



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

**Parish Bulletin**

May 3, 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

**PLEASE JOIN US!**  
**First Sunday Free Breakfast**  
**SUNDAY, May 3rd**  
following the 9am Mass  
**St. Lawrence Parish Hall students.**  
*To honor our*  
**First Communion Class**  
*The Heim Family is hosting.*

A warm welcome to all, especially the families and friends gathered here for our First Communicants. We joyfully congratulate **Wrenly Ernzen, Roselyn Flax, Beckham Flynn, Waylon Noll, and Logan Pineau** as they receive Christ in the Holy Eucharist for the first time—a sacred and unforgettable milestone. We offer sincere thanks to their parents for nurturing their faith from baptism to this important day, and to their teacher, Linda Heim, for her faithful guidance, care, and preparation. We pray that these children will always gladly welcome Jesus into their souls. May God bless their families with faith, peace, and a spirit of loving service. And may this celebration deepen our gratitude for the great gift and privilege we have of receiving Christ in Holy Communion throughout our lives.

*-Father Bill*

**A GOSPEL THOUGHT:**  
“Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do” is an important reminder that faith is

meant to be lived, not just spoken. Around here people understand work—feeding livestock, planting fields, driving long roads, helping a neighbor fix a fence, or the day-by-day caring for family. Jesus calls us to carry His love into our everyday life. We may not think of ourselves as doing great things, but even small acts of kindness matter deeply to God. A patient word, a helping hand, a quiet prayer—these are ways Christ continues His work through us. Our belief in Jesus is not supposed to be passive; it’s to be active — love in motion. Even in ordinary places, God is at work through ordinary people. When we live this way, the Gospel becomes visible in the fields, homes, classrooms and ballfields where we spend our days.

*-Fr. Bill*

**HOLY HOUR** after the 6pm Mass Tuesday, **May 5<sup>th</sup>**, until 7:30pm in St. Lawrence Church. Sign up in the vestibule. Whether you sign up or not, everyone is welcome to come spend time with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.



**FIRST TUESDAY**

**6:00 pm Mass**

**6:30-7:30 pm**

**Holy Hour**

*St. Lawrence Church*

**POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR (MAY): That everyone might have food.** Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was a total \$2319 to include rental income \$500, utilities \$20, Reg. Collection \$1769, Mass Stipend \$30. The Good Shepherd Collection was \$271. Thank you for your donations! Online donations were \$667.63. Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** are meeting on Wednesday, **May 6<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 pm, at Bertels Hall. For

information about joining the Knights, contact Aaron

Welch: [realcav17@gmail.com](mailto:realcav17@gmail.com)

**THE COFFEE CLUB** will meet on Thursday, **May 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Easton Cafe from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. Please join us!

**ST. ISIDORE FEAST DAY: MASS AND BLESSING OF SEEDS AND SOIL. Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm – Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://ChristsPeace.com) or call 913.773.8255.

**THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA RETREAT,**

will be held **May 26-31<sup>st</sup>**. Major themes include The Principal and Foundation, The Contemplation, Attaining the Love of God. To register for the above events, please email: [retreats@scls.org](mailto:retreats@scls.org).

**TOTUS TUUS**, a Catholic summer youth program is being hosted by St. Francis de Sales Church in Lansing, from **July 26-31!!** All incoming 1st-12th graders are invited to attend. Registration and volunteer forms can be found attached to this announcement on Facebook.

- **The age range refers to INCOMING grades in the fall.** For example, current kindergartners

are considered first-graders for Totus Tuus. Current sixth-graders are considered seventh-graders.

- **Please take note of the differing dates and age groups for the two programs.** Incoming 1st-6th graders meet from 9 AM to 3 PM Monday through Friday. Incoming 7th-12th graders meet from 6:30 to 8:45 PM Sunday through Thursday.
- **Families are encouraged to register for Totus Tuus even if their child(ren) cannot attend every day.** Daily attendance is not a requirement. We had kids last summer come partway through the day or only on certain days of the week.
- **Day program students will need to bring a sack lunch and water bottle with them Monday through Friday.** Our parish will provide water and snacks throughout the day.

**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](#)

**PRAYER REQUESTS.** From time-to-time special needs arise in one's life: personal or family crisis, illness, death of a loved one. One prays, of course, but our petitions are more powerful when we lift up our prayers together. The members of our parish prayer team take time to pray every day for people's prayer requests. If you are in need of prayer, please go to [SJS�parish.org](#), and click on the "Prayer Requests" tab to submit your petition. Your request is very soon forwarded to the prayer team who will begin that day to pray for your intentions.

**CATHOLIC Q&A:**

**Q: Why does the Church say Christ is really present in the Eucharist, and why does it matter?**

**A:** The Church teaches that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist because He said so at the Last Supper and

continues to make it so through the Mass. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and the words of the priest at Mass, bread and wine is changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, even though they still look like bread and wine. This is the miracle of transubstantiation— the Real Presence of Christ. For the person receiving Holy Communion, this means we are receiving Jesus Himself—not a symbol, but the living Lord. He comes to us to feed our souls, deepen our union with Him, and give us grace, healing, and strength for daily life. It also calls us to receive Him with reverence and a clean heart, ready to live differently because of Him. Holy Communion is both a gift and a responsibility: Jesus gives Himself fully, and we should respond with faith, love, and a renewed desire to follow Him each day.

**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:* 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.

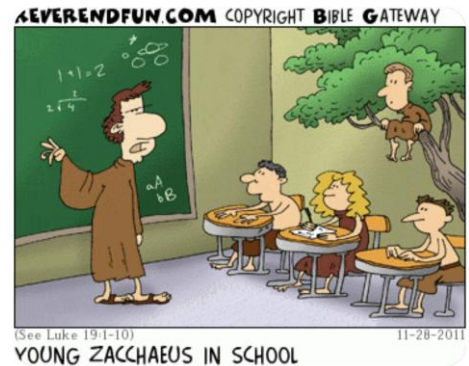
**PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SOLDIERS: ARMY:** PFC Tristen Baker, CPT Daniel Broaddus, Pvt. David Crook, SGT Colby Seifert, William Stradley. **AIR FORCE:** TSGT Jacob Fandrich, E-4 Robert W. Herken, TSGT A Scott Loecher,

A1C Noah Tattershall. **NAVY:** Dennis Budasz Jr., Sterling Curry, **YNSC (SS)** Kevin Lansing. **MARINE CORPS:** Drake Budasz, Wyatt DeMaranville

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>	
<b>Sat, May 2, 5:00 pm, SJV</b> <i>For the People of the Parish</i>	
<b>Sun, May 3, 9:00 am, STL</b> <i>Travis Pierron ☩</i>	
<b>Tues, May 5, 6:00 pm, STL</b> <i>For the Intention of the Celebrant</i>	
<b>Thurs, May 7, 6:00 pm, SJV</b> <i>For the Intention of the Celebrant</i>	
<b>Sat, May 9, 5:00 pm, SJV</b> <i>For the People of the Parish</i>	
<b>Sun, May 10, 9:00 am, STL</b> <i>Robert and Barbara Crook ☩</i>	

	<b>Reader:</b>	<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:</b>
05/02/26	<i>Julia Cummings</i>	<i>Diane Pohl</i>
05/03/26	<i>Rita Oatney</i>	<i>Sharon Wagner</i>
05/09/26	<i>Rita Herken</i>	<i>Rita Herken</i>
05/10/26	<i>Ted Staver</i>	<i>Ted Staver</i>

**OUR SUNDAY FUNNY:**



(See Luke 19:1-10) 11-28-2011  
**YOUNG ZACCHAEUS IN SCHOOL**



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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**

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