



Parish Bulletin

June 1, 2025
The Ascension of the Lord

POTATO BAR DINNER!

After the 5 pm Mass
Saturday, **June 7th**.
Please join us!

Knights of Columbus is hosting.

LET'S SEE RED Next Sunday is Pentecost, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. You're encouraged to **wear red** as a sign of the Spirit's fire, power, and unity among us as one family in Christ.

MARCHING ORDERS: As we celebrate Jesus' Ascension, we're reminded that He's counting on you to share His love with those in your life. Christ has gone ahead into the heavens to prepare a place for you, but He sends you to bring hope and kindness to your families, friends, neighbors and coworkers. This isn't just a call for priests or leaders to do—it's your mission, too. So live your faith in simple but authentic ways every day: a kind word, a helping hand, or a prayer for someone in need. Bring Jesus' light into your community and make a real difference!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meets Wednesday evening, **June 4th**, at 7pm in Bertels Hall. For information on the Knights contact Aaron Welch at realcav17@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS to Linda and Tom Oertel being selected for the parish Family of the Quarter by our Knights of Columbus council for their

immense support to our parish, and to James Coffey selected as our Knight of the Quarter for leading the reflooring of Bertels Hall.

GOD IS READY. I came across this on a blog a few days ago. "After 17 years away from the Church, I felt a deep tug back toward the Catholic faith. Though I'd found some spiritual renewal in a Protestant Bible study, it wasn't complete. Attending Mass again, I knew God was calling me home. I hadn't been to confession in 22 years, but I made an appointment, prayed in the parking lot, and walked in with a humble heart. What followed wasn't just a confession—it was a powerful encounter with God's mercy. As I poured out my sins, it felt like speaking directly to the Lord. I was absolved and made new. If you've been away, don't wait. God is ready to welcome you with open arms—and all of Heaven will rejoice."

-Fr. Bill

PILGRIMAGE 2026 to MEXICO: Stand in awe before Our Lady of Guadalupe, explore stunning churches steeped in devotion, and visit sacred sites brimming with history and grace. Deepen your spiritual life through prayer, Holy Mass, and unforgettable moments in a land alive with vibrant faith. February 9th-14th. Contact Father Bill McEvoy at Fr.Wm.McEvoy@gmail.com for details.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE: **That the world might grow in compassion.** Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

JUNE is the month the Church dedicates to the Sacred Heart of Jesus—a powerful reminder of God's deep, personal love for each of us. Take a moment to pause before the statue of the Sacred Heart in our church, and let it speak to *your* heart. In his final encyclical, *Dilexit Nos*, Pope Francis reminded us that the Sacred Heart reveals Christ's

mercy, tenderness, and closeness to our daily struggles. Make this a special June by noticing the many ways God is loving you. Deepen your devotion for Jesus and be in awe of His personal love for you.

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. Collection for last week was \$1,537 which included \$20 for utilities. Online donations were \$1682.27. Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION will be held this weekend of **June 1** for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC).

WELCOME TO Frank and Lorraine Gluch, the newest members of our parish. We're glad you are part of the St. Joseph-St. Lawrence family.

HOLY HOUR after the 6pm Mass Tuesday (June 3rd) 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.



FIRST TUESDAY

6:00 pm Mass

**6:30-7:30 pm
Holy Hour**

St. Lawrence Church

ENCOUNTER SUMMER

INTENSIVE: Quigley Center – Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Lenexa, **June 23-26th**, 6-9pm nightly. The summer intensive is a four-evening experience that provides a taste of the supernatural lifestyle Jesus has available for every Christian disciple. For more info, please visit: Encounterschool.org/kansas-city

DIRECTED RETREATS: June 12-15 or June 12-19, 2025 at the Marillac Retreat Spirituality Center. Take time to make a 4-day or 8-day silent directed retreat to pray, reflect, and meet daily with one of our seven spiritual directors. Fr. Kevin Cullen, SJ will offer a special Mass for retreatants each day. The cost is \$100.00/night which includes your room, all meals, and a dedicated spiritual director. For more

information or to sign up, contact retreats@scls.org. Register by June 1, 2025. Register by emailing retreats@scls.org or visit <https://www.scls.org/prayer-spirituality/marillac-center/>

TOTUS TUUS: St. Joseph Catholic School in Nortonville is hosting Totus Tuus, Grades 1-6, **July 7-11**, 9am-3pm and Grades 7-12, **July 6-July 10**, 6:30pm-8:45 pm. Please register by May 15 at the CR code.



TOTUS TUUS: St. Francis de Sales Church in Lansing is hosting Totus Tuus, a Catholic summer youth program, from **July 20th-25th**! All incoming 1st- 12th graders are invited to attend. Registration and volunteer forms will be attached to our Facebook announcement.

CATHOLIC Q&A:

Why Do We Fast Before Holy Communion?

Fasting before Holy Communion isn't just a rule—it's a spiritual way to prepare for receiving Jesus who comes to us in the Eucharist. The fast is simple: for most folks, it's no food or drink (except water or medicine) for just one hour before Communion. Water and medicine are always allowed and do not break the fast. For the elderly, the sick, and their caregivers, the fast is shortened to about 15 minutes, in recognition of their special needs. If even this is not feasible, no fast is required.

This brief fast helps us shift our focus from everyday concerns to the sacred moment ahead. It stirs a hunger, not for food, but for God Himself. Fasting isn't about what we're giving up—it's about putting Jesus first. It's like saying, "Lord, You come before everything else." This small sacrifice helps us to come to

the altar with deeper love, reverence, and awe.

We fast to ready our hearts to welcome the One who gives us everything.

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: 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, 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, Mark Hund, 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, Lonnie Dean Phillips Jr., Mary Piche, Betty Pierron, Danny Roemer, Kim Sachse, Jesse Salinas, Jim Schmidt, Mary Beth Schrader, Pat Schwinn, Mary Shelley, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Julie Simonis, Chrissy Stewart, Matt Stewart, Koste Stonyte, Hugh Talley, David Uhrich, 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 AScott Loecher, A1C Noah Tattershall. NAVY: Dennis Budasz Jr., Sterling Curry, YNSC (SS) Kevin Lansing. MARINE CORPS: Drake Budasz, Wyatt DeMaranville.

MASSSES THIS WEEK:

Sat, May 31, 8:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish
Sun, Jun 1, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish
Tues, Jun 3, 6:00 pm, STL
For the Intention of the Celebrant
Thurs, Jun 5, 6:00 pm, STL
For the People of the Parish
Sat, Jun 7, 8:00 pm, SJV
Donald & Edith (Sam) Ernzen
Sun, Jun 8, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES:

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
5/31/25	Julia Cummings	Sue Griffee
6/1/25	Rita Oatney	Sharon Wagner
6/7/25	Rita Herken	Tracy Heim
6/8/25	John Johnston	Sharon Wagner

OUR SUNDAY FUNNY:

PHILLIP'S FLOCK

By Doc Goodwin



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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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