"Motherhood is the highest gift that God has given to women, a gift that makes them creators and guardians of life itself. In the face of so much pain and

suffering in our world, mothers are the ones who bring us hope and who keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts. Let us honor and cherish them not just on this day, but every day, and let us pray for all mothers, that they may have the strength and courage they need to fulfill their noble and sacred mission."

- POPE FRANCIS.

Let us honor and thank all mothers for their selflessness, patience, and guidance. May they find comfort and strength in knowing that their tireless efforts do not go unnoticed or unappreciated. May they feel the embrace of God's love and grace as they continue to serve and lead their families with love and devotion.

-Father Bill

A BIG THANK YOU to the Heim Family for the delicious hot breakfast last Sunday. Everyone, especially our First Communicants, had a wonderful time.

## ST. ISIDORE FEAST DAY: MASS AND BLESSING OF SEEDS AND SOIL: May 15<sup>th</sup>,

**10am.** Join us for a day in honor of St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers, on his feast day. Bring seeds and soil in a small, decorated basket to be placed at the altar for blessing. The day will end with lunch and a time of fellowship. A free-will offering will

be taken up to support the center. To attend, Scan the QR Code, send an



email to: info@christspeace.com or MASSES THIS WEEK: Sat, May 11, 5:00 pm, SJV For the People of the Parish Sun, May 12, 9:00 am, STL Wendi Johnston ≄ Tues, May 14, 6:00 pm, STL For the Intention of the Celebrant Thurs, May 16, 6:00 pm, SJV

Helen Karczewski ₽ Sat, May 18, 5:00 pm, SJV

Mark Lingenfelser 🗗

Sun, May 19, 9:00 am, STL For the People of the Parish

call 913.773.8255 to let us know how many people will be attending.

# Making the Mass More Meaningful:

Try to control your kids. I'm stepping into a sensitive subject, but I know it is very hard to control a restless baby or a cranky child. Please feel free to take your little one to the vestibule until the child settles down. Like Jesus, our Church embraces children, and we honor parents. Moms and dads, your patience and love shine brightly in those loud moments. Your courteous action is appreciated when a child becomes fussy. I love children and I admire parents whose responsibilities are round-the-clock. Thank you for your generous love, and may God bless you.

## -Fr. Bill

WANT TO BE ANOINTED? The Anointing of the Sick is a healing sacrament of the Church and offers spiritual strength and prayers for healing for the ill or dying. It connects the person to Christ the healer and fosters peace, and comfort. Who may be anointed? Those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. A person may be anointed before surgery. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. Sick children (from age 7 on up) may be anointed. The

LITURGICAL ROLES:	Reader:	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
5/11/24	Vince Eimer	Tracy Heim
5/12/24	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders	Sharon Wagner
5/18/24	Tim Herken	Tim Herken
5/19/24	John Donovan	Ted Staver

sacrament, along with the apostolic pardon, is also available to those who may be near death. If you wish to receive the sacrament, please contact me to make arrangements.

#### -Fr. Bill

## PARISH MEMORIAL DAY MASS

will be celebrated this year on Monday, **May 27th** at 9:00am at St. Joseph of the Valley Cemetery. Please bring your own lawn chair for seating. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be moved indoors to St. Joseph of the Valley Church.

Remembering our loved ones who have passed away at Mass is a special way of prayerfully showing our love for them and recognizing how they've touched our lives. It reminds us that, even though they're gone, we are still connected and will one day see them again. Celebrating Mass in the cemetery is an ancient Christian tradition and it's very appropriate because the cemetery is a sacred place. Remember that Jesus rose from death from His grave and one day our loved ones, too, will rise again from theirs.

#### -Fr. Bill

**COLLECTION:** Thank you for your gifts to our parish. The collection for last week was unavailable. Online donations were unavailable. Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND COLLECTION**: will be held this weekend of **May 12<sup>th</sup>** for Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Thank you for your generous donation!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Our parish Summer Fest will be Saturday, August 10th.

WELCOME TO Rachel Berry and her son, Grayson, the newest members of our parish. We're glad you are part of the St. Joseph-St. Lawrence family.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

meets Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 pm in St. Lawrence Parish Center.

**XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL** is now enrolling for the 2024-25 school year. Please call 913-682-7801 to schedule a tour today and discover the Xavier Difference!

Xavier is hiring a secondgrade teacher and middle-school teachers. Full and part-time positions are available in



Spanish, social studies, science, and math. Please call the school office at 913-682-3135 for more information or apply

here. https://archkckcs.org/apply

**MAY RETREAT OPPORTUNITY: In** the School of the Holy Spirit Retreat: Is scheduled at Christ's Peace House of Prayer, 22131 Meager Rd., Easton, from Friday, May 17th at 5:30pm -Sunday, May 19th at 4:30pm. Join us as we use Jacques Philippe's book, "In the School of the Holy Spirit" as a guide to help us get to know the Sanctifier of our souls. Come learn to be more attentive to the movements of the Holy Spirit in your life. When we follow his promptings, we become holy like Mary did, by always saying yes to God. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$170 Single/\$250 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$100 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

## PILGRIMAGE TO MARIAN SHRINES:

Embark on a remarkable journey to

Marian Shrines from **September 23 to October 3!** Explore the revered sites of Mary in Lourdes and Fatima. Starting in Barcelona we will travel through Spain, Portugal, and France. Enjoy excellent accommodations, delicious meals, and delightful company. Attend daily Mass and benefit from expert guides along the way. For more information, contact us at *pilgrimages* @holylandtc.com or call 402-315-1435 to receive a detailed brochure and registration form.

**RETREAT DAYS: May 28 – June 4,** Marillac Retreat Center: During "The Cost of Discipleship" retreat, we join the first disciples, and listen to Jesus' words, be taught by his outreach, and respond once more to his call to us, along the pathway of love, to holiness, to outreach to God's children, and to recommit ourselves, with all our hearts to bring ever nearer, the Kingdom of God. Contact *retreats*@scls.org for more information.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE: For information, visit *www.wwme.org*. The next dates for KC will be **June 14-16**<sup>th</sup>, and Nov. 15-17<sup>th</sup>.

#### YOUTH PRO-LIFE LEADERSHIP

**CAMP:** The Pro-Life Office is hosting its first "Defenders of Life" Youth Leadership camp **June 24-26** at the Church of the Nativity's Youth Room from 10a.m.-5pm. Open to incoming high school freshmenseniors. Register at *www.archkck.org/defenders-of-life-youth-leaders*.

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: Phil Bell, Vicki Bradford, Gretchen Brewster, Steve Bromell, Joe Brose, Judy Brose, Dave Brown, Jennifer Brushwood, Carl Davidson, Courtney Davis, George Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Gail DeMaranville-Zule, Vince Eimer, Tom Flack, Anna Foster, Helen Frazier, Glen Goodland, Karen Gray, Alan Halstead, Patti Harris, Robert Hecke, Marly Heim, Jim Heintzelman, Melanie Herken, Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, Mark Hund, Alison Ito, Michael Jones, Phillip Leon, Kelly Long, Joyce Lowe, Shauna Marshall, Mary Meinert, Jeni Mettelstedt, Karl Morrison, Charles Mullins, Don Navinsky, Leslie Navinsky, Lonnie Dean Phillips Jr., Mary Piche, Betty Pierron, Mary M. Ruhlman, Kim Sachse, Jesse Salinas, Mary Beth Schrader, Charlie Schletzbaum, Mary Shelley, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Julie Simonis, Jim (Poly) Sloan, Chrissy Stewart, David Uhlrich, Rebecca VanVerth, and Pat Wilson.

#### PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SOLDIERS:

ARMY: CPT Daniel Broaddus, 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

Our Sunday Funny:

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Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm at St. Joseph of the Valley Church Sunday Morning Mass 9:00 am at St. Lawrence Church

Confessions are heard 30 minutes before the weekend Masses or by appointment

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