The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2025

First Sunday Free Breakfast SUNDAY, JAN 5th following the 9am Mass St. Lawrence Parish Hall The Kelli DeMaranville Family is hosting.

HOLY HOUR after the 6pm Mass Tuesday, Jan. 7th, until 7:30pm in St. Lawrence Church. Sign up in the vestibule. Whether you sign up or not, everyone is welcome to come spend time with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.



HOPE for 2025: The Epiphany shows us the power of hope. Imagine the Magi, those determined travelers who braved the journey across vast distances, guided only by a star. Their hearts were filled with hope, leading them to the promised King. Their hope wasn't just wishful thinking; it was a driving force that propelled them to come worship the Lord. The star, a symbol of God's guidance, shows how hope lights our way even in the darkest of times. For the Holy Family, hope was their strength during times of uncertainty and challenges. And guess what? Christ's alluring light isn't limited to any group of people. It reaches out to everyone, Jew and Gentile alike. This universal hope reminds us that God's presence can transform lives, inviting us to embark on the faith journey of 2025, trusting in His love and promises.

-Father Bill

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2025: For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. For the weekend of

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Sat, Jan. 4, 5:00 pm, SJV For the People of the Parish

Sun, Jan. 5, 9:00 am, STL Mike & Roseanne Sachse &

Tues, Jan. 7, 6:00 pm, STL The Lenahan Family

Thurs, Jan. 9, 6:00 pm, SJV Helen Karczewski ₽

Sat, Jan. 11, 5:00 pm, SJV Richard Heim &

Sun, Jan. 12, 9:00 am, STL For the People of the Parish

December 28-29, collection was \$4,079. This included \$1,200 for Capital Campaign, \$100 for rent, \$20 for Utilities and \$1000 for the new SL altar. The collection for Christmas services was \$1,455. This includes \$75 for rent, \$25 for utilities and \$75 for Mass stipend. Catholic Charities donations were \$1,528. Online donations were \$551.58. Thank you for your generosity!

ONLINE GIVING IS EASY go to: SJSLparish.org and click the ONLINE GIVING tab. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the form. You may set it up to use your bank account for automatic payment, or use your card. You have benefits that'll come from giving this way: . No need for checks. . Align your giving along with your paycheck schedule. • Flexibility when you want to changes. • You can even use your credit card to gain airline mileage, bonuses, etc. We use a service called Vanco, which utilizes the highest security standards. It's safe and secure. Any questions? Please contact: Sara Green (913) 426-3022, sgreen0427@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meets Wednesday evening **January 8th** at 7pm in Bertels Hall.

THANK YOU to all who supported our four Christmas Families. You all made their Christmas especially nice.

ALSO THANK YOU to the Easton Lions Club for their generous donation of \$250 towards our donation for gift cards to Aldi's.

LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE for Jan. 16-Chairman- Sue Griffee, Sara Green, Danielle Baker and Chelsea Fletchall. Please prepare for 15 people and serving starts at 7 P. M.

LITURGICAL ROLES:	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
1/4/25	Aaron Welch	Aaron Welch
1/5/25	John Donovan	Sharon Welch
1/11/25	Jason Adelaine	Diane Pohl
1/12/25	Tim Herken	Ted Staver

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

meets Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 pm in St. Lawrence Parish Center.

NEW YEAR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION AND PLANNING

RETREAT: Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Rd., Easton Friday, January 10th at 5:30pm -Sunday, January 12th at 4:30pm -2025 Join us for our Annual New Year Spiritual Reflection and Planning Retreat. Set aside time to reflect on what matters most in life, prioritize the most important things first and map out pathways for the new year. The structure of the retreat will allow ample time for you to work on your plan; we will provide resources and ideas to incorporate in your plan. There are conferences, spiritual direction, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Please bring your own personal items that will aid in the process such as: bible, notebook, agenda, journal, catechism, laptop (if this helps you plan better), etc. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$180 Single/\$270 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$110 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

IGNITE for LIFE will be held on January 29th, 2025 in Topeka! IGNITE for LIFE is an inspirational, pro-love rally for the protection of preborn children and women facing challenging pregnancies. The morning consists of live music, motivational speakers including Keynote Leah Darrow, and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass with the Bishops of Kansas. Following IGNITE, all are invited to join in the Kansas March for Life to the capitol for the Kansans for Life rally, IGNITE for Life is sponsored by the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. To register for this FREE event, visit www.archkck.org/IGNITE.

GOOD GRIEF: A GATHERING OF

TRUST: Join us for a day of exploration, reflection, and healing as we come together to navigate the complexities of grief in a supportive, spiritual environment. This retreat is an

opportunity to share, listen, and grow with others who are walking the path of grief.

Date: Saturday, **January 11, 2025**Time: 9:00-2:00 pm
Location: Marillac Retreat & Spirituality
Center 4200 S 4th St. Leavenworth, KS
For more information or to register,
please contact *retreats* @*scls.org*.
There is no charge for the retreat, but
donations are appreciated to support

ENCOUNTER REGIONAL CONFERENCE will be held January 16-18 in Kansas City. Register today at EncounterMinistries.us/KC/!

the work of the Retreat Center.

LIFE GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF

DIVORCE: It is a healing retreat for adult children (18+) of divorced, separated or never-married parents. January 17-19, 2025 Kansas City, KS at Savior Pastoral Center Schedule: January 17th: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm January 18th: 7:30 am - 8:30 pm January 19th: 8:00 am - 3:15 pm -\$225 (Retreat only - Commuting) -\$365 (Retreat with single room) -\$325 each (Retreat with double room. Must register with roommate as second attendee) Register today at https://archkck.churchcenter.com/regist rations/events/2449819 Limited scholarships are available for residents of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas- email Brad DuPont at bdupont@archkck.org

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA, LITTLE FLOWER CIRCLE: The next meeting will be held on **January 26th** at 12:40 pm at Christ the King, Yadrich Hall,

5973 SW 25th Topeka. A Rosary will be followed by the business meeting and social time. If anyone knows of a member or family member of Daughters of Isabella in need of prayers, call Shirley Gustafson at 785-554-3028 or Chancellor Gen Orozco at 785-230-2473.

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT: Is a past abortion weighing you down? Project Rachel provides a safe, judgement-free, confidential space to begin your healing journey. Date: February 8, 2025 Time: 8:30am - 4:00pm Location: Kansas City, KS (given after registration) Cost: Free of charge We provide a Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Materials. To Register, please contact: projectrachelkc@archkck.org or call/text 913-621-2199.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE: Great marriages don't happen by luck or by accident. They are the result of a consistent investment of time, thoughtfulness, forgiveness, affection, prayer, mutual respect and unconditional love. For information, or to apply for an experience, visit www.wwme.org, email greaterKC.wwme@gmail.com, or call 816-286-4557.

Upcoming 2025 Dates:
March 7-9th Carthage, MO
March 28-30th Kansas City, KS
June 13-15th - Kansas City, KS
August 8-10th - Kansas City, KS

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: Phil Bell, Vicki Bradford, Gretchen Brewster, Steve Bromell, Joe Brose, Judy Brose, Dave Brown, Delcie & Charles Brunk, Jennifer Brushwood, Carl Davidson, Courtney Davis, George Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Gail DeMaranville-Zule, Vince Eimer, Cameron Ernzen, Tina Farr, Tom Flack, Anna Foster, Helen Frazier, Glen Goodland, Karen Gray, Alan Halstead, Henry Hancock, Patti Harris, Robert Hecke, Marly Heim, Jim

Heintzelman, Melanie Herken, Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, Elaine Hund, Mark Hund, Alison Ito, Michael Jones, Tyonna Jones, Phillip Leon, Kelly Long, Joyce Lowe, Shauna Marshall, Juanita McDermont, Mary Meinert, Jeni Mettelstedt, Karl Morrison, Charles Mullins, Don Navinsky, Leslie Navinsky, Lonnie Dean Phillips Jr., Mary Piche, Betty Pierron, Danny Roemer, Jesse Salinas, Mary Beth Schrader, Charlie Schletzbaum, Mary Shelley, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Julie Simonis, Chrissy Stewart, Matt Stewart, Koste Stonyte, David Uhlrich, Vickie Welch, and Pat Wilson.

PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SOLDIERS: ARMY: PFC Tristen Baker, CPT Daniel Broaddus, Pvt. David Crook, PVT Braeton Davidson, SGT Colby Seifert, William Stradley. *AIRFORCE*: E-4 Robert W. Herken, TSGT AScott Loecher, E-3 Connor Schuler, A1C Noah Tattershall. *NAVY*: Dennis Budasz Jr., Sterling Curry, YNSC (SS) Kevin Lansing. MARINE CORPS: Drake Budasz



St. Joseph of the Valley Church

31151 207th Street Leavenworth, KS 66048 St. Lawrence Church

211 W. Riley Street Easton, KS 66020

Mailing address: P.O. Box 129, Easton, KS 66020 (913) 773-5712 SJSLparish.org Fr. Wm. McEvoy, Pastor Fr. Wm. McEvoy@gmail.com Like us on Facebook "St. Joseph - St. Lawrence (Easton)"

SATURDAY MASS 5:00pm St. Joseph of the Valley Church SUNDAY MASS 9:00am St. Lawrence Church

Confessions are heard 30 minutes before the weekend Masses or by appointment

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday evening 6:00pm at St. Lawrence Church Thursday evening 6:00pm at St. Joseph of the Valley Church

Our Sunday Funny:



IT WASN'T SO MUCH THAT ED'S CELL PHONE RANG DURING THE SUNDAY SERMON, IT WAS THAT HIS RING TONE WAS "HIGHWAY TO HELL"