



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

Parish Bulletin

August 30th, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PLEASE JOIN US!

Free Meal – Pizza!

After the 5 pm Mass

Saturday, September 5th

The Knights of Columbus is hosting.

A GOSPEL THOUGHT: Peter loved Jesus and wanted to protect Him from suffering, but he did not yet understand God's way. So, Jesus turns to him and says, "Get behind me, Satan."

And Jesus says these same words to us: "Get behind Me." We are reminded that our place is not to stand in front of Him, directing Him, but to be behind Him, following. Jesus leads; we follow.

Following Jesus sounds good, but going our own way is softer and easier. Instead of changing our lives to fit the Gospel, we can, through a little mental gymnastics, alter the Gospel to fit our lives and benefit us. We can be very good at saying "Amen" to the parts of the Gospel we like while quietly ignoring the parts we don't.

Jesus tells us not to judge, but we can use that as an excuse for never challenging what is wrong. He tells us to forgive, but we sometimes decide that certain people don't deserve our forgiveness. He tells us to love our neighbor, but it is easy to limit "neighbor" to the people we like or

who agree with us. He tells us to serve, but sometimes we do the bare minimum and make it sound as though we have done something extraordinary. And, of course, we still want to be noticed for doing it.

Maybe a good question to carry with us this week is simply: **Am I following Jesus, or am I trying to get Jesus to follow me?** Am I willing to live according to His teachings even when they challenge me, inconvenience me, or require something of me? Jesus says, "Get behind Me." That is where a disciple belongs.

-Fr. Bill

HOLY HOUR after the 6pm Mass Tuesday (Sept. 1st) 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.



COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was a total of \$3001 which included Capital Fund-\$100, Hall Rent-\$100, Reg. Collection-1781.00, SJV Cemetery \$20 and Mission Coop \$1000. Online donations were \$909.04. Thank you for your generous donations!

A SECOND COLLECTION will be held the weekend of **Sept. 6th** for The Catholic University of America.

CCD NEWS: CCD registration for the '26-27 school year is now open!

Registration is available online:

<https://forms.gle/LaiTrAjGFQRsgMX36> or by scanning the QR code below.

CCD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! Our CCD K-5 program is looking for a few more teachers to help out with classes on Wednesdays from 3:30-5pm. God has blessed us with a lot of amazing kids in our community looking to learn more about Him - and now we need you! Please contact Jess Adelaine if



you can help. 910-982-9291 or jessadelaine@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP: To all our high school students: we will be starting up youth group today, **Sunday, August 30th** at 6pm at St. Lawrence Parish Hall. For information email Thomas Rziha: trziha29@gmail.com or parents may call him at: 913-202-8412.

SUMMERFEST FOLLOW-UP:

Dear Parish Members,
Thank you to all who helped make SummerFest 2026 a success. In an attempt to make future SummerFest successful we would like feedback on items that went well. Items that we can improve on, and new ideas to incorporate. Request you take a few minutes to complete a short survey (see link below).

Thank you,
SJ-SL Parish Council
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PWK35BH>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are meeting on Wednesday, **Sept. 2nd, 2026**, at 7:00 pm, at Bertels Hall. For information about joining the Knights, contact John Donovan at Redleg75@protonmail.com.

THE COFFEE CLUB will meet on Thursday, **Sept. 3rd, 2026** at the Easton Cafe from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. Please join us!

LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE for Sept 3rd. Chairman-Sue Griffiee, Sara Green, Danielle Baker and Virginia Mowery. Serving starts at 7:00 pm.

XAVIER SCHOOL: Could you take a moment to support Catholic Education? Please help us by nominating Xavier Catholic School (XCS) for Leavenworth's annual Best of Leavenworth County! You can nominate once a day. The categories we are listed in include Education & Childcare. Visit the QR code or: https://www.leavenworthtimes.com/cr-dep-best-of/?event_token=104a55c71529439e



CHURCH PICNIC: You are invited to the Mooney Creek Corpus Christi Church Picnic! It will be held Sunday, **Sept. 13th**. Mass will be at 10:00 am and lunch at 11:30 am. Lunch will be pulled pork sandwiches, hotdogs, baked beans, chips, salads and dessert.

ST. PAT'S ANNUAL TRAP SHOOT: will be held **Sept. 13th**, noon until dark, at the St. Patrick's Church, 19384

234th Road, Atchison. All skill levels welcome! Prizes/food drink!

UPCOMING EVENTS at the Marillac Center:

Season of Creation: Living Waters (Ezekiel 47) on **Sept. 10th**. We examine Ezekiel's call for global restoration of life, ecological healing and the interdependence of humanity and the natural world, bringing hope to both humanity and creation.

Good Conversations: Holy Voices on **Sept. 15th**. We listen to the voices that call us to the path of holiness as we live out the Gospel call.

To register for the events, please email: retreats@scls.org.

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. What is the Commingling Rite at Mass?

A. During the Lamb of God at Mass, there's a quiet but meaningful moment called the Commingling Rite. The priest breaks the consecrated Host—reminding us of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross—and places a small piece into the chalice of His Precious Blood, praying, *"May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it."* This act shows Jesus' Body and Blood coming together as one, just like in His risen, glorified state, tying together His passion, death, and resurrection.

This simple rite reminds us that Christ's Body and Blood, though given under separate forms, are never divided in the Eucharist. It is a sign of the unity of His sacrifice and the communion into which He invites us. It helps dispose our hearts to receive Him with faith and love, truly and fully present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—in Holy Communion.

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 Heckle, 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 VanTuyl, Lori Wangerin, Vickie Welch, Pat Wilson, and David Zule.

PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SOLDIERS: ARMY: SPC Tristen Baker, MAJ Daniel Broadus, Pvt. David Crook, SGT Colby Seifert, William

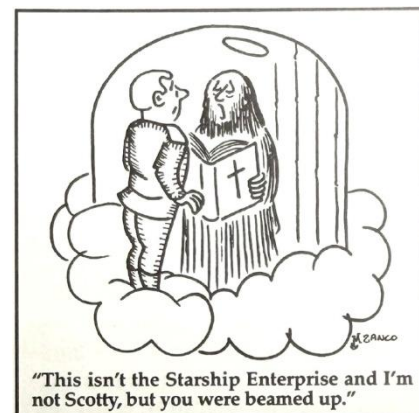
Stradley. **AIR FORCE:** TSGT Jacob Fandrich, E-4 Robert W. Herken, TSGT A Scott Loecher, A1C Noah Tattershall. **NAVY:** Dennis Budasz Jr., Sterling Curry, YNSC (SS) Kevin Lansing. **MARINE CORPS:** Drake Budasz, Wyatt DeMaranville

MASSSES THIS WEEK:

Sat, Aug. 29, 5:00 pm, SJV
Carolyn DeMaranville ☩
Sun, Aug. 30, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish
Tues, Sept. 1, 6:00 pm, STL
For the Intention of the Celebrant
Thurs, Sept 3, 6:00 pm, SJV
For the Intention of the Celebrant
Sat, Sept. 5, 5:00 pm, SJV
Alice Schneider ☩
Sun, Sept. 6, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
08/29/26	Julia Cummings	Diane Pohl
08/30/26	Ted Staver	Ted Staver
09/05/26	Rita Herken	Rita Herken
09/06/26	John Johnston	Jenny Brewster

OUR SUNDAY FUNNY:



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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

