



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

Parish Bulletin

September 6, 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PLEASE JOIN US!

Free Meal – Pizza!

After the 5 pm Mass

Saturday, September 5th

The Knights of Columbus is hosting.

A GOSPEL THOUGHT: Jesus said: *“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”* Of course when we read those words, we think about church. And it’s true that Jesus is present when we gather for Mass. But His promise is bigger than that.

Jesus is present around the kitchen table when a family sits down to eat or to work through a problem. He’s present when two friends finally talk after months of not speaking. His presence is felt when somebody sits next to a loved one lying in a hospital bed. He’s there when neighbors join together to help someone who is having a hard time.

Perhaps that’s what Jesus wants us to remember today. His presence isn’t limited to church or to the time we spend at Mass. Jesus goes home *with* us. He’s there in our conversations, our meals, our problems, and our generous works of love.

Let us remember that even an ordinary conversation or simple

act of kindness can become sacred because Jesus promises to be with us there.

—Fr. Bill

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

MASS WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED on Thursday, **September 10th**. A communion Service will be offered at the regularly scheduled Mass time.

CEMETERY NOTICE: Artificial flowers, wreaths and other decorative materials are only permitted in monument vases during the growing season (April 1 - September 30), except for the following occasions and one week thereafter; Easter, Mother’s Day, Memorial Day, Father’s Day and Independence Day. Cut flowers are allowed at all times. No glass containers. Thank you for your cooperation.

St. Joseph of the Valley Cemetery (Mt. Olivet)
St. Lawrence Cemetery
St. Thomas Cemetery

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was a total of \$3294 which included Capital Fund-\$200, Hall Rent-\$300, Reg. Collection-2774.00, and Utilities \$20. Online donations were \$610.12. Thank you for your generous donations!

A SECOND COLLECTION will be held this weekend of **Sept. 6th** for The Catholic University of America.

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.



CCD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! Our CCD K-5 program is looking for a few more teachers to help out with classes on Wednesdays from 3:30-5pm. God has blessed us with a lot of amazing kids in our community looking to learn more about Him - and now we need you! Please contact Jess Adelaine if you can help. 910-982-9291 or jessadelaine@gmail.com

KNIGHTS NEWS: Our KofC council welcomed two new members, **Eddie Johnson** and **Matt Lockard** this week! We have room for plenty more! We named **Steve Fandrich** as **Knight of the Month** for, among other things he's done for us, asking the Easton Lions club to donate \$500 to getting another Automated External Defibrillator (AED). This one is for St Lawrence Hall, and they actually tripled it! Our Council named the **Green family** as our **Family of the Month** for their multi-generational support of the parish, both in the parish office and lay ministry at Mass.

CHURCH PICNIC: You are invited to the Mooney Creek Corpus Christi Church Picnic! It will be held on Sunday, **Sept. 13th**. Mass will be at 10:00 am and lunch at 11:30 am. Lunch will be pulled pork sandwiches, hotdogs, baked beans, chips, salads and dessert.

ST. PAT'S ANNUAL TRAP SHOOT: will be held **Sept. 13th**, noon until dark, at the St. Patrick's Church, 19384 234th Road, Atchison. All skill levels welcome! Prizes/food drink!

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.

Beloved Discipleship: Johannine Gospel Retreat - October 12, 4:00 p.m. to **October 18**, 4:00 p.m. at the Ross Chapel. The Beloved Discipleship Retreat will examine the Gospel of John as the way of entering into the call we each have to become the beloved disciples of Jesus in today's world.

To register for the events, please email: retreats@sc/s.org.

DATE NIGHT! All married (& engaged) parishioners are invited to the “School of Love” quarterly, city wide “Date Night”, **Sept. 18th** at 6:00 pm. The event will be held at Trinity House Books. Happy Hour begins at 6:00pm (couples can enjoy a drink as they browse the bookstore) and a talk on marriage and family will begin at 6:30pm. For more info, visit: www.schoolofloveusa.com/date-night

25th ANNUAL GERMANFEST – St. Joseph Church, 305 N Broadway, will be held on **Sept. 26th**. Mass at 4 pm, Traditional German Meal served 5-7:30 pm. Adults \$15, children \$5. Please join us for music, games, food and lots of fun!

JOURNEYING TOWARD GOD: DISCOVERING ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN'S LEGACY RETREAT will be held at Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meagher Road - Easton, KS 66020 **Friday, September 18th at 5:30pm – Sunday, September 20th at 4:30pm**. Join us for a reflective retreat celebrating the life, wisdom, and holiness of St. John Henry Newman, recently declared a Doctor of the Church. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$180 Single / \$270 Couple Single Guest Rooms: \$110 (Meals included) To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

RETROUVAILLE, 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.

FUNDRAISER: We are invited to attend Sparrow Women's Clinic's annual fall fundraiser, to be held on Friday, **October 9th**, at the Heritage Center in Leavenworth. Guests can register for this free event by visiting sparrowwomensclinic.com and selecting the fundraiser tab. Seats are limited for this event, so registration is required.

CATHOLIC Q&A:

Q. Why does the priest wash his hands at the altar?

A. The priest washes his hands before the Eucharistic Prayer as a sign of inner purification. This ritual, called the *lavabo* (from the Latin "*I will wash*"), takes place after the offertory, just before he begins the Eucharistic Prayer. As he washes his hands, the priest quietly prays, "*Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.*"

Though brief, this action is rich in meaning. It expresses the priest's desire to be spiritually clean as he prepares to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The gesture is both practical and devotional, it reflects humility and the need for God's mercy. It also invites the faithful to unite in a spirit of reverence and holiness as they enter into the sacred mystery of the Eucharist.

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-Jules, , Dorian DeVlaminck, Vince Eimer, James Farr, Tom Flack, Helen Frazier, Les Gates, Steve Hall, Alan Halstead, Robert Heckle, 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, Sept. 5, 5:00 pm, SJV
Alice Schneider ✠
Sun, Sept. 6, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish
Tues, Sept. 8, 6:00 pm, STL
For the Intention of the Celebrant
Thurs, Sept 10, 6:00 pm, SJV
NO MASS/Communion service offered
Sat, Sept. 12, 5:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish
Sun, Sept. 13, 9:00 am, STL
Jacqueline Howard ✠

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
09/05/26	Rita Herken	Rita Herken
09/06/26	John Johnston	Jenny Brewster
09/12/26	Aaron Welch	Aaron Welch
09/13/26	Tom Witt	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

