ST. JOSEPH - ST. LAWRENCE
CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Bulletin

November 22, 2026

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

WELCOME TO OUR FALL FEST this weekend, Saturday, **Nov. 21st!** We are glad that you have joined us! We will start serving chili and soups at 4:00 p.m.

THANKSGIVING MORNING MASS: Rise with gratitude on Thanksgiving morning. Join us at 9:00 am Mass at St. Joseph of the Valley. Begin the day giving thanks where it matters most. See you there.

A GOSPEL THOUGHT: The people are surprised to learn that they had served Jesus when they cared for those in need. *"Lord, when did we see you?"* They had simply seen someone hungry or without enough clothing and offered what they could. Jesus tells them that their kindness was given to Him.

We have that same opportunity through our weekly food collection and our current drive for coats and winter clothing, both for Leavenworth Catholic Charities. A can of soup or a warm coat may seem like a small thing. But to someone facing an empty cupboard or a cold winter day, it can make a real difference.

These simple gifts are also an act of worship, for in giving to others, we give to Christ Himself. We may never meet those who receive our food and clothing or know their stories. But like the people in today's Gospel, we serve Jesus through the kindness we offer them.

This is the kingdom over which Christ reigns—where we recognize Him in the poor, the sick, and the hungry, and serve Him by caring for them.

-Fr. Bill

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was a total of $3109, which includes $800 Capital fund, $1791 regular collection, $20 utilities, $173 special collection, $325 Social receipts. Online donations were $689.71. Thank you for your generous donations!

YOUR GIFT, JUST A CLICK. Giving to your parish online weekly or monthly is incredibly convenient. You can even set it up to be automatically, so you never have to worry about bringing cash or writing checks. Whether you're traveling, busy, or not at our Mass, your support continues without interruption. It saves time, reduces stress, and helps you stay consistent in your giving. It's a simple, reliable way to support St. Joseph-St. Lawrence with ease and peace of mind. Go to SJSLParish.org/online-giving/

CHOIR PRACTICE will be held on the last Tuesday of each month **Nov. 24th, 2026** at 6:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence Church. All musicians, soloist and cantors are welcome. Please join us!

HELP KEEP OUR NEIGHBORS WARM! As the weather cools down, please clear out your closets and donate extra or outgrown coats, jackets, hoodies, sweatshirts, gloves, and brand-new socks to support those in need through Leavenworth Catholic Charities. Please drop your donations into the labeled totes in our church vestibules. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

ADVENT SILENT RETREAT: GOD SENT HIS SON, Dec. 4th at 5:30pm**– Dec. 6th** at 4:30pm, at Christ's Peace House of Prayer, 22131 Meagher Road, Easton. This Advent retreat invites participants to contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation as a living and personal encounter with Christ. To attend this retreat, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at *ChristsPeace.com* or call 913.773.8255

ANNUAL LIGHTS OF LOVE REMEMBRANCE MASS will be held Sunday, **December 6,** at Maur Hill-Mount Academy Chapel, Atchison at 6:00 pm. Following Mass, you are invited to tour the Christmas tree display, which includes the memorial tree and student-decorated trees. Beverages and other seasonal treats will be available. For more info- visit this QR code: Or email dfuller@mh-ma.com

ADVENT RETREAT for Single Women: The Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick, invite single women ages 18 to 35 to Journeying with Mary, an Advent retreat on Sunday, **November 29**, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the convent (800 N. 18th Street, Kansas City, Kansas). The day begins with Mass in the convent chapel. There is no cost to attend, and meals and snacks will be provided. Don't walk alone this Advent—journey with Mary and let her lead you to her Son. For more information or to register, contact Sister Elizabeth Miles, at 913-278-5986.

GIVING TUESDAY OPEN HOUSE, December 1st, from 6-8 PM is being hosted by Sparrow Women's Clinic (100 E Kansas St, Ste E, Lansing). All are invited to tour this local pregnancy resource center and learn about ways to get involved. Light refreshments will be served. Please call Sparrow's office, 913-543-4446 with questions about the event.

NEW YEAR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION AND PLANNING RETREAT at Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meagher Road, Easton, KS 66020 Friday, **January 8** at 5:30pm **to** Sunday, **January 10**, at 4:30pm. Begin the new year rooted in prayer and guided by God's wisdom. This retreat offers space for reflection, discernment, and intentional planning, helping you align your life with what matters most as you step forward with clarity and trust. 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.

CATHOLIC Q&A:
As we prepare to dedicate the new altar at St. Lawrence, our Q&A over the next few weeks will explore the meaning and significance of the altar in Catholic worship.

Q. Why do we place a relic in the altar?

A. A relic is part of a saint's body, such a piece of his or her bone, and is reverently placed beneath the altar.

This tradition grew from the early Christian practice of celebrating the Eucharist at the tombs of martyrs—those who gave their lives for Christ. That relic is a piece of the bodily remains of a martyr or saint.

Placing their relics beneath (or within) the altar connects their offering of themselves with Christ's sacrifice celebrated at Mass. It also reminds us that we worship in communion with the saints in heaven.

It is not the relic that makes an altar holy. The altar is made sacred by its dedication and blessing by the bishop, setting it apart exclusively for the worship of God. But placing a saint's relic beneath it honors that saint through the celebration of the Eucharist on that altar, in which Christ's sacrifice is made present and He gives us His true Body and Blood.

EXPERIENCE A PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH & JOY! Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine & Girlstown **March 5–8, 2027** Join Archbishop Emeritus Joseph Naumann and friends for an unforgettable pilgrimage to Mexico! Encounter Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City. Celebrate Mass at the Basilica. Experience the joy of the Sisters of Mary Girlstown For more info call 1-800-662-6316 or visit *www.worldvillages.org/events/naumann-2027* Register Today!

KEEP THIS NUMBER: Someone in your life might need this Lifeline. 988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. When people call, text, or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary.

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.

ARCHBISHOP MCKNIGHT RELEASES NEW PASTORAL LETTER, FROM THE HEART. In the letter, Archbishop McKnight reflects on the Church's ongoing responsibility to respond justly and pastorally to all who have been harmed by sexual abuse, while holding accountable those entrusted with authority. He calls the entire People of God to a shared commitment to healing and safeguarding, while renewing our commitment to ensuring the Church becomes a true sanctuary of mercy. You can view the PDF here: *https://archkck.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/From-the-Heart-DIGITAL-final-by-page-11.12.26.pdf*

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, Maisyn Corpstein, Carl Davidson, Courtney Davis, George Dean, Gail DeMaranville-Zule, , Dorian DeVlaminck, Vince Eimer, James Farr, Tom Flack, Amanda Ford, Helen Frazier, Les Gates, Steve Hall, Alan Halstead, Robert Hecke, Marly Heim, Doris Herken, 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, Kristen Simpson, Dawn Staver, Chrissy Stewart, Matt Stewart, Dennis Sullivan, Hugh Talley, Teresa Turner, Rick VanTuyl, Lori Wangerin, Vickie Welch, Pat Wilson, and David Zule.

PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SOLDIERS: ARMY: SPC Tristen Baker, MAJ 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, Nov. 21, *5:00 pm, STL*
For the People of the Parish

Sun, Nov. 22, *9:00 am, STL*
David Gates ✞

Tues, Nov. 24, *6:00 pm, STL*
Maisyn Corpstein

Thurs, Nov. 26, *6:00 pm, SJV*
Kathy Klein ✞

Sat, Nov. 28, *5:00 pm, SJV*
Carolyn DeMaranville ✞

Sun, Nov. 29, *9:00 am, STL*
For the People of the Parish

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
11/21/26	*Julia Cummings*	*Diane Pohl*
11/22/26	*Ted Staver*	*Ted Staver*
11/28/26	*Rita Herken*	*Rita Herken*
11/29/26	*John Johnston*	*Jenny Brewster*

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

