I am immensely grateful to all those who generously shared their time and talent to make our recent Holy Week and Easter celebrations such profound and faith-filled experiences. Creating a conducive atmosphere for reflection and worship requires the combined efforts of many individuals, and I cannot thank these dedicated and kindhearted people (including sacristans, decorators, cleaners, servers, music ministers, readers, etc.) enough for their contribution towards making our Paschal Triduum liturgies so inspiring and meaningful.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to everyone involved in these celebrations. On behalf of all those who come here to worship, thank you.

-Father Bill

WHILE WE WERE CELEBRATING Holy Week, at least 94 people were killed in a series of deadly attacks on Christian communities in north-central Nigeria. Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who targeted because of their faith in Jesus.

**ITALY (and IRELAND) PILGRIMAGE** JULY 2023. Join Father Bill in an unforgettable journey throughout Catholic Italy including Naples. Monte Cassino, Pompeii, Sorrento, the Amalfi Coast, Capri, Castle Gondolfo, Monte Cassino, Assisi, and the eternal City — Rome, with attendance at the Pope's general audience before returning home. For those who wish, there is a tour extension for three nights in Dublin, Ireland, starting with a tour of the Guinness Brewery, the Boyne Valley, visiting various ancient sites, churches and pubs, and an Evensong Choral performance at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The price includes roundtrip air, 4-star hotel accommodations, breakfast and supper, professional driver and guide, private coach bus, gratuities, all activities and entrance fees per itinerary. Mass celebrated daily. It will be an experience never to be

## MASSES THIS WEEK:

Sat, April 15 5:00 pm SJV
For the People of the Parish
Sun, April 16, 9:00 am Mass, STL
Wendi Johnston &
Tues, April 18, 6:00 pm Mass, STL
Intention of the Celebrant
Thurs, April 20, 7:00 pm Mass, STL
Virginia Hattok &
Sat, April 15 5:00 pm SJV
Helen Karczewski &
Sun, April 16, 9:00 am Mass, STL
For the People of the Parish

forgotten! For information and up-todate pricing please email: Fr.Wm.McEvoy@gmail.com.

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish. Collections for last week was unavailable. Online donations were unavailable. Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND COLLECTION** will be held the weekend of **April 30**<sup>th</sup> for Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA).

#### THANK YOU! The Elmer

Karczewski family would like to thank the parishioners of St. Joseph of the Valley/St. Lawrence community for the care extended to our father while he was alive and for his send off from this earthly life to the arms of Jesus. After we left the service, we traveled to Elmer's home to continue the celebration of his life and our memories of him. All agreed this was the most beautiful funeral service we had ever attended. From the welcoming of us as a family, generosity of help from the parishioners, wonderful food and service from the Altar Society, the music, the stories about Dad we had not heard, and the thoughtfulness about his burial experience. What we will never forget were the words spoken at the service by Fr. Francis, and a resounding encore by Fr. Bill. We laughed so hard which helped our healing. Dad would have wanted us to laugh. We are sure he was listening, wondering how he could use some of what Fr. Bill said in heaven!

Since Mt. Olivet is where our Dad, Mom and brother Dan are buried, we shall be visiting and hope to see many of you to thank you in person. SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: The Finance Council is happy to announce that the parish will be accepting applications for one or more scholarships for Catholic school (K-16) attendance during the 2023-2024 academic year or Catholic camp attendance during summer 2023. Interested applicants should fill out the

application form, attach either a report card or transcript, and provide contact information for a reference.

Applications are due by May 1, 2023. Please visit the QR code or the link:

https://forms.gle/5j9g8RMLCq9qB46CA, which should both take a user to the application form.

## **XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Extended Care is hosting several mini summer camps. Camps are filling up fast so register now to reserve your spot! Please scan the QR code for more information or to register.

**BIRTHRIGHT:** If you are interested in volunteering, you must attend both of the following meetings. For more information or to register for training, please call Margaret McNamee 913-991-7660, or the Birthright center 913-682-2700.

# Birthright Information Night:

Thursday, **April 20** at 7pm, at the Leavenworth Public Library East Meeting Room, 417 Spruce. This is an introductory meeting.

Birthright Volunteer Training Day: Saturday, April 22 from 9am to 4pm; at the Birthright Center, 221-A Delaware; Leavenworth. This is training for anyone interested in volunteering at the Birthright center. Our volunteers give approximately 3 hours/week or every other week.

ST. JOHN CLIMACUS: ASCENDING TO MERCY Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Rd., Easton Friday, April 28th at 5:30pm – Sunday, April 30th at 4:30pm In St. John Climacus', "The Ladder of Divine Ascent", the ascetical life is portrayed as a ladder we must ascend, each step being a virtue to be acquired, or a vice to be surrendered. Its thirty steps reflect the hidden life of Christ himself. Let us come ready to climb, ready to surrender ourselves and our all to Jesus' merciful heart. There are

conferences, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. 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 or call 913.773.8255.

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA-LITTLE** FLOWER CIRCLE will hold their next meeting on April 23, at 12:40 pm in Yadrich Hall at Christ the King Parish, 5972 SW 25th St. in Topeka. A rosary will be followed by the business meeting and social time. If anyone knows of a member or family member of Daughters of Isabella in need of the Circle's prayers, call Diana Ortiz at 785-554-4256 or Chancellor Gen Orozco at 785-213-0374.

DAY OF PRAYER IN ATONEMENT for Sexual Abuse in the Church. Mass offered by Archbishop Naumann, April 26th, 7:00 pm, Holy Angels Catholic Church, Basehor.

AN EVENING WITH ABBY JOHNSON - May 3rd, 7:30 pm Church of the Ascension, Overland Park. Abby Johnson has always been fiercely determined to help women in need, founder of the ministry "And Then There Were None." Be inspired by Abby's conversion story and her work to save people from the despair of abortion. This event is free and open to all. Registration is required at www.archkck.org/prolife.

**FAMILY DAY AT PRAIRIE STAR** RANCH: Families, friends, and

communities are invited to join us on Saturday, May 6th from 9am to 5pm! All ages are welcome to this comeand-go as you please event! Register online now or contact the Team at Prairie Star Ranch. www.archkck.org/ranch -- 785-746-

5693 -- psrministry @archkck.org,

**RENEWED BY HIS LOVE: WOMEN'S CONFERENCE ON HEALING AND FORGIVENESS:** May 4-6, 2023 @ Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Lenexa KS May 4th-5pm-9:30pm; May 5th- 6-10pm; May 6th-8am-4pm. Join us to experience Christ's Divine Mercy and the power of healing and forgiveness in your life. Archbishop Naumann will celebrate Mass with us. Presenters include Fr. Joel Haug, Sr. Bethany Madonna & Mr. Andrew Comiskey. Registration is \$125. More information: www.catholicwomensconferencekc.com

THE 10TH NATIONAL **EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN 2024:** JULY 17-21, 2024 | INDIANAPOLIS, IN. This will be a pivotal, unifying, and transformative moment for the Church in the United States. Come witness the Holy Spirit do something amazing! Sign up below to be notified: WWW.EUCHARISTICCONGRESS.ORG BULLETIN ITEMS: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email 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, Steve Bromell, Joe Brose, Judy Brose, Dave Brown, Jennifer Brushwood, Sacha Curry, Carl Davidson, George Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Gail DeMaranville-Zule, Vince Eimer, Tom Flack, Anna Foster, Glen Goodland, Karen Gray, Alan Halstead, Patti Harris, Marly Heim, Jim Heintzelman, Lydia Heintzelman, Melanie Herken, Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, Mark Hund, Michael Jones, Phillip Leon, Kelly Long, Joyce Lowe, Mary Meinert, Jeni Mettelstedt, Charles Mullins, Don Navinsky, Leslie 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).

Our Sunday Funny:

If there were cellphones at the Red Sea

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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

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