



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

Parish Bulletin

April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

**First Sunday Free Breakfast
SUNDAY, APRIL 12th
following the 9 am Mass
St. Lawrence Parish Hall**

Hosted by the Wagner/List Families

A GOSPEL THOUGHT:

The disciples were gathered in a room with the doors locked. We all know that feeling. Doubt, worry, and fear, can make us hide. But Jesus comes right into our hearts. His first words are simple: "Peace be with you." This peace does not mean life is easy. It means Christ is with us. Jesus shows us His wounds. He doesn't do this to shame us, but to bring healing. Poor Thomas has trouble believing, but Jesus is patient with him. He calls Thomas to come close to Him, to see, to touch, and to believe. Jesus meets each of us with love, even when we doubt.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we remember that forgiveness and healing are at the center of our faith. Jesus breathes upon us with the Holy Spirit and sends them us out to be people of mercy. We are called to bring

peace, to forgive others, and to trust in God's mercy, even when it is hard.

Today, let us open our hearts to Jesus. He is with us, offering peace and calling us to share his love.

-Fr. Bill

A SPECIAL WORD OF

THANKS: As we celebrate the joy of Easter, I extend sincere thanks to all who prepared and served our Holy Week liturgies. To our musicians, servers, readers, sacristans, and all who helped decorate and organize—your dedication and reverence helped make those sacred days truly beautiful and prayerful. Your service reflects the new life of the Risen Christ and helped our parish enter more deeply into the mystery of Easter. May the Lord bless you for your generosity and fill you with His joy.

-Fr. Bill

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS in

prayer for our brave troops and for all the innocent women, men, and children whose lives have been shattered by the violence of war. May God protect those who serve, comfort those who suffer, and strengthen every heart that seeks reconciliation and healing.

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last weekend was \$3487.00, which included Reg Collection \$3212, Rents \$200, Capital Fund \$50 and Mass Stipend \$25. We also received \$502 for the Special Collection – thank you for your donations! Online donations were Unavailable. Thank you for your generosity.

YOUR GIFT, JUST A CLICK:

Giving to your parish online weekly or monthly is incredibly convenient. You can even set it up to be automatic, 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/

REST IN PEACE:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Diane Wagner Mauro**.
May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

AN EASTER BLESSING! Rosie Gwendolyn Hanson, daughter of Matthew and Jordyn, was welcomed into Christ through Baptism, sharing in His Risen life. Congratulations and welcome.

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA RETREAT, will be held **May 26-31st**. Major themes include The Principal and Foundation, to The Contemplation, to Attaining the Love of God. To register for the above events, please email: retreats@scis.org.

THE ENDERLE-BOGENRIFE SCHOLARSHIP: The Enderle-Bogenrife Scholarship provides financial assistance to a high school senior attending a high school in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas area who plans to attend a trade school or technical school. The scholarship will be applied toward the student's school tuition. The scholarship award is for tuition up to \$5,000.00. To apply, visit cfnek.org/new-scholarships, scroll to "The Enderle-Bogenrife Scholarship" and click "Apply for this Scholarship" or contact Dave Hernandez at landofoz1239@sunflower.com or 913-221-3969. The scholarship application deadline is **May 1, 2026**.

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

CATHOLIC Q&A:

Q. Why Do We Fast Before Holy Communion?

A. Fasting before Holy Communion isn't just a rule—it's a spiritual way to prepare for receiving Jesus who comes to us in the Eucharist. The fast is simple: for most folks, it's no food or drink (except water or medicine) for just one hour before Communion. Water and medicine are always allowed and do not break the fast. For the elderly, the sick, and their caregivers, the fast is shortened to about 15 minutes, in recognition of their special needs. If even this is not feasible, no fast is required.

This brief fast helps us shift our focus from everyday concerns to the sacred moment ahead. It stirs a hunger, not for food, but for God Himself. Fasting isn't about what we're giving up—it's about putting Jesus first. It's like saying, "Lord, You come before everything else." This small sacrifice helps us to come to the altar with deeper love, reverence, and awe.

We fast to ready our hearts to welcome the One who gives us everything.

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 VanTuyt, Lori Wangerin, Vickie Welch, Pat Wilson, and David Zule.

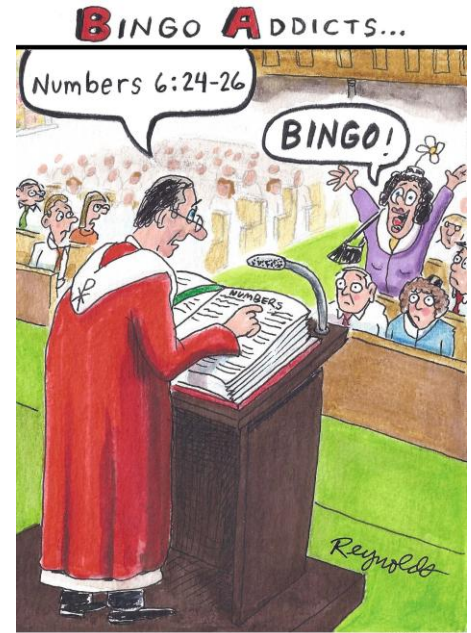
PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SOLDIERS: **ARMY:** PFC Tristen Baker, CPT Daniel Broaddus, Pvt. David Crook, SGT Colby Seifert, William Stradley. **AIR FORCE:** TSGT Jacob Fandrich, E-4 Robert W. Herken, TSGT A Scott Loecher, A1C Noah Tattershall. **NAVY:** Dennis Budasz Jr., Sterling Curry, YNSC (SS) Kevin Lansing. **MARINE CORPS:** Drake Budasz, Wyatt DeMaranville

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Sat, April 11, 5:00 pm, SJV
For the People of the Parish
Sun, April 12, 9:00 am, STL
James Herken ☩
Tues, April 14, 6:00 pm, STL
For the Intention of the Celebrant
Thurs, April 16, 6:00 pm, SJV
Ernie DeMaranville ☩
Sat, April 18, 5:00 pm, SJV
Ruth Heintzelman ☩
Lydia Heintzelman ☩
Sun, April 19, 9:00 am, STL
For the People of the Parish

	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
04/11/26	Aaron Welch	Aaron Welch
04/12/26	George Steger	Sue Griffee
04/18/26	Vince Eimer	Vince Eimer
04/19/26	John Donovan	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



