



**ST. JOSEPH -
ST. LAWRENCE**
— CATHOLIC PARISH —

Parish Bulletin

February 8, 2026
5th 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.**

COUNTDOWN IS ON! Lent begins on **February 18th**. Now is a good time to begin considering your personal Lenten penance. Join us for Mass on **Ash Wednesday**: 6:45 am at St. Lawrence or 5 pm at St. Joseph of the Valley.

A GOSPEL THOUGHT: “*You are the light of the world,*” Jesus says. Light doesn’t hide—it guides, comforts, and gives hope. Think of a porchlight along a dark country road—it reliably helps everyone find their way. Jesus calls us the **salt of the earth**. Salt preserves, flavors, and brings out the best—even a little

makes a difference. In real life, our faith works the same way.

Every word, every gesture, every moment of patience is a chance to preserve goodness and shine hope. Be a reliable Christian person knowing that even in your ordinary routines you glorify God. People rely on your steady witness more than you realize.

-Fr. Bill

SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE—

SAFELY: 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 \$3385, which included Capital Fund-\$50, Hall Rent -\$100, Reg. Collection \$3235. Online donations were \$783.99. Thank you for your generosity!

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

CONGRATULATIONS! Our parish community rejoices as **Mason Cummings** was fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist on February 1, 2026 at St. Lawrence Church. We welcome Mason with grateful hearts. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen Mason always.

CONGRATULATIONS! **Wrenly Erzen, Beckham Flynn, Roselyn Flax, Waylon Noll & Logan Pineau** celebrated their First Penance on Saturday, **Jan 31**. We join them in the joy of their next important step in their Catholic Faith.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS will be reading & taking up the collection and offertory at mass on **Feb. 15th**.

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 benefits St. Joseph Catholic Church.

RENEW YOUR HEART. RENEW THE CHURCH. This Lent, parishioners of **St. Joseph–St. Lawrence** are invited to take part in something deeply transformative. *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 reflect more deeply on Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church, exploring 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**. All parishioners are welcome. 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**. Additional groups may be formed based on interest and availability. To register or express interest, please scan the QR code, complete the Google form, or call the number provided.



LENTE 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. Enter the quiet of the Lenten season and allow the wisdom of Pope Benedict XVI to guide your heart more deeply into the mystery of Lent. 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. The Vincentian Family gathers to be renewed during

this Lenten Season with the hope of the Gospel deepening us in our Vincentian charism.

-Lenten Linger Over Coffee: Staying firmly on the path as we journey this Lent, will be held **every Tuesday, beginning Feb. 24 through March 24th**, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the Marillac Assembly.

-Transformative Power of Prayer Retreat will be held **March 27-29th**. This Retreat will explore ways in which fidelity to prayer will gradually heal and transform us into the women and men we were created to be. Time for silence, personal prayer, and faith sharing will be included.

-The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola Retreat, will be held **May 26-31st**. Major themes include The Principal and Foundation, to The Contemplation, to Attaining the Love of God.

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE. Upcoming local area Experiences include:
Feb. 13-15, in Kansas City, KS
March 20-22, in Carthage, MO
June 19-21, in Kansas City, KS
Visit www.wwme.org to apply for an experience and to see a complete listing of 2026 dates.

ENCOUNTER CITY-WIDE HEALING SERVICES: Are you in need of prayer for physical healing - chronic conditions, broken bones, pain, cancer? Encounter School of Ministry is hosting two upcoming healing services. We have an expectation and faith for Jesus to work physical healing miracles on these nights. We encourage anyone in need of physical healing to come. This is an open event - no cost or registration. Jesus still heals today and desires to demonstrate the truth of the Gospel through healing.

March 8th - 6pm-9pm - Queen of the Holy Rosary - Overland Park, KS

June 7th - 6 pm-9pm - St. Joseph Church - Shawnee, KS

More information at EncounterKC.com

CATHOLIC Q&A:

Q. Why is being Catholic worth it?

At the heart of the Catholic faith is not an idea but a Person—Jesus Christ—who meets us especially in the Eucharist. In Holy Communion God enters our lives in a deeply personal way. He feeds us with His own life and draws us into a family beyond cultures and centuries.

No one promises life will be easy. Real life seeks meaning, mercy, and hope. In the Sacraments, we encounter Christ in profound ways. Being Catholic helps us to pray when words fail. The Church provides a moral compass in a confused world. We're connected us to saints who struggled as we do but they found God's grace was enough.

Most of all, being Catholic is worth it because it teaches us how to love. The Church is forming us for heaven by teaching us how to live well on earth.

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, Glen Goodland, 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, Jesse Salinas, Mary Beth Schrader, Pat Schwinn, Mary Shelley, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Dawn Staver, Chrissy Stewart, Matt Stewart, Hugh Talley, 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. 7, 5:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish

Sun, Feb. 8, 9:00 am, STL
James Herken ☩

Tues, Feb. 10, 6:00 pm, STL
Archie Griffie ☩

Thurs, Feb. 12, 6:00 pm, SJV
Mike & Roseanne Sachse ☩

Sat, Feb. 14, 5:00 pm, SJV
Sacha Curry ☩

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

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
02/07/26	Julia Cummings	Tracy Heim
02/08/26	Tim Herken	Sue Griffie
02/14/26	Rita Herken	Rita Herken
02/15/26	Confirmation Class	TBD

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

St. Lawrence Church

211 W. Riley St. • Easton, KS 66020



