



ST. JOSEPH -
ST. LAWRENCE
— CATHOLIC PARISH —

Parish Bulletin

January 25, 2026
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PLEASE JOIN US!
First Sunday Free Breakfast
SUNDAY, FEB. 1st
following the 9am Mass
St. Lawrence Parish Hall

CAMPAIGN BEGINS: The annual Call To Share campaign is an invitation to live our faith through generous love. Through this drive, the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas supports ministries that form future priests, strengthen families, educate our children, and serve those most in need. Each gift is a response to Christ's call to care for His Church and His people. You should receive information in the mail with details on how to participate. Please prayerfully reflect on how God is calling you to give. Together, our shared sacrifice builds a stronger Church for generations to come.

A GOSPEL THOUGHT: Jesus doesn't give a full and complete explanation. He simply says, "Follow me." The fishermen were busy with their everyday life: nets, boats, and fish. God likewise calls you in the middle of real life: chores, jobs, family responsibilities. Following Jesus means letting Him set the direction and doing things His way. It means choosing honesty when cutting corners would be easier, patience when tempers run short, faith when outcomes are uncertain.

Holiness isn't too often like a bright light filling the night sky! Holiness often looks ordinary—but it's daily. Teaching a child right from wrong. Showing up to work ready to go. Checking on someone who's alone. These are some of the quiet ways God works through you.

-Fr. Bill

SHARING PEACE—NOT GERMS: In this season when colds and flu are more prevalent, we ask for your understanding during the Sign of Peace. Some may choose to refrain from handshakes during the Sign of Peace. If someone does not extend a hand, please know it is not personal. A warm smile, gentle nod, brief eye contact, or another simple gesture can be just as meaningful and reverent. What matters most is the spirit of peace we share as members of the Body of Christ as we prepare for Communion. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and charity towards one another.

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was \$3069, which included \$600 Capital Fund Drive, \$20 Utilities, \$1479 Ordinary Collection, \$140 Mass Stipend, \$380 memorial, and \$450 Religious Education. Online donations were \$595.12. Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION will be held on this weekend of **Jan. 25th** for the *Church in Latin America (CLA)*.

CHOIR PRACTICE will be held on the last Tuesday of each month (**Jan. 27th**) at 6:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence Church. All musicians, soloist and cantors are welcome. Please join us!

TRUE LOVE REQUIRES MORE THAN WORDS: Put your love into action by giving your spouse the gift of time and your undivided attention. Register today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. Upcoming local area Experiences include:

Feb. 13-15, in Kansas City, KS
March 20-22, in Carthage, MO

Visit www.wvme.org to apply for an experience and to see a complete listing of 2026 dates.

IGNITE FOR LIFE & THE KANSAS MARCH FOR LIFE—Don't miss the opportunity to attend the IGNITE for Life Rally and Kansas Mass & March for Life on **January 28th**, in Topeka! IGNITE for LIFE is an inspirational, pro-love rally for the protection of preborn children and women facing challenging

pregnancies. The morning consists of live music, inspirational speakers, a ministry fair, and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass with the Bishops and priests of Kansas. Following IGNITE, all are invited to join in the Kansas March for Life to the capital for the Kansans for Life rally. All events are free. Need a ride? Reserve your spot on the Archdiocesan bus departing from Savior Pastoral Center in KCK to Topeka! Visit www.archkck.org/ignite for more information and to register.

LENTEN SILENT RETREAT: INTO THE DESERT. To be held Friday, **Feb. 20th** at **5:30pm** – Sunday, **Feb. 22nd** at **4:30pm** at Christ's Peace House of Prayer. Enter the quiet of the Lenten season and allow the wisdom of Pope Benedict XVI to guide your heart more deeply into the mystery of Lent. This silent retreat draws from *Lent with Pope Benedict XVI: Meditations for Every Day*, offering scriptural reflections that illuminate the call to repentance, interior renewal, and conversion of heart. To reserve your spot, please complete the [Individual Retreat Form](#) at <https://archkck.org/cpp/reservations/individual-retreat/> or call 913.773.8255.

UPCOMING MARILAC CENTER EVENTS:

Good Grief: Darkness to Light: Grief to Renewal, Feb. 7, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Marillac Assembly. Persons grieving a loved one are invited to attend a day to explore loss, grief, and the recovery of hope. For further information or to register – please contact us at retreats@scls.org Or 913-758-6552.

Lenten Linger Over Coffee: Staying firmly on the path as we journey this Lent, Feb. 24, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the Marillac Assembly. Each week, we will explore one of the root drives that, unopposed, will lead us off the path to God. We will consider, as well, the antidote that we can cultivate to recognize what leads to God and what leads us away.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES at SJV-STL:

Clean St. Lawrence Church once a month: Contact: Debbie Erzen (913) 683-2530 or Tracy Wagner (913) 775-2064

Music/Cantors: Contact Karen Logan at 913-683-2406 or kjunebugl@yahoo.com.

Mass Server Coordinator Volunteer Opportunity: Contact: Kevin Heim at 913-271-1900.

Lectors And Eucharistic Ministers: Contact Sharon Wagner at w5cattle@aol.com or 913-683-4495.

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, also Hygiene products, Toothpaste and brushes, Shampoo and Shower soap. They are low on instant potatoes, scalloped potato boxes, canned and dry milk and hamburger helper. They would like cans with the "pull tabs". They are VERY grateful for any donations, but having an updated "need" list may be appreciated even more. 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. Why does the Church have laws, rules, and precepts?

A. When Jesus called the first disciples in today's Gospel, they immediately leave their nets and follow Him. They don't argue, negotiate, or ask for special conditions. They trusted Jesus, and they follow. This teaches us something important about discipleship: to follow Jesus means letting Him lead our lives.

This helps us understand why the Church has laws and disciplines. They are not about controlling people or

making life difficult. They grow out of the same call to follow Jesus together. Just as the disciples followed Jesus in the direction He led, so the Church needs shared rules and practices to stay united in faith and mission. Without them, our unity in following Christ would quickly give way to confusion and division.

Jesus Himself obeyed the Father, showing us that obedience is not weakness—it is an act of love and trust. Church precepts, like going to Mass on Sundays and holy days, set a basic rhythm for Christian life. They help us stay close to God's grace and keep us from drifting away. When we understand this, we see that Church discipline is meant to support us as disciples who follow Christ—together, with trust, and without hesitation.

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, Tom Flack, Helen Frazier, Glen Goodland, Steve Hall, Alan Halstead, Robert Hecke, Marly Beth, 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, 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, Jesse Salinas, Mary Beth Schrader, Pat Schwinn, Mary Shelley, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Dawn Staver, Chrissy Stewart, Matt Stewart, Hugh Talley, 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, Jan. 24, 5:00 pm, SJV
Leona LeWallen ☩*
*Sun, Jan. 25, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish*
*Tues, Jan. 27, 6:00 pm, STL
For the Intention of the Cele01brant*
*Thurs, Jan. 29, 6:00 pm, SJV
Ernie DeMaranville*
*Sat, Jan. 31, 5:00 pm, SJV
Carlene Langdoc ☩*
*Sun, Feb. 1, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish*

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
01/24/26	Vince Eimer	Vince Eimer
01/25/26	John Johnston	TBD
01/31/26	Jason Adelaide	Aaron Welch
02/01/26	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



