



Parish Bulletin

September 20, 2026

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A GOSPEL THOUGHT: The landowner finds people standing around the marketplace and asks, "Why do you stand here idle all day?" Then he gives them something meaningful to do: "You too go into my vineyard."

God asks us the same question. There are times when we become spiritually idle. We keep *intending* to forgive someone or call a lonely relative. We hope to get around to praying. It's on our list to volunteer, mend fences, or help someone in need—but we keep putting it off.

The Gospel reminds us to get up and go do it.

Some workers entered the vineyard early; others arrived near the end of the day. What mattered was that when they were invited, they went.

I'm sure there is something good we have been postponing. Do not wait for the perfect moment. Go ahead and make the phone call. Say the prayer. Offer the apology. Go to the person. Offer help.

God is still calling us into His vineyard. So don't ask yourself, "Why didn't I start sooner?" Instead ask, "Lord, what can I do today?"

-Fr. Bill

BLESSING OF PETS: In a few weeks the Church will observe the annual Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. In honor of the patron saint of animals, Father Bill will lead a brief prayer to bless our pets. The blessing will take place on the grounds near St. Lawrence Parish Hall on Sunday, **Oct. 4th** at 12:30pm. All animals are welcome! Stuffed animals too — so come, sit, stay, and take a little paws for prayer!

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was a total of \$3081, which includes \$900 Capital Fund Drive and \$2181 Ordinary Collection. Online donations were unavailable. Thank you for your generous donations!

GENEROSITY MADE SIMPLE.

Giving to your parish online weekly or monthly is incredibly convenient. You can even set it up to be automatically, so you never have to worry about bringing cash or writing checks. Whether you're traveling, busy, or not at our Mass, your support continues without interruption. It saves time, reduces stress, and helps you stay consistent in your giving. It's a simple, reliable way to support St. Joseph-St. Lawrence with ease and peace of mind. Go to SJSLParish.org/online-giving/

CCD NEWS:

CCD NEEDS 1 MORE VOLUNTEER!

Our CCD K-5 program is looking for one more teacher to help out with classes on Wednesdays from 3:30-5pm. God has blessed us with a lot of amazing kids in our community looking to learn more about Him - and now we need you! Please contact Jess Adelaide if you can help. 910-982-9291 or jessadelaide@gmail.com

CCD IS STARTING SOON! K-5 will

start Wednesday, **Sept 30th** and Middle School will start

Sunday, **Sept 27th** after the 9am mass.

Registration is still available online:

<https://forms.gle/LaiTrAjGFQRsgMX36> or by scanning the QR code.



THANK YOU! Our Parish received a Thank You from the Leavenworth Catholic Charities for our support for their food pantry. Those needing help continue to grow each month, and our Parish's donation of 110 lbs. of food helped serve 1701 individuals. God bless you for your continued support, donations and kindness.

OKTOBERFEST!! - Oct 3rd after Saturday evening mass. Join the Knights of Columbus at Bertel's Hall for grilled brats & schnitzel, runzas, assorted sides and desserts, apfelschorle, and beer. This fundraiser helps KoC support our community and you make it all worthwhile. Come join us! \$15 per person, \$5 per child, or \$40 for a family. There will be bingo and beer. Officially starts at 6 pm. Put on your best lederhosen and let's eat!

BIRTHRIGHT of LEAVENWORTH is a pregnancy resource center supporting women/families who are pregnant or have a child and are in need of emotional support or material assistance. They are seeking donations – either volunteer, physical or monetary donations. Specifics will be provided in October.

25th ANNUAL GERMANFEST – St. Joseph Church, 305 N Broadway, will be held on **Sept. 26th**. Mass at 4 pm, Traditional German Meal served 5-7:30 pm. Adults \$15, children \$5. Please join us for music, games, food and lots of fun!

SACRED WHEELS CAR, TRUCK & BIKE SHOW will be held **Sunday, Sept. 27th** at St Joseph Church, 8th & Spring Garden, Atchison. Enjoy live music, door prizes, food/drinks. Registration begins at 10:30am. Lunch 11-1. For more info, contact 816-392-0382 or 913-426-1481 or visit stbenedictatchison.org.

FALL BAZAAR: will be held Sunday, **Oct. 4th**, at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 209 Third St, Perry KS. They will be serving Ham and Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, and Pie from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Adults \$15; Children \$5. Beer garden, bingo, silent auction, cake walk, activities for kids, raffle. Please join us!

STAND UP FOR LIFE will be held **Oct. 4th**, between 4th Street and Eisenhower Road, Leavenworth and Main Street and Eisenhower Road, Lansing, from 2:30-3:30 pm. **Life Chain** is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 60 minutes praying for our nation and an end to abortion.

FUNDRAISER: Sparrow Women's Clinic's annual fall fundraiser, will be held on Friday, **October 9th**, at the Heritage Center in Leavenworth. Registration is required by visiting sparrowwomensclinic.com.

ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH BAZAAR will be held **Oct. 11** from 11:30am-2:30pm. Join us for a delicious Ham and Turkey Dinner with homemade desserts. Country Store, Silent Auction, Raffle, Bingo, Cake Walk, and other games. If you prefer a smaller meal stop by for a Hot Dog at the Beer Garden or enjoy some G's Frozen Custard. There is something for everyone! St. Aloysius Church, 615 E. Wyandotte, Meriden, KS.

BELOVED DISCIPLESHIP: JOHAN-NINE GOSPEL RETREAT - **October 12**, 4:00 p.m. to **October 18**, 4:00 p.m. at the Ross Chapel, Marillac Center. To register for the events, please email: retreats@scls.org.

ENCOUNTER, the next marriage enrichment weekend, will be **Oct. 23-25** in KCK. To learn more, visit www.wvme.org or email us at greaterKC.wvme@gmail.com or call 816-286-4557.

PIONEERS FOR OUR TIMES: The Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single Catholic women ages 18-45 to a prayerful retreat from **Oct. 2, through Oct. 4**, at St. Catharine Mother House, St. Catharine, KY. Participants will have the opportunity to explore what it means to be called as a Dominican Sister of Peace. There is no cost to attend. **Registration ends 09/25/26.** For more information, visit: oppeace.org/becomeasister or contact Ana Gonzalez, OP, at Ana.gonzalez@oppeace.org, or call/text 475-224-0519

PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO: We have been invited to join Fr. Peter Jaramillo of St. Mary-St. Anthony to "Walk In the Footsteps of Mexican Martyrs: A Centennial of Blessings", **Nov. 12-22**. Price is \$3750 per pilgrim in double occupancy, an additional \$373 for single. For additional info, please contact Father Peter at (913) 371-1408.

CATHOLIC Q&A:

Q. Does God punish us?

The Bible shows that, over time, people grew in their understanding of God—especially in the Old Testament. Early on, many believed that tragedies

were God's punishment on everyone, even the innocent, because guilt or holiness was seen as shared by the whole tribe. The prophet Ezekiel taught us that God judges each person individually and that we are each responsible for our own choices.

At the same time, Scripture reveals the reality of social sin—when patterns of injustice, greed, or immorality become embedded in a culture and are perpetuated over time, often with tragic results. These do not come from God but from human choices. All sin brings suffering—not necessarily as direct punishment from God, but as a natural consequence of turning away from His will.

Yet through it all, God remains a loving Father, always calling us back to repentance and healing. We should endeavor to make ourselves — and our culture — more moral and righteous.

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:* Karen Andrus, Phil Bell, Vicki Bradford, Gretchen Brewster, Steve Bromell, Dave Brown, Delcie & Charles Brunk, Jennifer Brushwood, Carl Davidson, Courtney Davis, George Dean, Gail DeMaranville-Zule, , Dorian DeVlaminck, Vince Eimer, James Farr, Tom Flack, Helen Frazier, Les Gates, Steve Hall, Alan Halstead, Robert Heckle, Marly Heim, Melanie Herken, Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, Michael Jones, Tyonna Jones, Ed LaBruyere, Phillip Leon, Megan List, Kelly Long, Joyce Lowe, Kevin Lunsford, Dave Marsh, Shauna Marshall, Juanita McDermont, Jim Meinert, Mary Meinert, Jeni Mettelstedt, Mark Miller, Karl Morrison, Charles Mullins, Don Navinsky, Leslie Navinsky, Hung Nguyen, Lonnie Dean Phillips Jr., Lori Phillips, Mary Piche, Betty Pierron, Danny Roemer, Mary Beth Schrader, Mary Shelley, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Dawn Staver, Chrissy Stewart, Matt Stewart, Dennis Sullivan, Hugh Talley, Rick VanTuyl, Lori Wangerin, Vickie Welch, Pat Wilson, and David Zule.

PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SOLDIERS: ARMY: SPC Tristen Baker, MAJ Daniel Broadus,

Pvt. David Crook, SGT Colby Seifert, William Stradley. **AIR FORCE:** TSGT Jacob Fandrich, E-4 Robert W. Herken, TSGT A Scott Loecher, A1C Noah Tattershall. **NAVY:** Dennis Budasz Jr., Sterling Curry, YNSC (SS) Kevin Lansing. **MARINE CORPS:** Drake Budasz, Wyatt DeMaranville

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Sat, Sept. 19, 5:00 pm, SJV

Rita Heim ☩

Sun, Sept. 20, 9:00 am, STL

For the People of the Parish

Tues, Sept. 22, 6:00 pm, STL

For the Intention of the Celebrant

Thurs, Sept 24, 6:00 pm, SJV

For the Intention of the Celebrant

Sat, Sept. 26, 5:00 pm, SJV

Sharon Stein ☩

Sun, Sept. 27, 9:00 am, STL

For the People of the Parish

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
09/19/26	Vince Eimer	Vince Eimer
09/20/26	John Donovan	Sharon Wagner
09/26/26	George Steger	Tracy Heim
09/27/26	Tim Herken	Noelle Pohl

OUR SUNDAY FUNNY:



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SATURDAY MASS 5pm St. Joseph of the Valley Church • SUNDAY MASS 9am St. Lawrence Church

Confessions are heard 30 minutes before the weekend Masses or by appointment

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday 6pm St. Lawrence Church • Thursday 6pm St. Joseph of the Valley Church

