



Parish Bulletin

September 27, 2026

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PLEASE JOIN US!

First Sunday Free Breakfast
SUNDAY, OCT 4th
following the 9am Mass
St. Lawrence Parish Hall
Bell 4H is hosting.

A GOSPEL THOUGHT: I'm sure the Lord's words shocked the religious people: "*Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.*" Jesus points to people whom society looked down upon—not because He approved of their sinful lives, but because they believed God's message, turned away from their sins, and changed the way they lived. Their past did not shut the door. Their humble response to God's mercy opened the way to a better life.

Jesus' words offer an invitation to each of us. Christ sees more in a person than their failures, reputation, or past choices. Whenever someone turns toward God, a new path can begin. That same hope is what we should extend to others. We may not see the ways God is working in someone's life, or know the whole story that has brought them to where they are. But let us listen with care, hold our assumptions lightly, and make room for people to feel respected and welcome. As we reflect on where we can grow, we can remember that everyone

needs grace. God's Kingdom is open to all who trust in Him and seek to follow the way of Jesus.

-Fr. Bill

BLESSING OF PETS: Shortly 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! God's blessings are for everyone!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR and join us for a historic celebration at St. Lawrence! On Saturday, **December 19**, at the 5:00 pm. Mass. Archbishop Shawn McKnight will preside at the consecration of our new altar. All parishioners, families, and friends are warmly invited to share in this sacred moment in the life of our parish. Please note: there will be no Mass at St. Joseph of the Valley that weekend. We hope you will join us!

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was a total of \$2726, which includes \$350 Capital Fund Drive and \$50 Utilities, \$2026 Ordinary Collection, \$300 Memorials. Online donations were \$803.06. Thank you for your generous donations!

CCD NEWS:

CCD starts this week! Middle School will start Sunday, **Sept 27th** after the 9am mass, and **K-5** will start Wednesday, **Sept 30th**. Registration is still available online:
<https://forms.gle/LaiTrAjGFQRsgMX36>
or by scanning the QR code.



CHOIR PRACTICE will be held on the last Tuesday of each month (**Sept. 29th, 2026**) at 6:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence Church. All musicians, soloist and cantors are welcome. Please join us!

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: If there are any families that would like to sponsor a monthly hot breakfast, please contact Sharon Wagner (w5cattle@aol.com) or call (913-683-4495).

THE COFFEE CLUB will meet on Thursday, **Oct. 1st**, at the Easton Cafe

from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. Please join us!

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are meeting on Wednesday, **Oct. 7th**, at 7:00 pm, at Bertels Hall. For information about joining the Knights, contact John Donovan at Redleg75@protonmail.com.

THANK YOU! Our Parish received a Thank You from the Leavenworth Catholic Charities for our support for their food pantry. Thank you for the 119 lbs of food donated in August that helped us serve 1843 individuals. God bless you for your continued donations and generosity.

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!

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, a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals, praying for our nation and an end to abortion. 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.

CHURCH BAZAAR will be held **Oct. 11** from 11:30am-2:30pm. Join us for a delicious Ham and Turkey Dinner.

Country Store, Silent Auction, Raffle, Bingo, Cake Walk, and other games. Hot Dog at the Beer Garden or enjoy some G's Frozen Custard. St. Aloysius Church, 615 E. Wyandotte, Meriden, KS.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MARILLAC CENTER:

BELOVED DISCIPLESHIP: JOHAN-NINE GOSPEL RETREAT -
October 12, 4:00 p.m. to October 18, 4:00 p.m. at the Ross Chapel.

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT Christ's Peace House of Prayer, 22131

Meagher Road, Easton:

AWAKENED TO GOD: RESPONDING TO THE CALL:
Oct. 16th at 5:30pm – Oct. 18th at 4:30pm. Designed for those exploring faith or growing in discipleship, this retreat reflects on the foundations of the Catholic faith and God's invitation to relationship.

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.

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

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. You may continue to leave your non-perishable items in the bin in our

church vestibules and they will be delivered to Catholic Charities.

CATHOLIC Q&A:

Q. Did I really forgive?

A. A common misconception with forgiveness comes from the idea that to forgive, we must forget. But in many cases—especially after deep hurt—it's simply not possible to forget, even years later. People then mistakenly believe they haven't truly forgiven. Forgiveness doesn't mean erasing the memory or pretending nothing happened. It means letting go of resentment and the desire to get even. Anger is a normal emotion when we're hurt, and it may return when we remember the pain. But forgiveness begins when we choose not to act on that anger with revenge or punishment. Two simple actions often show we're on the path to forgiveness: praying for the person who hurt us and being willing to treat them with basic respect. We don't have to be close to certain people again, but we can choose civility and charity. It's not easy, but it is far better not carrying grudges.

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, 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, 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

MASSSES THIS WEEK:

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

Sharon Stein ☩

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

For the People of the Parish

Tues, Sept. 29, 6:00 pm, STL

David Gates ☩

Thurs, Oct. 1, 6:00 pm, SJV

Linda Domann ☩

Sat, Oct. 3, 5:00 pm, SJV

For the People of the Parish

Sun, Oct. 4, 9:00 am, STL

Carolyn DeMaranville ☩

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
09/26/26	George Steger	Tracy Heim
09/27/26	Tim Herken	Noelle Pohl
10/03/26	Jason Adelaine	Matt Brewster
10/04/26	Rita Oatney	Sue Griffiee

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

