

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT: "PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS. EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW."

-LUKE 3:4-5

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Parish Cemetery, Bill Regelsperger	314-808-2522				
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	636-464-7580				
St. Vincent de Paul Society Helpline	636-274-6520				

Mass Times

Sat.: 8:00 am & 4:30 pm Sun.: 7, 8:30, 10, 11:30 am; 4:30 pm Mon.: 6:30 am Tues. - Fri. 6:30 & 8:00 am

SACRAMENT of

RECONCILIATION Tuesday & Friday: 7:00 am Thursday: 5:30 pm—7:00 pm Saturday: 3:30 pm—4:30 pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION T/W/Th 9:00 am—9:00 pm

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Attendance at a Baptismal preparation class is required. Classes are held the 2^{nd} Thursday of the month; call to schedule.

Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation

For those who have been baptized Catholic or wish to enter the Catholic Church, RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes are required. For more information contact Sr. Rosemary.

Sacrament *of* Anointing of the Sick

Anyone who is seriously sick and would like a visit from one of the priests may call the parish office to request one. Hospitals no longer call parishes with this information.

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

Contact one of the priests to begin your preparation at least nine months before the anticipated wedding date.

Sacrament of Holy Orders and Vowed Religious Life

If you are interested in learning about a religious vocation, please contact one of the priests or the Archdiocesan Vocations Office at stlvocations.org or 314-792-6460.

Holy Communion for the Homebound

Parishioners who are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion may call the office to make arrangements.

Ministry Schedule	Dec. 16 4:30 pm	Dec. 17 7:00 am	Dec. 17 8:30 am	Dec. 17 10:00 am	Dec. 17 11:30 am	Dec. 17 4:30 pm
Lectors	Schaefer Wright	Schilly Nason	Hostetter Szewcyck	Fleiss Jelavich	Schlecht Zublionis	Volunteer
Servers	E. Bailey A. Esparza Volunteer	Volunteers	H. Coleman J. Coleman A. Lurk	L. Byassee E. Lang E. Walt	J. Bates J. Vonder Haar D. Westerman	P. Arington J. Becker X. Darian

Mass Intentions				
Monday	December 11, 2023			
6:30 am	William & Margaret Dust			
Tuesday	December 12, 2023			
6:30 am	Luciano Celori			
8:00 am	Lance Ervin Jr			
Wednesday	December 13, 2023			
6:30 am	Devore Family Special Intention			
8:00 am	Bill & John Dust			
Thursday	December 14, 2023			
6:30 am	Curtice Family Special Intention			
8:00 am	Dust Family & Friends			
Friday	December 15, 2023			
6:30 am	Betty & Dan Fitzgerald			
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8:00 am	Jeanne Klosterman			
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Please stop by, call, or email the parish office to schedule Mass Intentions. Mass cards for *special intentions* or *in memory* are available; they may be picked up in the parish office. The stipend per Mass is \$10.



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please take note: from Nov. 5 into the first week of January, every weekend but one has an early bulletin deadline.

Bulletin	Due to	
Date	bulletin@sjiparish.org	
	by noon on:	
11/12/2023	Monday, November 6	
11/19/2023	Thursday, November 9	
11/26/2023	Wednesday, November 15	
12/3/2023	Monday, November 27	
12/10/2023	Friday, December 1	
12/17/2023	Friday, December 8	
12/24/2023	Tuesday, December 12	
12/31/2023	Thursday, December 21	
1/7/2024	Friday, December 22	

Parish Stewardship 11/20/2023 - 11/26/2023

	Current	Fiscal YTD
Offertory		
Total collected	\$17,765.46	\$472,070.98
Amount budgeted	\$21,568.77	\$474,512.94
Surplus or <mark>shortage</mark>	\$3,803.31	\$2,441.96
Special collections		
Tuition assistance	\$76.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$945.00	
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	\$1,433.00	





From the Desk *of* Fr. Dan Shaughnessy, Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Advent is that sacred season of anticipation and expectation in which we come to terms with the deepest yearning of our soul—a yearning fulfilled only in Jesus Christ. As we wait in longing for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas, we turn over to him all the false satisfactions—the compromises—of our life. To live Advent is to live in the awareness of a Presence that changes us.

Our Advent preparation is marked by vigilance—custody of the heart, in which we keep our soul fixed on the Lord. For what we see incarnate in the infant Jesus, we desire for ourselves: purity, innocence, and childlikeness restored. In the birth of this Child, we know the promise of our own spiritual rebirth.

During this Advent season in 2023, might we allow ourselves to pause and give to ourselves the gift of time to spend in joyful preparation for the coming of the Christ child.

Might we allow our Heavenly Father to surprise us with His grace and mercy. Might we share His love with those we meet each and every day, from the workplace to the checkout lane at the grocery store. Might we allow Jesus to accompany us on every step of our Advent journey.

May God bless you all abundantly.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Dan Shanghursty



Christmas Vigil: 4:00 pm (SJBD) 4:00 pm (SJP) 4:15 pm (SJP CCC), 5:30 pm (SJP)

Midnight Mass (SJP)

Christmas Day: 9:00 am (SJBD), 8:00 am (SJP) & 10:00 am (SJP)

The parish offices of SJBD & SJP will be closed from December 25th - January 1st, 2024.



Parishioners are invited to contribute, in memory of a loved one, toward our Christmas poinsettias and decorations. The cost is \$10 per poinsettia.

Please put your payment, along with the name of your loved one, in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. We will have a special acknowledgment for each memorial in the bulletin the second weekend in January.

All submissions are due by December 19th. Thank you!

Do you receive email from the parish?

We use "Constant Contact" to email parishioners. If you do NOT get the emails and wish to receive them, please notify Rachel Schoenberger in the parish office at rschoenberger@sjiparish.org or 636-464-1013.



Prepare your heart for Christ this Advent season!

Wednesday, December 13th 6-7:30 pm

Outside confessors will be available.

There will be no Confession on Thursday, December 14th.



Registering in St. Joseph Parish If you are new to the parish, welcome! If you would like to register, there are several ways to do so: You may fill out the form located at

https://www.sjiparish.org/register; you may download a paper form, also located at https:// www.sjiparish.org/register, or you may visit the parish office to pick up a form.



DECEMBER 10, 2023

December 10th, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord". We are called to help prepare



the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor celebrate Christmas.

> For more information, email Dbalsman@ymail.com

No meetings during the month of December Prayer Meeting: January 10th 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting: January 22nd 6:30 p.m.

All Meetings in the Corpus Christi Center.





WE LOVE SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL!

Enrollment is open with availability in all grades.

Visit our website at stjosephimperial.org or call 636-464-9027



Our next Donut Sunday ís January 7, 2024!



Thursday, Decemeber 14th from 7-9 pm in the Corpus Christi Center.





RURAL PARISH CLINIC



Can you help our mission?

The Rural Parish Clinic of the Archdiocese of St. Louis cares for needy, uninsured patients and we could really use your help with the following items. We will have a bin in the back of church and we thank you in advance for your help!!

Allergy Medications (eg Claritin (loratadine), Zyrtec (cetirizine)) Miralax (brand or generic) Stool softeners (docusate/colace) Pain/heat patches or icy hot/bio freeze, etc Multi-vitamins (Men and Women) Tylenol/acetaminophen/non-aspirin 500mg Ibuprofen 200mg Aleve/naproxen 220mg Generic allergy eye drops Allergy nose spray (eg Flonase, Nasalide or Nasacort (brand or generic) 1% Hydrocortisone Cream Antibiotic cream/ointment - Bacitracin preferred, or Neosporin/triple antibiotic Antifungal creams - clotrimazole, terbinafine Cough and Cold Medications (eg Nyquil, Mucinex, Robitussin (brand or generic) Disinfectant wipes for surfaces TUMS/antacid tablets Bandaids Med minder/pill boxes for a week Pill splitters



You do not need to grieve alone. Join others on the journey!

The grief support group will hold their monthly meeting Thursday, December 14th from 6-7pm in the Corpus Christi Center.

Amy Neu, a therapist with West County Psychological Associates will facilitate the meeting.

For more information contact Amy at: 314-275-8599 x178 or amy.neul@gmail.com



7:00 - 8:00 pm Thursday, Dec. 14th in the Corpus Christi Center Grief support group for women who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss.

Please contact Andrea Lang at andrew@msn. com for more information.



Sing to the Lord a New Song, for He has Done Marvelous Things!

Praise the Lord in song! Join the Adult Choir Ministry as we prepare for Christmas. Practice is one hour each Monday evening in the Church at 7:00 pm. We sing at the 8:30 am Sunday mass and special masses. Come make beautiful music with us; everyone is invited. We are especially in need of alto and male voices. For more information call Sheryl Zysk at 314-308-2399.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

When a donation is mailed to the parish, the IRS determines that it has been received when it has been postmarked by the United States Postal Service. Thus, checks postmarked on or before December 31, 2023, will be included in the donor's 2023 contribution statement. Items postmarked January 2024 will be included in the donor's 2024 contribution statement. Contributions received in the offertory on Sunday, December 31, 2023, will be included in the 2023 statements if dated in 2023. If they are dated 2024, they will be recorded as such. Contributions received in the offertory on Monday, January 1, 2024, will be included in the donor's 2024 contribution statement regardless of check date.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are listed the next three experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to <u>wwme</u>. org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

> 2/2/2024 - 2/4/2024, St. Peters, MO 4/5/2024 - 4/7/2024, St. Peters, MO



Raise Right Gift Cards For Sale

Buy RaiseRight gift cards in the back of church after the 7 am, 8:30 am, and 10 am Sunday Masses. RaiseRight gift cards are still available for purchase in the *School Office* during the school day (8 am-3 pm). Also, you can buy eGift cards or reload your gift cards using the RaiseRight app. Need help going digital? Reach out to our RaiseRight coordinator Lynn Quinlan at: lynn.quinlan@ymail.com.

Buy gift cards for Christmas gifts, teachers, gas, groceries, restaurants, supplies, and home improvements. Support our school with no additional out of pocket expense to you. Our school earns a percent rebate for



every gift card sold through the RaiseRight program.

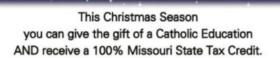
Thanks for your continued support!



Eucharistic Adorers needed:

Tuesdays:
3 pm3 pmWednesdays:
9 am9 amThursdays:
3, 4, and 7 pmCall Mr. Patrick Smith (573) 310-3472The Holy Eucharist reposes each night at 9 pm.





- RECEIVE A 100% STATE TAX CREDIT -- GIVE THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATION -- FUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS IN NEED -

DON'T DELAY! RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31st.



Scan the QR code for more information or visit TTEF-STL.ORG/MOSCHOLARS

Our Parish Praying Together

May those who are ill be blessed by Jesus' healing presence:

Melanie Ahrens Matthew Anderson Jeanine Brown Mike Boyd Thomas Condon Marti Greenhalgh Scott Hasse Kate Hershberger Jim Lehn Ronald Meredith Glen Newkirk Christine Perry Tom Price Will Roberts Jim Schaefer Nina Schaefer Erin Silva Jerry Spink Doreen Watts Patricia Wilson George Winters Francesca de Zenteno

We pray for those in the Military:

Meaghan Angus Collin Fitzsimmons Jack Jeffers Isaac Longtin Jacob Sarfraz

Jared Sheets Austin McHaffie-Sharp Grant Staggenborg Lucas Weiland Jack Vilchis



NATIONAL SHRINE of OUR LADY of the SNOWS

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

The Way of Lights Display depicts the journey of Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem using over 1.5 million beautiful lights. This year, we have added colored lights to celebrate the birth of Jesus and continue to offer activities for young and old alike! Open through December 31, 2023, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Indoor activities closed on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.

Cost: No charge for display, donations accepted and additional charges for some activities.

For more information, call 618-397-6700 or visit our website at <u>https://snows.org/wayoflights</u>



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