



Parish Bulletin

April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter

A GOSPEL THOUGHT:

The two disciples walking to Emmaus felt the weight of some long, hard days—something many of us understand when life gets tough. They were looking backward at their disappointments, but Jesus walked right alongside them, even when they didn't recognize Him. We live around here with wide open fields, and maybe it's easy to feel we are walking alone. Yet Christ is with us, especially in our home.

The kitchen table is the heart of the home where we gather to eat and where stories are shared and burdens lifted. Today we are reminded that the Altar is that same "table" for our parish family. We recognize Him in the bread we break. As we take on a new week, let's carry that "burning heart" with us. Let's tell others that here we have seen the Lord and He is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

-Fr. Bill

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was \$3670, which included Reg Collection \$2595, \$20

Utilities, \$450 Capital Fund Drive, \$100 Rents, \$30 Mass Stipend, \$450 STL Cemetery and \$25 SJV Cemetery. Thank you for your donations! Online donations were Unavailable. Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION: will be held on the weekend of April 26th, for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA). Thank you for your generous donation!

CONGRATULATIONS! We celebrate with joy the union of **Cara Feuerborn and August Mann**, who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Lawrence Church on **April 11th**. As they begin their new life together as one, we pray that their home be filled with laughter and their hearts with the enduring peace of the Risen Christ.

LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE for May 7-Chairman- Lisa Schmidt, Amy Potter, Jennifer Heim, and Julie Eastburn. Serving will start at 7 P. M. Please prepare for 17 people.

THE ENDERLE-BOGENRIFE SCHOLARSHIP: The Enderle-Bogenrife Scholarship provides financial assistance to a high school senior attending a high school in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas area who plans to attend a trade school or technical school. The scholarship will be applied toward the student's school tuition. The scholarship award is for tuition up to \$5,000.00. To apply, visit cfnek.org/new-scholarships, scroll to "The Enderle-Bogenrife Scholarship" and click "Apply for this Scholarship" or contact Dave Hernandez at landofoz1239@sunflower.com or 913-221-3969. The scholarship application deadline is **May 1, 2026**.

HEALING MARRIAGE WEEKEND: KANSAS CITY. The next Retrouvaille weekend will be held **June 19-21** in Kansas City. For further information or to register- contact 800.470.2230 or HelpOurMarriage.org

ENCOUNTER KC SUMMER INTENSIVE is a 4-night experience designed for you to encounter the living God, be transformed and refreshed by the presence of the Holy Spirit, and be equipped to bring healing, encouragement, and joy into your everyday life. There is more to being Catholic; come experience it. **June 22-25, EncounterKC.com**

ST. ISIDORE FEAST DAY: MASS AND BLESSING OF SEEDS AND SOIL. Friday, May 15th at 10:00am
Join us as we honor St. Isidore the Farmer on his feast day. We will begin with Holy Mass, followed by a rosary procession to the St. Isidore Shrine, entrusting land, labor, and harvest to the Lord through the intercession of this humble saint. Participants are invited to bring seeds and soil in a small, decorated basket to place at the altar for a special blessing. The celebration will conclude with lunch and a time of fellowship. A free-will offering will be gratefully accepted to support the mission of the center. To attend, send an email to: info@christspeace.com or call 913.773.8255 to let us know how many people will be attending.

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 Couple 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**. Major themes include The Principal and Foundation, to The Contemplation, to Attaining the Love of God. To register for the above events, please email: retreats@scls.org.

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.

CATHOLIC Q&A:

Q. Why Only Catholics Receive Communion at Mass

A. The Eucharist is the heart of our Catholic faith. At Mass, through the hands of a validly ordained priest, bread and wine become Jesus 'Body and Blood—His *Real* Presence, not just a symbol. This miracle is possible through the sacrament of Holy Orders, passed down from the apostles. When you say "Amen" to receive the host or chalice, you're affirming your belief that the Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood of Jesus. Since non-Catholics generally don't share this belief in the Real Presence, we kindly ask that they refrain from receiving Communion at Mass. Only Catholics in a state of grace—free from serious sin—are encouraged to receive Communion.

Other Christian denominations, though deeply devoted to Christ, do not have the ordained priesthood in apostolic succession. Their communion services are sincere and prayerful, but they're not the same as the Catholic sacrament, which brings about the Real Presence. Catholics should not receive communion at other churches which could risk misunderstanding the Catholic Faith.

We deeply respect the faith of non-Catholics and invite them to explore Catholic beliefs. If they come to share our belief in the Eucharist, they would be joyfully welcomed to receive Communion in full unity.

VOTIVE CANDLES

Lighting a candle for prayer—or to express a personal need, like during a candlelight vigil after a tragedy—is a primal human gesture and a treasured Catholic tradition. A small flame has a way of representing our hearts and minds when words fall short. When we light a votive candle, we're expressing something of ourselves—our hope, our

longing, our gratitude—to God. Even after we leave the church, the flame keeps burning, silently giving witness to our ongoing prayer.

The candle's light reminds us of Christ, the Light of the World, who shines in every kind of darkness. Its steady glow mirrors the spark of faith within us that we want to keep alive. Candles near a saint's statue are one way of asking those holy friends in heaven to pray for and with us. The saints are not distant figures, but faithful companions, part of the "great a cloud of witnesses" in heaven. (Hebrews 12:1).

Whether in joy, sorrow, or special need, lighting a candle is a simple act—but rich with meaning. It says to God, "Let this light express my prayer."

Votive lights are available in both of our churches. A suggested donation of 50¢ for the small ones and \$2.50 for the larger helps cover their cost.

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, Pat Schwinn, Mary Shelley, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Dawn Staver, Chrissy Stewart, Matt Stewart, Hugh Talley, Rick VanTuyl, 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, April 18, 5:00 pm, SJV
Ruth Heintzelman ☩
Lydia Heintzelman ☩

Sun, April 19, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish

Tues, April 21, 6:00 pm, STL
Robert Noll ☩

Thurs, April 23, 6:00 pm, SJV
Fred & Virginia Hattok ☩

Sat, April 25, 5:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish

Sun, April 26, 9:00 am, STL
Eugene (Bud) & Eleanor Wagner ☩

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
04/18/26	Vince Eimer	Vince Eimer
04/19/26	John Donovan	Sharon Wagner
04/25/26	Jason Adelaine	Tracy Heim
04/26/26	Tim Herken	Sue Griffiee

OUR SUNDAY FUNNY:

I see someone has a health concern we need to pray about this morning.



Dog Church



St. Joseph of the Valley Church

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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



