

**NEW YEARS MASSES**

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

New Years Day  
9:00 am St. Lawrence Church

**First Sunday Free Breakfast  
SUNDAY, JAN 5th  
following the 9am Mass  
St. Lawrence Parish Hall  
The Kelli DeMaranville Family  
is hosting.**

**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

**HEARTFELT GRATITUDE**

*Christmas was a truly joyful and reverent celebration at our parish. I hope these holy days brought you moments of peace, love, and cherished togetherness with your family and friends.*

*I am deeply grateful to everyone who shared their time, talent, and energy to make our Masses so uplifting and our churches so beautifully decorated. Your efforts created a space filled with warmth and light, drawing us all to welcome the Christ Child.*

*And on a personal note: thank you also for your prayers, thoughtful cards, generous gifts, and the delicious treats! Your kindness reflects the love and unity that make our parish family so dear to me.*

*As we embark into a new year, I pray that 2025 will be a time overflowing with God's abundant blessings for you and your loved ones. Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Year of Hope, a virtue we all need. Hope sustains us*

**MASSES THIS WEEK:**

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

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

*Tues, Dec. 31, 5:00 pm, SJV  
For the People of the Parish*

*Wed Jan. 1, 9:00 am, STL  
For the People of the Parish*

*Thurs, Jan. 2, 6:00 pm, SJV  
Helen Karczewski ☩*

*Sat, Jan. 4, 5:00 pm, SJV  
For the People of the Parish*

*Sun, Jan. 5, 9:00 am, STL  
Mike & Roseanne Sachse ☩*

*through challenges, anchoring our trust firmly in God's promises, inspiring perseverance, and fostering joy amid uncertainty and trials. May your days be filled with peace, good health, and true happiness, and may we always remain united in the joy of our Holy Communion with Christ and with one another.*

*With heartfelt gratitude and blessings,*

Father Bill

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish. Last week's collection was \$4860. This included \$3290 regular collections and \$1450 Capital Campaign, \$20 Utilities, and \$100 Rent. Online donations were \$1671.66. Thank you for your generosity!

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

**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,

LITURGICAL ROLES:	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
12/28/24	Julia Cummings	Aaron Welch
12/29/24	Ted Staver	Ted Staver
12/31/24	Rita Herken	Sharon Wagner
1/1/25	Rita Oatney	Sue Griffiee
1/4/25	Aaron Welch	Aaron Welch
1/5/25	John Donovan	Sharon Welch

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 on **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](http://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/regist>

rations/events/2449819 Limited scholarships are available for residents of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas- email Brad DuPont at [bdupont@archkck.org](mailto:bdupont@archkck.org)

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA, LITTLE FLOWER CIRCLE:** The next meeting will be held on **January 26<sup>th</sup>** at 12:40 pm at Christ the King, Yadrich Hall, 5973 SW 25th 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 prayers, call Shirley Gustafson at 785-554-3028 or Chancellor Gen Orozco at 785-230-2473.

**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](mailto:projectrachelkc@archkck.org) or call/text 913-621-2199.

**GOOD GRIEF: A GATHERING OF TRUST:** Join us for a day of exploration, reflection, and healing as we come together to navigate the complexities of grief in a supportive, spiritual environment. This retreat is an opportunity to share, listen, and grow with others who are walking the path of grief.

Date: Saturday, **January 11, 2025**  
Time: 9:00-2:00 pm  
Location: Marillac Retreat & Spirituality Center 4200 S 4<sup>th</sup> St. Leavenworth, KS  
For more information or to register, please contact [retreats@scls.org](mailto:retreats@scls.org). There is no charge for the retreat, but donations are appreciated to support the work of the Retreat Center.

**FOOD COLLECTION:** Here in our parish, we are steadfast in our weekly collection of food items to be given to those in need at our local Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Leavenworth. With the rising price of food our help is urgently needed. Ongoing pantry needs are peanut butter and jelly, cans or plastic containers of fruit juice, canned fruits and vegetables, small bags of pinto beans, black beans, rice or barley, powdered milk, spaghetti sauce and tomato sauce. They also need oatmeal, cereals, breads, pastas, crackers and tortillas, canned meats and fish, soups and boxed dinners. If you donate pancake mix, please consider donating syrup as well. Also in need are personal hygiene items. You may continue to leave your non-perishable items in the bin in our church vestibules and they will be delivered to Catholic Charities.

**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, 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.

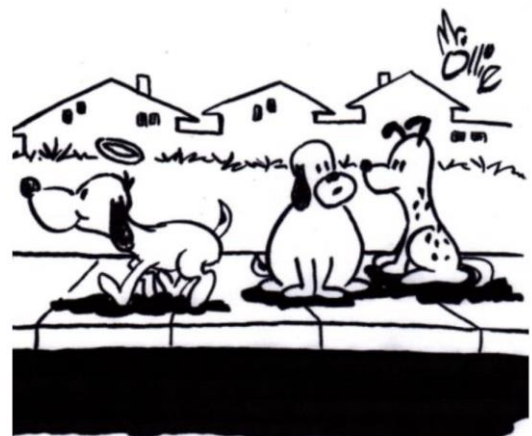
**PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SOLDIERS:** ARMY: PFC Tristen Baker, CPT Daniel Broaddus, Pvt. David Crook, PVT Braeton Davidson, SGT Colby Seifert, William Stradley. AIRFORCE: E-4 Robert W. Herken, TSGT AScott Loecher, E-3 Connor Schuler, A1C Noah Tattershall. NAVY: Dennis Budasz Jr., Sterling Curry, YNSC (SS) Kevin Lansing. MARINE CORPS: Drake Budasz



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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:



**"That's the pastor's dog."**

