



February 15, 2026
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 18

**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

• Masses •

6:45am St. Lawrence

5:00pm St. Joseph
of the Valley

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Skip meat and limit yourself to one full meal plus a couple of smaller meals.

A GOSPEL REFLECTION: As we approach the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday this week, the words of Jesus resonate clearly. Today's Gospel, along with the ashes we will receive, symbolize penance and mortality and invites us to look at not only our deeds but our motives. Lent is the perfect season to heed Jesus' call: reconcile quickly, guard the eyes, speak truthfully. By embracing prayer, fasting, and works of mercy, we allow Christ to fulfill the Law in us. This is not mere rule-keeping; it is life in God's Kingdom, where love and holiness reigns within us from the inside out.

-Fr. Bill

FRIDAYS of LENT

6:45am MASS

St. Lawrence Church

**6:30pm STATIONS
OF THE CROSS**

St. Joseph of the Valley

Catholics 14 and over abstain from meat on Lenten Fridays as an act of penance, remembering Christ's Passion on Good Friday and uniting with His sacrifice for our salvation.

WAY OF THE CROSS: Join us each Friday of Lent for the Stations of the Cross. Walk with Jesus in His Passion, deepen your love for Him, and unite your heart to His sacrifice. Each **Friday of Lent, 6:30pm**, at St. Joseph of the Valley Church.

CALL TO SHARE UPDATE: We are inviting everyone to help raise \$14,000 to support the efforts of our Catholic Church across northeast Kansas. So far, 15 generous donors have committed \$6,000 (43% of our target), with \$2,675 collected, \$125 pledged, and \$3,200 expected in recurring gifts. Your gift, big or small, strengthens the mission of Christ and keeps His work thriving in the hearts of our communities. Thank you for your generosity!

—Fr. Bill

HANDS-FREE PEACE: It's cold-and-flu season, so some parishioners may skip handshakes during the Sign of Peace. Please don't take it personally! A smile, nod, or friendly glance can say "Peace be with you" just as well. What matters most is the spirit of peace we share as one Body in Christ as we prepare for Communion. Thanks for your understanding and kindness.

MISSING MASS: Sunday Mass is an obligation, but the Church knows recognizes that illness, severe weather, or caregiving can excuse you. But you can still pray, read Scripture, watch Mass on TV, or attend a weekday Mass. For ongoing situations such as a Sunday work obligation, your pastor can grant a dispensation and suggest ways to stay spiritually nourished.

-Fr. Bill

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was \$4309, which included \$1300 Capital Fund Drive, \$100 Rents,

\$2789 Regular Collection, \$20 Utilities, and \$100 Memorials. Online donations were \$934.74. Thank you for your generosity!

A SECOND COLLECTION will be held this weekend of **Feb. 18th** for Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe (CCEE). We appreciate your generous support.

A SECOND COLLECTION will be held the weekend of **Feb. 22nd** for Black & Indian Missions. Thank you for your generous support!

YOUR GIFT, JUST A CLICK: 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/

CONGRATULATIONS to **Grayson Samuel Jett**, son of **John and Rachel**, who was baptized on **February 8th**, at St. Lawrence Church. May Grayson always know Christ's love and feel at home in the family of God.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Caroline Doctor & Mason Cummings** who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on **February 7th** at **St. Lawrence Church**. May God bless their life together with love, joy, and God's blessings.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Please join our scripture study during the season of Lent to be transformed — transformed by repentance, by surrender and by love— and to turn back to God with our whole hearts. We will meet on Wednesday afternoons at 1pm (**Feb 25, Mar 4 and Mar 11**). Study guides are \$7. Please contact Jennifer Brewster (jenny.brewster1@gmail.com) for more information or to reserve a study guide.

ST. JOSEPH'S FISH & SHRIMP

DINNER: Come dine with us Fridays during Lent! **Feb. 20-March 27**, 5 to 7 pm. Meals include: Fried and baked fish, fried shrimp, vegetables and salads, choice of dessert and tea/coffee. Adults \$18; Ages 4-10 \$6, and ages 0-3 free. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph Catholic Church.

RENEW YOUR HEART. RENEW THE CHURCH. *Beatitudes from the Heartland* is a four-part Lenten series, **Renewal from the Heartland.** A small group will meet on **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. on March 4, 11, 18, and 25** at the **St. Lawrence Rectory in Easton, KS.** Together, we will explore how the Beatitudes shape the way we live our faith today—and how true renewal begins within our own hearts, united with the **Sacred Heart of Jesus.** If you are interested in joining this group but are unable to attend on Wednesdays, or if you would like to bring together or form another small group, please let us know by completing the **Google sign-up form** or by calling **913-773-8255.** To register or express interest, please scan the QR code, complete the Google form, or call the number provided.



LENTEN SILENT RETREAT: INTO THE DESERT. To be held Friday, **Feb. 20th at 5:30pm** – Sunday, **Feb. 22nd at 4:30pm** at Christ's Peace House of Prayer. To reserve your spot, please complete the **Individual Retreat Form** at <https://archkck.org/cpp/reservations/individual-retreat/> or call 913.773.8255.

UPCOMING MARILAC CENTER EVENTS:

-Treasuring the Gifts of the Desert, Feb. 20th, 9:00 to 2:30 p.m. in O'Shea Conference Room.

-Lenten Linger Over Coffee: Will be held every Tuesday, beginning **Feb. 24 through March 24th,** 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the Marillac Assembly.

To register for any of the above events, please email: retreats@scls.org.

CATHOLIC Q&A:

Q. Why does God allow suffering

A. God did not create suffering as part of His original plan. It entered the world through sin, which wounded creation and our relationships with God, one another, and ourselves. Yet our merciful God does not abandon us to suffering. Instead, He chooses to be present within it. In Jesus, God takes suffering upon Himself. On the

Cross, Christ shows us that God is not distant from our pain; He knows suffering from the inside.

Suffering is never "good" in itself, but God can bring good out of it. Connected with Christ, suffering can transform us with grace and compassion. It can soften hardened hearts, deepen faith, and awaken love us. Saint Paul reminds us that when we suffer with Christ, we also share in His glory.

Most importantly, Catholic faith holds on to hope. The Resurrection assures us that pain, injustice, and death will not last forever. God promises to redeem every tear, to heal what is broken, and to bring us into eternal life where there is no pain or suffering. Until that day, God walks with us, strengthens us through the sacraments, and invites us to help one another walk in love.

BULLETIN ITEMS: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email Sjlsparish@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 Hecke, Marly Heim, Melanie Herken, Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, Alison Ito, Michael Jones, Tyonna Jones, Ed LaBruyere, Phillip Leon, Megan List, Kelly Long, Joyce Lowe, Shauna Marshall, Juanita McDermont, Mary Meinert, Jeni Mettelstedt, Mark Miller, Karl Morrison, Charles Mullins, Don Navinsky, Leslie Navinsky, Hung Nguyen, Lonnie Dean Phillips Jr., Mary Piche, Betty Pierron, Danny Roemer, Mary Beth Schrader, Pat Schwinn, Mary Shelley, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Dawn Staver, Chrissy Stewart, Matt Stewart, Hugh Talley, Rick VanTuyl, Lori Wangerin, Vickie Welch, Pat Wilson, and David Zule.

PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SOLDIERS: ARMY: PFC Tristen Baker, CPT Daniel Broaddus, Pvt. David Crook, SGT Colby Seifert, William Stradley. **AIRFORCE:** 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, Feb. 14, 5:00 pm, SJV
Sacha Curry ☩

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

Tues, Feb. 17, 6:00 pm, STL
Judy Brose ☩

Wed, Feb. 18, 6:45 am, STL
For the People of the Parish

Wed, Feb. 18, 5:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish

Thurs, Feb. 19, 6:00 pm, SJV
For the Intention of the Celebrant

Fri, Feb. 20, 6:45 am, STL
For the Intention of the Celebrant

Sat, Feb. 21, 5:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish

Sun, Feb. 22, 9:00 am, STL
Joe Baranko ☩

| | Reader: | Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: |
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| 02/14/26 | <i>Rita Herken</i> | <i>Rita Herken</i> |
| 02/15/26 | <i>Confirmation Class</i> | <i>Sharon Wagner</i> |
| 02/18/26 | <i>Ted Staver</i> | <i>Ted Staver</i> |
| 02/18/26 | <i>Aaron Welch</i> | <i>Aaron Welch</i> |
| 02/21/26 | <i>Vince Eimer</i> | <i>Vince Eimer</i> |
| 02/22/26 | <i>John Johnston</i> | <i>Sue Griffie</i> |

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



