

Farmers intimately understand the power of sowing seeds. In today Gospel, Jesus speaks of the Sower who scatters seeds on different types of soil. This parable resonates with the agricultural journey. Farmers strive to prepare fertile ground, removing stones and weeds, nurturing the soil for abundant growth. Similarly, in our spiritual lives, we must cultivate receptive hearts, free from hardness, shallowness, and distractions. By aligning our actions with God's teachings, we become vessels for His grace, allowing His Word to take root and flourish. May we all be diligent sowers, both in the fields and in our spiritual endeavors, trusting that God's harvest will be bountiful.

—Father Bill

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. Collections for last week was \$2221, which included \$25 special collection, \$100 Catholic Charities, \$100 Hall rental, \$30 mass stipend, and \$20 memorials. The collection amount for the weekend of July 1st & 2nd was \$2847, which included \$10 for a mass. The 2nd collection for Peter's Pence was \$235. Online donations were \$409.13. Thank you for your generosity!

REST IN PEACE:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jim Coffey**.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



• ST LAWRENCE PARISH HALL •
Aug. 5, 2023 ♦ 4pm until 10pm

SUMMERFEST 2023 is scheduled for **August 5th**. We look forward to a great event where our parish can socialize and share a delicious chicken dinner from 4-7 pm. Mass will be celebrated at 4 pm at St. Lawrence on Aug. 5th. (**Note: there will be NO 5 pm Mass at St. Joseph of the Valley, that weekend only.**)

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Sat, July 15, 5:00 pm SJV

Helen Karczewski ☩

Dan Karczewski ☩

Sun, July 16, 9:00 am Mass, STL

For the People of the Parish

Tues, July 18, 6:00 pm Mass, STL

For the Intention of the Celebrant

Thurs, July 20, 6:00 pm Mass, SJV

C.J. Kroll ☩

Sat, July 22, 5:00 pm SJV

For the People of the Parish

Sun, July 23, 9:00 am Mass, STL

Shelbee Heim ☩

Activities will begin at 5 pm, to include children's games, bingo and country store!

SETUP will start Friday night, Aug. 4th at 6:00 pm. If you could donate a few hours – it would be greatly appreciated!

VOLUNTEERS – WE NEED YOU! –

please sign up for your choice of work and times of shifts – we need kitchen help – setup, meal prep, serving, picking up/washing, serving cakes/pies, drinks, Beer Garden, Selling Tickets, Country Store, Bingo. There is an on-line signup sheet with the link on the parish website and Facebook page. You can also go to this website:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f49afa72ba0fb6-summerfest1#>.

Please consider volunteering a small amount of time to the success of SummerFest. If you have trouble with the above web link, please email Sharon Wagner (w5cattle@aol.com) or call (913-683-4495) with the desired time and area you would like to help.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Raffle tickets will be available at the back of each church. We are asking each family to sell a minimum of 30 tickets. Get a chance for some great prizes – only \$1 for each chance! Prizes are: Hand Pieced Quilt, \$300 cash, \$150 cash, \$100 Dillons Gift Card, and \$50 cash.

BINGO PRIZES: Please help make Summerfest a success! Please donate one child's prize and one adult prize for Bingo (\$10-\$20 value), can be toys, games. Gift cards and cash are welcome too! Prizes will be collected at the 5 pm and 9 am masses starting on July 22nd, POC-Linda Heim at 913-306-8881.

KIDS GAMES: We ask that each CCD family donate two 2-liter bottles of

soda for the Pop Toss. These can be left at the back of each church. We are currently looking for individual(s) who are willing to work the children's games.

CAKES/PIES: We need those wonderful home-made desserts our Parish is well-known for! Please bring them either FRI night or the day of the event.

NEW EVENTS:

PIE COMPETITION, it's time to allow your baking skills to shine! There will be a pie competition this year, pies will be judged on overall appearance, flavor, crust and texture. The winner will receive bragging rights and \$25 cash! Pies will be accepted until 5:00pm on August 5th.

SILENT AUCTION- We are looking for theme baskets, gift cards, and other great items to include in this event. Please drop your donated items off at the hall starting Friday evening.

CCD NEWS: Summer is officially here, but we're already getting ready for CCD in the fall! We are looking for CCD teachers for grades K-5, as well as Middle School and High School kids that would be interested in being classroom helpers each Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 - 5pm. Please contact Jessica Adelaine to join the fun of teaching and helping with CCD! 910-987-9291 or jessadelaine@gmail.com.

XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

Discover the difference of faith-based education. We are currently enrolling for preschool - eighth grade for the 2023-24 school year. Space is limited and several classes are on a waitlist. Please scan the QR code for more information or call 913-682-7801 to schedule a tour today!



ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY:

ENCOUNTERING THE DIVINE INDWELLING SILENT RETREAT Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Rd., Easton Friday, **July 28th** at 5:30pm – Sunday, **July 30th** at 4:30pm. St. Elizabeth of the Trinity will be our modern Carmelite guide on this retreat. Join us as we learn from her mystical writings, "I have found my heaven on earth, since heaven is God, and God is in my soul." 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.

Sacred Heart-St. Casimir Parish Annual Roast Beef Dinner:

Please join us, Sunday, **August 6th** from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm at Sacred Heart Hall for our annual Roast Beef Dinner. Adult tickets are \$13 and Children 12 & under are \$6. Carry out will be available.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION at Christ's Peace House of Prayer on Saturday,

August 19th at 8:30am – 4:00pm. Christ's Peace is celebrating 50 years of offering an opportunity to meet our Lord through silence, creation, prayer and retreat. To commemorate this milestone, Archbishop Naumann will be with us to celebrate Mass. Lunch will be provided with plenty of opportunity to enjoy and tour this wonderful property. Come and celebrate our five decades of serving the spiritual needs of the Archdiocese. Join us for all or part of the day. To attend, fill out the RSVP form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913-773-8255.

BLESSING AND GRAND OPENING OF THE VIANNEY HOUSE FOR RETIRED PRIESTS:

Tuesday, **July 25**, 10:30 am to Noon, 14050 W 116th St, Olathe, KS 66062. RSVP

stewdev@archkck.org or 913-647-0325.

RETRouvaille MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: "No Marriage is Beyond Hope!" will be held **Sept. 1st-3rd**. Register today at www.retrokc.com. **Registration closes August 29th**. Retrouvaille is a lifeline for marriages.....a program to help couples heal and renew their hurting marriages. A Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

PILGRIMAGE to ITALY and IRELAND, previously planned for July, has been rescheduled to take place from October 19-30, 2023. The revised tour price is \$4,999, which includes roundtrip airfare, comfortable 4-star hotel accommodations, daily breakfast and supper, the expertise of a professional driver and guide, a private coach bus, gratuities, all activities and entrance fees as outlined in the itinerary. Additionally, daily Mass will be celebrated throughout the journey, ensuring a truly unforgettable spiritual experience. For further details and inquiries, please contact Fr.Wm.McEvoy@gmail.com.

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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, Vicki Bradford, Steve Bromell, Joe Brose, Judy Brose, Jennifer Brushwood, Jim Coffey, 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, Shauna Marshall, Mary Meinert, Jeni Mettelstedt, Charles Mullins, Don Navinsky, Leslie Navinsky, 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, Chrissy Stewart, Rebecca VanVerth, and Pat Wilson.

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

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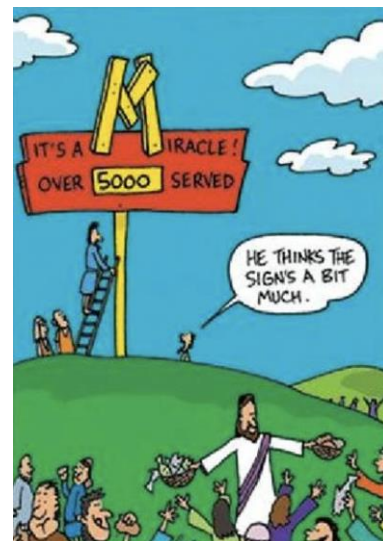
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm at St. Joseph of the Valley Church
Sunday Morning Mass 9:00 am at St. Lawrence Church

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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602 Delaware Street
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