

PLEASE JOIN US!
First Sunday Free Breakfast
SUNDAY, February 2nd
following the 9am Mass
St. Lawrence Parish Hall
The Pastoral Council
is hosting.

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life to lift up those living a religious vocation such as nuns and monks and those in religious orders. We also pray for individuals discerning this path. This observance aligns with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, symbolizing Christ as the light of the world. Consecrated men and women are called to reflect this light. Let's thank God for the gift of consecrated life, raise awareness, and rejoice as consecrated persons to renew their commitment. The example of their lives of poverty, chastity, and obedience inspires all Catholics toward holiness.

HOLY HOUR after the 6 pm Mass Tuesday until 7:30 pm 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

BIG PROJECTS AHEAD

We are happy to announce several upcoming projects for our parish, made possible by your generosity in the *Toward 15* Capital Campaign and a grant from the archdiocese:

- **Bertels Hall Flooring:** The floor in Bertels Hall will soon be replaced with 100% waterproof tile. Our Knights of Columbus will install the new flooring, which will include the bathrooms and kitchen area.

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Sat, Feb. 1, 5:00 pm, SJV
Norma Bromell ☩

Sun, Feb. 2, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish

Tues, Feb. 4, 6:00 pm, STL
Carolyn Wagner ☩

Thurs, Feb. 6, 6:00 pm, SJV
Helen Karczewski ☩

Sat, Feb. 8, 5:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish

Sun, Feb. 9, 9:00 am, STL
Arch Griffie ☩

- **Church Windows:** The exterior windows in both churches will be replaced with durable Lexan glass.
- **St. Lawrence Church Roof:** The roof at St. Lawrence Church will be replaced due to wind damage from a storm last April.
- **Painting Projects:** St. Joseph of the Valley Church will be painted when the weather is warmer. The rectory will also be painted now that the new windows have been installed.

Future projects, such as the replacement or permanent repair of the front doors at St. Joseph of the Valley Church, are also planned.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me or any member of the Finance Council: Tim Herken, Marie Baranko, Donna Crook-Rogers, John Donovan, Bart Ernzen, Sara Green, Kevin Heim, or Karen Logan.

Thank you for your continued support.
 -Fr. Bill

A LEGACY OF GENEROSITY: Agnes Kays, a beloved member of our parish who passed away last October, left behind a remarkable legacy of faith and love. In her will, she directed that her home and property be gifted to the parish, with the proceeds designated for the care and maintenance of St. Lawrence Church. This selfless act stands as a testament to her unwavering devotion to God and her profound appreciation for the role the parish played in her life.

Agnes' extraordinary generosity reflects her dedication to supporting our mission and ensuring the parish's future stability. The sale of her home and property is being managed by realtor Donna Lansing.

LITURGICAL ROLES:	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
2/1/25	Rita Herken	Sharon Wagner
2/2/25	Rita Oatney	Ted Staver
2/8/25	Aaron Welch	Aaron Welch
2/9/25	John Donovan	Sue Griffie

We honor Agnes' memory with deep gratitude and pray that her inspiring generosity moves us all to live with similar faith and appreciation for our parish.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. Collections for last weekend was \$2,974. This included \$20 for utilities, \$50 for Masses and \$1,170 for Capital Campaign. Second collection for Church in Latin America was \$170. Online donations were unavailable. Thank you for your generosity!

ONLINE GIVING IS EASY, go to: SJSLparish.org and click the ONLINE GIVING tab. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the form. You may set it up to use your bank account for automatic payment or use your card. You have benefits that'll come from giving this way: No need for checks. • Align your giving along with your paycheck schedule. • Flexibility when you want to change. • You can even use your credit card to gain airline mileage, bonuses, etc. We use a service called Vanco, which utilizes the highest security standards. It's safe and secure. Any questions? Please contact: Sara Green (913) 426-3022, sgreen0427@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meets on Wednesday evening, **February 5th** at 7pm in Bertels Hall.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL

YOUTH: Joe and Larry's Jesus Club would like to invite you to join us in going to RCYC— an incredible retreat for high school students. This year it is **March 22-23**. RCYC is a great opportunity to listen to talks about faith, attend adoration, meet people from all over the archdiocese, and it is a lot of fun. Please consider this opportunity to grow in your faith in a fun retreat setting. Contact Thomas

Rihanna jrziha@benedictine.edu or Hannah Garstecki hannahortega921@gmail.com for information.

GOOD CONVERSATIONS: GOD LOVES US: February 20, 9 a.m. — 2 p.m. The event is free, but free will donations are appreciated to cover the cost of lunch. For more information or to register for this event, contact retreats@scls.org.

FULTON SHEEN: PEACE OF SOUL - A RETREAT OF HOPE AND INSPIRATION Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Rd., Easton Friday, **February 7th** at 5:30pm – Sunday, **February 9th** at 4:30pm. This retreat offers practical inspiration for anyone seeking deeper faith, hope, and courage in the face of life's challenges. Whether you are new to Sheen's writings or a longtime admirer, this retreat will renew your spirit and offer a fresh perspective on God's grace in your daily life. Join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal and experience the peace that only Christ can bring. 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.

BECOME A BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEER! COVID is still with us, but the Pandemic is OVER. ESCAPE your house and COME be a Volunteer of a vibrant organization in our community whose main purpose is to help pregnant women carry their babies to term. Birthright needs Volunteers ages 18+.

We offer hope, understanding and love to women distressed by pregnancy. We help them evaluate their situation, look at resources and discover how they can give life to their babies. For 38 years Birthright of Leavenworth, Inc. has been helping women in this area carry their babies to term. Come learn about Birthright. Both meetings are required for volunteering.

Birthright Information Night Thursday, **February 20**, 7pm at the Leavenworth Public Library Jahn Meeting Room, 417 Spruce. This is an introductory meeting for anyone interested in volunteering or who would like to know more about Birthright.

Birthright Volunteer Training Day Saturday, **February 22**, from 9am to 4pm; at the Birthright Center, 221-A Delaware; Leavenworth. This is training for anyone interested in volunteering at the Birthright center. Our volunteers give approximately 3 hours/week or every other week. Both meetings are required for volunteering. If you have questions or to register for training, please call Margaret McNamee 913-991-7660, or the Birthright center 913-682-2700.

ARCHDIOCESAN 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION will be held **June 1st**, 2:00 pm, at Church of the Nativity/Leawood. If you are celebrating your 50th anniversary this year, please call the parish office and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding, to receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, Please do this as soon as possible.

BULLETIN ITEMS: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email Sjstparish@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, Vince Eimer, Tina Farr, Tom Flack, Anna Foster, Helen Frazier, Glen Goodland, Karen Gray, Alan Halstead, Henry Hancock, Patti Harris, Robert Hecke, Marly Heim, Jim Heintzelman, Melanie Herken, Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, Elaine Hund, Mark Hund, Alison Ito, Michael Jones, Tyonna Jones, Phillip Leon, 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, Jesse Salinas, Mary Beth Schrader, Mary Shelley, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Julie Simonis, Chrissy Stewart, Matt Stewart, Koste Stonyte, David Uhrlich, Vickie Welch, and Pat Wilson.

PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SOLDIERS: ARMY: PFC Tristen Baker, CPT Daniel Broadus, Pvt. David Crook, SGT Colby Seifert, William Stradley. **AIRFORCE:** E-4 Robert W. Herken, TSGT AScott Loecher, E-3 Connor Schuler, A1C Noah Tattershall. **NAVY:** Dennis Budasz Jr., Sterling Curry, YNSC (SS) Kevin Lansing. **MARINE CORPS:** Drake Budasz, Wyatt DeMaranville.



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SATURDAY MASS 5:00pm St. Joseph of the Valley Church
SUNDAY MASS 9:00am St. Lawrence Church
Confessions are heard 30 minutes before the weekend Masses or by appointment
WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday evening 6:00pm at St. Lawrence Church
Thursday evening 6:00pm at St. Joseph of the Valley Church

Our Sunday Funny:



