



FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."*

MATTHEW 1:23

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St. Joseph Parish

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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. - 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 24 4:00 pm	December 24 4:15 pm (CCC)	December 24 5:30 pm	December 25 Midnight	December 25 8:00 am	December 25 10:00 am
Lectors	Simms	Curry	Dixon	Wright Dischert	Schiavi	Miloscia
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MASS INTENTIONS	
Monday	December 19, 2022
6:30 am	Lenore Kueber
8:00 am	Leo Szymanski
Tuesday	December 20, 2022
6:30 am	Devore (special intention)
8:00 am	Merklin Family
Wednesday	December 21, 2022
6:30 am	Walter, Helen, & Family (special intention)
8:00 am	Mildred Kanik
Thursday	December 22, 2022
6:30 am	Sonny Schilly
8:00 am	Wayne Perry
Friday	December 23, 2022
6:30 am	Susan Curran (special intention)
8:00 am	John Moffett
Saturday	December 24, 2022
8:00 am	Eric Gehm
4:00 pm	Parker Schaefer
4:15 pm	(CCC) Ed & Irene Biermann
5:30 pm	Elaine Frauenhoffer
Sunday	December 25, 2022
Midnight	Norbert, Cletus, & Anna Kist
8:00 am	John G. Price
10:00 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph

Did you know? All bulletins are available on the parish website at www.sjparish.org

Mass & Confessions Contact Us **Bulletins** Online Giving

Ways to Help Resources  Corpus Christi Center

CONFESSION TIMES IN THE JEFFERSON CO. DEANERY	
Monday	
5-6:30 pm	St. David, Arnold
Tuesday	
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 - 11/28/2022 - 12/4/2022		
	Current	Fiscal YTD
OFFERTORY		
<i>Total collected</i>	\$26,371.22	\$494,410.72
<i>Amount needed</i>	\$22,170.00	\$509,910.00
<i>Surplus or shortage</i>	\$4,201.22	\$15,499.28
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
Tuition assistance		
St. Vincent dePaul	\$458.00	
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	\$823.00	



ONLINE GIVING

Sign up at osvhub.com/sjparish/funds

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.





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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We recently celebrated Gaudete Sunday. And the coming week ends with the shortest and darkest day of the year.

“It is a time of darkness, doubt, and fear. Gaudete is a Latin word meaning “Rejoice.” But, it’s actually worse than that: the Latin is in the imperative, so it means “You shall Rejoice!” This Sunday is not just about rejoicing for what is good in our lives. We are commanded to rejoice, no matter what.

With that in mind, please join with me in a spirit of prayer...

Lord God, we are determined to be people of faith, to share with all your gospel of hope, love and grace. Yet, it is hard to remain hopeful in a world that is broken and failing. It is hard to be filled with love for the other when loss and fear suffocates us and them. And how can there be grace when hate buries love?

And yet, you call us to rejoice. And so, we remember that no matter how dark the present hour, you are with us. Your mighty arm protects us, your spirit fills us. You will never forget or forsake us. This we know: even in the absence of all other hope or love, you are with us. Emmanuel.

And so, rejoice we shall, no matter what rages around or against or within us. Our souls shall magnify you O Lord, for you are with us, even when all else that we trust is gone. Lord, we gather here so that the fire you have planted in each of us will strengthen and grow: becoming a mighty flame that brings hope where there is none, encouraging love to grow where it has too long been gone, and extinguishing fear in the hearts of all.

We rejoice in each other. We rejoice in our faith. We rejoice in your Gospel. And, we rejoice in your presence here this morning.

In all things we shall rejoice, Amen.”

(<https://allenvandermeulen.org/2019/12/15/gaudete-sunday-a-prayer-of-hope/>)

May God bless you all!!!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Dan Shaughnessy

Holiday Bulletin Due Dates

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





Christmas 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish you, your families, and your loved ones joyful greetings at this special time of year!

This past year has been a year of consultation and unceasing prayer as we continue in this journey to make All Things New in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. This strategic pastoral planning process is about revitalizing our parishes and ministries, and providing a more vibrant future for Catholic communities throughout the Archdiocese.

This Christmas, I ask you to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas collection at your parish, which helps ensure that our seminarians receive the education and formation they need to grow closer to Christ each day. Your support is a source of inspiration for the seminarians and helps to build up the Church in St. Louis. Together, we can encourage our future priests to walk the path of holiness as they seek to configure their hearts to the Heart of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to celebrating the joy of the Christmas season with all of the faithful of the Archdiocese. Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis



In Archbishop Rozanski's letter above, he asks us to support our seminarians. To make a donation, please visit our Online Giving page at

<https://www.osvhub.com/sjiparish/giving/funds>

Christmas Mass Times



The first Christmas

December 24:
4:00 pm/Church
4:15 pm/CCC
5:30 pm/ Church
December 25:
Midnight/Church
8 am/Church
10 am/Church

January 1, 2023, the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, will follow the usual Sunday Mass schedule.



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.

All submissions are due by December 20th. Thank you!

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.

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

Year End Contributions

Donor contributions mailed are deemed delivered to the parish by the IRS when the check is delivered to the U.S. Postal Service. Thus, checks postmarked on or before December 31, 2022, will be included in the donor's 2022 contribution statement. Items postmarked January 2023 will be included in the donor's 2023 contribution statement. Contributions received in the offertory on Saturday, December 31, 2022, will be included in the 2022 statements if dated in 2022. If they are dated 2023, they will be recorded as such. Contributions received in the offertory on Sunday, January 1, 2023, will be included in the donor's 2023 contribution statement regardless of check date.



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!



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



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



Fourth Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul help those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also come to know that "God is with us."

For more information, email

Dbalsman@gmail.com

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



Remaining Saint Joseph School
 Christmas Performances

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. Rivotuso 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.

OUR PARISH PRAYING TOGETHER

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

Matthew Anderson	Charles Lesch
Elizabeth Bell	Floyd McClintock
Mike Boyd	Janet McClintock
Don Compton	Georgia McDermott
Ben Cotter	Ron Merideth
Donna Fischer	Barb Miller
Ty J. Foster	James Moss
Murphy Garner	Dwayne Parker
Michelle Gillman	Jill Pesek
Dave Greco	Will Roberts
Scott Haase	Andrew Staggenborg
Adelaide Herrell	Judy Staggenborg
Tom Herrell	Gregory Steffan
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:

Meaghan Angus	Jared Sheets
John Costigan	Grant Staggenborg
Jack Jeffers	Conner Stark
Isaac Longtin	Jack Vilchis
Maxwell Rayman	Lucas Weiland
Jacob Sarfraz	



Save the Date!

Friday,
2/3/23
Corpus
Christi
Center

TRIVIA night



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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 St. Patrick Center. St. Patrick Center transforms lives by providing housing, employment and healthcare opportunities to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Working collaboratively with individuals, businesses, government and other service providers, St. Patrick Center solves homelessness for individuals and families in the St. Louis region by utilizing Housing First, an evidence-based practice that solves homelessness through a combination of permanent housing and wrap-around support services.

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

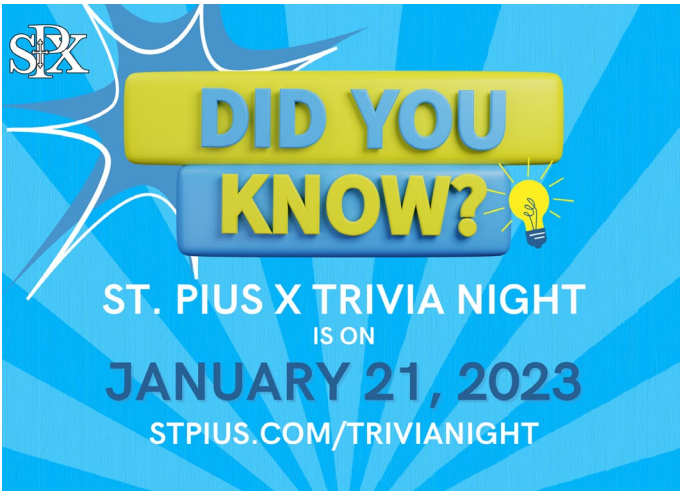
The next Grief Support Group meetings will be Jan. 12th from 6-7 pm in the Corpus Christi Center. If you would like to be included in the Grief Group Email list, please contact amy.neu1@gmail.com to be added.



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.



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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.



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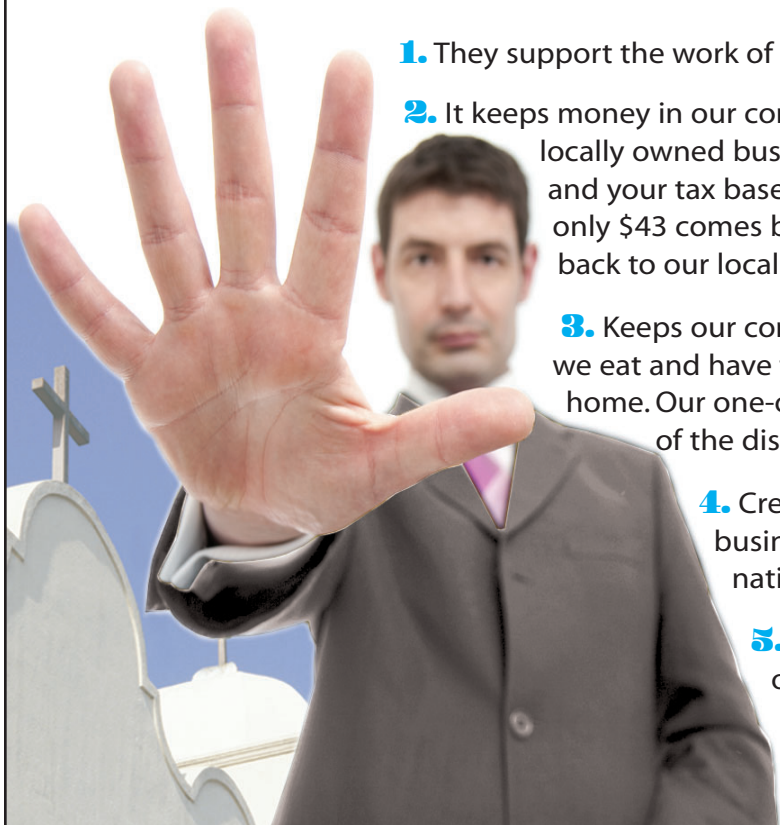
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