



**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*

JOHN IS TALKING TO YOU: We hear John the Baptist's call: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths" (Luke 3:4). Through confession, our hearts are cleared of the sins that are obstacles to Christ's coming, freeing us from wrong choices and filling us with grace. Don't wait—embrace His mercy and renewal. This Advent, prepare your soul to fully welcome the joy and peace of Jesus at Christmas.

-Fr. Bill

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER:

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

Father of us all, we look forward to Christmas and to the coming of the Your Son again in glory. Help us listen carefully to John the Baptist and make straight the

MASSES THIS WEEK:

*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
For the People of the Parish*

*Mon, Dec. 9, 6:30 pm, STL
For the People of the Parish*

*Tues, Dec. 10, 6:00 pm, STL
For the Intention of the Celebrant*

*Thurs, Dec. 12, 9:00 am, SJV
Helen Karczewski ☩*

*Sat, Dec. 14, 5:00 pm, SJV
Stephen Payeur ☩*

*Sun, Dec. 15, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish*

way for Christ, clearing from our lives everything that gets in the way of His coming to us. May all that we do: decorating the tree, putting up lights, wrapping gifts or writing Christmas cards — all help us keep our focus on Christ. May Jesus find us watching and waiting in joy when He comes. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

-Father Bill

**ARCHBISHOP NAUMANN'S
DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS:**

Please join Archbishop Naumann in prayer for these three special intentions: • We continue to marvel and give thanks to God for His amazing love for humanity revealed by the birth of Jesus. • For generous support this Christmas of Catholic Charities' beautiful ministries to bring the love of Jesus to the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the refugee and mothers experiencing a difficult pregnancy. • For those who have recently lost a loved one, that the Risen Jesus and His Church bring consolation and hope.

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

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. Last week's collection was \$3,480. This included \$2,765 general collection, \$300 for Capital Campaign, \$200 in rents, \$45 for utilities, \$10 for Masses, \$20 for CCD, \$100 Fall Fest and \$40 for SJV Cemetery. Online donations were not available. Thank you for your generosity!

LITURGICAL ROLES:	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
12/7/24	Julia Cummings	Aaron Welch
12/8/24	Confirmation Class	Sue Griffie
12/9/24	Ted Staver	Ted Staver
12/9/24	Rita Herken	Sharon Wagner
12/14/24	Aaron Welch	Aaron Welch
12/15/24	Rita Oatney	Sharon Wagner

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

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

CCD NEWS: The CCD Nativity Play will be Saturday, **December 14th** after the 5pm mass at St. Joseph of the Valley. Please join us! And remember to come early, as the church will fill up quickly. We're excited to see you there!

CHRISTMAS ADOPTION: We have adopted 4 local families this year to provide assistance for Christmas. The kid's wish lists are listed on the sign-up genius' linked below. Please review the available slots and click on the button to sign up. Please wrap the gift and label it with the family number, child gender and age. (Ex. Family #9, girl age 10). If you do not have a computer, groceries, gas cards or gift cards are very welcome too! All gifts should be turned in to either church by Dec. 15. Thank you for your generosity!

Family #2:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945A8AD29A1FE3-53526126-sjsl>

Family #4:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945A8AD29A1FE3-53526849-sjsl>

Family #9:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945A8AD29A1FE3-53527329-sjsl>

Family #12:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945A8AD29A1FE3-53527793-sjsl>

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 Miega 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!

Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Year of Hope to inspire spiritual renewal and to emphasize hope's role in the Christian life. The Jubilee Year theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*, reflects the Church's call to journey together in faith, trust in God's promises, and face challenges with courage. Hope is central to the Gospel, pointing to God's love, mercy, and the promise of eternal life. It also encourages Catholics to foster unity, peace, and compassion in the world.



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 takes time to pray every day for people's prayer requests. If you are in

need of prayer, please go to SJSLparish.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.

ANONYMOUS GROUP. If you have a willingness to stop drinking and/or using drugs, you have help and support. 12-Step Anonymous meetings have begun at Easton's United Methodist Church 7pm on Wednesday evenings. Contact 913-683-2271 for more information.

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: The next healing services with worship, gospel presentation, corporate prayer, and individual prayer for healing will be held **December 15, 3 pm** - Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish in Overland Park. This is an open event - no cost or registration.

LAST CALL: VIRTUAL DEACON INFORMATION SESSION!! The Deacon Office will be hosting a virtual information session for men interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate on Saturday, **December 14th** from 9:30-11:30am. An RSVP is required in order to receive a link to the virtual session. In addition, all inquirers should complete an online inquiry form in advance at <https://archkck.org/diaconate/discernment/inquire-about-the-diaconate-program/> To RSVP, and for any specific questions, inquirers may contact Deacon Curtis Keddy, Director of Formation, at ckeddy@archkck.org or 913-647-0326.

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, **YNSC (SS) Kevin Lansing. MARINE CORPS:** Drake Budasz



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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

Our Sunday Funny:



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