



Parish Bulletin

February 22, 2026
First Sunday of Lent

A GOSPEL THOUGHT: The annual Lenten journey is underway, and today we walk with Jesus into the desert, where He was tempted by the devil. He was tired and hungry. Yet even in that loneliness and weakness, Jesus did not give in. He chose obedience to the Father.

We each have our own desert times in life — moments of struggle, doubt, and frustration. It is human nature to avoid these uncomfortable experiences, but God often does His deepest work there. Like Jesus, we are tempted to hear the whispers: “Take the easy way.” “Put yourself first.” “You’re better than the rest.” But Jesus shows us another way — steady faithfulness and trust in the Father as we keep moving forward.

These next several weeks are meant to strengthen us for the rest of our lives. Lent should feel different because, like the desert, it should be a little more simple, sometimes even quiet. The distractions that usually fill our days begin to fall away so we can focus on what truly matters. So embrace this opportunity. Let this be a season that shapes you into becoming a stronger disciple of Jesus. Stay close to Him. He walks with us and shows us the way.

- Fr. Bill

WAY OF THE CROSS: Join us each Friday of Lent for the Stations of the Cross. Walk with Jesus in His Passion, deepen your love for Him, and unite your heart to His sacrifice. Each **Friday**

of Lent, 6:30pm, at St. Joseph of the Valley Church.

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.

PEACE WITH CARE: It's cold-and-flu season, so some parishioners may skip handshakes during the Sign of Peace. Please don't take it personally! A smile, nod, or friendly glance can say “Peace be with you” just as well. What matters most is the spirit of peace we share as one Body in Christ as we prepare for Communion. Thanks for your understanding and kindness.

MISSING MASS: Sunday Mass is an obligation, but the Church knows recognizes that illness, severe weather, or caregiving can excuse you. But you can still pray, read Scripture, watch Mass on TV, or attend a weekday Mass. For ongoing situations such as a Sunday work obligation, your pastor can grant a dispensation and suggest ways to stay spiritually nourished.

-Fr. Bill

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was \$3528, which included \$300 Capital Fund Drive, \$300 Rents, \$2833 Regular Collection, \$20 SJV Cemetery, and \$75 Special Collection. Online donations were \$869.86. Thank you for your generosity!

A SECOND COLLECTION will be held this weekend of **Feb. 22nd** for Black & Indian Missions. Thank you for your generous support!

CHOIR PRACTICE will be held on the last Tuesday of each month (**Feb. 24th**) at 6:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence Church. All musicians, soloist and cantors are welcome. Please join us!

LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE for March 5th: Virginia Mowery-Chairman, Shirley Navinsky, Karla Beying and Gail DeMaranville Zule. Serving starts at 7 p.m. Please prepare for 17 people

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 afternoons at 1pm (**Feb 25, Mar 4 and 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.

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.

RENEW YOUR HEART. RENEW THE CHURCH. *Beatitudes from the Heartland* is a four-part Lenten series, **Renewal from the Heartland**. A small group will meet on **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. on March 4, 11, 18, and 25** at the **St. Lawrence Rectory in Easton, KS**. Together, we will explore how the Beatitudes shape the way we live our faith today—and how true renewal begins within our own hearts, united with the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. If you are interested in joining this group but are unable to attend on Wednesdays, or if you would like to bring together or form another small group, please let us know by completing the **Google sign-up form** or by calling **913-773-8255**. To register or express interest, please scan the QR code, complete the Google form, or call the number provided.



UPCOMING MARILAC CENTER EVENTS:

-Lenten Linger Over Coffee: Will be held **every Tuesday, beginning Feb. 24 through March 24th**, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the Marillac Assembly. To register for any of the above events, please email: retreats@scls.org.

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.

KEEP THIS NUMBER: Someone in your life might need this Lifeline. 988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. When people call, text, or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary.

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. What happens when we die?

A. At death life is changed not ended. We pass from this world into the loving presence of God, who has known us from before we were born and loves us infinitely.

At death, the soul meets God in what we call the *particular judgment*. It is the moment of truth bathed in God's light, where we see our life as God sees it. God sees our faith, our efforts to love, our wounds, and our need for healing.

God's desire is always to bring us closer to Himself.

For those who die in need of purification, the Church speaks of purgatory—a gift of mercy from God. It prepares the soul to be fully ready to see God face-to-face.

Heaven is the ultimate fulfillment of every human heart: perfect union with God, a reunion with those we love, and complete and lasting peace. There is no more suffering, fear, or separation—only joy and belonging. Hell is the total absence of God and all good.

Because of Jesus' Death and Resurrection, death no longer has the final word. Christ walks with us even through death and opens the way to eternal life. The Church continues to pray for the dead because that is the natural thing to do: love is stronger than death. Ultimately, Catholics believe in the resurrection of the body. God saves the whole person. Death, then, is not an ending, but a homecoming into God's loving embrace.

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, 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 VanTuyl, 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, Feb. 21, 5:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish
Sun, Feb. 22, 9:00 am, STL
Joe Baranko ☩
Tues, Feb. 24, 6:00 pm, STL
Carolyn DeMaranville ☩
Thurs, Feb. 26, 6:00 pm, SJV
For the Intention of the Celebrant
Fri, Feb. 27, 6:45 am, STL
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Sat, Feb. 28, 5:00 pm, SJV
Sharon Stein ☩
Sun, Feb. 22, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
02/21/26	Vince Eimer	Vince Eimer
02/22/26	John Johnston	Sue Griffee
02/28/26	Jason Adelaine	Tracy Heim
03/01/26	John Donovan	Sharon Wagner

OUR SUNDAY FUNNY:



Campbell

"My parents are giving up desserts for Lent. So I'm balancing the family diet by giving up vegetables."

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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



