



## Parish Bulletin

April 26, 2026  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

### A GOSPEL THOUGHT:

*"I am the gate for the sheep,"* Jesus says today. The sheep come in through Him and then go out and find pasture. That simple coming in and going out is the rhythm of our Christian life.

Entering inside the gate is like coming to church. Here we are safe. Here we hear the Shepherd's voice in the Scriptures, the homily, and the Eucharist. Here our souls are refreshed and our faith is renewed. Then we go back out through the same gate into the wide pasture of daily life — working the land, caring for family, facing whatever the week brings.

Each day this week, live that rhythm with intention. Remember that you belong to the Good Shepherd. When others pull you in the wrong direction, in your heart come back to the gate you entered on the sabbath. Jesus opens the gate so we can be fed. Come in. Be nurtured and cared for. Then go out and live a full and blessed life in the world.

-Fr. Bill

**FIRST COMMUNION:** The following students will receive their First Communion on Sunday, **May 3rd:** **Wrenly Ernzen, Roselyn Flax, Beckham Flynn, Waylon Noll & Logan Pineau.**

**A HOT BREAKFAST** to honor the First Communion class after the 9 o'clock mass on Sunday, **May 3rd** will be hosted by the Heim family. Everyone is welcome! Please join us after Mass to honor these 5 wonderful children.

**PLAN AHEAD** – First Communion Sunday, **May 3rd** is a joyful and meaningful occasion for our young parishioners and their families, and we look forward to sharing in this special moment together. As this Mass typically draws a larger congregation, we encourage everyone to plan ahead—allowing a little extra time for arrival and parking, and considering attending our 5pm Mass. Thank you for helping us create a welcoming and prayerful atmosphere for all.

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was \$4475, which included General collection was \$2,105; Rents \$200; Capital Fund \$2,100; SJV Cemetery, \$20 and SL Cemetery \$50. Thank you for your donations! Online donations were \$682.56. Thank you for your generosity.

**TWO SECOND COLLECTIONS:** will be held this weekend of **April 26th**.

One is for the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA)**. Your donation will help your fellow Catholics in the practice of their faith. It's for dioceses and parishes in the United States and its territories which cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help.

The second is for the **Good Shepherd Collection**. Your gifts to this collection supports Seminarians, Deacons, Priests, both active and retired. As well as supporting the vocations office as they walk with young men discerning the priesthood. Thank you for your generous donations to these collections.

**LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE for May 7-** Chairman: Lisa Schmidt, Amy Potter, Jennifer Heim, and Julie Eastburn. Serving will start at 7 P. M. Please prepare for 17 people.

**THE ENDERLE-BOGENRIFE SCHOLARSHIP:** The Enderle-Bogenrife Scholarship provides financial assistance to a high school senior attending a high school in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas area who plans to attend a trade school or technical school. The scholarship will be applied toward the student's school tuition. The scholarship award is for tuition up to \$5,000.00. To apply, visit

[cfnek.org/new-scholarships](http://cfnek.org/new-scholarships), scroll to "The Enderle-Bogenrife Scholarship" and click "Apply for this Scholarship" or contact Dave Hernandez at [landofoz1239@sunflower.com](mailto:landofoz1239@sunflower.com) or 913-221-3969. The scholarship application deadline is **May 1, 2026**.

**ST. ISIDORE FEAST DAY: MASS AND BLESSING OF SEEDS AND SOIL. Friday, May 15th at 10:00am**  
Join us as we honor St. Isidore the Farmer on his feast day. We will begin with Holy Mass, followed by a rosary procession to the St. Isidore Shrine, entrusting land, labor, and harvest to the Lord through the intercession of this humble saint. Participants are invited to bring seeds and soil in a small, decorated basket to place at the altar for a special blessing. The celebration will conclude with lunch and a time of fellowship. A free-will offering will be gratefully accepted to support the mission of the center. To attend, send an email to: [info@christspeace.com](mailto:info@christspeace.com) or call 913.773.8255 to let us know how many people will be attending.

### **DRAWN INTO THE MYSTERY: PRAYING WITH THE TRINITY SILENT RETREAT**

**Friday, May 29th at 5:30pm – Sunday, May 31st at 4:30pm**

Enter the solemnity of Holy Trinity Sunday by immersing yourself in the beauty and depth of the Church's central mystery: one God in three divine Persons. This retreat offers a sacred space to rest in the mystery, deepen your understanding of God's self-revelation, and allow the Triune love to renew your mind and heart. 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](http://ChristsPeace.com) or call 913.773.8255.

**THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA RETREAT,** will be held **May 26-31st**. Major themes include The Principal and Foundation, The Contemplation, Attaining the Love of God. To register for the above events, please email: [retreats@scls.org](mailto:retreats@scls.org).

**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. Here is a current list of items they could use more of: Pop Tarts, Granola Bars, Vienna Sausages, Tuna Pkts., Chef-Boy-R-Dee Pasta cans, Cereal, Cracker Snacks with PB and Cheese, Snacks -to-go tuna, Pasta

and Pasta Sauces, Ensure, Bottled Water, Diapers, Toilet Paper, also Hygiene products, Toothpaste and brushes, Shampoo and Shower soap. They are low on instant potatoes, scalloped potato boxes, canned and dry milk and hamburger helper. They would like cans with the "pull tabs". You may continue to leave your non-perishable items in the bin in our church vestibules and they will be delivered to Catholic Charities.

**KEEP THIS NUMBER:** Someone in your life might need this Lifeline. 988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. When people call, text, or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary.

**HEALING MARRIAGE WEEKEND: KANSAS CITY.** The next Retrouvaille weekend will be held **June 19-21** in Kansas City. For further information or to register- contact 800.470.2230 or [HelpOurMarriage.org](#)

**CATHOLIC Q&A:**

**Q. Can Catholics receive communion in other churches?**

A. While we deeply long for unity with all Christians, Catholics are asked not to receive communion in other Christian churches. This is because the Catholic Church believes that the Eucharist is fully present only through the ordained priest's special role in the Catholic Mass. This is an essential part of the Church's understanding of the Eucharist as the true Body and Blood of Christ. In other Christian traditions, communion is a representation or symbol of Christ's body and blood, and they are correct about that since they do not have the priesthood in apostolic succession. While we respect other traditions, the Catholic Church believes that the fullness of Christ's presence is

only realized in the Mass celebrated by a Catholic priest.

When a Catholic does not receive communion in another church it is not meant to be a rude rejection or a refusal of hospitality, but rather an acknowledgment that we are not yet in full communion together. We don't believe the same thing in regard to the Eucharist. While we eagerly hope for the day when all Christians can share in the Eucharist together, this practice helps us honor the sacredness of the Eucharist and preserve its profound meaning for Catholics.

We warmly invite others to explore the Catholic faith. If they come to share our faith in the Eucharist, we'd be overjoyed to welcome them to receive Communion in full unity!

**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:* 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, Jim Meinert, 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. 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, April 25, 5:00 pm, SJV**  
*For the People of the Parish*  
**Sun, April 26, 9:00 am, STL**  
*Eugene (Bud) & Eleanor Wagner ☩*  
**Tues, April 28, 6:00 pm, STL**  
*Carolyn DeMaranville ☩*  
**Thurs, April 30, 6:00 pm, SJV**  
*John and Norma Bromell ☩*  
**Sat, May 2, 5:00 pm, SJV**  
*For the People of the Parish*  
**Sun, May 3, 9:00 am, STL**  
*Travis Pierron ☩*

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
04/25/26	Jason Adelaine	Tracy Heim
04/26/26	Tim Herken	Sue Griffiee
05/02/26	Julia Cummings	Diane Pohl
05/03/26	Rita Oatney	Sharon Wagner

**OUR SUNDAY FUNNY:**



**"I was going to preach on self-confidence, but I've had second thoughts ..."**



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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**

**St. Lawrence Church**

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