

Lent is long over, and as Catholics in the USA we have returned to eating meat on any day of the week — including Friday. For centuries, Catholics abstained from meat on every Friday of the year. But in 1966 Pope Saint Paul VI rescinded that rule. He decreed that you may eat meat on Friday BUT—in its place you must perform an act of penance (like pray a rosary, chaplet, visit the Blessed Sacrament, go to Mass, visit the sick or home bound, etc). If that's too difficult, then, just don't eat meat on Friday.

By-the-way, why Friday? Because as we observe every Sunday as the day Jesus rose from the dead, on each Friday we are supposed to remember that first Good Friday, when Jesus suffered and died for us.

MAY 7th will be our “First Sunday Hot Breakfast” immediately following the 9am Mass at St. Lawrence. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

This will be our last Sunday Hot Breakfast until October. In its place we'll have a **First Saturday Cook Out** at St. Joseph of the Valley immediately following the 5pm Mass. The Knights of Columbus has taken this on as a service to us, and we look forward to a tasty feast and to summer relaxation together. Our First Saturday Cook Out will be June 3rd.

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

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Sat, April 29 5:00 pm SJV
For the People of the Parish
Sun, April 30, 9:00 am Mass, STL
Lenny Oatney †
Tues, May 2, 6:00 pm Mass, STL
Intention of the Celebrant
Thurs, May 4, 6:00 pm Mass, SJV
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Sat, May 6, 5:00 pm SJV
Rita Heim †
Sun, May 7, 9:00 am Mass, STL
For the People of the Parish

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

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. Collections for last week was \$2,442, including \$275 for STL Cemetery, \$100 for Hall rent, \$20 for utilities, \$100 in memorials and \$10 for Mass stipend. Online donations were unavailable. Thank you for your generosity!

THIS WEEKEND, on Good Shepherd Sunday, there is a special collection that will be distributed for 3 special funds: 1) the education and formation of our 25 seminarians. 2) continuing education and retreats for our priests, and 3) the care of our 22 retired priests. Please be generous, and thank you. A **SECOND**

COLLECTION will also be held the weekend of **April 30th** for Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA).

CCD NEWS: We are so proud of our elementary CCD students who donated \$140 to our Change For A Change project during Lent. They chose to donate these funds to the Food Pantry & the Homeless Shelter. A wonderful way to demonstrate their generosity & commitment to others in need. Thank you!

THANK YOU! We received a thank you note from Leavenworth Catholic Charities thanking our parishioners for the 96 lbs. of food and hygiene products that were donated in

April. Our donations helped to serve 995 individuals. Thank You for all of your kindness and generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS to Morgan Heim who accepted the offer from Xavier Catholic School in Leavenworth to become their new 2nd Grade Teacher beginning this Fall! Wonderful choice!

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.

LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE for May 5-Chairman-Karen Logan, Angela Broadus, Peggy Clark and Peggy Gwartney. Please prepare for 15 members @ 7 P. M.

AN EVENING WITH ABBY

JOHNSON – May 3rd, 7:30 pm Church of the Ascension, Overland Park. 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.

ST. ISIDORE FEAST DAY: MASS AND BLESSING OF SEEDS AND SOIL:

Monday, May 15th at 10:00am. Join us for a day in honor of St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers, on his feast day. The day will begin with Mass followed by a rosary procession to the Saint Isidore Shrine. Bring seeds and soil in a small, decorated basket to be placed at the altar for blessing. The day will end with lunch and a time of fellowship. A free-will offering will be taken up to support the center. To attend, send an email to: info@christspeace.com or call 913.773.8255 to let us know how many people will be attending.

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! We have limited enrollment available at both our K-8 and preschool locations.



FAMILY DAY AT PRAIRIE STAR RANCH: You are invited to join us on Saturday, **May 6th** from 9am to 5pm! All ages are welcome to this come-and-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

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA -Little Flower Circle , Mary's holy hour,

Saturday, **May 13th**, 10:00 AM. Mater Dei chapel, 900 SW Clay, Topeka. Call Chancellor Gen Orozco at 785-213-0374 should you have questions. Auditors meeting to follow at the same place.

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

CONSECRATION TO MARY RETREAT: REDISCOVERING FATIMA AT CHRIST'S PEACE HOUSE OF PRAYER. Friday, **May 12th** at 5:30pm – Sunday, **May 14th** at 4:30pm. Come spend a weekend dedicated to Mary and make/renew your Marian Consecration on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima! We will look anew at the seven lessons Mary gave us at Fatima. Don't forget to start your 33-day renewal preparation on April 10th. There will be Marian conferences, a special Consecration to Mary Ceremony, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Day Guests are also welcome for the Consecration Ceremony on May 13th. 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.

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, Chuck Griffee, 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, Shauna Marshall, 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, F.SS.R. (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:



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