First Sunday of Lent

DON'T WASTE LENT: As we begin this holy season of Lent, let us open our hearts to God's mercy through Confession, cleansing our souls and drawing closer to Him. Let us nourish our faith with spiritual reading, deepening our understanding of His love. May we commit to attending Mass faithfully, where Christ unites us in Holy Communion as food for our journey. Through daily prayer, let us seek His guidance, and through fasting, make ourselves hungry for God. Lent is a journey of renewal-let us embrace it with hearts open to conversion, walking with Christ toward the victory of Easter.

- Father Bill

ATTUNE YOUR HEART AND MIND TO GOD

Lent is a time to deepen your prayer life. To help with this, we are offering An Introduction to Prayer by Bishop Robert Barron. This book features short, readable chapters that explore questions like: Why should I pray? What should I say in prayer? How can I develop a regular prayer life? It's a valuable resource for your spiritual journey.

We also have The Word Among Us available for Lent, which includes insightful articles, daily reflections on Scripture, and the daily Mass readings.



6:45am MASS

St. Lawrence Church

7:00pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Joseph of the Valley

Catholics 14 and over abstain from meat on Lenten Fridays as an act of penance, remembering Christ's passion on Good Friday and uniting with His sacrifice for our salvation. MASSES THIS WEEK: Sat, Mar. 8, 5:00 pm, SJV For the People of the Parish

Sun, Mar. 9, 9:00 am, STL David Gates ₽

Tues, Mar. 11, 6:00 pm, STL For the Intention of the Celebrant

Thurs, Mar. 13, 6:00 pm, SJV Edward & Rose Hand ₽

Fri, Mar. 7, 6:45 am, STL, MASS For the Intention of the Celebrant Fri, Mar. 7, 7:00 pm, SJV, STATIONS OF THE CROSS Sat, Mar. 15, 5:00 pm, SJV John Bromell ₽

Sun, Mar. 16, 9:00 am, STL For the People of the Parish

WAY OF THE CROSS: Join us each Friday of Lent for the Stations of the Cross. Walk with Jesus in His Passion, deepen your love for Him, and unite your heart to His sacrifice. Each Friday of Lent, 7pm, at St. Joseph of the Valley Church.

Want to be Anointed? The Anointing of the Sick is a healing sacrament of the Church and offers spiritual strength and prayers for healing for the ill or dying. It connects the person to Christ the healer and fosters peace and comfort. Who may be anointed? Those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. A person may be anointed before surgery. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. Sick children (from age 7 on up) may be anointed. The sacrament, along with the apostolic pardon, is also available to those who may be near death. If you wish to receive the sacrament, please contact me to make arrangements.

-Father Bill

SECOND COLLECTION: will be held this weekend of **March 9**th, for Black & Indian Missions.

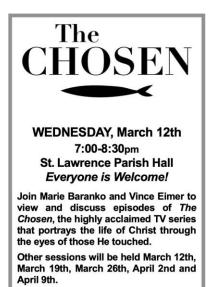
COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. Collections for last weekend were \$3049 with Capital Fund-\$300, Utilities-\$45. Special Collection-\$146. Online donations were \$551.58. Thank you for your generosity!

LITURGICAL ROLES:	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
3/8/25	Aaron Welch	Aaron Welch
3/9/25	Rita Oatney	Sharon Wagner
3/15/25	Jason Adelaine	Tracy Heim
3/16/25	John Johnston	Sue Griffee

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH:

Joe and Larry's Jesus Club would like to invite you to join us in going to RCYC— an incredible retreat for high school students. This year it is **March 22-23**. RCYC is a great opportunity to listen to talks about faith, attend adoration, meet people from all over the archdiocese, and it is a lot of fun. Please consider this opportunity to grow in your faith in a fun retreat setting. Contact Thomas Rihanna *jrziha@benedictine.edu* or Hannah Garstecki

hannahortega921@gmail.com for information.



FUND RAISING EVENT Join us for a fun fundraiser and silent auction to support Sherry Kreutzer of Easton Cafe, who recently suffered a heart attack. Her restaurant is at the heart of our community, and she's cooked for us all—now it's our turn to give back! Gather with your neighbors for a great cause and show your love and support. Great food and sweets for everyone. All proceeds will go directly toward her recovery, so let's come together to help! Saturday, March 29th, 4pm-8pm, St. Lawrence Parish Hall, Easton.

ST. JOSEPH'S FISH & SHRIMP DINNER: Come dine with us Fridays during Lent (in Nortonville), **now** through April 11th, 5 to 7 pm.

March 9, 2025

Fried/Baked Fish, Fried Shrimp, Vegetables/Salads, Choice of Dessert. \$15 Adults, \$5 Ages 4-10, Free Ages 0-3. Please join us!



DESSERTS NEEDED Knights of Columbus need desserts (cakes, pies, cookies, brownies) donated for the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner on **March 22.** Please drop off at St Joseph Hall by 3 pm on that Saturday. Thanks, Chairperson David

XAVIER NEWS: NOW ENROLLING for

Fall: Offering Pre-K to 8th grade enrollment. Contact us today to get more information! www.leavenworthcatholicschools.org 913-682-3135.

Daughters of Isabella, Little Flower Circle next meeting will be March 23, at Sacred Heart Church at 10:30 am Mass, for Corporate Communion. Mass will be followed by a light breakfast in the church hall. 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.

LENTEN LINGER OVER COFFEE will

be held at the Marillac Retreat & Spirituality Center, Leavenworth, KS, Tuesdays during Lent, March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, from 9:00 am-11:00 am. No registration necessary. Free will offerings will be accepted.

THE ENDERLE-BOGENRIFE

SCHOLARSHIP: Mary Rose Enderle and Richard Bogenrife have established a scholarship for Catholic students living in Leavenworth and Wyandotte Counties that plan on attending a trade or vocational school. Most trade and vocational programs are available through community and technical colleges. The scholarship award is for tuition up to \$5,000.00. To request a scholarship application please email Dave Hernandez at landofoz1239@sunflower.com or call

913-369-2718. Scholarship application deadline is **May 1, 2025.**

HOLY WEEK SILENT RETREAT: WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE will be held at Christ's Peace House of Prayer, Friday, April 11th at 5:30pm – Sunday, April 13th at 4:30pm. Prepare for Holy Week with a silent retreat centered on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ through the lens of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at *ChristsPeace.com* or call 913.773.8255. BULLETIN ITEMS: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email Sjs/parish@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, Tina Farr, Tom Flack, Helen Frazier, Glen Goodland, 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, Maggie Schwartz, 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, 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, Wyatt DeMaranville.

Our Sunday Funny:



