



## Parish Bulletin

August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026  
21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**A GOSPEL THOUGHT:** Jesus asks, “Who do people say that I am?” Then He makes the question personal: “**But who do you say that I am?**”

That second question matters most because we can know a lot *about* Jesus without really knowing Him. We can attend Mass, say the prayers, remember those Gospel stories, and still not really know the Lord.

With school starting again, families have a wonderful opportunity to make faith an integrated part of everyday life. Talk about the Gospel at the table. Ask your kids about Jesus. Say a short prayer together before school. Encourage them to be kind to those who feel left out. These simple things help faith become something we live, not simply something we know.

And adults can do the same. Ask yourself this week: What place does Jesus actually have in my daily life? Peter knew the answer: Jesus was not simply a teacher or an important person. He was the Christ—the anointed one of God come to earth to save us.

I hope we come to know Jesus more personally—and let that relationship shape the way we speak, work, forgive, and love.

-Fr. Bill

**PS** Parents, don't forget to register your kids for CCD classes. Also, don't forget our high school youth group starts up again next Sunday, **August 30th**, 6pm at St. Lawrence Parish Hall.

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was a total of Collection was \$2251 which included Capital Fund-\$100, Hall Rent-\$200, Utilities-\$20, Reg. Collection-1931. The Collection for Mission Sunday was \$735. Online donations were unavailable. Thank you for your generous donations!

**NO MASS** on Tuesday, **August 25th**. A Communion Service will be held at 6 pm that evening at St. Lawrence Church.

**CCD NEWS: CCD** registration for the '26-27 school year is now open! Registration is available online:



<https://forms.gle/LaiTrAjGFQRsgMX36> or by scanning the QR code below.

**YOUTH GROUP: To all our high school students:** we will be starting up youth group again on **Sunday, August 30th** at 6pm at St. Lawrence Parish Hall. For information email Thomas Rziha: [trziha29@gmail.com](mailto:trziha29@gmail.com) or parents may call him at: 913-202-8412.

**KNIGHTS NEWS:** Our parish Knights of Columbus wish to thank Brother **Jake Pineau** for installing the two Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), which are now operational in Bertels Hall and St. Lawrence Church.

The parish, along with our Knights, paid for these AEDs. We also want to thank the Easton Lions Club for donating \$1,500 toward the purchase of another AED, which will go into St. Lawrence Hall. We plan to get one more for St. Joseph of the Valley. Stay tuned for training opportunities—though the included instructions are pretty simple and clear if we need to use one of them before then!

Brother **Jake**, who installed the AEDs, was nominated as our July Knight of the Month, along with the **Welch family** as Family of the Month. Brother **Vince Eimer** was nominated as Knight of the Month for August, in recognition of the relatable religious formation he brings to our council, in concert with Father Bill.

The **Wagners** were nominated as Family of the Month—and not just because Sharon is the stalwart organizer of Summer Fest!

The next KofC Council meeting is **September 2nd** at 7 p.m. in Bertels Hall. A reminder to our Knights: we will be doing a non-perishable food collection for homeless veterans at the VA hospital.

For information about the KofC, please contact Grand Knight John Donovan: [redleg75@protonmail.com](mailto:redleg75@protonmail.com)

**LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE for Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Chairman-Sue Griffiee, Sara Green, Danielle Baker and Virginia Mowery. Serving starts at 7:00 pm.

**CHURCH PICNIC:** You are invited to the Mooney Creek Corpus Christi Church Picnic! It will be held Sunday, **Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**. Mass will be at 10:00 am and lunch at 11:30 am. Lunch will be pulled pork sandwiches, hotdogs, baked beans, chips, salads and dessert.

**XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NOW ENROLLING:** Are you searching for the perfect school for your child? We have limited openings available for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade. We invite you to tour our school and discover what makes Xavier unique! Our curriculum emphasizes virtue-based learning and includes subjects such as Spanish, band, choir, physical education, sports teams, as well as art and music classes. We believe in partnering with parents to help your child grow closer to God and achieve academic success. For more information, please visit our website at [www.leavenworthcatholicsschools.org](http://www.leavenworthcatholicsschools.org) or email us to schedule a tour at [brooke.bristow@leavenworthcatholicsschools.org](mailto:brooke.bristow@leavenworthcatholicsschools.org).

**NOW HIRING:** We are looking for substitute teachers for the 2026/27 school year who embody the teachings of Christ and have a genuine passion for sharing Jesus' love with children. If you are interested, please call the K-8 Office or email the Principal at [janelle.hartegan@leavenworthcatholicsschools.org](mailto:janelle.hartegan@leavenworthcatholicsschools.org).

**UPCOMING EVENTS at the Marillac Center:**

**Season of Creation: Living Waters (Ezekiel 47)** on **Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**. We examine Ezekiel's call for global restoration of life, ecological healing and the interdependence of humanity and the natural world, bringing hope to both humanity and creation.

**Good Conversations: Holy Voices** on **Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**. We listen to the voices

that call us to the path of holiness as we live out the Gospel call.

To register for the events, please email: [retreats@scls.org](mailto:retreats@scls.org).

**RETROUVAILE, HOPE FOR A BETTER MARRIAGE** will be held in Kansas City **Sept. 25-27**. For more information, visit: <https://helpourmarriage.org> or call 1-800-470-2230.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Requesting a Mass for a loved one—living or deceased—is a cherished Catholic tradition. Our parish receives many requests, but the number of available Masses is limited. Normally, one Mass has only one intention.

In 1991, however, the Vatican allowed *Collective Intentions*: more than one offering for the same Mass, provided:

- Donors agree to combine their offerings,
- The Mass time and place are announced publicly (as we do in the bulletin),
- A priest celebrates no more than two such Masses per week.

Thank you to Kim Sachse, who coordinates these requests. To schedule a Mass, please contact Kim at 913-775-0690 Or Email [Sjslparish@gmail.com](mailto:Sjslparish@gmail.com).

Finally, Church law requires the pastor to celebrate one Mass each Sunday (or Saturday evening) and Holy Day for the people of the parish. This Mass cannot have combined intentions.

#### CATHOLIC Q&A:

**Q. Every week in the bulletin I see listed a Mass intention simply as "For the People." What does that mean?**

A. At every Mass, the priest offers the sacrifice of Christ for a particular intention—often for someone who has died, for someone living, or for a special need.

But Church law requires every pastor to offer a Mass on Sundays and holy days for the people entrusted to his

care. It's sometimes called the Missa pro populo—the Mass for the People.

At that Mass, I prayerfully bring all of you to the altar: the sick and the hurting, families going through difficult times, those struggling with faith or finances, those mourning someone they love, our children and young people, our elderly and homebound, and those carrying burdens only God knows.

So, you are the intention.

When you are at a Mass offered "For the People," join your prayers to the priest's intention. Think beyond our church walls. Pray for the people who live in and around our community—even those we have never met, Catholic or not—the sick, the lonely, the stressed, the grieving, the faithful, those far from God, and those who may never think to ask for our prayers.

**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, 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 VanTuyt, 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, Aug. 22, 5:00 pm, SJV**  
Connie Wistuba ☩  
**Sun, Aug. 23, 9:00 am, STL**  
For the People of the Parish  
**Tues, Aug. 25, 6:00 pm, STL**  
NO MASS  
Communion service only  
**Thurs, Aug. 27, 6:00 pm, SJV**  
David Gates ☩  
**Sat, Aug. 29, 5:00 pm, SJV**  
Carolyn DeMaranville ☩  
**Sun, Aug. 30, 9:00 am, STL**  
For the People of the Parish

|          | Reader:           | Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 08/22/26 | Jason<br>Adelaine | Matt Brewster                             |
| 08/23/26 | Rita Oatney       | Sharon Wagner                             |
| 08/29/26 | Julia<br>Cummings | Diane Pohl                                |
| 08/30/26 | Ted Staver        | Ted Staver                                |

#### OUR SUNDAY FUNNY:



"You should get that looked at."



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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**

