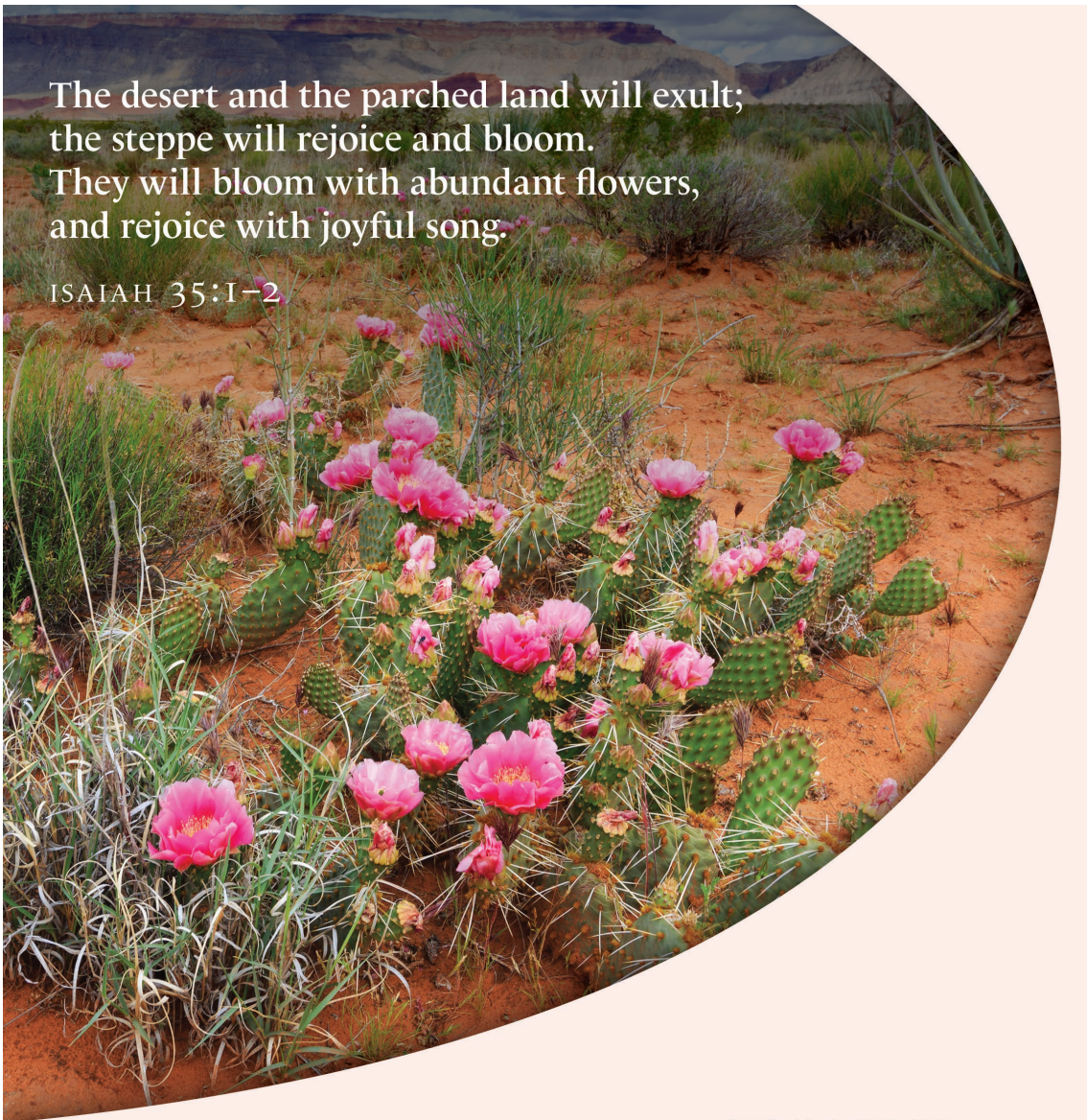




St. Joseph Parish

The desert and the parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.

ISAIAH 35:1-2



THIRD
SUNDAY OF
Advent
December 11, 2022

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MASS TIMES

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

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Monday-Friday: 7:00 am
Thursday: 5:30 pm—7:00 pm
Saturday: 3:30 pm—4:30 pm

EUCCHARISTIC 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 2nd 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 Mary Dixon at 636-467-2104 to make arrangements.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	December 17 4:30 pm	December 18 7:00 am	December 18 8:30 am	December 18 10:00 am	December 18 11:30 am	December 18 4:30 pm
Lectors	Simms Dalton	Schilly Hoffmeister	Curry Hummel	Halfman Halfman	Hobbs Schelt	Darian
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MASS INTENTIONS	
Monday	December 12, 2022
6:30 am	Robert Schreck
8:00 am	Taylor Girse
Tuesday	December 13, 2022
6:30 am	Devore (special intention)
8:00 am	Ann Criswell (special intention)
Wednesday	December 14, 2022
6:30 am	Ginny Klein (special intention)
8:00 am	Mary Ann Akers
Thursday	December 15, 2022
6:30 am	John DuBuque
8:00 am	Mary Ellen Brookings
Friday	December 16, 2022
6:30 am	Jim Hunziker
8:00 am	Nick Weiland
Saturday	December 17, 2022
8:00 am	Charles "Pete" Peterman
4:30 pm	Dale Self
Sunday	December 18, 2022
7:00 am	Betty Fitzgerald
8:30 am	Elaine Frauenhoffer
10:00 am	Mary Wittmann
11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph
4:30 pm	Lester & Lucy Sitzes

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.



CONFESSION TIMES IN THE JEFFERSON CO. DEANERY	
Monday	
5-6:30 pm	St. David, Arnold
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5-6 pm	St. John the Beloved, Imperial
Wednesday	
5-6 pm	St. John the Beloved, Imperial
Thursday	
5:30-7 pm	St. Joseph, Imperial
Saturday	
After 8 am Mass	St. Rose of Lima, DeSoto

PARISH STEWARDSHIP - 11/21/2022 - 11/27/2022		
	Current	Fiscal YTD
OFFERTORY		
<i>Total collected</i>	\$46,272.69	\$468,039.50
<i>Amount needed</i>	\$22,170.00	\$487,740.00
<i>Surplus or shortage</i>	\$24,102.69	\$19,700.50
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
Tuition assistance	\$201.00	
St. Vincent dePaul	\$185.00	
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	\$155.00	



Christmas Mass Times
12/24 4:00, 5:30 pm in the Church
 4:15 pm in the Corpus Christi Center
12/25 Midnight, 8:00, and 10 am in the Church



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FROM THE DESK *of*
FR. DAN SHAUGHNESSY, PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's hard to keep up with everything going on around campus! And so, I daresay that we all need to slow down.

I found the following meditation on <https://aleteia.org> and I think it's worth sharing some of the excerpts inspired by St. John of the Cross:

Like a man climbing an imposing mountain in search of the great secret of life, I spend much of my time pursuing silence. Alas, many days that is an elusive commodity. When I do capture some precious solitude, I always have Jesus to thank.

Finding quiet can be such a challenge in our world. The big-screen TV with hundreds of channels, regular radio and satellite radio, iPods and iPads, laptops and desktops, CDs and the return of vinyl — so many gadgets to entertain, inform and amaze. Even if you shut all those down, you still need to have the willpower to turn off the phone, with its constant access to social media, calls and texts.

Let's say you successfully muffle all those man-made noisemakers. And that you're able to silence the sound of family members seeking your attention, the sounds of the street and whatever else outside that can interrupt you inside. You still have one major force of noise to hush.

Your own voice.

*St. John of the Cross, the author of *The Dark Night of the Soul*, among many other profoundly beautiful works, was a master advocate of silence, as noted in these quotes:*

- *"It is best to learn to silence the faculties and to cause them to be still so that God may speak."*
- *"The soul that is quick to turn to speaking and conversing is slow to turn to God."*
- *"What we need most in order to make progress is to be silent before this great God with our appetite and with our tongue, for the language he best hears is silent love."*

More beneficial than any of his advice has been what has been called John of the Cross' "Prayer of Peace."

O Blessed Jesus, grant me stillness of soul in Thee. Let Thy mighty calmness reign in me. Rule me, O thou King of gentleness, King of peace. Give me control, control over my words, thoughts and actions. From all irritability, want of meekness, want of gentleness, O dear Lord, deliver me. By thine own deep patience give me patience, stillness of soul in Thee. Make me in this, and in all, more and more like Thee. Amen."

Let's all try to be still during these remaining days of Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ Our King!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Dan Shaughnessy

Holiday Bulletin Due Dates

Sunday, December 25, 2022 Bulletin Submissions due by *noon, Monday, Dec. 12th*

Sunday, January 1, 2023 Bulletin Submissions due by *noon, Monday, Dec. 19th*



SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL

Enrollment Updates/Information

Please take note of this timeline for enrollment-related processes:

- Enrollment for current students opens on January 3, 2023
- Enrollment for current families does not have a *closing* date, but enrollment for new families will open on Monday, January 23, 2023.

Our enrollment is strong and it is imperative that current families enroll in a timely manner

If you know anyone who is interested in enrolling at SJS, they may be interested in the following opportunities:

- We will hold an Open House on January 8, 2023 from Noon-2 pm
- We will soon hold a series of 3 *Welcome Wednesdays*. Although the *focus* on each date is on the grades listed, children in any grade may visit. The dates are Jan. 18 (grades 4-8), Jan. 25 (grades 1-3), and February 1 (Pre-K3 to Kindergarten). These days are set aside for parents/children to tour the school and to visit classrooms for about 10 minutes.

The 2023-2024 tuition rates are expected to be announced in early December.

All admission information is available on the school website at <https://stjosephimperial.org/admission>



Third Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched, felt, and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now to take up the ministry of Jesus, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak too.

Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus' ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Christ!

For more information, email

Dbalsman@ymail.com

Prayer Meeting: January 11th 6:30 pm
Business Meeting: January 23rd 6:30 pm
All Meetings in the Corpus Christi Center

ADVENT



A penance service will be held on Thursday, December 15 from 5:30-8 pm in the Church.



Remaining Saint Joseph School Christmas Performances

Pre-K3, Jr. Kindergarten, and Kindergarten's performance will be immediately following the 8 am Mass on Wednesday December 14, in church.

Grades 1-3 will sing a selection of Christmas songs on Monday December 19 at 6:30 pm in the CCC.



World Marriage Day – Save the Date!

On **Sunday, February 12, 2023**, at 2:30 pm, Auxiliary Bishop Mark S. Rivituso will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, MO. A reception will follow in Boland Hall. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage.

World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life. World Marriage Day started in Baton Rouge, LA in 1981 and was later adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter who now is sponsoring this event on February 12th.



Are you a parent or grandparent looking to become involved? The St. Joseph Athletic Association is seeking to fill the following positions:

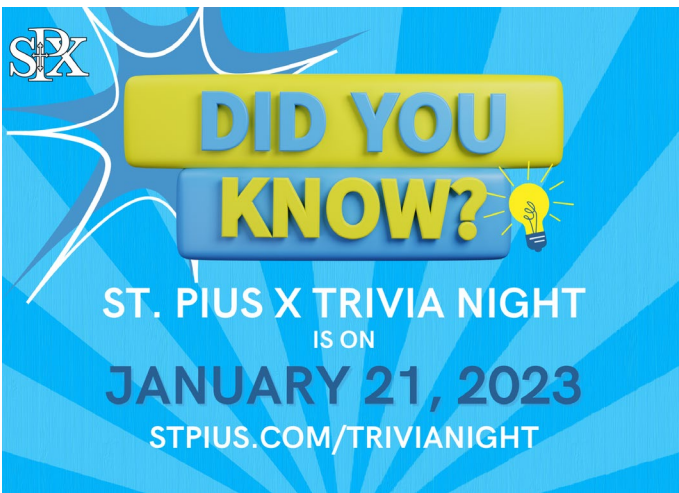
1. Baseball/Softball Head Ref (includes scheduling duties)
2. Soccer Head Ref (includes scheduling duties)
3. Concession Managers (paid part-time position @ \$15 per hour)

Each position will give you access to free CYC sports for your children or grandchildren (up to four). For more information contact Mitch Mueller (314) 220-5305. Thank you for your consideration!

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.

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 are needed

Tuesdays - 10 am and 5 pm
Wednesdays 10 am, 11 am, 2 pm, 8 pm
Thursday 4 pm

To register, or learn more, please call
Mr. Patrick Smith (573) 310-3472

Breakfast With Santa!

Saturday December 17, 2022

in the CORPUS CHRISTI CENTER



Tickets

Adults \$15 and Children \$8 (8 and under)

Seating One: 8:00 am - 9:30 am

~~*Seating Two: 10:00 am - 11:30 am*~~

Seating Three: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Menu

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Milk, & Juice

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*Last chance! Registrations close Dec. 11th at 11
pm; openings available in seatings 1 & 3*

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MARCH FOR LIFE

March for Life 2023 – Registration Now Open

MISSOURI LIFE CARAVAN is now accepting registrations for our bus trip to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Thursday- Saturday, Jan. 19-21, 2023. In 2023, we will travel to D.C. to give thanks that the Supreme Court, in the Dobbs decision, has overturned the abhorrent Roe v. Wade ruling. However, we must continue in our goal to make abortion unthinkable. We will meet with our representatives and tell them that taxpayers should not have to pay for abortion, and to peacefully March to change hearts and minds. This trip is open to anyone ages 7 and up (chaperones not provided). We depart from several locations in the St. Louis area. We do not stay in hotels as we sleep on the buses. Seats are limited. The cost is \$270. For more information, to register or to sponsor a rider go to www.missourilifecaravan.org. Contact us at: 314-434-4900 or mrl.eastern@yahoo.com.

Christmas Poinsettias

Parishioners are invited to purchase Christmas poinsettias and decorations in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$11 per poinsettia.



Please put your donation, 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 acknowledgement for each memorial in the bulletin the second weekend in January. Submissions are due by December 20th. Thank you!



FESTIVAL OF MINISTRIES

January 8th

Wine and Cheese

Learn what is happening at St. Joseph Parish

Mix and mingle from 2-4 pm in the Corpus Christi Center.

3 pm presentation by Dave Baranowski

Come for 15 minutes or stay the whole time!

Meet members and leaders of parish ministries

Find a place you belong



Advent LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 18 • 2pm

Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France (Old Cathedral)

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Presiding

Choir of the Shrine of Saint Joseph

Free and open to the public (No reservations required)



Fiat Women's Group

All women are invited for prayer and a talk at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary on the third Thursday of the month.

Please see this month's details:

Thursday, December 15

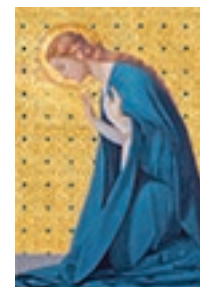
7:30 am – Doors Open

8 am – Rosary

8:15 am – Talk

9 am – Fellowship

Presenter Fr. Shane Deman, Vice-Rector for Formation. The easiest way to evangelize is to invite a friend to Fiat and let the Holy Spirit take it from there! We can't wait to see you!





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PARISH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



Did you know? St. Joseph Parish has earned the special designation as an Ambassador parish. Parish Ambassadors are generous volunteers who share their knowledge and passion for Catholic Charities of St. Louis with their own parishes. They help parishioners and parish staff understand how to access our services and help facilitate service projects, donations drives, speaker events, and other opportunities to support or learn more about Catholic Charities and our agencies. For more information, please contact your Parish Ambassador, Michaela Rodriguez at michaelamrodriguez@gmail.com.

Did you know? Catholic Charities of St. Louis serves people in need throughout the archdiocese through its family of eight agencies. Today we are highlighting Saint Louis Counseling.

Saint Louis Counseling (SLC)

SLC provides mental and emotional counseling through its seven outpatient locations. SLC is one of the largest providers of mental-health services to children and teens in 130 schools throughout our archdiocese. Through the School Partnership Program (SPP), therapists provide evidence-based therapy, age-appropriate socio-emotional programs to school communities that address youth's mental-health needs and concerns. SPP is based on the philosophy that the school, family, and community are partners in educating our children, strengthening families, and building stronger, safer communities.

Prime Timers Meeting

Wednesday, December 21st from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm is the next luncheon in the CCC! Please call Lorraine Simms with any questions. (636) 333-2855

Grief Support Meeting

The next Grief Support Group meetings will be Jan. 12th from 6-7 pm in the Corpus Christi Center. If you would like to be included in the Grief Group Email list, please contact amy.neu1@gmail.com to be added.

Sr. Christine's Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is requesting donations of hams for Christmas. Please drop off your donation by Thursday, Dec. 15th at the Food Pantry or the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity!





Made for Heaven

Did you know that 1 in 4 women have experienced a pregnancy loss? You are not alone, and the grieving process is often longer and more difficult than you might expect. We welcome you to join other women who have walked this path as we help guide each other to hope and healing through Christ. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 pm in the Corpus Christi Center.

Please contact Andrea Lang at andrew_andrea@msn.com with any questions.

OUR PARISH PRAYING TOGETHER

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

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| Matthew Anderson | Charles Lesch |
| Elizabeth Bell | Floyd McClintock |
| Mike Boyd | Janet McClintock |
| Don Compton | Georgia McDermott |
| Ben Cotter | Ron Merideth |
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| Ken Hopkins | Carleen Thomas |
| Eileen Kaiser | Noella Torgerson |
| Jim Kaiser | Doreen Watts |
| Roland Kaiser | Jane Werner |
| Scott Layton | |

We pray for those in the Military:

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|----------------|-------------------|
| Meaghan Angus | Jared Sheets |
| John Costigan | Grant Staggenborg |
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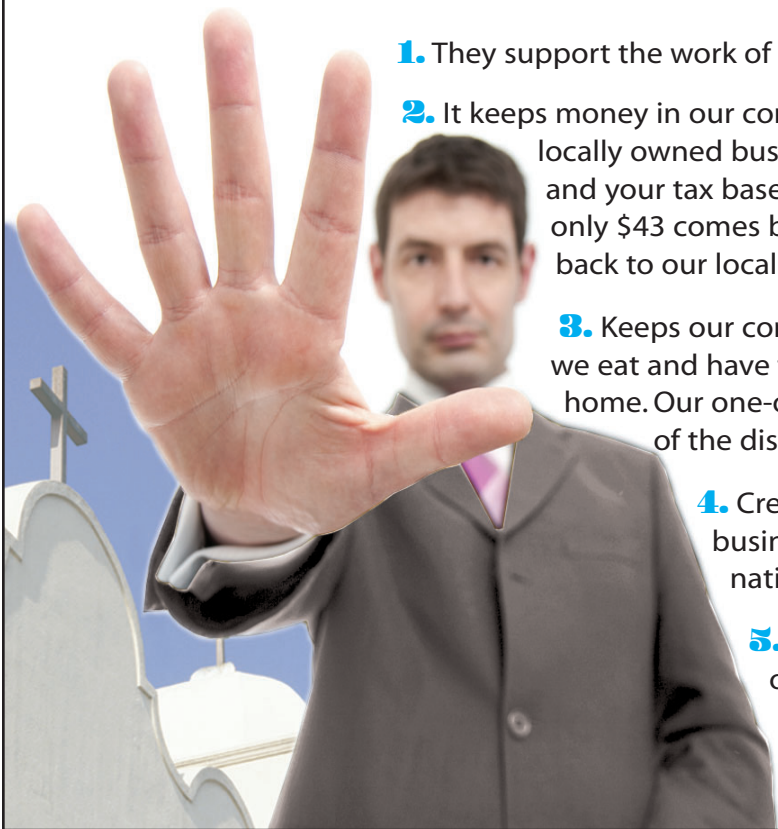
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