



Parish Bulletin

March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent

FRIDAYS of LENT

6:45am MASS
St. Lawrence Church

**6:30pm STATIONS
OF THE CROSS**
St. Joseph of the Valley

**Catholics 14 and over abstain
from meat on Lenten Fridays as
an act of penance, remembering
Christ's Passion on Good Friday
and uniting with His sacrifice
for our salvation.**

A GOSPEL THOUGHT: *"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."* We have asked that same question when something painful happens: *Why, God, did You let this happen? Why didn't You stop this? Where were You, God?*

The Gospel reminds us that faith does not prevent suffering, even for the holiest of people. Martha and Mary were close friends of Jesus, and He was like family. And yet their brother, His dear friend Lazarus, still died. Friendship with Jesus is not a good-luck

charm that keeps hardship away. In fact, Lazarus' death and their grief touched Him deeply. Jesus cries.

That is an important truth for us as well. When difficulties come, it does not mean God has abandoned us or that faith has failed. Hard moments are part of every life. The difference faith makes is this: we share our anguish with God and keep moving forward, trusting that the Lord cares and will, in the long run, set things right.

Jesus asks Martha — and us — a direct question: **"Do you believe this?"**

-Fr. Bill

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, April 2nd
7 pm — MASS OF THE
LORD'S SUPPER
St. Lawrence Church

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3rd
3 pm — STATIONS OF THE CROSS
St. Joseph of the Valley

7 pm — LITURGY OF THE
LORD'S PASSION
St. Lawrence Church

HOLY SATURDAY, April 4th
No 4:30 pm Confessions
No 5:00 pm Mass

8:15 pm — EASTER VIGIL MASS
St. Joseph of the Valley

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5th
9 am — EASTER MORNING MASS
St. Lawrence Church

ADDITIONAL TIME FOR CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, April 1st
6 pm — St. Lawrence Church

ATTENTION TEENS. RCYC is the archdiocesan annual retreat for high schoolers in Rural parts of northeast Kansas. The retreat is a great opportunity for teens from all over the archdiocese to meet each

other, hear talks, go to adoration and confession, and have fun.

March 28-29 at Prairie Star Ranch in Williamsburg. If you have any questions or would like to sign up feel free to reach out to Thomas Rziha by email: trziha29@gmail.com.

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was \$12,594.05, to include Capital Fund Drive \$600, Regular Collection \$11,793, Utilities \$20 and Extra Parochial Collection \$181.05. Online donations were \$896.96. Thank you for your generosity!

REST IN PEACE:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Kenny Gwartney**. May God comfort Peggy and her family. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

PLEASE JOIN US after the 9 o'clock Mass on **Sunday March 29** for coffee, donuts & juice to honor & celebrate our recent Confirmandi.

CHOIR PRACTICE will be held on Tuesday (3/24/26) at 6:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence Church. All musicians, soloist and cantors are welcome. Please join us! For more info, please contact Karen Logan at 913-683-2406.

ST. JOSEPH'S FISH & SHRIMP DINNER: Come dine with us Fridays during Lent! **Now until March 27**, 5 to 7 pm. Meals include: Fried and baked fish, fried shrimp, vegetables and salads, choice of dessert and tea/coffee. Adults \$18; Ages 4-10 \$6, and ages 0-3 free. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph Catholic Church.

OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION — MARGARET McNAMEE. Please join us to honor a legacy of love, commitment, and impact during her 40 years of incredible service to Birthright International on **March 28th**, 12-2 pm (presentation to start at 1 pm) at The Heritage Center, 109 Delaware St.

JOB OPENING: St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, Lansing, KS is looking for a new Business Manager. This is a full-time position that reports directly to the pastor. Some evening and weekend work is required. Must have experience with QuickBooks and Microsoft Office applications. Contact 913-727-3742 or businessmanager@stfrancis-lansing.org for more information.

HOLY WEEK SILENT RETREAT: BEHOLD THE MAN Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meagher Road - Easton, KS 66020 Friday, **March 27th** at 5:30pm — Sunday, **March 29th** at 4:30pm. Enter Holy Week in profound

silence and contemplate the Passion of Christ through the witness of the Shroud of Turin. This retreat invites you to remain close to Jesus in His suffering, behold the mystery of redemption, and open your heart to the transforming love revealed in His wounds. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$180 Single/\$270 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$110 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF PRAYER RETREAT will be held **March 27-29th**, at the Marillac Center. To register, please email: retreats@scls.org.

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. **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.

ANONYMOUS GROUP. If you have a willingness to stop drinking and/or using drugs, you have help and support. 12-Step Anonymous meetings are held at Easton's United Methodist Church 7 pm on Monday evenings. Contact 913-683-2271 for more information.

CATHOLIC Q&A:

Q. How do the saints help us today?

The saints help us today because they are living witnesses gathered around God's throne, saved and fully alive in His presence. Scripture says we are "surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses." From heaven, the saints see God face to face, and their lives now reveal what God's grace can do in human hearts.

The saints help us by witnessing to hope. They show us where our lives are ultimately going. Heaven is not an idea but a promise fulfilled today in real people. Their joy reminds us that

suffering, sin, and even death do not have the final word.

They also help us through prayer and intercession. United to Christ, the saints continue to love us—the Church on earth. The saints pray for us in God's presence. They encourage us, and accompany us as members of the family of faith.

Our parish patron saints should be inspiring examples: **St. Joseph** teaches us quiet trust, faithful service, and courage in ordinary life. He reminds us that holiness often grows in silence, work, and care for others. **St. Lawrence**, who gave his life in joyful witness, teaches us generous love, concern for the poor, and courage under trial.

But remember: the saints do not in any way replace Jesus; they lead us to Him. Their lives proclaim that God is faithful, grace is real, and holiness is possible—here and now.

BULLETIN ITEMS: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email Sjlsparish@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, Alison Ito, Michael Jones, Tyonna Jones, Ed LaBruyere, Phillip Leon, Megan List, Kelly Long, Joyce Lowe, 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., Mary Piche, Betty Pierron, Danny Roemer, Mary Beth Schrader, Pat Schwinn, Mary Shelley, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Dawn Staver, Chrissy Stewart, Matt Stewart, Hugh Talley, Rick VanTuyl, 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.

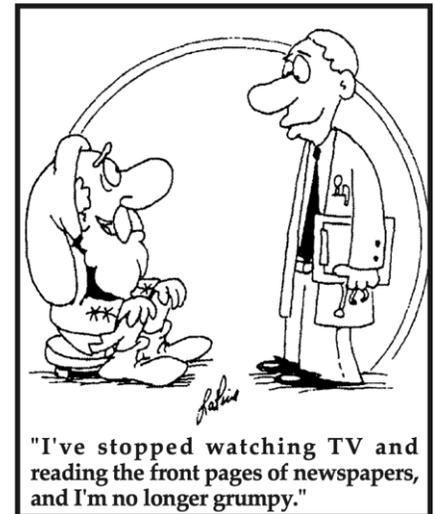
NAVY: Dennis Budasz Jr., Sterling Curry, YNSC (SS) Kevin Lansing. **MARINE CORPS:** Drake Budasz, Wyatt DeMaranville

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Sat, March 21, 5:00 pm, SJV
Fred & Virginia Hattok ☩
Sun, March 22, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish
Tues, March 24, 6:00 pm, STL
Carolyn DeMaranville ☩
Thurs, March 26, 6:00 pm, SJV
For the Intention of the Celebrant
Fri, March 27, 6:45 am, STL
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Sat, March 28, 5:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish
Sun, March 29, 9:00 am, STL
John & Carol Heim ☩
Shelbee Heim ☩

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
03/21/26	Aaron Welch	Aaron Welch
03/22/26	Ted Staver	Ted Staver
03/28/26	Vince Eimer	Vince Eimer
03/29/26	John Johnston & John Donovan	Sharon Wagner

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



