

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 pm
St. Lawrence Church

7:00 pm
St. Joseph of the Valley Church

CHRISTMAS MORNING
9:00 am
St. Lawrence Church

NEW YEARS MASSES

New Years Eve
5:00 pm St Joseph of the Valley

New Years Day
9:00 am St. Lawrence Church

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER:

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

God of Heaven and Earth, the four candles now burn brightly. We await the best Christmas gift of all: Jesus, who comes to us through Your servant, Mary. You gave her a special role — to be the

MASSES THIS WEEK:

*Sat, Dec. 23, 5:00 pm SJV
For the People of the Parish*
Sun, Dec. 24, 9:00 am Mass, STL
Donald Gwartney ☩

*Sun, Dec. 24, 5:00 pm, STL
(Christmas Eve)*
For the People of the Parish
Sun, Dec. 24, 7:00 pm, SJV
(Christmas Eve)
For the People of the Parish
Mon, Dec. 25, 9:00 am, STL
(Christmas Day)
For the People of the Parish
Tues, Dec. 26, 6:00 pm am Mass, STL
For the Intention of the Celebrant

Thurs, Dec. 28, 6:00 pm, STL
Rose Mary Abel ☩

Sat, Dec. 30, 5:00 pm, SJV
Virginia Hattok ☩

Sun, Dec. 31, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish

Sun, Dec 31, 5:00 pm SJV
(New Years' Eve)
For the People of the Parish
Mon, Jan. 1, 9:00 am STL
(New Years' Day)
For the People of the Parish

mother of Your Son. Help us to always say “yes” to Your plan, and like Mary, open our hearts to the Holy Spirit. May we live as You taught and may Your light always shines through our words and deeds. Thank You, dear Father, for sending us Your Son, Jesus, our Emmanuel, Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

—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

PILGRIMAGE TO MARIAN SHRINES.

Join me this Summer, June 17-27, for an unforgettable pilgrimage Shrines of Mary in France, Spain and Portugal! Starting in Barcelona, we'll chart a course across Western Europe and discover the miracles of Lourdes and Fatima while lodging in excellent hotels and enjoying great food. Mass will be celebrated daily and we'll have learned guides all along the way. To learn more contact me:



Fr. Wm. McEvoy@gmail.com. Or scan this QR code for more information.

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. Collection for last weekend was \$9946.50, including \$2426.50 collections, \$20 utilities, and \$7500 for the Capital Campaign. Online donations were \$455.16. Thank you for your generosity!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

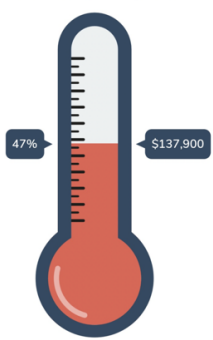
meets Sunday evenings from 6-7:30pm in St. Lawrence Parish Center.

SPECIAL THANKS

goes to Jessica and Jason Adelaine, along with their dedicated team comprising Amy Martin, Lauren Herdon, Linda Heim, Casey Quinn, Sharon Wagner, Danielle Snowberg, Natasha Hoppe, and Samantha Hendrix. Their collective efforts brought to life our annual CCD Christmas Play this past Saturday evening. The performance was truly exceptional, and our CCD students showcased remarkable talent in retelling the moving story of the Lord's Nativity. Thank you all for making this memorable event possible.

THANK YOU! To the Parishioners of St. Joseph-St. Lawrence Parish: Leavenworth Catholic Charities thanks you for your continued support of our food pantry. With your donations of 442 lbs. of food in November, we served 1398 individuals and with your

GOAL: \$290,450



To date we have received pledges totalling \$137,900. 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.

TOWARD 15

help, 275 families also received a complete Thanksgiving dinner. God bless you for your generosity.

LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE for Jan.

4-Chairman- Debbie Ernzen, Kris Beyer, Lori Simmons and Evelyn Wagner. Please prepare for 15 people and dinner starts at 7 P. M.

XAVIER SCHOOLS: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the faculty and staff at Xavier Catholic School! May God continue to bless our parish families in 2024!

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.

JANUARY 2024 OFFERINGS AT SOPHIA SPIRITUALITY CENTER:

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

Guided Meditation—New Year: Offering (Zoom), January 3, 2024 | Wednesday 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. CST, Cost: \$15.

A Single-Women's Retreat: Qualities of a Healthy Spirituality (on-site), January 5-7, 2024 | Friday, 7:00 p.m.—Sunday, 1:00 p.m. CST,

Reading *Accidental Theologians With the Expressive Arts* (via Zoom), January 10, 17, 24, 31 | Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. CST, Cost: \$80.

Lectio Naturae: Sacred Reading of the Book of Nature (via Zoom), January 19, 2024 | Friday 10:30 a.m.-noon CST, Cost: \$20 (or \$75 for all 5 sessions)

A College-Age Retreat: Care of the Earth—Care of the Poor (on-site), January 26-27, 2024 | Friday, 4:00 p.m.-Saturday, 2:00 p.m. CST. Cost: \$25 (includes meals and lodging—scholarships are available) NOTE: This retreat is for high school graduates through the age of 25 years.

January Coffee & Silence (on-site), January 16, 2024 | Tuesday 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. CST. Cost: free-will offering.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT SJV-STL:

Clean St. Lawrence Church once a month: Contact: Debbie Ernzen (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

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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:



"Remember now, this is for your Birthday **AND** for Christmas!"

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