



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

Parish Bulletin

February 1, 2026
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PLEASE JOIN US!
First Sunday Free Breakfast
SUNDAY, FEB. 1st
following the 9am Mass
St. Lawrence Parish Hall
Served the Pastoral Council

CALL TO SHARE is the annual charitable appeal of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas that unites Catholics across Northeast Kansas to support more than 40 ministries and programs, strengthening Catholic education, evangelization, human services, and spiritual formation. A letter from Archbishop McKnight is attached to today's bulletin. Our parish goal is to raise \$14,000 with the aim to include pledges from 46% of the parish. Please be generous.

A GOSPEL THOUGHT: Jesus begins the Beatitudes today with a surprising word that He repeats: **blessed**. But He doesn't point to the strongest or the shiniest or the most successful. He **blesses** the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemakers.

Here in our community, we know what it's like to plant seeds and wait. We can't rush the rain or argue with the wind. Being poor in spirit is like that: we do our part, but trusting God to bring the growth.

Jesus reminds us that God is close to those who mourn, forgive, and

steadily do what is right. The Beatitudes promise that God is present with those who trust Him and try again each day.

-Fr. Bill

PEACE WITH CARE: It's cold-and-flu season, so some parishioners may skip handshakes during the Sign of Peace. Please don't take it personally! A smile, nod, or friendly glance can say "Peace be with you" just as well. What matters most is the spirit of peace we share as one Body in Christ as we prepare for Communion. Thanks for your understanding and kindness.

MISSING MASS: Catholics are obliged to attend Mass each Sunday (or Saturday evening), but the Church also recognizes life's challenges. If severe weather, illness, or caring for someone who is sick makes going to church unsafe or unreasonable, you are *not* obligated to go that weekend. In those situations, you can still honor the Lord by praying at home, reading Scripture, or watching a Mass online. Some choose to attend a daily Mass that week as a way of remaining spiritually connected. In ongoing situations, such as a work schedule that regularly prevents you from attending Sunday Mass, your pastor can grant you a dispensation from the Sunday obligation and suggest other prayerful practices to help you stay spiritually nourished. -Fr. Bill

COUNTDOWN IS ON! Lent begins on **February 18th**. Now is a good time to begin considering your personal Lenten penance. Join us for Mass on **Ash Wednesday:** 6:45 am at St. Lawrence or 5 pm at St. Joseph of the Valley.

HOLY HOUR after the 6pm Mass Tuesday (Feb. 3rd) 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
FEBRUARY: For children with**

incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was \$1,082 plus \$25 for memorials. Collection for the Church in Latin America was \$174. Online donations were \$1964.04. Thank you for your generosity!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are meeting on Wednesday, **Feb. 4th**, at 7:00 pm, at Bertels Hall. For information about joining the Knights, contact Aaron Welch: realcav17@gmail.com

THE COFFEE CLUB will meet on Thursday, **Feb. 5th** at the Easton Cafe from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. Please join us!

RENEW YOUR HEART. RENEW THE CHURCH. This Lent, parishioners of **St. Joseph–St. Lawrence** are invited to take part in something deeply transformative. *Beatitudes from the Heartland* is a four-part Lenten series created as part of our archdiocesan pastoral planning initiative, **Renewal from the Heartland**.

Mark your calendars! Participants will gather in small groups **four times during the 2nd through the 5th weeks of Lent**, meeting during the weeks of **March 1 through March 22**. Together, we will reflect more deeply on Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church, exploring how the Beatitudes shape the way we live our faith today—and how true renewal begins within our own hearts, united with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

All parishioners are welcome. Small groups will be formed to accommodate schedules. We hope you will consider joining a group and sharing this time of reflection with your fellow parishioners. Additional information is available on the Google sign-up form. To register, please scan the QR code or call **913-773-8255**.



LENTE SILENT RETREAT: INTO THE DESERT. To be held Friday, **Feb. 20th at 5:30pm** – Sunday, **Feb. 22nd at 4:30pm** at Christ's Peace House of Prayer. Enter the quiet of the Lenten season and allow the wisdom of Pope Benedict XVI to guide your heart more

deeply into the mystery of Lent. To reserve your spot, please complete the [Individual Retreat Form](https://archkck.org/cpp/reservations/individual-retreat/) at <https://archkck.org/cpp/reservations/individual-retreat/> or call 913.773.8255.

UPCOMING MARILAC CENTER EVENTS:

Good Grief: Darkness to Light: Grief to Renewal, Feb. 7, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Marillac Assembly. Persons grieving a loved one are invited to attend a day to explore loss, grief, and the recovery of hope. For further information or to register – please contact us at retreats@scls.org Or 913-758-6552.

Lenten Linger Over Coffee: Staying firmly on the path as we journey this Lent, Feb. 24, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the Marillac Assembly.

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 SJSLparish.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.

PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIP FOR CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS The Catholic Summer Internship Kansas City (CSIKC) Program is for college students who are Catholic and want to serve individuals and families in our community. Paid internship positions are available at over 10 nonprofits around the Kansas City metro. As you build meaningful connections, you will strengthen your spiritual life, gain professional experience, and discern your future path! **Apply by March 31** at <https://catholiccharitiesks.org/catholic-summerinternship-kansas-city/>. Contact Kristen at 913-433-2011 or kpettibon@catholiccharitiesks.org with any questions.

CATHOLIC Q&A:
Q. I can’t help it, but I struggle with doubt. Is that okay?

Struggling with doubt does not make you a bad Catholic; it makes you an honest one. Faith is not the absence of questions but the decision to keep trusting God. Even the saints experienced doubt—Saint Thérèse spoke of darkness near the end of her life, and Saint Teresa of Calcutta endured difficult years. Their holiness did not come from feeling certain all the time, but from loving and choosing God no matter what.

Catholics are not asked to solve every mystery before believing. You are asked to bring your doubts to prayer, to the sacraments, and to the Church, trusting that God works through them. Receiving Holy Communion, especially when faith feels fragile, is a powerful act of trust: “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.” Remember that faith grows not by eliminating doubt, but by walking with Christ through it.

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, 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, Glen Goodland, 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, 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, Jesse Salinas, Mary Beth Schrader, Pat Schwinn, Mary Shelley, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Dawn Staver, Chrissy Stewart, Matt Stewart, Hugh Talley, 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. **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, Jan. 31, 5:00 pm, SJV
Carlene Langdoc ☩
Sun, Feb. 1, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish
Tues, Feb. 3, 6:00 pm, STL
For the Intention of the Celebrant
Thurs, Feb. 5, 6:00 pm, SJV
Norma Bromell ☩
Sat, Feb. 7, 5:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish
Sun, Feb. 8, 9:00 am, STL
James Herken ☩

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
01/31/26	Jason Adelaine	Aaron Welch
02/01/26	John Donovan	Sharon Wagner
02/07/26	Julia Cummings	Tracy Heim
02/08/26	Tim Herken	Sue Griffiee

OUR SUNDAY FUNNY:



“I wasn’t daydreaming during the homily, Father. I was buffering.”

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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

St. Lawrence Church

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