

THANKSGIVING MORNING

MASS will be celebrated at St. Joseph of the Valley Church on **November 23RD** at 9:00am. There's no better way to express our gratitude to God than joining together with your parish family at the Lord's Table to celebrate the Holy Eucharist.

**TOWARD
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Our Capital Campaign continues as we look for your pledge card. If you have not received yours please email Father Bill (Fr.Wm.McEvoy@gmail.com).

Please complete your pledge card as soon as you can and place it in the collection, mail it to the parish, or hand it to Father Bill.

We'd like to have all pledge cards by the end of the year. Thanks!

A GOSPEL THOUGHT: Jesus gives us today the Parable of the Talents, teaching us of the importance of using our God-given gifts for the greater good. Each servant is entrusted with talents, representing God's gifts to each one. God calls us not to bury our gifts in fear, complacency or laziness but to invest them actively and creatively for the good of others.

In our daily lives, let us be intentional about recognizing and utilizing the unique gifts God has bestowed upon us. By doing so, we participate in God's work in the building up of His kingdom, spreading love, compassion, and joy. Being charitable and just and merciful. May we be faithful stewards, sharing the abundance of God's blessings, and ultimately hear the joyful words, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

-Father Bill

MASSSES THIS WEEK:

Sat, Nov. 18, 5:00 pm STL
Helen Karczewski †
Susana Roy †

Sun, Nov. 19, 9:00 am Mass, STL
For the People of the Parish

Tues, Nov. 21, 6:00 pm Mass, STL
For the Intention of the Celebrant

Thurs, Nov. 23, 9:00 am Mass, SJV
Thanksgiving Day Mass
For the People of the Parish

Sat, Nov. 25, 5:00 pm SJV
For the People of the Parish

Sun, Nov. 26, 9:00 am Mass, STL
Susie Beying †

The Funeral Mass for
ROSE MARY ABEL
will be Monday, **November 20th**
at 10:30am at St. Lawrence Church.
Visitation will be before Mass
beginning at 9:00am
with the rosary recited at 10:15am
*May she rest in peace
and rise in glory.*

THANK YOU for your kind words of condolence at the passing of my aunt, Jean Marie McEvoy. We appreciate your prayers.

-Father Bill

WELCOME TO OUR FALL FEST this weekend on Saturday, **Nov. 18th!** We will start serving chili and soups at 4:00 p.m. Meal tickets will be \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Turkey and Ham Bingo will follow the meal. Thanks for joining us!

URGENT: FOOD PANTRY. I hope you all received my email last week about the serious shortage of food at our Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Leavenworth. Our own parish's weekly collection of food is needed more than ever. Ongoing pantry needs are: peanut butter and jelly, cans or plastic containers of fruit juice, canned fruits and vegetables, small bags of pinto beans, black beans, rice or barley, powdered milk, spaghetti sauce and tomato sauce. They also need oatmeal, cereals, breads, pastas, crackers and tortillas, canned meats and fish, soups and boxed dinners. If you donate pancake mix please consider donating syrup as well. Also in need are personal hygiene items.

You may continue to leave your non-perishable items in the bin in our church vestibules and they will be delivered to Catholic Charities. Thanks

for performing this important corporal work of mercy.

-Father Bill

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. Collections for last weekend was \$3,596, including \$20 Utilities and \$1100 for the Capital Campaign. Online donations were \$329.89. Thank you for your generosity!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

meets Sunday evenings from 6-7:30pm in St. Lawrence Parish Center.

CCD NEWS: The confirmation class will do the readings, collection & offertory gifts on Sunday, **Nov. 26th.**

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND is Dec. 1st. All of the faithful are encouraged to ask Almighty God to grant peace and stability in the midst of the present war between Hamas and Israel. In addition to prayer, we are asked to fast and make personal sacrifices for the cause of peace, and to invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, under her title Queen of Palestine, and all the saints, for the needs of all those suffering from the conflict and continued violence.

PARISH LADIES' NIGHT is Dec. 13th, SL Hall, 6:00pm. Please bring a snack to share, drinks will be provided. We are very excited for our parish member, Noelle Pohl of H&G Charcuterie, to share with us how to build a Charcuterie board/cup. Everyone is invited to attend. If you want to participate in making the Charcuterie cup the cost is \$12.00. Please **RSVP by Dec 4th** to allow Noelle time to plan accordingly. You can RSVP to Sharon Wagner (w5cattle@aol.com / 913.683.4495) or Noelle.Pohl@hg-charcuterie.

XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL is thankful for our parish community! Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our school, students, and families. We will continue to keep you in our prayers as well.

ADVENT SILENT RETREAT: Christ's Peace House of Prayer, 22131 Meager Rd., Easton, **Friday, Dec. 1st at 5:30pm– Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 4:30pm.** Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord this Advent as we explore the essence and promise of

the Advent Season and gain a new understanding of the coming of Christ. 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.

THE CATHOLIC GUIDE FOR END-OF-LIFE AND ESTABLISHING OF ADVANCE DIRECTIVES: The Archdiocese has a comprehensive resource for end-of-life planning titled "Catholic Guide For End-Of Life and Establishing Of Advance Directives". The purpose of the guide is to assist the faithful in making wise decisions in accordance with the teachings of our faith about complex treatments in grave illness or as life's end approaches. It also includes two Appendices for a Durable Power of Attorney and an Advance Directive form. For a free digital copy of the Guide, visit www.archkck.org/prolife-end-of-life-care.

DECEMBER 2023 OFFERINGS AT SOPHIA SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Scholarships are always available. Learn more and register at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org

It Isn't All Hallmark: Exploring Advent Scriptures Through a Different Lens (Zoom), Dec. 1-2, Friday, 7:00-8:30 p.m.—Saturday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., CST, Cost: \$60. Throughout this retreat, we hope to lay

a foundation for a transformative Advent season—one in which we gain a new appreciation for homeless persons, immigrants, and other marginalized individuals without a voice in our current society.

Praying the Advent Psalms (Zoom), Dec. 4-7, Monday-Thursday (times detailed below), Cost: \$60 This mini-retreat is designed to help the busy person fit a daily prayer rhythm into their schedule.

Guided Meditation—Gifts: Don't Bury Them (Zoom), Dec. 6, Wednesday 10:30-11:30 a.m. CST, Cost: \$15.

Coffee & Silence (on-site): Dec. 8, Friday 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. CST. Cost: free-will offering

It's amazing what a day away in a quiet and peaceful setting can do to refresh your mind and nourish your soul. Think of it as a mini-retreat where you can come and spend time however suits you—in silent prayer and reflection, reading, contemplative walking, or rest. Bring your lunch and enjoy a prayerful day away. We promise to have a cup of coffee (or tea!) available, and maybe even a special tasty treat to add to the enjoyment of your day.

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, Vicki Bradford, Steve Bromell, Joe Brose, Judy Brose, Jennifer Brushwood, Carl Davidson, George Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Gail DeMaranville-Zule, Vince Eimer, Tom Flack, Anna Foster, Helen Frazier, Glen Goodland, Karen Gray, Alan Halstead, Patti Harris, Marly Heim, Jim Heintzelman, Lydia Heintzelman, Ruthie Heintzelman, Melanie Herken, Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, Mark Hund, Alison Ito, 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, Mary M. Ruhlman, Kim Sachse, Jesse Salinas, Mary Beth Schrader, Charlie Schletzbbaum, 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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