

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm at St. Lawrence

7:00 pm at St. Joseph of the Valley

Christmas Morning

9:00 am at St. Lawrence

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER:

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

Father of us all, we look forward to Christmas and to the coming of the Your Son again in glory. Help us listen carefully to John the Baptist and make straight the way for Christ, clearing from our lives everything that gets in the way of His coming to us. May all that we do: decorating the tree, putting up lights, wrapping gifts or writing Christmas cards — all help us keep our focus on Christ. May Jesus find us watching and waiting in joy when He comes. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

-Father Bill

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE at the RECTORY:

Bentley and I would like to invite anyone who'd like to come to the Rectory for a nice visit with tasty treats and drink to celebrate the season. Our Open House is **Wednesday, December 27th**, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. We'd enjoy having you over to relax a bit and enjoy the holidays together. No RSVP. Come as you are.

-Father Bill

TOWARD
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To date we have received pledges totalling \$100,500. Our goal to complete all our projects is \$290,450. So we need the help and participation of everyone in the parish. Please fill out your pledge card soon and become part of this campaign to repair, update, and enhance our five parish buildings.

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Sat, Dec. 9, 5:00 pm SJV

Stephen Payeur †

Sun, Dec. 10, 9:00 am Mass, STL

For the People of the Parish

Tues, Dec. 12 6:00 pm Mass, STL

Eugene (Bud) Wagner †

Archie Griffee †

Thurs, Dec. 14, 6:00 pm Mass, SJV

Cecilia Beying †

Sat, Dec. 16, 5:00 pm SJV

Sam Ernzen †

Sun, Dec. 17, 9:00 am Mass, STL

For the People of the Parish

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. Collection for Nov 25-26 was \$6,516, including \$20 for SJV cemetery, \$100 Hall rent and \$5,200 for Capital Campaign. Collection for Dec 2-3 was \$7,222 including \$150 for Hall Rent, \$20 Utilities, \$120 Masses, and \$4,850 for Capital Campaign. Online donations were \$430.15. Thank you for your generosity!

ONLINE GIVING IS EASY go to: SJSJLparish.org and click the ONLINE GIVING tab. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the form. You may set it up to use your bank account for automatic payment, or use your card. You have benefits that'll come from giving this way: • No need for checks. • Align your giving along with your paycheck schedule. • Flexibility when you want to changes. • You can even use your credit card to gain airline mileage, bonuses, etc. We use a service called Vanco, which utilizes the highest security standards. It's safe and secure. Any questions? Please contact: Sara Green (913) 426-3022, sgreen0427@gmail.com.

October Income: \$12,463,
October Expenses \$12,701
Excludes the Capital Campaign Drive.

SPECIAL COLLECTION will be held this weekend, **Dec. 10th** for the Retirement Fund For the Religious. Thank you for your generosity!

CCD NEWS: The CCD Nativity Play will be Saturday, **December 16th** after the 5pm mass at St. Joseph of the Valley. Please join us! And remember to come early, as the church will fill up quickly. We're excited to see you there!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

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

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

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

NEW YEAR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION & PLANNING RETREAT:

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

PRAYER REQUESTS. From time to time special needs arise in one's life: personal or family crisis, illness, death of a loved one. One prays, of course, but our petitions are more powerful when we lift up our prayers together. The members of our parish prayer team takes time to pray every day for people's prayer requests. If you are in need of prayer, please go to SJSJLparish.org, and click on the "Prayer Requests" tab to submit your petition. Your request is very soon forwarded to the prayer team who will begin that day to pray for your intentions.

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KEEP THIS NUMBER: Someone in your life might need this Lifeline. 988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. When people call, text, or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing Lifeline network. These trained counselors

will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES at SJV-STL:

Clean St. Lawrence Church once a month: Contact: Debbie Erzen (913) 683-2530 or Tracy Wagner (913) 775-2064

Music/Cantors: Contact Karen Logan at 913-683-2406 or kjunebugl@yahoo.com.

Mass Server Coordinator Volunteer Opportunity: Contact: Kevin Heim @ 913-271-1900.

Lectors And Eucharistic Ministers: Contact Sharon Wagner at w5cattle@aol.com or 913-683-4495.

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 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

Our Sunday Funny:



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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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