



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

Parish Bulletin

August 16th, 2026
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME to Sister Helen Therese Mack of the Sisters of Charity, who is here as part of the Archdiocesan Mission Cooperative Appeal — one of the ways the Church in northeast Kansas supports missionaries serving throughout the world. Each summer, missionaries visit our parishes to share their experiences and tell us about the people they serve. They remind us that the Catholic Church desires to serve everyone everywhere.

In many places, missionaries are bringing the Gospel, education, healthcare, and hope to people who have very little. We may not be able to go there ourselves, but through our prayers and generosity, we can help them go where we cannot. So please listen to Sister Helen Therese, pray for the missionaries and those they serve, and be as generous as you can.

A GOSPEL THOUGHT: *“Even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table.”* The Canaanite woman is grateful for whatever Jesus gives her. That’s a good lesson for us because we can easily fall into the habit of always wanting more. More money. More comfort. More pats on the back. More time. More of this and that.

But sometimes we should stop and recognize what the Lord has given us: seeing a beautiful sunset. A friend who calls. A nourishing meal. A steady voice. A good laugh. Time to relax. Another day of life.

We can become so focused on what we *want* that we forget to thank God for what we have. This woman teaches us something important: what comes from the Lord should be received with gratitude. Our prayer shouldn’t be, “Lord, give me more.” Maybe it should be, “Lord, thank You for what You have already given me.”

-Fr. Bill

HEARTFELT THANKS to all of the dedicated parish volunteers who made this year’s Summer Fest such an outstanding success!

Summer Fest is our biggest annual event, a community tradition that brings together families, friends, neighbors, and visitors for a day of fun, laughter, and hospitality. Because of your generous hard work and joyful spirit, we kept this special tradition going and make it another memorable celebration for our entire community.

From the many hours spent planning and preparing, to setting up, serving, cleaning and taking everything down afterward, you went above and beyond in every way—especially through the summer heat. Whether your work was visible to everyone or quietly done behind the scenes, it made a real difference. Summer Fest succeeds because of you. Thank you for helping to make this treasured annual event possible.

-Fr. Bill

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Summerfest Raffle Winners! Thanks to everyone for participating!
K.C. Chiefs Tickets--David Zule
\$500 Cash--Stella Begley
\$300 Cash--Chuck Schmidt
\$150 Cash--Stella Begley
Barnett Crossbow--Waylon Monahan
Hilltop Gift Card--Mary Higgins
Easton Cafe Gift Card--Ernie Allen

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was a total of Collection was \$5,002. This included \$4,674

general collection, \$50 Capital Campaign, \$100 Hall Rent, \$51 for Leaven, \$25 for Summerfest, and \$102 for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Online donations were \$1100.33. Thank you for your generous donations!

FAST. SECURE. ONLINE GIVING.

Giving to your parish online weekly or monthly is incredibly convenient. You can even set it up to be automatically, so you never have to worry about bringing cash or writing checks. Whether you’re traveling, busy, or not at our Mass, your support continues without interruption. It saves time, reduces stress, and helps you stay consistent in your giving. It’s a simple, reliable way to support St. Joseph-St. Lawrence with ease and peace of mind. Go to [SJS�Parish.org/online-giving/](https://forms.gle/LaiTrAjGFQRsgMX36)

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.

YOUTH GROUP: To all our high school students: we will be starting up youth group again on **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.

THANK YOU! The Leavenworth Catholic Charities continues to send their thanks for the food and personal hygiene donations that our Parishioners send to them. Please continue to donate and help the less fortunate. Also, a very special Thank You to Richard and Mary Piche' who transport our donated items to the Catholic Charities each week. We appreciate your help and kindness.

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

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@scsls.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.

XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NOW ENROLLING: Are you searching for the perfect school for your child? We have limited openings available for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade. We invite you to tour our school and discover what makes Xavier unique! Our curriculum emphasizes virtue-based learning and includes subjects such as Spanish, band, choir, physical education, sports teams, as well as art and music classes. We believe in partnering with parents to help your child grow closer to God and achieve academic success. For more information, please visit our website at www.leavenworthcatholicsschools.org or email us to schedule a tour at brooke.bristow@leavenworthcatholicsschools.org.

NOW HIRING: We are looking for substitute teachers for the 2026/27 school year who embody the teachings of Christ and have a genuine passion for sharing Jesus' love with children. If you are interested, please call the K-8 Office or email the Principal at janelle.hartegan@leavenworthcatholicsschools.org.

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. Why is racism evil?

A. Racism is morally wrong because it denies something at the very heart of our Catholic faith: every human being is created in the image and likeness of God. No one is more or less valuable

because of the color of their skin, their race, or their ethnic background.

We usually think of racism as hatred or openly treating someone badly. But sometimes it is much more subtle—and that makes it harder to recognize in ourselves.

It can show up in the assumptions we make about people we don't know, in the jokes we laugh at or repeat, or in judging someone before we know them because of how they look. It can appear in deciding who is "one of us" and who is not. It can even happen when we dress prejudice up as common sense or concern for others.

None of us should assume we are incapable of such attitudes. But Jesus calls us to something greater: to see every person as a sister or brother.

The Christian response to racism is not simply to avoid bigotry and hatred. It is to cultivate love—to respect every person, challenge our own prejudices, and recognize the dignity God has given to every human being. That is how we honor the God who created and loves the entire human race.

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 Hecke, 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 Broaddus, 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. 15, 5:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish

Sun, Aug. 16, 9:00 am, STL
August and Cara Malm

Tues, Aug. 18, 6:00 pm, STL
For flourishing of Generational Catholicism in Our Parish

Thurs, Aug. 20, 6:00 pm, SJV
Mike Sachse ☩

Sat, Aug. 22, 5:00 pm, SJV
Connie Wistuba ☩

Sun, Aug. 23, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
08/15/26	George Steger	Tracy Heim
08/16/26	Tim Herken	Noelle Pohl
08/22/26	Jason Adelaine	Matt Brewster
08/23/26	Rita Oatney	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



