

**A GOSPEL THOUGHT.** The Risen Jesus appears physically to His disciples, inviting them to touch his hands and feet to verify his reality. He eats with them, demonstrating his tangible presence after His resurrection. This passage emphasizes that Christ is not merely a distant figure of history and myth, but a living, substantial presence in our lives today. It challenges us to seek and encounter Him not only in the Eucharist but also in ordinary moments, knowing that He is truly with us always and everywhere.

**Making the Mass More Meaningful:**

**Be reverent.** As we come inside the church we are around people we know. Of course we smile and greet them, but do so very quietly and briefly. You can visit after Mass. Be considerate to those who are quietly and prayerfully preparing for Mass. Keep in mind that we are in the presence of Christ, and let's honor the atmosphere of reverence that our Church tradition encourages.

**-Fr. Bill**

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish. Collection for last week was unavailable. Online donations were unavailable. Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND COLLECTION** will be held the weekend of **April 21** for the Priesthood: Past, Present & Future (Good Shepherd Sunday). Please help support our priests and seminarians! Each year, a special offertory collection is taken up throughout the Archdiocese on Good Shepherd Sunday which is allocated to three funds supporting the priesthood:

**MASSSES THIS WEEK:**  
*Sat, April 13, 5:00 pm, SJV*  
*For the People of the Parish*  
**Sun, April 14, 9:00 am, STL**  
*Wendi Johnston ☩*  
**Tues, April 16, 6:00 pm, STL**  
*For the Intention of the Celebrant*  
**Thurs, April 18, 6:00 pm, SJV**  
*Floyd & Ruth Schmania ☩*  
**Sat, April 20, 5:00 pm, SJV**  
*Mary Alyce Lednicki ☩*  
*Bill & Harriett Bixenman ☩*  
**Sun, April 21, 9:00 am, STL**  
*For the People of the Parish*

1. The education and support of our 25 seminarians.
2. Continuing education and retreats for our 115 priests.
3. The care of our 22 retired priests.

In thanksgiving for our current and future "Good Shepherds," please be generous in your support on April 21, 2024. Thank you!

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

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA LITTLE FLOWER CIRCLE:** The next meeting will be held on **April 21**, at 12:40 pm in Yadrich Hall at Christ the King Parish, 5972 SW 25<sup>th</sup> St. Topeka. A rosary will be followed by the business meeting and social time. 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 785-230-2473.

**XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Xavier Catholic School is now enrolling for the 2024-25 school year. Please call 913-682-7801 to schedule a tour today and discover the Xavier Difference!

Xavier Catholic School seeks an engaging individual to serve as our Director of Marketing, Enrollment, and Communications. The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's degree or higher in Marketing, Communications, or Education, have experience with software and database management, and be willing to showcase the benefits

LITURGICAL ROLES:	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
4/13/24	Tim Herken	Carol Kroll
4/14/24	John Donovan	Ted Staver
4/20/24	Julia Cummings	Tracy Heim
4/21/24	John Johnston	Sharon Wagner

of Catholic education to families near and far. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your resume and cover letter to Janelle Hartgan, [janelle.hartgan@leavenworthcatholicschools.org](mailto:janelle.hartgan@leavenworthcatholicschools.org).



**CAMP TEKAKWITHA WOMEN'S RETREAT:** This retreat offers large group and breakout sessions, individual reflection, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, free time, friendship, laughter, and joy! Here you will find the space to relax, rejuvenate, and reconnect. Come enjoy the beauty of God's creation at Prairie Star Ranch and the gift of sharing life with other women seeking the heart of Jesus. **April 26-28.** Information and Registration: <https://archkck.org/camp-tekakwitha/womens-retreat>

**RESTING WITH ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC, May 9,** Marillac Center. Join us for a day, hour or other time to repose with St. Louise. Allow her prayer to guide us to a center of reflection. From our Spiritual Center emerges a new world order which values the poor and forgotten. For more information [retreats@scls.org](mailto:retreats@scls.org)

**RETREAT DAYS: May 28 – June 4,** Marillac Retreat Center: During "The Cost of Discipleship" retreat, we join the first disciples, and listen to Jesus' words, be taught by his outreach, and respond once more to his call to us, along the pathway of love, to holiness, to outreach to God's children, and to recommit ourselves, with all our hearts to bring ever nearer, the Kingdom of God. Contact [retreats@scls.org](mailto:retreats@scls.org) for more information.

**GROUP RETREAT OPPORTUNITY:** Searching for spiritual renewal for your parish group? Experience the tranquility

and rejuvenation offered at Christ's Peace House of Prayer. Discover solace in our serene, natural surroundings as you bond, grow, and unite in faith. Let our experienced retreat master, workshop leader, and spiritual mentor guide your journey towards deeper spiritual understanding and connection. With tailored retreats covering a range of topics in the Catholic spiritual tradition, our 18 individual spaces ensure an intimate and enriching experience. The center is also available to groups that provide their own programming. Book your group retreat today and begin your path to spiritual growth and renewal! To schedule a retreat for your group, visit [ChristsPeace.com](http://ChristsPeace.com) and fill out the Group Retreat Reservation Form. Call 913-773-8255 or email [info@christspeace.com](mailto:info@christspeace.com) with any questions.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:w5cattle@aol.com) or 913-683-4495.

**PARISH WORKSHOP ON CHARITABLE GIVING**

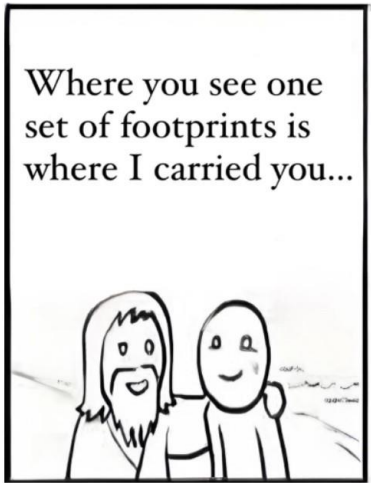
**STRATEGIES:** Join us on April 24, 2024 for a Parish Workshop on Charitable Giving Strategies at St. Ann Catholic Church, 301 William Street, Effingham, KS 66023. The event will begin at 7:00 PM with a presentation from Jeannine Edmonds on understanding different kinds of investment accounts and tax consequences for each, and charitable giving strategies. Click here to register today!

**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, Dave Brown, Jennifer Brushwood, Carl Davidson, Courtney Davis, 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, 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., Mary Piche, 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, David Uhrlich, Rebecca VanVerth, and Pat Wilson.

**PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SOLDIERS:**  
**ARMY:** CPT Daniel Broaddus, Pvt. David Crook, SGT Colby Seifert, William Stradley. **AIRFORCE:** E-4 Robert W. Herken, TSGT AScott 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:



<h2 style="margin: 0;">St. Joseph – St. Lawrence Parish</h2>	
<p><b>St. Joseph of the Valley Church</b>          31151 207<sup>th</sup> Street          Leavenworth, KS 66048</p>	<p><b>St. Lawrence Church</b>          211 W. Riley Street          Easton, KS 66020</p>
<p>Mailing address: P.O. Box 129, Easton, KS 66020          (913) 773-5712 <a href="mailto:SJSLparish.org">SJSLparish.org</a>          Fr. Wm. McEvoy, Pastor. <a href="mailto:Fr.Wm.McEvoy@gmail.com">Fr.Wm.McEvoy@gmail.com</a>          Like us on Facebook "St. Joseph – St. Lawrence (Easton)"</p>	
<p><b>Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm at St. Joseph of the Valley Church</b>  <b>Sunday Morning Mass 9:00 am at St. Lawrence Church</b></p>	
<p><i>Confessions are heard 30 minutes before the weekend Masses or by appointment</i></p>	
<p>Weekday Masses:          Tuesday evening 6:00 pm at St. Lawrence Church          Thursday evening 6:00 pm at St. Joseph of the Valley Church</p>	
<p><b>Exchange Bank &amp; Trust</b>          216 W. Riley Street          Easton, KS 66020          (913) 773-5565 <a href="http://MyExchangeBank.com">MyExchangeBank.com</a></p>	<p><b>Reilly &amp; Sons Real Estate</b>          602 Delaware Street          Leavenworth, KS 66048          (913) 683-0662 <a href="http://ReillyandSons.com">ReillyandSons.com</a></p>

