ST. JOSEPH - ST. LAWRENCE
CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Bulletin

October 18, 2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A GOSPEL THOUGHT: They were looking for an argument. Some influencers and prominent leaders approached Jesus with a question about paying taxes. But they were not really looking for an answer; they wanted Jesus to argue with them. They hoped to trap Jesus into saying something that would get Him into hot water.

But notice how calmly Jesus handled this. He didn't get pulled into their antagonism. He didn't respond with anger, but instead gave a thoughtful answer that rose above the argument.

There's a valuable lesson here for everyday life. We all have situations where someone challenges us, criticizes us, or tries to drag us into a disagreement. Our first instinct so often is to defend ourselves or prove we're right. But Jesus showed us another way.

We can try to remain calm, choose our words carefully, and remember that not every disagreement needs to become a skirmish. And we don't have to let someone else's anger set the tone for our response. With God's help, we can lower our voice, slow down, and speak respectfully.

The next time someone pushes your buttons, remember how calmly Jesus responded. Ask Him for the grace to stay peaceful and speak with care. A calm response gives everyone a little more room to think.

-Fr. Bill

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was a total of $1628, which included Hall Rent $100, Ordinary Collections-$1508 and *Bill* SJV Cemetery $20. Online donations were $1134.77. Thank you for your generous donations!

SECOND COLLECTION will be held this weekend of **October 18th** for World Mission Sunday.

GIVE ONLINE. ANYTIME. ANYWHERE. 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/

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS will be reading & taking up the collection and offertory at mass on October 25th.

KNIGHTS NEWS:

Thank You! The Knights had a very successful Oktoberfest event and want to thank everyone who made the time to attend **and** especially those who donated side dishes and desserts! We feasted on the leftovers, as did the CCD students!

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 23rd - the Tootsie Roll Drive, at Seniors Night, the Pleasant Ridge/Maur Hill game.

Oct. 31st, Halloween, we'll be doing our last highway clean-up for the year. Drive by and honk! Or join us - 8AM Bertels Hall. If you need "community service credit" for school, we can sign those notes! I suggested we go in costume as a chain-gang, but the membership declined. Boo!

Nov. 4th will be our next meeting at Bertels Hall.

Any questions, contact John Donovan at redleg75@protonmail.com or any Knight you know!

HELP KEEP OUR NEIGHBORS WARM! As the weather cools down, please clear out your closets and donate extra or outgrown coats, jackets, hoodies, sweatshirts, gloves, and brand-new socks to support those in need through Leavenworth Catholic Charities. Please drop your donations into the labeled totes in our church vestibules. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

FALL FEST - November 21st:

Raffle tickets are available at the back of each church, tickets are $1.00. We are asking all families to sell at least 30 tickets. Thanks to all who donated items for the raffle. 1st Prize - $1000, 2nd Prize - $750, 3rd Prize - $500, 4th Prize - $250, 5th Prize - $50 Hilltop Gift Certificate, $50 Easton Café Gift Certificate.

There will be a ***small ticket raffle*** on the night of the event. We will need donated theme baskets or other items. Tickets will be $1.00 each and those tickets will be deposited in boxes in front of the item. Winners will be selected from each box for each item.

In addition, we will need those ***wonderful desserts*** to be served with the soup/chili dinner.

Also, if anyone has ***extra hamburger*** they'd like to donate for the Fall Fest, we need around 30 lbs. Please call Virginia Mowery at 913-773-8303.

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 –boys clothing (12mo-24 mo), diapers (#4, #5, #6), baby soap, lotion and diaper rash cream, as well as monetary donations. Every donation makes a difference! If you need further info, please visit *www.birthrightleavenworth.org*. or call 913-682-2700. Thank you for your support!

EASTON LIONS CLUB ANNUAL MOUNTAIN OYSTER FRY Will be held **Nov. 7th** at 5pm at the St. Lawrence Hall. Adults $12, Children (12-5) $5, under 4-free. Raffle-prizes are 12G Benelli Nova Shotgun, ½ Hog with processing, $150 or $100. $1 per chance/$5 for 6 tickets. Contact an Easton Lions Club member to get yours now!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MARILLAC CENTER:

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS: November 3, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Marillac Assembly.

NURSING THE NURSE: SPIRITUALITY OVER THE LIFE SPAN: November 14, 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Marillac Assembly. This is designed to assist nurses to find personal meaning in work; to cultivate self-compassion; to sustain emotional resilience; and to adopt reflective practices such as meditation, prayer, and journaling.

To register for the events, please email: *retreats@scls.org.*

UPCOMING EVENTS AT Christ's Peace House of Prayer, 22131 Meagher Road, Easton:

BEYOND THE VEIL: RISING FROM GRIEF TO HOPE Nov. 6th at 5:30pm –**Nov. 8th** at 4:30pm. Enter a sacred space of healing and hope as you reflect on life, death, and eternal life.

A PRELUDE TO ADVENT – A SILENT PREACHED RETREAT Nov. 13th at 5:30 pm –**Nov. 15th** at 2:00 pm. To help prepare for the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas.

ADVENT SILENT RETREAT: GOD SENT HIS SON, Dec. 4th at 5:30pm**–Dec. 6th** at 4:30pm. this Advent retreat invites participants to contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation as a living and personal encounter with Christ.

To attend any of these retreats, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at *ChristsPeace.com* or call 913.773.8255

LOVE'S REPLY DISCERNMENT RETREAT: Nov, 14 (at 10 am) to **Nov, 15** (at 5 pm), 2026 at Prairie Star Ranch in Williamsburg, Kansas. A weekend retreat designed to help young ladies learn more about all things associated with a vocation to the consecrated religious life. For further info, contact the Vocation Office at 913-647-0303 or *vocation@archkck.org*

CATHOLIC Q&A:

Q. What if I can never make Mass on the weekend?

A. If you *genuinely* can't make it to Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday because of some *truly* unavoidable issue—like work, illness, or no way to get there—the Church won't slap a "sinner" label on you. Remember: the obligation to attend Mass is serious; Catholics are obliged at attend Mass *every* Sunday (or Saturday evening). But God understands when life gets in the way. This isn't about flimsy excuses or just not feeling like getting out of bed—those don't cut it. If you're truly stuck, make Sunday holy in other ways: carve out time to pray a bit, read Scripture, or catch a livestreamed Mass. Make a sincere spiritual communion with Christ in your heart. If missing Mass is an ongoing issue—say, a job that consistently schedules you during Mass times, a chronic health condition that keeps you homebound, please speak with your pastor, who can offer guidance or dispense the obligation formally. Your honest effort to honor God matters, even without Mass. Just do your best to keep Sunday focused on Him, and trust His mercy's got your back.

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, Linda (Wagner) Biever, Vicki Bradford, Gretchen Brewster, Steve Bromell, Dave Brown, Delcie & Charles Brunk, Jennifer Brushwood, Maisyn Corpstein, 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, 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, Teresa Turner, Rick VanTuyl, Lori Wangerin, Vickie Welch, Pat Wilson, and David Zule.

PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SOLDIERS: ARMY*:* SPC Tristen Baker, MAJ 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, Oct. 17, *5:00 pm, SJV*
For the People of the Parish

Sun, Oct. 18, *9:00 am, STL*
Robert Noll ✞

Tues, Oct. 20, *6:00 pm, STL*
Carolyn DeMaranville ✞

Thurs, Oct. 22, *6:00 pm, SJV*
For the Intention of the Celebrant

Sat, Oct. 24, *5:00 pm, SJV*
For the People of the Parish

Sun, Oct. 25, *9:00 am, STL*
David Gates ✞

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
10/17/26	*Rita Herken*	*Rita Herken*
10/18/26	*Tim Witt*	*Jenny Brewster*
10/24/26	*Aaron Welch*	*Aaron Welch*
10/25/26	*Confirmation Class*	*Sharon Wagner*

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

