



Parish Bulletin

July 27, 2025

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A GOSPEL THOUGHT “*Lord, teach us to pray.*” The disciples had watched Jesus pray often. They could see that prayer was at the heart of His life. In response, Jesus gives them the *Our Father*—a prayer not just of words, but of relationship.

When we pray, we are not speaking into emptiness but to God our *Father*—a Person who loves, listens, and provides. Just as a loving parent responds to a child’s needs—not always with what the child *wants*, but always with what is *good*—so God responds to our hearts.

We all know in prayer we don’t get everything we ask for. But our loving Father never ignores us. God always answers, sometimes in ways that stretch our faith or call us to trust more deeply.

This week, let’s renew our trust in prayer. God is listening. And more than anything, He wants to give us the greatest gift of all: the Holy Spirit, who leads us to life and love.

—Fr. Bill

CONGRATULATIONS! Our Knights of Columbus Council has been awarded the **Star Council Award** for the past fraternal year—the highest international honor a council can receive! This prestigious recognition celebrates excellence in charity, financial responsibility, and membership growth. What makes this achievement especially meaningful is that our council has remained focused on building something truly special within our parish—offering time, talent, and support in service to others.

Rooted in the principle of Unity, this award reflects the collective effort of every brother Knight and their supportive families. Congratulations, and sincere thanks to all our Knights for their dedication to our mission and to one another!

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was \$2017.00, to include: Capital Fund Drive \$100, Utilities \$20. Ordinary Collection \$1647, Social Receipts \$235 and Mass Stipend \$15. Online donations were \$1710.56. Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection on the weekend of **August 10/11th** for the Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa.

WELCOME TO Heath & Kirsten Flax, and their children **Leila, Sebastian, Cyprian, Theodore, Roselyn, and Violet,** the newest members of our parish. We’re glad you are part of the St. Joseph-St. Lawrence family.

THE COFFEE CLUB will meet from 10:00 -11:00 A.M. on the first Thursday of the month, beginning August 7th, at the Easton Restaurant. Please join us for a cup of coffee or your preferred beverage. All are welcome!



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!

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/60B0F49AFA72BA0FB6-57496586-summerfest>

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.

SETUP will start Friday night, 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.

SPECIAL RAFFLE For CHIEFS

Tickets! Will be held August 9th. The tickets are in section 302, row 25, seats 14 & 15 at the 50-yard line for the Bears vs. Chiefs, Friday August 22nd at 7:20 pm. (Preseason game #3). Tickets will be \$5 or 5 for \$20.

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 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. Please remember, this event is outside, so items must be resistant to heat.

FROM HURT TO HEALING: ENCOUNTERING GOD’S MERCY THROUGH FORGIVENESS will be held **August 15th - 17th** at Christ’s Peace

House of Prayer. You will explore the healing power of forgiveness and take steps toward inner peace and reconciliation. An additional \$25 materials fee applies. Register at: <https://archkck.org/cpp/reservations/individual-retreat/>

ST. AUGUSTINE: CONFESSIONS

I BURNED FOR YOUR PEACE

Will be held **August 22nd – 24th**,

at Christ's Peace House of Prayer.

As we celebrate the newly elected Pope Leo XIV, join us as we gain legacy which formed Pope Leo as a member of the Augustinian Order.

Register at:

<https://archkck.org/cpp/reservations/individual-retreat/>

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MARILLAC CENTER - Register Now at <https://www.scls.org/summer-renewal/>

The Spiritual Wisdom of Trees, September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17, from 2:30-3:45 p.m.

Good Conversations: Enjoying Our Pilgrimage, September 11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Marillac Assembly

The Transformative Power of Prayer, September 12, 9 a.m. – September 14, 12 p.m.

FOOD COLLECTION: With the rising price of food our help is urgently needed. Ongoing pantry needs are peanut butter and jelly, cans or plastic containers of fruit juice, canned fruits and vegetables, small bags of pinto beans, black beans, rice or barley, powdered milk, spaghetti sauce and tomato sauce. They also need oatmeal, cereals, breads, pastas, crackers and tortillas, canned meats and fish, soups and boxed dinners. If you donate pancake mix, please consider donating syrup as well. Also in need are personal hygiene items. 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 a spiritual Communion?

A spiritual communion is when a person desires to receive Jesus in the Eucharist but cannot physically do so, often

because of circumstances such as illness, distance, or churches' restrictions. It's a way to spiritually unite with Christ when, for whatever reason, sacramental Communion isn't possible.

During the COVID-19 lockdown, many Catholics practiced spiritual communion since churches were closed and public Masses were suspended.

Although not a substitute for physical Communion, spiritual communion invites Jesus into our hearts, expressing our longing for Him. It's a deep moment of prayer and intimacy with Christ, recognizing His real presence despite His physical absence.

Here is a Prayer for Spiritual

Communion: *"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."*

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, 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, Mary Lee Sullivan, Hugh Talley, David Uhlrich, Vickie Welch, Pat Wilson, and David Zule.

PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SOLDIERS: ARMY: PFC Tristen Baker, CPT Daniel Broadus, 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.

MASSSES THIS WEEK:

Sat, July 26, 5:00 pm, SJV
Shelbee Heim ☩

Sun, July 27, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish

Tues, July 29, 6:00 pm, STL
For the Intention of the Celebrant

Thurs, July 31, 6:00 pm, STL
For the Intention of the Celebrant

Sat, Aug. 2, 5:00 pm, SJV
Stephen Payeur ☩

Sun, Aug. 3, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
07/26/25	Vince Eimer	Vince Eimer
07/27/25	Tim Herken	Sharon Wagner
08/02/25	Jason Adelaine	Tracy Heim
08/03/25	Rita Oatney	Sue Griffiee

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

St. Lawrence Church

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