



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

Parish Bulletin

July 26th, 2026
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PLEASE JOIN US!
Free Meal – Potato Bar!
After the 5 pm Mass
Saturday, August 1st
The Knights of Columbus is hosting.

A GOSPEL THOUGHT: One man finds a treasure by accident. The other man is searching and finally finds the treasure he has been searching for.

These two short parables remind us that there are many different ways people come to God. Some people are actively searching. Others are just going about their daily lives when something clicks inside them.

But both men have something in common. Once they find the treasure, their lives change. Their treasure becomes their focus and their joy.

That is what Jesus wants for us. He wants us to see our faith as a treasure—not just one more thing added to our busy lives. When Jesus becomes the center, our choices change and He shapes the way we speak to others, the way we treat people, and the way we live out our lives wherever we are.

The Gospel is not just about believing in Jesus. It is about making Him the foundation of who we are. And when we do, we'll find that what we receive is far greater than anything we have to give up.

-Fr. Bill

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was a total of Collection was \$2380 with \$100 capital fund, \$200 Leaven, Utilities \$20, Reg Collection \$2035 and Mass Stipend-\$25. Online donations were \$691.83. 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.

VOLUNTEERS – WE NEED YOU!

– please sign up for your choice of work and times of shifts – we need kitchen help – setup, meal prep, serving, picking up/washing, serving cakes/pies, drinks, Beer Garden, Selling Tickets, Country Store, Bingo. There is an on-line signup sheet with the link on the parish website and Facebook page. You can also go to this website:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F49AFA72BA0FB6-64735043-summerfest?useFullSite=true#>.

Please consider volunteering a small amount of time to the success of SummerFest. If you have trouble with the above web link, please email Sharon Wagner (w5cattle@aol.com) or call (913-683-4495) with the desired time and area you would like to help.

CCD NEWS! We will be holding CCD registration during SummerFest, **August 8th**. Please stop by for quick and easy registration!

CHOIR PRACTICE will be held on the last Tuesday of each month (**July 28th, 2026**) at 6:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence Church. All musicians, soloist and cantors are welcome. Please join us!

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. This retreat invites you to entrust your life more fully to Mary, who always leads us to her Son. 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.

RETROUVAILE, 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.

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. Here is a current list of items they could use more of: Pop Tarts, Granola Bars, Vienna Sausages, Tuna Pkts., Chef-Boy-R-Dee Pasta cans, Cereal, Cracker Snacks with PB and Cheese, Snacks-to-go tuna, Pasta and Pasta Sauces, Ensure, Bottled Water, Diapers, Toilet Paper, Hygiene products, Toothpaste and brushes, Shampoo and Shower soap. They are low on instant potatoes, scalloped potato boxes, canned, dry milk and hamburger helper. They would like cans with the "pull tabs". You may continue to leave your non-perishable items in the bin in our church vestibules and they will be delivered to Catholic Charities.

CATHOLIC Q&A:

Q. Can Catholics with Alzheimer's Receive Holy Communion?

A. Yes. Catholics with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia can and should be offered Holy Communion if they show even a simple or distant awareness of the sacrament and a desire to receive. They should never be forced, but offered Communion with kindness and respect.

The sacraments are not rewards for understanding but gifts of grace, especially in times of weakness. Even through the fog of memory loss, if a person can even vaguely recognize the Eucharist as something sacred — or shows reverence (by reaching out, saying "Amen," or a prayerful expression), they may receive. In these situations, the minister should presume in favor of giving Communion, unless there is a clear reason not to.

Though dementia may cloud the mind, it cannot erase the heart's longing for Christ. The Eucharist continues to offer deep peace and communion with God. If your loved one is living with dementia and would like to receive Communion, please speak with your priest. We are here to walk with you in care and compassion.

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, Dave Marsh, 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 VanTuyt, 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

MASSSES THIS WEEK:

Sat, July 25, 5:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish

Sun, July 26, 9:00 am, STL
Carolyn DeMaranville ☩

Tues, July 28, 6:00 pm, STL
Ginny Berry ☩

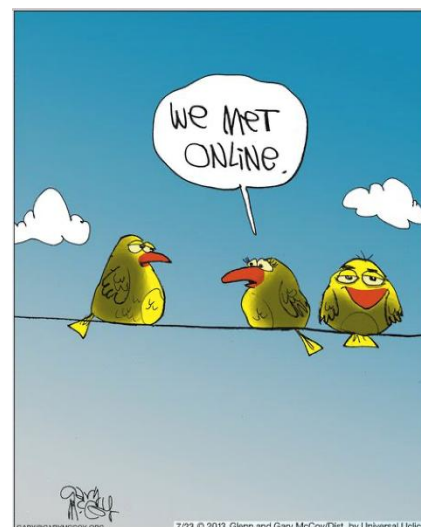
Thurs, July 30 6:00 pm, SJV
For the Intention of the Celebrant

Sat, Aug. 1, 5:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish

Sun, Aug. 2, 9:00 am, STL
Carolyn DeMaranville ☩

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
07/25/26	Rita Herken	Rita Herken
07/26/26	John Johnston	Sharon Wagner
08/01/26	Aaron Welch	Aaron Welch
08/02/26	Tom Witt	Jenny Brewster

OUR SUNDAY FUNNY:



St. Joseph of the Valley Church

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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

