

When the song of the angels  
is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes  
are home,  
when the shepherds are back  
with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
too find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.

-Howard Thurman

**PARISH PRAYER TEAM:** Last weekend in my homily, I mentioned that we have a team of several parishioners who commit themselves to pray every single day for the needs of others, as communicated to us through word of mouth, email, or via our website. Each member of this team offers their prayer in their own way. Praying in intercession for others is a very Biblical and Catholic thing to do. Praying with and for others is one of the most powerful ways to love one's neighbor.

As prayer requests come to us via a tab on our webpage, Kim Sachse forwards this on to our Prayer Ministry Team members via email. We will also lift up in prayer those regularly listed in our bulletin: the sick and those serving in the armed forces.

If you would like to join this Prayer Ministry, please contact me and Kim at [SLSJParish@gmail.com](mailto:SLSJParish@gmail.com).

-Father Bill

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** meets Wednesday, **January 10th**, 7:00pm, in Bertels Hall. Contact Aaron Welch, Grand Knight, for more information: [ealcav17@gmail.com](mailto:ealcav17@gmail.com).

**MASSES THIS WEEK:**

**Sat, Jan. 6, 5:00 pm, SJV**

*Richard Heim* ☩

**Sun, Jan. 7, 9:00 am, STL**

*For the People of the Parish*

**Tues, Jan. 9, 6:00 pm am Mass, STL**

*Robert Abel Sr.* ☩

**Thurs, Jan. 11, 6:00 pm, STL**

*For the Intention of the Celebrant*

**Sat, Jan. 13, 5:00 pm, SJV**

*Mark Lingenfelter* ☩

**Sun, Jan. 14, 9:00 am, STL**

*For the People of the Parish*

**JOIN ME THIS SUMMER, June**

**17-27**, for an unforgettable pilgrimage to 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](mailto:Fr.Wm.McEvoy@gmail.com). Or scan this QR code for more information.



**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR**

**(January 2024): FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH:** We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The Christmas

LITURGICAL ROLES:	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
01/06/24	Rita Herken	Rita Herken
01/07/24	Ted Staver	Ted Staver
01/13/24	Julia Cummings	Tracy Heim
01/14/24	Rita Oatney	Tim Herken

Collection was \$3,178 including \$20 for utilities and \$290 for Catholic Charities. The collection for the weekend of Dec 30-31 was \$1,950 including \$20 for SJV cemetery. The Capital Campaign received \$6,700. Online donations were unavailable. Thank you for your generosity!

**ONLINE GIVING IS EASY** go to:

[SJSJparish.org](http://SJSJparish.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](mailto:sgreen0427@gmail.com).

**COAT DRIVE:** There is always a need for a warm coat in the winter. If you were blessed with a new coat or hoodie as a Christmas present, please consider donating any slightly used ones to the Catholic Charities for those who need one. We will have the bins in the back of the church available for those donations until late January. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

**THE CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH MASS**

in the Mooney Creek community will have a location change beginning **January 6, 2024** at 5:00pm. This mass will be moved to the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Nortonville KS until further notice. The change in location is due to renovations at the Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

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

**BOUNDLESS COMPASSION: CREATING A WAY OF LIFE:**

Explore Sister Joyce Rupp's book,

**GOAL: \$290,450**

To date we have received pledges totalling **\$213,550**. 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**

through this six-week personal transformation process for developing and deepening compassion, you will be invited, encouraged, and inspired to grow in the kind of love that motivated Jesus' life and mission. Join us on **Monday's 1/8 – 2/12 from 10:30 a.m. – Noon in Marillac Retreat Center** on the campus of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. This gathering is free, however, you will need to have your own copy of the book. A few are available in Marillac for \$10. To register, email [retreats@scls.org](mailto:retreats@scls.org) or call 913-758-9714 and leave your name and contact number.

**BEGINNING ANEW – January 11th 9:30 – 2:00**, Sister Noreen Walter will lead this day of reflection. What is the “newness” you need for 2024? There will be input, time for sharing and quiet. The day includes lunch and the celebration of Eucharist. Free will offering. Please register by **January 8**. [retreats@scls.org](mailto:retreats@scls.org) or call 913-758-6552.

**GOOD GRIEF DARKNESS TO LIGHT: GRIEF TO RENEWAL: Jan. 20**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Marillac Assembly. Persons grieving the recent or past death of a loved one are invited to attend a day retreat to explore loss, grief, and the recovery of hope. Sister Judith Jackson's facilitation will include reflection on understanding grief and its significance, the connection between spirituality and grief, and a deepening of faith. Hosted by Sister Judith Jackson, SCL. Contact

[retreats@scls.org](mailto:retreats@scls.org) for more information.

**COUPLE TO COUPLE LEAGUE ANNOUNCES POSTPARTUM NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS:** using the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning during the postpartum period takes place at St. John the Evangelist extra building, 200 W. 13th St., Lawrence, KS, on Fri., **Jan. 26**, at 6:30pm. For more info about this class or other self-paced **online** classes, call Shannon or John Rasmussen at (785) 749-1015. Pre-registration is required at: [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).

**WORKSHOP ON CHARITABLE INVESTMENTS AND SMARTER WAYS TO GIVE:** This workshop will be held on Monday, **January 8** from 5:30 – 6:30 at Mater Dei Parish 1114 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604. Luke Henry, Asset Advisor for the Knights of Columbus, will speak on donor advised funds, gifts of insurance, and creating a lasting legacy. To register, visit [cfnk.org/events](http://cfnk.org/events).

**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.

**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, Gretchen Brewster, 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, Robert Hecke, 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, Karl Morrison, 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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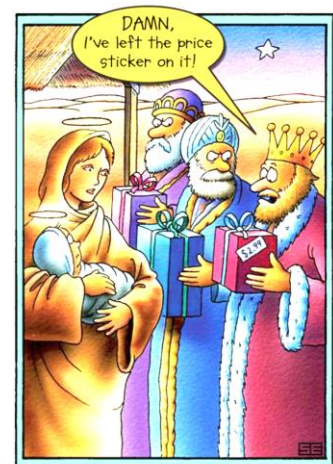
**Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm at St. Joseph of the Valley Church**  
**Sunday Morning Mass 9:00 am at St. Lawrence Church**

*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:



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