producer and his works touch and inspire people worldwide. His mission is Song and Story for Healing and Hope. Prepare to open your hearts and hear God's word during this special Lenten Mission. Bring your family and friends! All are welcome! For more information contact Theresa Vitt at the parish office (913)682-3953.

**RURAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE:**

will be held **March 25-26**, at Prairie Star Ranch. \$10 off for registrations completed in February. For more info visit: <https://archkck.org/rural/events/rcyc/>

**KEEP THIS NUMBER:** Someone in your life might need this Lifeline. 988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. When people call, text, or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary.

**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, Lonnie Dean Phillips Jr., Betty Pierron, Krystal Roemer, Mary M. Ruhlman, Jesse Salinas, Charlie Schletzbaum, Mary Shelley, 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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