

## Parish Bulletin

July 6, 2025 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

> TACO BAR! After the 5 pm Mass Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Please join us!

GREEN IS BACK. Today for the first time since before Ash Wednesday the priest will wear green vestments at the weekend Masses. We're now several weeks into the Church's longest season: Ordinary Time. The word "ordinary" comes from the Latin ordinalis, meaning "counted." Each Sunday is numbered, like today – the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

During this green season of growth, we're reminded of Jesus' words: "I am the vine, you are the branches." Summer brings flourishing vines and fields, and so too our spiritual lives are called to grow. Green is the color of hope, symbolizing slow and steady progress in becoming the Christian God calls us to be.

This growth is usually quiet and unnoticed, as St. Francis de Sales said: "True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice." But it requires staying connected to Christ and His Church, nourished by Scripture and Sacraments. Jesus

urges us, "Abide in Me." So let's not drift away during summer, but remain united—to Him and one another—so we may truly bear fruit. Ordinary Time is about Living Jesus every day. May it be an extraOrdinary season for us all

-Fr. Bill

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY: For formation in

discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last week was unavailable. Online donations were unavailable. Thank you for your generosity!

#### **REST IN PEACE:**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Francis** "**Ted**" **Wistuba**. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

THANK YOU! Our Parish received a Thank You note for the Leavenworth Catholic Charities for our continued support of their food pantry. Our donation for the month of May of 127 lbs. of food helped them to serve 1480 individuals. Thank you to all for your continued kindness and support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are meeting on Wednesday, July 9th, at 7:00 pm, at Bertels Hall. For information about joining the Knights, contact Aaron

Welch: realcav17@gmail.com

SUMMERFEST 2025 is scheduled for August 9th. We look forward to a great event where our parish can socialize and share a delicious chicken dinner from 4-7 pm. Mass will be celebrated at 5 pm at St. Lawrence on Aug. 9th. (Note: there will be NO 5 pm Mass at St. Joseph of the Valley, that weekend only). Activities will begin around 6 pm, to include children's games, silent auction, bingo and country store!

**SETUP** will <u>start Friday night</u>, Aug. 8th at 6:00 pm. If you could donate a few hours – it would be greatly appreciated!

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Raffle tickets are available at the back of each

church. We are asking each family to sell a minimum of 30 tickets. Get a chance for some great prizes – only \$1 for each chance! Prizes are: \$500 Cash, \$200 Cash, Handmade lap quilt, \$50 Gift Card to Hilltop Market and \$50 Gift Card to Easton Cafe.

BINGO PRIZES: Please help make Summerfest a success! Please donate one child's prize and one adult prize for Bingo (\$10-\$20 value), can be toys, games. Gift cards and cash are welcome too! Prizes can be left at the back of each church or brought to St. Lawrence Hall on Friday night or the day of the event. POC-Linda Heim.

KIDS GAMES: We ask that each CCD family donate two 2-liter bottles of soda for the Pop Toss. These can be left at the back of each church.

**CAKES/PIES:** We need those wonderful home-made desserts our Parish is well known for! Please bring them either <u>Friday night</u> or the day of the event.

**SILENT AUCTION:** We are looking for theme baskets, gift cards, and other great items to include in this event. Please drop your donated items off at the hall <u>starting Friday evening</u>. POC-Kenny and Julie Eastburn.

## A PATH OF TRUTH: PRINCIPLES TO LIFE'S ISSUES RETREAT will

be held at Christ's Peace House of Prayer, from Friday, July 11th at 5:30pm – Sunday, July 13th at 4:30pm. Join us for a thought-provoking retreat based on Fr. Robert Spitzer's book Ten Universal Principles: A Brief Philosophy on Life Issues. In this retreat, we will explore ten fundamental principles that address key life issues such as truth, justice, love, and freedom, drawing from a blend of philosophy, theology, and practical wisdom.

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.

Upcoming Events at the Marillac Center - Register Now at https://www.scls.org/summerrenewal/

The Spiritual Wisdom of Trees, September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17, from 2:30-3:45 p.m. You are invited to attend the 6part series examining the science and Spirit of the forest and explore the ancient wisdom trees offer us for deep connections with each other and Earth.

**Good Conversations: Enjoying** Our Pilgrimage, September 11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Marillac Assembly. A time to renew our pilgrimage in hope.

The Transformative Power of Prayer, September 12, 9 a.m. -September 14, 12 p.m. Although we are created in the image and likeness of God, who is Love, we are born into a broken world, and in varying degrees, the wounds suffered by that brokenness have alienated us from our true identity, persons who love as God loves. These retreat days will explore the ways fidelity to prayer gradually heals those wounds, transforming us into the persons we were created to be. Time for prayer, silence, and faith sharing will be included.

#### **CATHOLIC Q&A:**

#### Q. Receiving Holy Communion: In the Hand or on the Tongue

The Catholic Church offers two reverent ways to receive Holy Communion: on the tongue or in the hand. Both are equally permissible, allowing each person to choose which way to receive that deepens their devotion and expresses their love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

This choice is personal, and we should honor one another's preferences without judgment or pressure. The heart of the matter is approaching the Lord with sincerity, gratitude, and reverence, fostering unity in our shared faith.

If receiving in the hand, place one open palm over the other to create a throne to receive Christ. When the priest places the Host in your hand, consume it immediately with care and reverence. If you prefer to receive on the tongue, fold your

hands, tilt your head slightly back, open your mouth gently, and extend your tongue to receive the Host.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES at** SJV-STL:

Clean St. Lawrence Church once a month: Contact: Debbie Ernzen (913) 683-2530 or Tracy Wagner (913) 775-2064

Music/Cantors: Contact Karen Logan at 913-683-2406 or kjunebugl@yahoo.com.

**Mass Server Coordinator Volunteer** Opportunity: Contact: Kevin Heim at 913-271-1900.

#### **Lectors And Eucharistic Ministers:**

Contact Sharon Wagner at w5cattle@aol.com or 913-683-4495.

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, Mark Hund, 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, Julie Simonis, Chrissy Stewart, Matt Stewart, Hugh Talley, David Uhlrich, Vickie Welch, Pat Wilson, and David

**PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SOLDIERS: ARMY:** PFC Tristen Baker, CPT Daniel Broaddus, Pvt. David Crook, SGT Colby Seifert, William

Stradlev. 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:

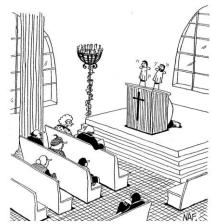
Sat, July 5, 5:00 pm, SJV For the People of the Parish Sun, July 6, 9:00 am, STL Melanie Lambert 🗗 Tues, July 8, 6:00 pm, STL Archie Griffee 🕏 Thurs, July 10, 6:00 pm, STL

For the Intention of the Celebrant

Sat, July 12, 5:00 pm, SJV Tom Darnley 7

Sun, July 13, 9:00 am, STL For the People of the Parish

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
07/05/25	Julia Cummings	Tracy Heim
07/06/25	Ted Staver	Ted Staver
07/12/25	Rita Herken	Vince Eimer
07/13/25	John Johnston	Sue Griffee



"I know he said he was going to make his sermons more entertaining but this is just crazy!'



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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

