



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

Parish Bulletin

March 8, 2026
Third Sunday of Lent

A GOSPEL THOUGHT: It's midday, and the woman comes to the well alone, probably to avoid the town's gossip. Jesus is tired and thirsty. He asks her for a drink and then speaks of "living water" that can quench the deeper thirst in her soul. This woman had a rough past and had looked for love in all the wrong places. She tried to build a life, but nothing lasted.

We all have parts of our story we wish were different. Yet Jesus looks at her—and at us—and sees more than mistakes. He speaks about placing a deep spring within us — a refreshing faith that keeps flowing, especially when life is like a drought.

Every person thirsts for God, but we often try to quench that thirst in other ways. Only God can truly fulfill us. Jesus meets us in our weakness and gives us a new way forward. Our personal history does not have to define our future. Make this Lent a time to meet Jesus at the well and let Him refresh your soul.

-Fr. Bill

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.

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.

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was \$3938, which included Capitol fund drive-\$600, Rent-\$100, Collection \$2791, Mass Stipend \$50, Memorial \$10 and Bible Study \$7, SJV Cemetery \$380. Online donations were \$570.12. Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION will be held the weekend of **March 15th** for the Catholic Relief Services (formerly the American Bishop's Overseas Appeal).

WITH GREAT JOY we congratulate **Joey and Jody McKee** on the Baptism of their twin girls, **Brynn Elizabeth** and **Reese Olivia**. May they grow together in faith, hope, and love, and always know how deeply they are cherished by God and their Church Family.

WELCOME TO Bill and Judy Skillin, and **Brandi Barnett**, the newest members of our parish. We're glad you are part of the St. Joseph-St. Lawrence family.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Please join our scripture study during the season of Lent to be transformed — transformed by repentance, by surrender and by love—and to turn back to God with our whole hearts. We will meet on

Wednesday afternoon at 1pm (**Mar 11**). Study guides are \$7. Please contact Jennifer Brewster (jenny.brewster1@gmail.com) for more information or to reserve a study guide.

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.

Spaghetti DINNER



**SATURDAY,
MARCH 21
6-8 pm**

**Bertels Hall
St. Joseph of the Valley
\$10 Adults • \$5 Children
(Max family price: \$30)
Carryouts Available**

The Knights also need desserts to support their dinner. Please reach out to Aaron Welch if you would like to donate, realcav17@gmail.com.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER will be held **March 8**, 11:30-2:30, Miega Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 711 N. 5th St. \$800 Pot O'Gold Cash Raffle, Silent Auction. \$15 adult-corned beef & cabbage dinner; \$10 adult-Irish Stew Dinner; \$5-Children 4-11.

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.

COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2026 Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration **June 7th**, 2:00 pm, Church of the Nativity/Leawood To receive your invitation from Archbishop McKnight, please call the parish office and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding. Please do this as soon as possible. **FINAL CALL!**

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.

CATHOLIC Q&A:
Q. Why can we call a priest "Father"?

When Jesus says, "Call no man on earth your father" in Matthew 23:9, Catholics understand that He is not giving a literal rule about what titles may be used. Many times, Jesus used strong language to challenge hypocrisy and pride. In that passage He is correcting religious leaders who loved being honored with titles that made them appear spiritually superior to others.

Jesus' point is that God alone is the ultimate source of authority and fatherhood. No human leader should place himself in God's position or seek personal glory. Everything we receive—life, grace, guidance, forgiveness—comes first from God the Father.

For Catholics, calling a priest "Father" expresses something spiritual, not to compete with God. A priest helps bring people to new life through baptism and the other sacraments, teaches the faith, and provides for the spiritual well-being of those in his care. In that sense he exercises a form of spiritual fatherhood. In I Corinthians 4:15, Paul tells believers, "I became your father in Christ through the Gospel." So Scripture uses the word "father" in spiritual and respectful ways.

So the title "Father" is not meant to replace God, but to point back to Him. It recognizes that a priest shares in God's paternal care by guiding and nurturing the faithful in their relationship with the true Father in heaven.

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, 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 VanTuyll, 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 7, 5:00 pm, SJV
James Herken ☩
Sun, March 8, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish
Tues, March 10, 6:00 pm, STL
For the Intention of the Celebrant
Thurs, March 12, 6:00 pm, SJV
John Bromell ☩
Fri, March 13, 6:45 am, STL
For the Intention of the Celebrant
Sat, March 14, 5:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish
Sun, March 15, 9:00 am, STL
Ed Baranko ☩

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
03/07/26	Julia Cummings	Diane Pohl
03/08/26	Tim Herken	Sue Griffiee
03/14/26	Rita Herken	Rita Herken
03/15/26	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



