



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

Parish Bulletin

August 17, 2025
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to all the hardworking parishioners and volunteers who came together last Sunday to help prepare the church for its upcoming renovation. Their dedication, teamwork, and willingness to serve made a big impact in moving this project forward. It was truly inspiring to see so many hands and hearts at work, especially on such busy weekend.

With the goal of returning to a beautifully renewed space before Christmas, we ask everyone to keep the renovation process in prayer—especially for the safety of all workers and volunteers involved.

HEARTFELT THANKS to Sharon Wagner and all the amazing parish volunteers who made this year's Summer Fest a great success! Your efforts brought so much joy and community spirit to everyone who attended. From setting up to taking down—and everything in between—you went above and beyond, especially in the heat and on a weekend already filled with the big task of moving out of the church for renovations.

Your dedication did not go unnoticed. It was truly double duty, and we are so grateful for the energy, time, and love you poured into both events. Thank you!

-Fr. Bill

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Summerfest Raffle Winners! Thanks to everyone for participating!

KC Chiefs Tickets--Kevin Gehring
\$500.00 Cash-- Robert Leach
\$200.00 Cash--Clint Corpstein
Quilt--Kelly Herken
Hilltop Gift Card--Marylee Sullivan
Easton Cafe Gift Card--Debbie Erzen

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was \$8,914, to include: \$6,027 general collection, \$20 for Utilities, \$25 for Memorial, \$208 for the Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa, \$284 for Summerfest, \$2,250 for Capital Campaign, and \$100 for SL cemetery. Online donations were unavailable. Thank you for your generosity!

CCD NEWS! CCD Registration is officially open! Registration will be available after mass on **Aug, 23rd, 24th, and 30th**. The cost is \$10/child (\$30 max per family). Registration is also available online: <https://forms.gle/njFijeKJzyasfUsi9> or by scanning the QR code. Please contact Jess Adelaine with any questions. jessadelaine@gmail.com or 910-987-9291.



LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE for Sept. 4. Chairman- Karen Logan, Angela Broadus, Theresa Zule and Peggy Gwartney. Serving starts at 7 p.m. Please prepare for 15 people

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA, LITTLE FLOWER CIRCLE: The next meeting will be held **August 24**, at Yadrich Hall, Christ the King Parish, 5973 SW 25th St, Topeka. Rosary at 12:40 pm, followed by a business meeting, including election of Officers. If anyone knows of a member or family member of Daughters of Isabella in need of the Circle's prayers call Shirley Gustafson at 785-554-3028 or Chancellor Gen Orozco at 785-230-2473.

CANONIZATION CELEBRATION FOR BL. CARLO ACUTIS AND BL. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI will be held **Sept. 6th**, 5 pm – 9 pm, at Maur Hill-Mount Academy, 1000 Green Street, Atchison. Food/games at 5 pm. Praise & worship adoration 7pm and more. Please bring an item to donate to Children's Mercy.

ST. AUGUSTINE: CONFESSIONS I BURNED FOR YOUR PEACE

Will be held **August 22nd – 24th**, at Christ's Peace House of Prayer. As we celebrate the newly elected Pope Leo XIV, join us as we gain legacy which formed Pope Leo as a member of the Augustinian Order. Register at: <https://archkck.org/cpp/reservations/individual-retreat/>

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MARILLAC CENTER - Register Now at <https://www.scls.org/summer-renewal/>

The Spiritual Wisdom of Trees, September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17, from 2:30-3:45 p.m.

Good Conversations: Enjoying Our Pilgrimage, September 11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Marillac Assembly

The Transformative Power of Prayer, September 12, 9 a.m. – September 14, 12 p.m.

BIRTHRIGHT OF LEAVENWORTH, INC. NEEDS YOU: We are celebrating 39 years of helping women in our community carry their babies to term and assisting families. Come be a part of a vibrant organization offering hope, understanding and love to women distressed by pregnancy. We help them evaluate their situation, look at resources and discover how they can give life to their babies.

Come learn about Birthright. Both meetings are required for volunteering.

Birthright Information Night Thursday, **September 4**, 7pm at the Leavenworth Public Library Jahn Meeting Room, 417 Spruce. This is an introductory meeting for anyone interested in volunteering or who would like to know more about Birthright.

Birthright Volunteer Training Day Saturday, **September 16**, from 9am to 4pm at the Birthright Center, 221-A Delaware; Leavenworth. This is training for anyone interested in volunteering at the Birthright center. Our volunteers give approximately 3 hours/week or every other week.

If you have questions or to register for training, please call Margaret McNamee 913-991-7660, or the Birthright center 913-682-2700.

CAMP TEKAKWITHA WOMEN'S RETREAT: Will be held **Oct. 24-26**. Join us, conversations, adventures, and free time as we explore this year's theme, Pilgrims of Hope: Journeying with Christ. This retreat is an edifying experience for all ages of women 18 years and older. For more information and to sign up, visit our website: <https://archkck.org/camp-tekakwitha/womens-retreat/>.

CATHOLIC Q&A:

Can Catholics with Alzheimer's Receive Holy Communion?

Yes. Catholics with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia can and should be offered Holy Communion if they show even a simple or distant awareness of the sacrament and a desire to receive. They should never be forced, but offered Communion with kindness and respect.

The sacraments are not rewards for understanding but gifts of grace, especially in times of weakness. Even through the fog of memory loss, if a person can even vaguely recognize the Eucharist as something sacred — or shows reverence (by reaching out, saying "Amen," or a prayerful expression), they may receive. In these situations, the minister should presume in favor of giving Communion, unless there is a clear reason not to.

Though dementia may cloud the mind, it cannot erase the heart's longing for Christ. The Eucharist continues to offer deep peace and communion with God. If your loved one is living with dementia and would like to receive Communion, please speak with your priest. We are here to walk with you in care and compassion.

JOIN ENCOUNTER! Want More from Your Spiritual Life? Want to Do What Jesus Did?

The Encounter School of Ministry is a dynamic training program designed to teach, equip, and activate you to live fearlessly open to the Holy Spirit, walk with God in intimacy, and demonstrate His love, presence, and power to the world around you. Encounter **meets every Monday night from 6:15-9:15 PM** at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, **September to May**. Apply today and Join us! Classes start **September 8th**. Learn more and apply at EncounterSchool.org/Kansas-City.

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 have begun at Easton's United Methodist Church 7pm on Wednesday evenings. Contact 913-683-2271 for more information.

IF YOU SUSPECT ABUSE... The Archdiocese is committed to stopping sexual abuse, particularly when it involves clergy and lay representatives of the Church. If you suspect abuse, First, make a report to the Kansas Protection Report Center at (800) 922-5330. Call 911 if the person is in immediate danger or injured. Next, if the suspected abuse or concerning behavior involves an Archdiocesan cleric, employee or volunteer, call or text our Confidential Report Line at (913) 276-8703 or visit archkck.org/reportabuse.

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, 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, Dorian DeVlaminck, Wayne Domann, Vince Eimer, Tina Farr, Tom Flack, Helen Frazier, Glen Goodland, Alan Halstead, Henry Hancock, Robert Hecke, Marly Heim, Jim Heintzelman, Melanie Herken, Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, Alison Ito, Michael Jones, Tyonna Jones, Phillip Leon, Megan List, Kelly Long, Joyce Lowe, Shauna Marshall, Juanita McDermont, Mary Meinert, Jeni Mettelstedt, Karl Morrison, Charles Mullins, Don Navinsky, Leslie Navinsky, Hung Nguyen, Lonnie Dean Phillips Jr., Mary Piche, Betty Pierron, Julieta Puig, Danny Roemer, Kim Sachse, Jesse Salinas, Jim Schmidt, Mary Beth Schrader, Pat Schwinn, Mary Shelley, Tanner

Siebenmorgen, Dawn Staver, Chrissy Stewart, Matt Stewart, Mary Lee Sullivan, Hugh Talley, David Uhrich, Vickie Welch, Pat Wilson, and David Zule.

PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SOLDIERS: ARMY: PFC Tristen Baker, CPT Daniel Broadus, 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, Aug. 16, 5:00 pm, SJV
Sacha Curry ☩

Sun, Aug. 17, 9:00 am, SJV
For the People of the Parish

Tues, Aug. 19, 6:00 pm, SJV
For the Intention of the Celebrant

Thurs, Aug. 21, 6:00 pm, SJV
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Sat, Aug. 23, 5:00 pm, SJV
Mike and Roseanne Sachse ☩

Sun, Aug. 24, 9:00 am, SJV
For the People of the Parish

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
08/16/25	Aaron Welch	Aaron Welch
08/17/25	John Johnston	Sue Griffiee
08/23/25	Vince Eimer	Vince Eimer
08/24/25	John Donovan	Ted Staver

OUR SUNDAY FUNNY:



"It's not the heat, it's the humility."



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ALL MASSES WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOSEPH OF THE VALLEY CHURCH

SATURDAY MASS 5pm St. Joseph of the Valley • SUNDAY MASS 9am St. Joseph of the Valley

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday 6pm St. Joseph of the Valley Church • Thursday 6pm St. Joseph of the Valley Church



