

**HOT BREAKFAST AFTER THE**  
9am MASS **TODAY,**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd,**  
served by our Knights of  
Columbus.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION\***  
-MASSES-  
Thursday **Dec 7th** • 6:30pm  
at St. Joseph of the Valley  
Friday, **December 8th** • 6:45am  
at St. Lawrence  
\* Holy Day of Obligation

**OUR 2024 CATHOLIC WALL  
CALENDARS** are available  
beginning this weekend, free of  
charge. Thanks to Leintz Funeral  
Home for providing our calendars.

**THE WORD ADVENT MEANS  
COMING** This joy-filled season is our  
annual preparation to celebrate the  
Lord's coming. Our waiting and  
preparation for Christmas Day  
symbolizes our waiting and preparing  
for the Jesus' coming at the end of  
time, which is the theme of today's  
Gospel. Jesus warns us to be always  
prepared because He is coming back  
at an hour we least expect. "Be  
watchful! Be alert!" the Lord tells us.

It is important that we prepare for  
Christmas, of course. But it is even  
more important we prepare to meet  
the Lord when He comes again.  
Spiritually, that means we need to  
clean house (go to confession), put  
out the welcome mat (being extra  
hospitable toward others), and wait in  
joyful hope for the Savior's coming.

May we ready ourselves, so that when  
Christ comes, He will find a welcome  
place in our hearts. Let every heart  
prepare him room!

**ADVENT WREATH PRAYER:** An  
ancient custom used to mark these  
weeks before Christmas is the Advent  
Wreath. We have one in church, and  
everyone is encouraged to have one  
at home.

The Advent Wreath itself is very  
symbolic: the circle of evergreen  
represents God's everlasting love,  
which has no beginning or end. Green  
is the traditional color for hope — the

**MASSES THIS WEEK:**

*Sat, Dec. 2, 5:00 pm SJV  
Jim & Mary Lou Coffey †*  
*Sun, Dec. 3, 9:00 am Mass, STL  
For the People of the Parish*  
*Tues, Dec. 5, 6:00 pm Mass, STL  
Rosemary Boeckman-Kennedy †*  
*Thurs, Dec. 7, 6:00 pm Mass, SJV  
Rick Coffey †*  
*Fri, Dec. 8, 6:45 pm Mass, STL  
For the People of the Parish*  
*Sat, Dec. 9, 5:00 pm SJV  
Stephen Payeur †*  
*Sun, Dec. 10, 9:00 am Mass, STL  
For the People of the Parish*

hope that comes into the world with  
the Savior's birth. The candles are  
symbols of Jesus, the Light of the  
world.

Here is a prayer you may use when  
lighting the first Advent Wreath Candle  
this week:

**Almighty God, as we enter into this  
Advent season, we ask You to  
continue the work of our salvation  
begun in Your Son, Jesus. Let Your  
blessing come upon us as we light  
the candle on this wreath. Turn our  
hearts toward You. Prepare us to  
welcome Your Son, Jesus, Who is  
our Savior and Lord, forever and  
ever. Amen.**

—Father Bill

**TOWARD  
15** 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!**

Please pray for the  
happy repose of the soul of  
**LOUIS ZINSER**  
and for the comfort of his family.  
*May he rest in peace and rise in  
glory.*

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

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR  
DECEMBER: For persons with  
disabilities.** We pray that people  
living with disabilities may be at the  
center of attention in society, and that  
institutions may offer inclusive  
programs which value their active  
participation.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**  
meets Sunday evenings from 6-  
7:30pm in St. Lawrence Parish  
Center.

**THANK YOU!** Our Parish received a  
Thank You note from Leavenworth  
Catholic Charities for the 81 lbs. of  
food and hygiene products that  
Parishioners donated for the month of  
October. This helped them to serve  
1416 individuals. We appreciate your  
generous donations and kindness.

**ANGEL TREE:** We have three  
families who are in need of assistance  
this Holiday season. Their wish lists  
can be viewed through the links  
below. If you choose to sign up,  
please wrap and label gifts with the  
family #, gender and age of the  
recipient. Please have all gifts to either  
church by **Dec. 17** after the 9 am  
Mass. Thank you so much for your  
generosity and support to families in  
need.

Family #2  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945A8AD29A1FE3-46344051-angel>

Family #5  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945A8AD29A1FE3-46344419-angel>

Family #12  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945A8AD29A1FE3-46344587-angel>

One of the families is also in need of  
beds. They could use three twin size  
or full size beds, as well as bedding,  
pillows, blankets or mattress pads.  
Please contact Danielle Nichols, 913-  
683-3311 or Ginny Mowery at 913-  
773-8303, if you have one to donate.

**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](mailto:w5cattle@aol.com) / 913.683.4495) or Noelle Pohl @[hg-charcuterie](mailto:hg-charcuterie).

**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.** 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.

**RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES:** These Tuesdays, **December 5th, 12th, 19th**, 9:00AM–11:00AM during the Advent Season are times with input, prayer and conversations. We are guided by experiences of Marillac's team members, to examine our journeys in Advent into the Christmas Season. The morning may conclude by joining the SCL Sisters for their daily Liturgy at 11:00 AM. Contact [retreats@scls.org](mailto:retreats@scls.org) for more information.

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA LITTLE FLOWER CIRCLE:** The next meeting will be **Dec. 9** at Mater Dei Parish,

Topeka at 11:00 am. A Rosary offered in the Holy Name Chapel at 1114 Sw10th will be followed by a catered Christmas luncheon. If anyone knows of a member or family member of Daughters of Isabella in need of the Circle's prayers call Shirley Gustafson at 785-554-3028 or Chancellor Gen Orozco at 785-213-0374.

**NEW YEAR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION & PLANNING**

**RETREAT:** will be held at Christ's Peace House Of Prayer, **Jan. 5-7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** Join us! Set aside time at the beginning of the new year and to plan for the year ahead.

**JOB OPENING FOR ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OCATHOLIC SCHOOLS:**

For more info please go to [archkck.org](http://archkck.org), scroll to the bottom of the page, and click "Employment Opportunities".

**CAMP TEKAKWITHA STAFF JOB OPPORTUNITY:**

For more info, please visit: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/2084534>

**ANONYMOUS GROUP.** If you have a willingness to stop drinking and/or using drugs, you have help and support. 12-Step Anonymous meetings have begun at Easton's United Methodist Church 7pm on Wednesday evenings. Contact 913-683-2271 for more information.

**BULLETIN ITEMS:** Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email [Sjslparish@gmail.com](mailto: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 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:



**"ADVENT CALENDAR? NO JUST MY PILL ORGANISER!"**

**Exchange Bank & Trust**  
216 W. Riley Street  
Easton, KS 66020  
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**Reilly & Sons Real Estate**  
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