



Parish Bulletin

May 17, 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter

A GOSPEL THOUGHT:

“Why are you standing there looking at the sky?” That question from the angel at the Ascension always hits close to home. How many times do we find ourselves stuck, staring into the unknown, not sure what’s supposed to come next?

The disciples had followed Jesus for three years. They’d walked with Him, listened to Him, followed His direction. And then, in a moment, He was gone—lifted up into the clouds. You can imagine their confusion and emptiness. For a while, they just stood there, frozen.

That’s when the angel’s words came through: Stop looking up. Start moving forward.

It’s a powerful reminder for us. Waiting until we have perfect clarity or a guaranteed outcome can become an excuse to stay stuck. Faith isn’t about having all the answers first. It’s about taking the next step even when the full path isn’t visible, trusting that God is guiding us.

Sometimes that step is finally picking up the phone. Reaching out to reconcile with someone. Offering forgiveness—or asking for it. Not because we know how it will turn out, but because we’re choosing to walk in the light God has given us.

-Fr. Bill

PREPARING FOR PENTECOST.

O Holy Spirit, with expectant faith we await Your coming at Pentecost.

Stir in us a joyful hope and confident trust.

Purify our souls, renew our hearts, and set us on fire with Your love.

Strengthen our faith, inflame our charity, and make us bold witnesses of Jesus.

Prepare us to be forever changed by Your power. Amen.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS will be held Monday, **May 25th** at 9:00 AM at St. Lawrence Cemetery. If the weather is inclement, mass will be held at St. Lawrence Church. Please bring a lawn chair and join us as we honor the memory of the faithful departed.

As we gather at the resting place of our loved ones and offer our greatest prayer expressing our enduring love and communion with those who have gone before us, we remember that Christ’s death does not destroy the bond that knit us together in this life. Through the Eucharist, we remain united in faith, hope, and love.

THANK YOU to all our CCD teachers and volunteers for another wonderful year! Their dedication to sharing the Catholic faith with our children each Wednesday is an essential ministry for our parish. Parents are the first and most important teachers of the faith, and our CCD classes support moms and dads in passing on our beliefs and values while helping to form young disciples for the next generation.

We are deeply grateful for your devotion, care, and love of God. Through your commitment, our students have grown in faith and understanding, and our parish is truly blessed—especially the children. Special thanks to **Ginny Mowrey, Lauren Herndon, Emily List, Cassie Miller, Sharon Wagner, Debbie Erzen, Kelly Funk, Becky Stewart, Robert Leach, Linda Heim**, and our coordinator, **Jessica Adelain**.

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was a total of \$2313 to include \$500 Capital Fund Drive, \$100 Rental income, \$1573 Reg. Collection, \$20 Utilities, \$20 Mass Stipend and \$100 SJV Cemetery. Thank you for your donations! Online donations were \$1010.76. Thank you for your generosity.

A SECOND COLLECTION will be held the weekend of **May 17th** for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Thank you for your generous donation.

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 or Single Guest Rooms: \$110 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA RETREAT, will be held **May 26-31st**. To register for the above events, please email: retreats@scls.org.

BE STILL AND KNOW: ABIDING IN HIS PRESENCE SILENT RETREAT will be held **June 26th-28th** at Christ’s Peace. This silent retreat invites you to discover the freedom and peace that come from living in God’s Presence. This retreat offers a peaceful space to slow down, listen, and grow in trust of God’s loving providence. Come rest in Him and awaken to His presence. To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

TOTUS TUUS, a Catholic summer youth program is being hosted by St. Francis de Sales Church in Lansing, from **July 26-31st**!! All incoming 1st-12th graders are invited to attend. Registration and volunteer forms can be found attached to this announcement on Facebook.

- **The age range refers to INCOMING grades in the fall.** For example, current kindergartners are considered first-graders for Totus Tuus. Current sixth-graders are considered seventh-graders.
- **Please take note of the differing dates and age groups for the two programs.** Incoming 1st-6th graders meet from 9 AM to 3 PM Monday through Friday. Incoming 7th-12th graders meet from 6:30 to 8:45 PM Sunday through Thursday.
- **Families are encouraged to register for Totus Tuus even if their child(ren) cannot attend every day.** Daily attendance is not a requirement. We had kids last summer come partway through the day or only on certain days of the week.
- **Day program students will need to bring a sack lunch and water bottle with them Monday through Friday.** Our parish will provide water and snacks throughout the day.

ANONYMOUS GROUP. If you have a willingness to stop drinking and/or using drugs, you have help and support. 12-Step Anonymous meetings are held at Easton's United Methodist Church 7 pm on Monday evenings. Contact 913-683-2271 for more information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES at SJV-STL:

Clean St. Lawrence Church once a month: Contact: Debbie Ernzen (913) 683-2530 or Tracy Wagner (913) 775-2064
Music/Cantors: Contact Karen Logan at 913-683-2406 or kjunebugl@yahoo.com.
Mass Server Coordinator Volunteer Opportunity: Contact: Kevin Heim at 913-271-1900.
Lectors And Eucharistic Ministers: Contact Sharon Wagner at w5cattle@aol.com or 913-683-4495.

CATHOLIC Q&A:

Q: Why does the priest at Mass before Communion break a small piece of the Host and drop it in the chalice?

A. Just before Communion, during the Lamb of God, the priest breaks off a small piece of the Host and places it

into the chalice with the Precious Blood. The priest quietly prays, "*May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.*" It is a simple rite, but it points to something beautiful: Easter happens at every Mass.

On the Cross, Jesus' Body and Blood were separated in death. But on Easter morning, Jesus rose alive from the tomb. His Body and Blood were reunited forever. So, when the priest places the piece of the Host into the chalice, the Church is reminded that Jesus is risen and alive.

The Mass is not only about remembering Good Friday. It is also about celebrating Easter. The living Christ is truly present among His people. This proclaims the heart of our faith: Jesus died, Jesus rose, and Jesus lives. Every Mass brings us into that mystery again, and in that resurrected unity Jesus gives eternal life to those who receive the Eucharist.

BULLETIN ITEMS: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email Sjsparish@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, Mary Shelley, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Dawn Staver, Chrissy Stewart, Matt Stewart, Hugh Talley, Rick VanTuyll, 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, May 16, 5:00 pm, SJV
James Herken ☩*
*Sun, May 17, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish*
*Tues, May 19, 6:00 pm, STL
For the Intention of the Celebrant*
*Thurs, May 21, 6:00 pm, SJV
For the Intention of the Celebrant*
*Sat, May 23, 5:00 pm, SJV
Carolyn DeMaranville ☩*
*Sun, May 24, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish*

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
05/16/26	Aaron Welch	Aaron Welch
05/17/26	George Steger	Diane Pohl
05/23/26	Vince Eimer	Vince Eimer
05/24/26	John Donovan	Tracy Heim

OUR SUNDAY FUNNY:



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(913) 773-5712 SJSparish.org Fr. William McEvoy, Pastor Fr.Wm.McEvoy@gmail.com

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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

211 W. Riley St. • Easton, KS 66020



