



**CHRISTMAS
MASSES**

CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 pm
St. Lawrence Church

7:00 pm
St. Joseph of the Valley Church

CHRISTMAS MORNING
9:00 am
St. Lawrence Church

NEW YEARS MASSES

New Years Eve
5:00 pm St. Joseph of the Valley

New Years Day
9:00 am St. Lawrence Church

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER:

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

God of Heaven and Earth, the four candles now burn brightly. We await the best Christmas gift of all: Jesus, who comes to us through Your servant, Mary. You gave her a special role — to be the mother of Your Son. Help us to always say “yes” to Your plan, and like Mary, open our hearts to the Holy Spirit. May we live as You taught and may Your light always shines through our words and deeds. Thank You, dear Father, for sending us Your Son, Jesus, our Emmanuel, Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

—Father Bill

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Sat, Dec. 21, 5:00 pm, SJV
Don & Sam Ernzen ☩

Sun, Dec. 22, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish

Tues, Dec. 24, 5:00 pm, STL
For the People of the Parish

Tues, Dec. 24, 7:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish

Wed Dec. 25, 7:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish

Thurs, Dec. 26, 6:00 pm, SJV
Helen Karczewski ☩

Sat, Dec. 28, 5:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish

Sun, Dec. 29, 9:00 am, STL
Lenny Oatney ☩

SPECIAL THANKS to Jessica and Jason Adelaine, along with their incredible team: Amy Martin, Becky O’Bea, Lauren Herndon, Linda Heim, Cassie Miller, Sharon Wagner, Debbie Ernzen, Samantha Hendrix, and Danielle Snowberg. Their dedication and hard work brought our annual CCD Christmas Play to life this past Saturday evening. The performance was outstanding, with our CCD students shining as they beautifully retold the inspiring story of the Lord’s Nativity. Thank you for making this cherished and memorable event possible!

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE at the RECTORY: Bentley and I would like to invite anyone who’d like to come to the Rectory for a nice visit with tasty treats and drinks to celebrate the season. Our Open House is Monday, December 30th, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. We’d enjoy having you over to relax a bit and enjoy the holidays together. No RSVP. Come as you are.

—Father Bill

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. Last week’s collection was \$2975. This included \$1875 regular collections and \$1100 Capital Campaign. Online donations

LITURGICAL ROLES:	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
12/21/24	Jason Adelaine	Diane Pohl
12/22/24	John Donovan	Sue Griffiee
12/24/24	John Johnston	Sharon Wagner
12/24/24	Vince Eimer	Vince Eimer
12/25/24	Tim Herken	
12/28/24	Julia Cummings	Tracy Heim
12/29/24	Ted Staver	Ted Staver

were \$1451.32. Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION will be held for Catholic Charities after the Christmas Masses on **December 24th/25th**. Thank you for your generosity!

NO YOUTH GROUP this Sunday. Next meeting 6pm on Sunday, **December 29th** at St. Lawrence Parish Hall.

THANK YOU! The Leavenworth Catholic Charities has sent a Thank You to our Parishioners for helping to make several turkey dinners a huge success at Thanksgiving. With the addition of our parishioner’s donations of 192 lbs. of food, 348 families received a complete family dinner. Our donations also helped to serve 1518 individuals in November. Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.

PLEASE JOIN US! The Fidelium Chorus Catholicus (Latin for “Catholic Choir of the Faithful”) is proud to present its Christmas carol sing-along and concert *This Have I Done for My True Love* on Saturday, **December 28** at 6:30 PM at St. James Catholic Church (309 S Stewart Rd, Liberty, MO 64068). *This Have I Done for My True Love* (a free-will offering event) is most certainly a festive way for the whole family to celebrate Christ’s first coming into the world. More information at www.fideliumkc.org.

NEW YEAR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION AND PLANNING

RETREAT: Christ’s Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Rd., Easton Friday, **January 10th** at 5:30pm – Sunday, **January 12th** at 4:30pm – 2025 Join us for our Annual New Year Spiritual Reflection and Planning Retreat. Set aside time to reflect on what matters most in life, prioritize the most important things first and map out pathways for the new year. The structure of the retreat will allow ample time for you to work on your plan; we will provide resources and ideas to incorporate in your plan. There are

conferences, spiritual direction, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Please bring your own personal items that will aid in the process such as: bible, notebook, agenda, journal, catechism, laptop (if this helps you plan better), etc. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$180 Single/\$270 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$110 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

IGNITE for LIFE will be held **January 29th, 2025** in Topeka! IGNITE for LIFE is an inspirational, pro-love rally for the protection of preborn children and women facing challenging pregnancies. The morning consists of live music, motivational speakers including Keynote Leah Darrow, and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass with the Bishops of Kansas. Following IGNITE, all are invited to join in the Kansas March for Life to the capitol for the Kansans for Life rally. IGNITE for Life is sponsored by the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. To register for this FREE event, visit www.archkck.org/IGNITE.

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

LIFE GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE: It is a healing retreat for adult children (18+) of divorced, separated or never-married parents.

This peer-led weekend includes insightful talks, optional small group and one-on-one discussion, Eucharistic adoration, Mass and the opportunity for Reconciliation. Life Giving Wounds Retreat **January 17-19, 2025** Kansas City, KS at Savior Pastoral Center
 Schedule: January 17th: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 January 18th: 7:30 am - 8:30 pm
 January 19th: 8:00 am - 3:15 pm - \$225 (Retreat only - Commuting) - \$365 (Retreat with single room) - \$325 each (Retreat with double room. Must register with roommate as second attendee) Register today at <https://archkck.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2449819> Limited scholarships are available for residents of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas- email Brad DuPont at bdupont@archkck.org

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT: Is a past abortion weighing you down? Are you struggling with shame and guilt? Are you having difficulty forgiving yourself? Project Rachel provides a safe, judgement-free, confidential space to begin your healing journey. Date: **February 8, 2025** Time: 8:30am - 4:00pm Location: Kansas City, KS (given after registration) Cost: Free of charge We provide a Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Materials. To Register, please contact: projectrachelkc@archkck.org or call/text 913-621-2199

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, Jesse Salinas, Mary Beth Schrader, Charlie Schletzbaum, Mary Shelley, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Julie Simonis, Chrissy Stewart, Matt Stewart, David Uhlich, 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

Our Sunday Funny:



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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

