

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

First Sunday Free Breakfast  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 6th**  
 following the 9am Mass  
 St. Lawrence Parish Hall  
*The CCD Students are hosting.*

**FRIDAYS of LENT****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, remem-  
 bering Christ's passion on  
 Good Friday and uniting with  
 His sacrifice for our salvation.**

**A MISCONCEPTION EXISTS** that only priests can touch the Host and distribute Communion. In fact, at Mass, trained and authorized laypeople, called Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, can assist the priest in distributing the Eucharist. While only a priest can consecrate the bread and wine, this practice, approved by the Vatican in 1973, ensures that Communion is distributed in a timely manner and also brought to the sick and homebound. The key is that the minister is properly trained and authorized by the Church. Ultimately, receiving Holy Communion is about receiving Christ, not focusing on the minister.

-Fr. Bill

# The CHOSEN


**WEDNESDAY, March 12th****7:00-8:30pm**

**St. Lawrence Parish Hall**  
**Everyone is Welcome!**

Join Marie Baranko and Vince Eimer to view and discuss episodes of *The Chosen*, the highly acclaimed TV series that portrays the life of Christ through the eyes of those He touched.

Other sessions will be held March 12th, March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd and April 9th.

**MASSSES THIS WEEK:**

**Sat, Mar. 29, 5:00 pm, SJV**  
*Lydia and Ruth Heintzelman ☩*

**Sun, Mar. 30, 9:00 am, STL**  
*For the People of the Parish*

**Tues, Apr. 1, 6:00 pm, STL**  
*For the Intention of the Celebrant*

**Thurs, Apr. 3, 6:00 pm, SJV**  
*For the Intention of the Celebrant*

**Fri, Apr. 4, 6:45 am, STL, MASS**  
*For the Intention of the Celebrant*

**Fri, Apr. 4, 7:00 pm, SJV,**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Sat, Apr. 5, 5:00 pm, SJV**  
*Sacha Curry ☩*

**Sun, Apr. 6, 9:00 am, STL**  
*For the People of the Parish*

**NINE MONTHS AND COUNTING**

That's right, I'm already talking about Christmas because on Tuesday, March 25th, we celebrated the Feast of the Annunciation—a joyful day when Mary, through the Holy Spirit, welcomes Jesus into her womb. It's the start of something amazing: nine months of quiet wonder and joyful expectation as God's plan unfolds. As we move through the seasons ahead, we can pause now and then to think about Christ growing within Mary—God's love taking shape in a hidden, beautiful way. I pray we, too, will carry Christ in our hearts, saying "yes" to God's will and trusting His grace to guide us day by day.

-Father Bill

**PARISH IMPROVEMENTS:** We are deeply grateful and extend our heartfelt thanks to the following Knights of Columbus for their incredible generosity and hard work in laying the new floor and installing the new stoves at Bertles Hall: James Coffey, Glenn Coffey, Bart Erzen, John Wagner, John Donovan, Tom Pineau, Jacob Pineau, and Kevin Heim. The space now feels much cozier and more practical for everyone who steps inside. On behalf of the entire parish, we cannot thank you enough for making such a difference! A big shoutout as well to all our generous parishioners who are contributing to the Capital Campaign—your commitment keeps our parish going strong. Thank you all!

**HOLY HOUR** after the 6pm Mass Tuesday (April 1) until 7:30pm in St. Lawrence Church. Sign up in the vestibule. Whether you sign up or not, everyone is welcome to come spend

LITURGICAL ROLES:	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
3/29/25	Julia Cummings	Sharon Wagner
3/30/25	Ted Staver	Ted Staver
4/5/25	Rita Herken	Tracy Heim
4/6/25	John Donovan	Sharon Wagner

time with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

**FIRST  
TUESDAY****6:00 pm Mass****6:30-7:30 pm****Holy Hour**

St. Lawrence Church

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** meets Wednesday evening, **April 2nd**, at 7pm in Bertels Hall.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Kevin and Cassie Miller**, whose daughter, **Nora Louise**, baptized last Sunday at St. Lawrence Church. Welcome to the Family of God!

**THANK YOU!** The Leavenworth Catholic Charities appreciate all that we do to support their food pantry and clothing closet. Our donations of 191 lbs. of food in February helped them to serve 1223 individuals. Again, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 17th**  
**7 pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
 St. Lawrence Church

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 18th**  
**3pm—Stations of the Cross**  
 St. Joseph of the Valley

**7pm—Liturgy of the  
 Lord's Passion**  
 St. Lawrence Church

**HOLY SATURDAY, April 19th**  
**No confessions at 4:30 pm.**  
**No Mass celebrated at 5 pm.**  
**8 pm—Easter Vigil Mass**  
 St. Joseph of the Valley

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 20th**  
**9 am—Easter Morning Mass**  
 St. Lawrence Church

**ADDITIONAL TIME FOR CONFESSION:**  
**Wednesday, April 16th,**  
**6:00pm at St. Lawrence Church.**  
 You can also make an appointment with Father Bill.

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish. Collections for last

weekend were \$4,192. This included \$1,250 for Capital Campaign, and \$20 for Utilities. Online donations were \$1651.29. Thank you for your generosity!

#### ST. JOSEPH'S FISH & SHRIMP

**DINNER:** Come dine with us Fridays during Lent (in Nortonville), **now through April 11<sup>th</sup>**, 5 to 7 pm. Fried/Baked Fish, Fried Shrimp, Vegetables/Salads, Choice of Dessert. \$15 Adults, \$5 Ages 4-10, Free Ages 0-3. Please join us!

**FISH FRY:** Xavier Catholic School, 541 Muncie Rd. Leavenworth, will host a fish fry sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 900. Dates: **Mar 28, Apr 4, and 11** from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Dine-in or carry-outs will be available. There will be fried cod, baked tilapia, fried shrimp, baked potato and much more. Cost is: \$14 for adults, \$6 for children 6-12; free for ages 5 and younger.

#### 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 11<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30pm – Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FOOD COLLECTION:** Here in our parish, we are steadfast in our weekly collection of food items to be given to those in need at our local Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Leavenworth. With the rising price of food our help is urgently needed. You may continue to leave your non-perishable items in the bin in our church vestibules and they will be delivered to Catholic Charities.

#### MARILLAC RETREAT SPIRITUALITY

**CENTER** invites you to come visit us on the 160+ acre campus of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth to renew your Spirit and spend time with our God who loves you so deeply.

**Good Conversations:** God Loves Us

**April 10 9:00 AM-2:00 PM**

O'Shea Conference Center

Do we welcome charity and grace to their rightful places in our world - as God Loves Us? Lunch will be provided. A free will offering is appreciated. Register by April 3, 2025.

#### XAVIER - NOW ENROLLING for

**Fall!** We offer enrollment for Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Contact us today for more information! 913-682-3135 [www.leavenworthcatholicschools.org](http://www.leavenworthcatholicschools.org)

**BULLETIN ITEMS:** Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email [Sjslparish@gmail.com](mailto: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, 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, Hugh Talley, David Uhlrich, 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 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.



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**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:



"Having finished the children's sermon, I now invite anyone over 55 to come forward for our senior sermon."

