

## Making the Mass More Meaningful:

**Sing and Respond.** When we sing, we raise our hearts and voices to God together in a uniquely powerful way. St. Augustine said that those who sing pray twice. Singing takes some effort, but the liturgy here and all throughout the world calls for us to sing together. The same with the responses. Just don't stand there with your mouth closed. Join in the prayer. Be an active participant.

-Fr. Bill

**NEED A BLESSING?** A priest can be asked to bless a wide range of religious items, imbuing them with spiritual significance and asking God's favor. These include rosaries, medals, and crucifixes. But other items may be blessed including vehicles, tractors, homes and farms. I'd be very happy to perform a blessing for you if you wish. Just contact me and we can arrange it. While these brief rituals tend to be straightforward and simple, they are tangible expression of the Lord's love and makes us more aware of God's providential care in our every day lives.

-Fr. Bill

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish. Collection for the week of April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> was \$2450 for the Capital Campaign, \$100 for the Food Pantry, and \$3262.87 for the collection. The collection for last week was \$2769, which included \$425 for Parish Capital Fund drive, \$200 for rents, \$2124 for collections and \$20 for SJV Cemetery. Online donations were unavailable. Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND COLLECTION** will be held this weekend of **April 21** for the Priesthood: Past, Present & Future (Good Shepherd Sunday). Please help support our priests and seminarians! In thanksgiving for our current and future "Good Shepherds," please be generous in your support. Thank you!

**SECOND COLLECTION** will be held the weekend of **April 28<sup>th</sup>** for Catholic

### MASSSES THIS WEEK:

**Sat, April 20, 5:00 pm, SJV**

Mary Alyce Lednický †

Bill & Harriett Bixenman †

**Sun, April 21, 9:00 am, STL**

For the People of the Parish

**Tues, April 23, 6:00 pm, STL**

Eugene & Eleanor Wagner †

**Thurs, April 25, 6:00 pm, SJV**

John & Norma Bromell †

**Sat, April 27, 5:00 pm, SJV**

For the People of the Parish

**Sun, April 28, 9:00 am, STL**

Lenny Oatney †

Home Missions Appeal (CHMA). This appeal assists our brothers and sisters here in the United States who do not have access to basic pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, and religious education. Through your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps these mission dioceses form vibrant Catholic communities and strengthens the Church at home. Please be generous.

### WELCOME TO Hunter & Lauren

**Adams**, the newest members of our parish. We're glad you are part of the St. Joseph-St. Lawrence family.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

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

**XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Xavier Catholic Preschool is now enrolling for the 2024-25 school year. We offer part-time and full-time preschool options, as well as extended care. Scan the QR code to learn more or call 913-682-1943 to schedule a tour.



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 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.

### LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE-for May

2<sup>nd</sup>: Chairman Virginia Mowery, Cassie

LITURGICAL ROLES:	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
4/20/24	Julia Cummings	Tracy Heim
4/21/24	John Johnston	Sharon Wagner
4/27/24	Aaron Welch	Aaron Welch
4/28/24	Ted Staver	Sharon Wagner

Miller, Jennifer Roggenkamp and Paulette Leach. Please prepare for 15 people and serving starts at 7 P.M.

### 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>

### YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

**BEHOLD KC!** for a Eucharistic Celebration! We are looking forward to gathering as one holy Catholic and apostolic Church on Saturday, **May 4** for the BEHOLD KC Eucharistic Celebration. The event will be from 4 PM to 9:30 PM at the National World War I Museum and Memorial. Registration is open! Complete event details and registration are available at [beholdkc.org](http://beholdkc.org). The event details on the website include the full event agenda, parking information and map, FAQ, and more. For more information, email [beholdkc@gmail.com](mailto:beholdkc@gmail.com).

### 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.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE**

**ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE** gives you the tools and time to reconnect with the hopes for your future and the love you have for each other. It is a gift that will last all the days of your lives. For information, visit [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org). The next dates for KC will be **June 14-16<sup>th</sup>**, and **Nov. 15-17<sup>th</sup>**.

**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.

**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 take time to pray every day for people's prayer requests. If you are in need of prayer, please go to [SJSJLparish.org](http://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.

**YOUTH PRO-LIFE LEADERSHIP**

**CAMP:** The Pro-Life Office is hosting its first "Defenders of Life" Youth Leadership camp **June 24-26** at the Church of the Nativity's Youth Room from 10a.m.-5pm. This formational experience will be packed with fun, food and friendship and will consist of interactive presentations, service and prayer. Defenders will leave with tools and confidence to help build a culture of life in their schools, youth groups and communities. Open to incoming high school freshmen- seniors. Register at [www.archkck.org/defenders-of-life-youth-leaders](http://www.archkck.org/defenders-of-life-youth-leaders).

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**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, 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

**St. Joseph – St. Lawrence Parish**

**St. Joseph of the Valley Church**  
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Fr. Wm. McEvoy, Pastor. [Fr.Wm.McEvoy@gmail.com](mailto:Fr.Wm.McEvoy@gmail.com)  
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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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