



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

**Parish Bulletin**

May 10, 2026  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

**A GOSPEL THOUGHT:**

**“If you love me, keep my commandments.”** Love is not just a feeling; it shows itself in everyday choices—patience, honesty, forgiveness. These are not small things; they are signs that Christ is alive in us.

But doing these things is not simply a matter of will power; Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to help us. So, when patience runs thin or we’re feeling frustrated or uncertain, say a quick prayer—**“Come, Holy Spirit!”** God’s own Spirit will strengthen us from within.

So trust the process. Because you love Christ, keep moving forward with confidence that the Spirit is still working, even when progress feels slow. As you choose what is right each day, God continues shaping you little by little into the person He created you to become.

*-Fr. Bill*

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was a total \$2393 to include \$150 Capital Fund Drive, \$100 Rental income, \$2123 Reg. Collection, and \$20 SJV Cemetery. Thank you for your donations! Online donations were

\$800.12. Thank you for your generosity.

**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 [SJSLParish.org/online-giving/](http://SJSLParish.org/online-giving/)

**REST IN PEACE:**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Chuck Monahan.**

*May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**ST. ISIDORE FEAST DAY: MASS AND BLESSING OF SEEDS AND SOIL. Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**

Join us as we honor St. Isidore the Farmer on his feast day. We will begin with Holy Mass, followed by a rosary procession to the St. Isidore Shrine, entrusting land, labor, and harvest to the Lord through the intercession of this humble saint. Participants are invited to bring seeds and soil in a small, decorated basket to place at the altar for a special blessing. The celebration will conclude with lunch and a time of fellowship. A free-will offering will be gratefully accepted to support the mission of the center. To attend, send an email to: [info@christspeace.com](mailto:info@christspeace.com) or call 913.773.8255 to let us know how many people will be attending.

**DRAWN INTO THE MYSTERY: PRAYING WITH THE TRINITY SILENT RETREAT**

**Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm – Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm**

Enter the solemnity of Holy Trinity Sunday by immersing yourself in the beauty and depth of the Church’s central mystery: one God in three divine Persons. This retreat offers a sacred space to rest in the mystery, deepen your understanding of God’s self-revelation, and allow the Triune love to renew your mind and heart. 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](http://ChristsPeace.com) or call 913.773.8255.

**THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA RETREAT**, will be held **May 26-31<sup>st</sup>**. Major themes include The Principal and Foundation, The Contemplation, Attaining the Love of God. To register for the above events, please email: [retreats@scls.org](mailto:retreats@scls.org).

**TOTUS TUUS**, a Catholic summer youth program is being hosted by St. Francis de Sales Church in Lansing, from **July 26-31!!** All incoming 1st-12th graders are invited to attend. Registration and volunteer forms can be found attached to this announcement on Facebook.

- **The age range refers to INCOMING grades in the fall.** For example, current kindergartners are considered first-graders for Totus Tuus. Current sixth-graders are considered seventh-graders.
- **Please take note of the differing dates and age groups for the two programs.** Incoming 1st-6th graders meet from 9 AM to 3 PM Monday through Friday. Incoming 7th-12th graders meet from 6:30 to 8:45 PM Sunday through Thursday.
- **Families are encouraged to register for Totus Tuus even if their child(ren) cannot attend every day.** Daily attendance is not a requirement. We had kids last summer come partway through the day or only on certain days of the week.
- **Day program students will need to bring a sack lunch and water bottle with them Monday through Friday.** Our parish will provide water and snacks throughout the day.

**HEALING MARRIAGE WEEKEND: KANSAS CITY.**

The next Retrouvaille weekend will be held **June 19-21** in Kansas City. For further information or to register-contact 800.470.2230 or [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

**CATHOLIC Q&A:**

**Q: Why does the Catholic Church in the United States celebrate the Ascension of the Lord on Sunday instead of the traditional Thursday?**

A: Traditionally, the Church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord forty days after Easter, which always falls on a Thursday. This marks the moment when Jesus, in the presence of His disciples, ascended into Heaven.

In many dioceses across the United States, however, this feast is transferred to the following Sunday. The reason is largely pastoral. Since Sunday Mass draws a much larger congregation, moving the celebration allows more of the faithful to participate and reflect on this important mystery of Christ's life. By celebrating it on the Lord's Day, the Church ensures that more people hear the readings and are reminded of Christ's promise to remain with us always.

The Ascension is also connected to the first novena in the Church's history. After Jesus returned to the Father, the apostles gathered in prayer with the Blessed Virgin Mary for nine days as they awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This period of prayer became the model for all novenas that followed.

Ultimately, the Ascension points us toward hope. It reminds us that Christ has gone before us into Heaven and continues to guide and remain with His people.

**BULLETIN ITEMS:** Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email [Sjslparish@gmail.com](mailto: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 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. **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

**MASSES THIS WEEK:**

**Sat, May 9, 5:00 pm, SJV**  
*For the People of the Parish*  
**Sun, May 10, 9:00 am, STL**  
*Robert and Barbara Crook ☩*  
**Tues, May 12, 6:00 pm, STL**  
*Carolyn DeMaranville ☩*  
**Thurs, May 14, 6:00 pm, SJV**  
*For the Intention of the Celebrant*  
**Sat, May 16, 5:00 pm, SJV**  
*James Herken ☩*  
**Sun, May 17, 9:00 am, STL**  
*For the People of the Parish*

	<b>Reader:</b>	<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:</b>
05/09/26	<i>Rita Herken</i>	<i>Rita Herken</i>
05/10/26	<i>Ted Staver</i>	<i>Ted Staver</i>
05/16/26	<i>Aaron Welch</i>	<i>Aaron Welch</i>
05/17/26	<i>George Steger</i>	<i>Diane Pohl</i>

**OUR SUNDAY FUNNY:**



**St. Joseph of the Valley Church**

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**St. Lawrence Church**

211 W. Riley St. • Easton, KS 66020

**Mailing address: P.O. Box 129, Easton, KS 66020**

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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**



