

**HOT BREAKFAST
AFTER THE 9am MASS
TODAY, DECEMBER 1st.
PLEASE JOIN US!**
Served by the Pastoral Council.

**Feast of the
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION***
Monday, December 9th

— MASS —
**6:45 am at
St. Lawrence**
**6:30 pm at
St. Joseph of the Valley**
*** A Holy Day of Obligation**

HOLY HOUR after the 6pm Mass Tuesday until 7:30pm in St. Lawrence Church. Sign up in the vestibule. Whether you sign up or not, everyone is welcome to come spend time with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.



**FIRST
TUESDAY**
6:00 pm Mass
**6:30-7:30 pm
Holy Hour**
St. Lawrence Church

THE WORD ADVENT MEANS COMING This joy-filled season is our annual preparation to celebrate the Lord's coming. Our waiting and preparation for Christmas Day symbolizes our waiting and preparing for the Jesus' coming at the end of time, which is the theme of today's Gospel. Jesus warns us to be always prepared because He is coming back at an hour we least expect. "Be watchful! Be alert!" the Lord tells us.

It is important that we prepare for Christmas, of course. But it is even more important we prepare to meet the Lord when He comes again. Spiritually, that means we need to clean house (go to confession), put out the welcome mat (being extra hospitable toward others), and wait in joyful hope for the Savior's coming.

MASSSES THIS WEEK:
*Sat, Nov. 30, 5:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish*
*Sun, Dec. 1, 9:00 am, STL
Mary and Donald Gwartney ☩*
*Tues, Dec. 3, 6:00 pm, STL
For the Intention of the Celebrant*
*Thurs, Dec. 5, 9:00 am, SJV
Bill & Harriett Bixenman ☩*
*Sat, Dec. 7, 5:00 pm, SJV
Janet Lee ☩*
*Sun, Dec. 8, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish*
*Mon, Dec. 9, 6:45 am, STL
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For the People of the Parish*

May we ready ourselves, so that when Christ comes, He will find a welcome place in our hearts. Let every heart prepare him room!

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER: An ancient custom used to mark these weeks before Christmas is the Advent Wreath. We have one in church, and everyone is encouraged to have one at home.

The Advent Wreath itself is very symbolic: the circle of evergreen represents God's everlasting love, which has no beginning or end. Green is the traditional color for hope — the hope that comes into the world with the Savior's birth. The candles are symbols of Jesus, the Light of the world.

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

Almighty God, as we enter into this Advent season, we ask You to continue the work of our salvation begun in Your Son, Jesus. Let Your blessing come upon us as we light the candle on this wreath. Turn our hearts toward You. Prepare us to welcome Your Son, Jesus, Who is our Savior and Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

—Father Bill

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE: We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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

LITURGICAL ROLES:	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
11/30/24	Jason Adelaine	Aaron Welch
12/1/24	Tim Herken	Sharon Wagner
12/7/24	Julia Cummings	Aaron Welch
12/8/24	Confirmation Class	Sue Griffiee
12/9/24	Ted Staver	Ted Staver
12/9/24	Rita Herken	Sharon Wagner

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. Last week's collection was \$2173. This included \$275 Capital Fund Drive, \$200 Rent, \$45 Utilities. Online donations were \$1546.66. Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION will be held the weekend of **Dec. 8th** for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Thank you for your generous donation!

THANK YOU to all who did so much to make the Fall Fest a success. Many cooked, baked, chopped, set up tables, cleaned up and ran the kitchen area and managed the bingo games too. It takes many to make a fundraiser a success. Thanks to all who sold so many raffle tickets too.

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle prizes:

- 1/2 beef- Dennis Sullivan
- 1/4 beef-Mary Wagner
- 1/4 beef- Jerry Cross
- Quilt- Katie Steger
- \$100.00 Cash-Christ's Peace House

REMINDER Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm Wednesday (Dec 4th) in Bertels Hall. Any man in the parish aged 18 or older who is interested in joining the Knights is encouraged to contact Aaron Welch at (785) 370-9737 or via email at realcav17@gmail.com.

FUNERAL MASS for Agnes Kays will be Tuesday, **December 10th**, 10am at St. Lawrence Church.

XAVIER TRIVIA NIGHT: Join us Friday **December 6th** 6-8pm in the Xavier Gym. Benefiting Ignite Auction + Dinner. All are welcome-come as part of a team or come as an individual! Bring snacks and drinks themed around your favorite Christmas Movie to share with your table. Tickets and Info: <https://bit.ly/XavierTrivia>

BAKE SALE & BREAKFAST: The Immaculate Conception Altar Society cordially invite you to their annual Christmas Bake Sale to be held on Sunday, **December 8th** starting at 9:00

a.m. to noon at Immaculate Conception Church Miede Hall. Homemade baked goods; holiday cookies; candies; breads and more. The Knights of Columbus Immaculata Council #900 will be serving a "free will" breakfast during the bake sale. They will be serving homemade pancakes; eggs and sausage; orange juice and coffee. Look forward to seeing you!

ADVENT SILENT RETREAT

OPPORTUNITY: Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Rd., Easton, **Friday, December 6th at 5:30pm – Sunday, December 8th at 4:30pm.** We will explore the essence and promise of the Advent Season and gain a new understanding of the coming of Christ. To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

COMING SOON TO THE MARILLAC RETREAT CENTER:

Dec 3 / 10 / 17: Advent Linger over Coffee: 9:00-11am - Reflections spent with Contemporary Saints.

Dec 4, 11, 18: Advent Evening Prayer: 4:15pm - Ross Chapel.

Dec 6: Advent Vin Family Reflection Day: 9:30am-2pm - Helps us to be aware of and deepen in the Advent Graces.

ENCOUNTER REGIONAL

CONFERENCE will be held **January 16-18** in Kansas City. Register today at [EncounterMinistries.us/KC/!](http://EncounterMinistries.us/KC/)

ENCOUNTER CITY-WIDE HEALING

SERVICES: There will be three upcoming healing services with

worship, gospel presentation, corporate prayer, and individual prayer for healing. This is an open event - no cost or registration.

December 15, 3 pm - Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish in Overland Park.

March 30, 2 pm - St. Pius X Catholic Church in Mission, KS

June 8, 6 pm - St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kansas City, KS

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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, Gretchen Brewster, Steve Bromell, Joe Brose, Judy Brose, Dave Brown, Delcie & Charles Brunk, Jennifer Brushwood, Carl Davidson, Courtney Davis, George Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Gail DeMaranville-Zule, Vince Eimer, Cameron Erzen, Tina Farr, Tom Flack, Anna Foster, Helen Frazier, Glen Goodland, Karen Gray, Alan Halstead, Henry Hancock, Patti Harris, Robert Hecke, Marly Heim, Jim Heintzelman, Melanie Herken, Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, Elaine Hund, Mark Hund, Alison Ito, Michael Jones, Tyonna Jones, Phillip Leon, Kelly Long, Joyce Lowe, Shauna Marshall, Juanita McDermont, Mary Meinert, Jeni Mettelstedt, Karl Morrison, Charles Mullins, Don Navinsky, Leslie Navinsky, Lonnie Dean Phillips Jr., Mary Piche, Betty Pierron, Danny Roemer, Mary M. Ruhlman, Kim Sachse, Jesse Salinas, Mary Beth Schrader, Charlie Schletzbaum, Mary Shelley, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Julie Simonis, Chrissy Stewart, Matt Stewart, David Uhrlich, Rebecca VanVerth, Vickie Welch, and Pat Wilson.

PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SOLDIERS: **ARMY:** PFC Tristen Baker, CPT Daniel Broaddus, Pvt. David Crook, PVT Braeton Davidson, 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, **YNCS (SS)** Kevin Lansing. **MARINE CORPS:** Drake Budasz

Our Sunday Funny:



"Oh, no—the other team is praying, too."



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SATURDAY MASS 5:00pm St. Joseph of the Valley Church

SUNDAY MASS 9:00am St. Lawrence Church

Confessions are heard 30 minutes

before the weekend Masses or by appointment

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday evening 6:00pm at St. Lawrence Church

Thursday evening 6:00pm at St. Joseph of the Valley Church

