



July 19th, 2026
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A GOSPEL THOUGHT: The servants in today's Gospel were problems solvers. They saw those frustrating weeds and they wanted them gone. But the landowner knew that rushing to pull the weeds could destroy the growing wheat. He chose patience instead of a quick reaction, and because of that there was a harvest.

Perspective is important. Patience is important. We want instant answers and immediate results. We want problems fixed, relationships healed, and people changed right now. But real growth takes time. Seeds don't grow into a harvest overnight, and people do not become their best version in a single day. God is patient with us and gives time to learn, improve, and develop a stronger faith. God does not give up on us when we fall short.

This week, ask God to give you the perspective to look beyond the weeds and recognize the growing seeds of grace He has planted in your life. And with patience, God will help those seeds grow and bring forth a bountiful harvest.

-Fr. Bill

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was a total of Collection was \$3,784. This includes \$2,964 general collection, \$20 Utilities, \$50 for Masses, \$50 for SL cemetery, \$250 for the Leaven, and \$500 for Summerfest. Online donations were \$1063.73. Thank you for your generous donations!



SUMMERFEST 2026 is scheduled for **August 8th**. 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. 8th.**

(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 start Friday night, Aug. 7th 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: 2 Chiefs Tickets for August 15th (Section 111 Row 6, Seats 11 & 12), \$500 Cash, \$300 Cash, \$150 Cash, Barnett Jackal Xbow, \$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.

COUNTRY STORES: We need items for the country store; baked products, homemade items, jelly, fresh produce, etc..... POC - Rita Oatney

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. POC: Sara Green

CAKES/PIES: We need those wonderful home-made desserts our Parish is well-known for! Please bring them either Friday night 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 starting Friday evening. POC-Kenny and Julie Eastburn.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Sparrow Women's Clinic in Lansing is seeking underwriters for its annual Fall Fundraiser. Sponsorship levels range from \$500 to \$5,000, each offering varying levels of marketing. All business and personal donations are eligible to receive a 70% Kansas State Tax Credit. Please contact help@sparrowwomensclinic.com if interested. **Sponsorship Deadline: July 31st**

ASSUMED INTO GLORY: A MARIAN CONSECRATION RETREAT Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meagher Road, Easton, KS 66020 **Friday, August 14th at 5:30 p.m. – Sunday, August 16th at 4:30 p.m.**

Prepare to make or renew your Marian Consecration on the Feast of the Assumption. Through prayer, silence, and Marian teaching drawn from Hail, Holy Queen, this retreat invites you to entrust your life more fully to Mary, who always leads us to her Son. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: • Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$180 Single / \$270 Couple • Single Guest Rooms: \$110 (Meals Included) To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913-773-8255.

JOIN OUR TEAM – RESIDENTIAL SERVICES COORDINATOR

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas is seeking a compassionate Residential Services Coordinator to help us walk alongside mothers and families as they build safety, stability, and hope for their futures. This is a new and exciting position that will serve as a primary advocate for residents of Our Lady's Sanctuary of Grace and Olathe Haven, providing individualized case management, resource coordination, and emotional support. A bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, human services, or a related field and a minimum of two years of

experience in case management or social services are required; bilingual English/Spanish skills are strongly preferred. To learn more or apply, visit:
www.catholiccharitiesks.org/careers

RETROUVAILLE, HOPE FOR A BETTER MARRIAGE will be held in Kansas City **Sept. 25-27**. For more information, visit:
<https://helpourmarriage.org> or call 1-800-470-2230.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HUMAN IN THE AGE OF AI? All are welcome for an evening with Msgr. Stuart Swetland as he unpacks Pope Leo XIV's landmark first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*—On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence. The presentation will take place in the St. Michael the Archangel church on **August 10** from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Signed on May 15, 2026, this historic document calls the Church and all people of good will to engage the promises and dangers of artificial intelligence through the lens of Catholic social teaching and the dignity of the human person. Drawing on Scripture, the tradition of Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum*, and the vision of the New Evangelization, Msgr. Swetland will guide us through the key themes of the encyclical and what they mean for our lives, our families, and our world.

CATHOLIC Q&A:

Q. What about small particles of the Eucharist?

A. In the Eucharist, Jesus is really and truly present, even though we see only bread and wine. His presence stays as long as the bread and wine still look like bread and wine. Even the smallest visible fragment of a consecrated host contains the fullness of Christ's presence, as long as it still appears to be bread.

But what if the fragment is so small that it can hardly be seen? In such cases, we must trust that God does not expect the impossible from us. He asks only that we do our best. What lies beyond our ability, God Himself will take care of.

The Church calls us to approach the Communion with deep faith and reverence. Priests and the faithful rightly treat the Eucharist with great care, including any visible particles that still resemble bread. But we should not let excessive concern lead to scrupulosity. What matters most is that we come to the sacrament with love, gratitude, and devotion—aware that Christ gives Himself to us not only in sacramental form but also spiritually, as He dwells within our hearts.

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, Les Gates, Steve Hall, Alan Halstead, Robert Hecke, Marly Heim, Melanie Herken, Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, Michael Jones, Tyonna Jones, Ed LaBruyere, Phillip Leon, Megan List, Kelly Long, Joyce Lowe, Kevin Lunsford, 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., Lori Phillips, Mary Piche, Betty Pierron, Danny Roemer, Mary Beth Schrader, Mary Shelley, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Dawn Staver, Chrissy Stewart, Matt Stewart, Dennis Sullivan, Hugh Talley, Rick VanTuyl, Lori Wangerin, Vickie Welch, Pat Wilson, and David Zule.

PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SOLDIERS: ARMY: SPC 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

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Sat, July 18, 5:00 pm, SJV
Catherine Court ☩
Sun, July 19, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish
Tues, July 21, 6:00 pm, STL
For the Intention of the Celebrant ☩
Thurs, July 23, 6:00 pm, SJV
Shelbee Heim ☩
Sat, July 25, 5:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish
Sun, July 26, 9:00 am, STL
Carolyn DeMaranville ☩

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
07/18/26	Julia Cummings	Matt Brewster
07/19/26	Ted Staver	Ted Staver
07/25/26	Rita Herken	Rita Herken
07/26/26	John Johnston	Sharon Wagner

OUR SUNDAY FUNNY:



"It's not the heat, it's the humility."



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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

211 W. Riley St. • Easton, KS 66020



