



A Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Missouri 6020 Old Antonia Road, Imperial, MO 63052 sjiparish.org | 636-464-1013

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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. 9 4:30 pm	Dec. 10 7:00 am	Dec. 10 8:30 am	Dec. 10 10:00 am	Dec. 10 11:30 am	Dec. 10 4:30 pm
Lectors	Dalton Simms	Dixon Naes	Applebaum Dischert	Miloscia Munsell	Moloney Smedra	Volunteer
Servers	C. Bailey S. Rakers Volunteer	Volunteers	F. Null H. Preston L. Preston	L. Coleman I. Rohe V. Walt	P. Arington G. Oppelz C. Padgitt	J. Vonder Haar J. Vonder Haar P. Vonder Haar

Mass Intentions				
Monday	December 4, 2023			
6:30 am	William & Margaret Dust			
Tuesday	December 5, 2023			
6:30 am	Macalady Family			
8:00 am	The Most Forgotten Soul in Purgatory			
Wednesday	December 6, 2023			
6:30 am	Bill & John Dust			
8:00 am	Jim Moss			
Thursday	December 7, 2023			
6:30 am	Conversion of Hearts			
8:00 am	Coleman Family Special Intention			
7:00 pm	Paul Goldak Special Intention			
Friday	December 8, 2023			
6:30 am	Betty & Dan Fitzgerald			
8:00 am	Jeanne Klosterman			
10:00 am	Parishioners of SJP/SJBD			
Saturday	December 9, 2023			
8:00 am	Gerald Buechting			
4:30 pm	Parishioners of SJP/SJBD			
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Sunday	December 10, 2023			
7:00 am				
7:00 am	Lenore Kueber			
7:00 am 8:30 am	Lenore Kueber Eleanore Rieger			

#### 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 Date	Due to bulletin@sjiparish.org	
	by noon on:	
<del>11/12/2023</del>	<del>Monday, November 6</del>	
<del>11/19/2023</del>	<del>Thursday, November 9</del>	
<del>11/26/2023</del>	Wednesday, November 15	
<del>12/3/2023</del>	Monday, November 27	
<del>12/10/2023</del>	<del>Friday, December 1</del>	
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 11/13/2023 - 11/19/2023

	Current	Fiscal YTD
Offertory		
Total collected	\$21,441.87	\$454,305.52
Amount needed	\$21,568.77	\$452,944.17
Surplus or <mark>shortage</mark>	\$126.90	\$1,361.35
Special collections		
Tuition assistance	\$42.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$85.00	
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	\$3,546.45	





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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In light of the two-parish reality (of St. John the Beloved Disciple and St. Joseph) that Fr. Ruzicka, Msgr. Mikesch and I are now shepherding, people ask us all the time how they can help. And with that question, here is the answer: First, pray for the three of us that we might all be good and faithful priests. Second, never miss Sunday Mass and encourage your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, neighbors, friends, and coworkers to make Sunday Mass the #1 priority in their lives. Honestly, nothing is more important than giving Almighty God the praise and worship that is due to Him. Use this bulletin letter as a reminder to lovingly challenge everyone to keep the Sabbath holy!

And so, as we begin the Advent season this weekend, it's an opportunity to refresh our commitments to prayer, to the Sacraments, and to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Let's double down on our commitment to bringing Jesus into every moment of our lives as we share the Good News of our faith with others.

With that said, in the coming weeks, I am going to be personalizing letters to St. Joseph parishioners, announcing our annual Season of Giving. Please note that we will not be making formal Season of Giving asks at St. John the Beloved Disciple (SJBD) this year, as we are still "getting to know each other," so to speak, and also because SJBD is debt-free at this time.

At St. Joseph, however, the Season of Giving "ask" has become an important part of our annual stewardship at the parish. This year, we have many ongoing needs. If we can raise \$150,000 through year-end gifts, it will keep our overall financial picture very stable, in light of the following capital expenditures that have been undertaken at St. Joseph over the last few years:

a) Remaining debt on Wiles Field renovations of \$322,000 on an overall project cost of \$424,000.

b) Little Friends of St. Joseph Preschool overall cost of roughly \$800,000 (including architectural fees, etc.) and a remaining debt of \$390,000.

c) Unanticipated school rooftop unit replacements of \$150,000.

Things at both parishes are going well overall. At St. Joseph, however, with the level of activity in many parish ministries, the capital needs are great, as we continue to experience growth! God is good all the time.

Again, let's all continue to pray in gratitude for the wonderful robust communities at both SJBD and St. Joseph. We are truly blessed to be able to be together in faith.

Let's keep our Eucharistic identity as Catholic Christians at the forefront of who we are as followers of Jesus Christ. Disciples making disciples, all for the Kingdom!

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Fr. Dan Shamphurses



#### WE LOVE SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL!

Enrollment is open with availability in all grades.

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



Mass Schedule: Thursday Vigil Mass, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm SJP Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30, 8:00 & 10:00 am SJP Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm SJBD

The parish offices will be closed on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



We are saddened by the passing of: Ruth Perkins (nee Matthias).

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



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.



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 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you! Saturday December 16, 2023 in the Corpus Christi Center

Breakfast With Santa!

#### Tickets

Adults \$15 and Children \$10 (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

Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Fruit, Bagels, Donuts, Milk, & Juice

Photo packages available through Amie Lynn Photo & Design.

For complete details and to order tickets and photo packages, scan the code or visit https://sjpbws23.givesmart.com



#### Congratulations to our recently baptized:

*Kerr Gabriel Gardiner*, son of Gabriel & Mattie Gardiner

*Stella Adeline Lurk,* daughter of Justin & Mindy Lurk

*Myles Allen Day*, son of Tyler Ryan & Ashlee Jett

Mackenzie Nees daughter of Cody & Nicole Nees

*Josie Nees*, daughter of Cody & Nicole Nees

*Alivia Young*, daughter of Brandon & Christine Young

Brooks Patrick Bannes, son of Travis & Breanna Bannes

Baptized in Christ in November of 2023 May the blessing of the Lord be upon them and may God watch over and cherish these children whom God has blessed with the grace of Baptism.

# Young Adult Ministry

Thursday December 7th, 2023

8 pm-following the 7 pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

> Meet and Greet, Information Gathering, & Planning Event

Open to young adults ages 18 to 35 seeking peer connection, support, within the regional Catholic community.



Lower Level of Holy Family Hall 6020 Old Antonia Road Imperial, MO 63052 Contact Jessica Mayer 636-464-1013 ext 100 jmayer @sjiparish.org



Scan for more info

#### 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. December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 First Sunday of Advent

As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert" as we stand in

joyful anticipation for the Truth within Christmas to bless our lives. It's so much easier to be more watchful and alert with the cell phone in the other room and the mouth in the non-open position, except in prayer.

For more information, email Dbalsman@ymail.com

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

All Meetings in the Corpus Christi Center.





Enjoy this opportunity to tour the school and meet teachers, students, and parents! Serving students in grades Pre-K3 to grade 8 6024 Old Antonia Road | Imperial, MO 63052 Phone: 636-464-9027 | www.stjosephimperial.org



For the last several weeks, a group of inquirers have been meeting with the RCIA (OCIA) team here in our parish. During this time, they have explored their own faith journeys and whether the Catholic Church is the place to continue that journey. They have prayed about it and have decided to take the next step. This step involves a liturgical rite: the Rite of Acceptance (for the unbaptized) and the Rite of Welcome (for the baptized). They will "assemble publicly for the first time declaring their intention to the Church and the Church, in turn, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members." (From the RCIA Paragraph 41)

We, the parish, as the Church, have a part in this Rite. We are asked to warmly welcome these catechumens and candidates into our faith family and to support them with our prayers.

This Rite will take place on December 10, 2023 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We ask you to prayerfully and joyously participate in this Rite. Please take the time after Mass to meet and greet these people. They are embarking on a wonderful adventure and you are a part of it. And please keep all of us, catechumens, candidates, parish sponsors, and team, in your prayers.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



# RURAL PARISH CLINIC



#### Can you help our mission?

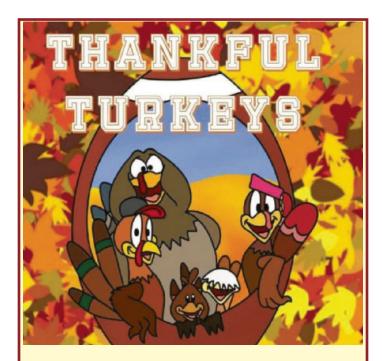
The Rural Parish Clinic of the Archdiocese of St. Louis cares for needy, uninsured patients and we could really use your help with the following items. We will have a bin in the back of church and we thank you in advance for your help!!

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

#### 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.



A Note from Tom Turkey to St. Joseph Parish Dear St. Joseph Parish,

We turkeys are in high demand each Fall, no way around that! Some of us end up in restaurants while others divided into dozens of TV dinners. But the lucky ones, WE THANKFUL TURKEYS, got to traverse through Sr. Christine's Food Pantry on our way to our local Neighbors in Need! We got to be part of an intimate BLESSING bringing great joy to over 100 families in our area this Thanksgiving! THANK YOU to all the generous parishioners, school staff and parents, and pantry volunteers for helping us be that great gift. If you could only have heard the laughter, happiness, and satisfied tummies and hearts your gift of a turkey provided. Bet you didn't know it's a fact turkeys have excellent hearing (far better than that proverbial "fly on the wall")! We can therefore tell you firsthand, that the many families you helped absolutely LOVE and appreciate St. Joseph Parish with all their hearts!

Gobbly Yours,

Tom

## 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

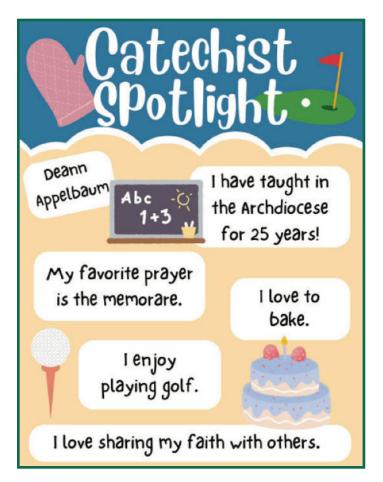
earns a percent rebate for every gift card sold through the RaiseRight program.

Thanks for your continued support!



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





#### Eucharistic Adorers needed:

**Tuesdays:** *3 pm* **Wednesdays:** *9 am* Thursdays: *3, 4, and 7 pm* Call Mr. Patrick Smith (573) 310-3472

The Holy Eucharist reposes each night at 9 pm.



Saturday, January 20, 2024, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Marianist Retreat and Conference Center

Losing a loved one to suicide or any tragic death is a pain that no one can prepare for. The roller coaster of emotions is enough to make one doubt God's presence in the situation. This day of reflection is designed to help in the journey through these emotions and come out renewed with confidence in God's love and care for each one of us. Members of our ministry team for this day will include Father Tom Miller (pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. Anthony Parishes), Deacon Rob Lawson (Incarnate Word Parish), Adam Bitter (Incarnate Word Parish), and the Jonah Prayer Teams from Incarnate Word, St. Alban Roe, and St. Anthony of Padua Parishes. There will be time for healing prayer, discussions, sharing, techniques for healthy outlet of emotions, and testimony from those who have healed from the same pain you may be feeling.

Attendance will be limited to 100 participants total for Saturday, 9 am - 7 pm and include two meals for \$65. We are also offering the option for up to 45 participants to spend the night through 10 am on Sunday which includes a private room and breakfast for \$155. For more information, Barb @ 314.910.3942, Mary @ 314.210.5098 or Shelby @ 636.288.9841.

Scan to register:



### 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 David Herrell Kate Hershberger Jim Lehn Kate Hershberger Jim Lehn Ronald Meredith Glen Newkirk Christine Perry Tom Price Will Roberts Jim Schaefer Nina Schaefer Erin Silva Jerry Spink Doreen Watts 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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