

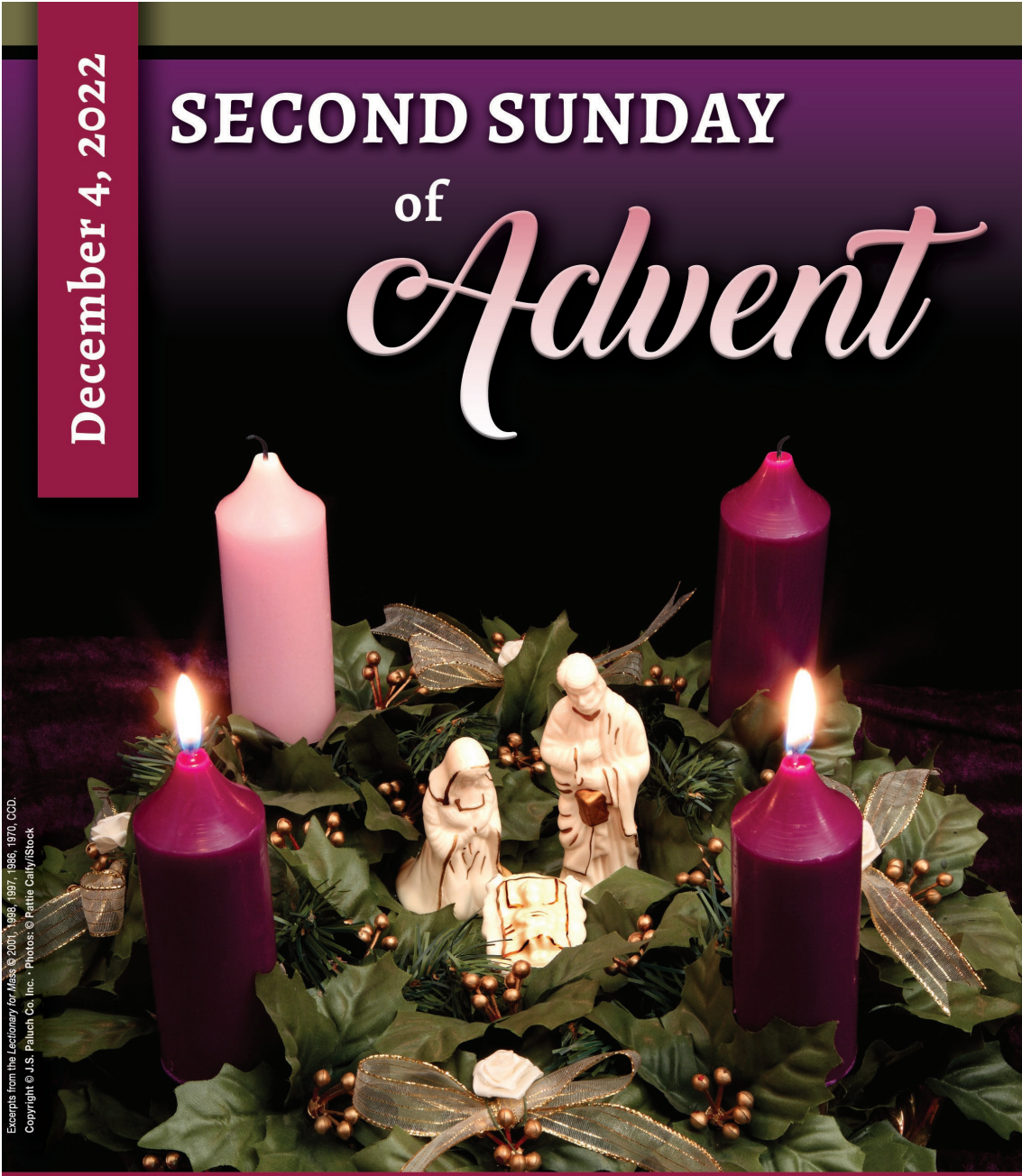
December 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY

of

Advent

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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

Matthew 3:1



*A Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Missouri*  
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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 10 4:30 pm	December 11 7:00 am	December 11 8:30 am	December 11 10:00 am	December 11 11:30 am	December 11 4:30 pm
Lectors	Hoffmeister Dickinson	Dixon Naes	Nicholas Preston	Miloscia Munsell	School Children	Darian
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	F. Null A. Lurk	E. Lang L. Reiter J. Reiter	L. Byassee M. Cruz A. Ganey	A. Julius N. Julius K. Julius

MASS INTENTIONS	
Monday	December 5, 2022
6:30 am	DePasquale Family Intentions
8:00 am	Arthur & Helen Perry
Tuesday	December 6, 2022
6:30 am	Sonny Schilly
8:00 am	Jim Blankman
Wednesday	December 7, 2022
6:30 am	Lester & Lucy Sitzes
8:00 am	Rev. Robert W. Argent
Thursday	December 8, 2022
6:30 am	Coleman Family Intentions
8:00 am	Werner Family Intentions
Friday	December 9, 2022
6:30 am	August J. Rivituso, Jr.
8:00 am	Patrick Bryan
Saturday	December 10, 2022
8:00 am	Lenore Keuber
4:30 pm	Parker Schaefer
Sunday	December 11, 2022
7:00 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph
8:30 am	Jim Hunziker
10:00 am	Joe Wittmann
11:30 am	Anonymous Special Intention
4:30 pm	Gary Prudot

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 - 11/14/2022 - 11/20/2022		
	Current	Fiscal YTD
OFFERTORY		
<i>Total collected</i>	\$20,060.26	\$421,766.81
<i>Amount needed</i>	\$22,170.00	\$465,570.00
<i>Surplus or shortage</i>	<b>\$1,563.74</b>	<b>\$43,803.19</b>
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
Tuition assistance	\$30.00	
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Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	\$426.00	



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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.







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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Advent is upon us! How is that possible? As we ponder these days of Advent, What are you waiting for? Most people, I suspect, would say, very simply, we're waiting for Christmas, the birth of Jesus.

But the scriptures over the last couple of weeks suggest that answer isn't completely accurate. Beyond celebrating the birth of Jesus in the Nativity, we are also waiting for and anticipating His coming at the end of time. We are waiting for Christ to come – not just as a baby in a manger, but as a king in the clouds.

We're waiting for our final judgment, the concluding event of history. This isn't really a time for sentiment, but for searching—searching our hearts, making choices.

Advent by its very name itself calls attention to the great event described in today's gospel: the Latin word "adventus" is actually a translation of the Greek "parousia," which refers to Christ's second coming. It's Christianity's most anticipated event. As we pray at every Mass: "We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our savior Jesus Christ."

Advent calls us to be watchful. To be ready. To be holy. "Be vigilant at all times," Jesus told his followers. Do not grow complacent. Don't let your heart become drowsy from the anxieties of life.

In our own time, that isn't easy. We are constantly distracted—and overwhelmed.

Which brings us back to the great question of Advent:

What are you waiting for?

What are we all waiting for?

God bless you.

Yours in Christ,

**Holiday Bulletin Due Dates - December and January**

**Sunday, December 18 Bulletin**

*Submissions due by noon Monday, Dec. 5th*

**Sunday, December 25, 2022 Bulletin**

*Submissions due by noon, Monday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>*

**Sunday, January 1, 2023 Bulletin**

*Submissions due by noon, Monday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>*

**Upcoming Parish Office Closure**

December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**Sr. Christine's Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry is requesting donations of hams for Christmas.

Please drop off your donation by Thursday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at the Food Pantry or the Parish Office.

Thank you for your generosity!





# 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>



## Second Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for 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 contact ur Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor anticipate Christmas and Christ.

For more information, email [Dbalsman@ymail.com](mailto:Dbalsman@ymail.com)

*There are no meetings in December.*

Prayer Meeting: January 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.

All meetings are held in the Corpus Christi Center

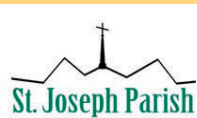


## Saint Joseph School Christmas Performances

Fourth and fifth grades will present their Christmas Cantata entitled "Circle the World with Love" on Tuesday, December 6, at 6:30 pm in church.

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.



## 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

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

December 11th, 2022

7:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus - Council 2333

The Knights of Columbus are excited for the return of pancake breakfasts at the Corpus Christi Center! The proceeds will be used to fund a new table and benches for the St. Joseph School playground.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!

Adults: \$10  
Kids 12 and under: \$5  
Families larger than four: \$30


JOIN US  
FOR BREAKFAST AT  
THE CORPUS CHRISTI  
CENTER!



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!



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## 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

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*

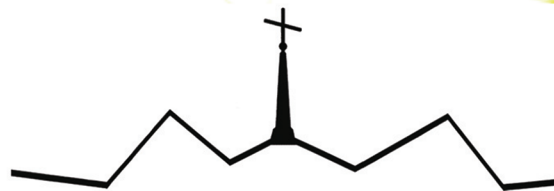
*Seating Three: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm*

## Menu

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Milk, & Juice

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## The Rite of Acceptance

For the last several weeks, a group of inquirers (people interested in the Catholic Church) have been meeting with the RCIA team here at St. Joseph 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.” (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, 41)

We, the members of St. Joseph 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 Sunday, December 4 at the 8:30 am Mass. We ask you to prayerfully and joyously participate in this Rite. And please keep all of us, catechumens, candidates, parish sponsors, and team, in your prayers.



## 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 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## Grief Support Meeting

Upcoming Grief Support Group meetings will be Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> 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.neul@gmail.com to be added.

## 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!

# Advent LESSONS & CAROLS

**Sunday, December 18 • 2pm**  
**Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France  
(Old Cathedral)**  
Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Presiding  
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Free and open to the public (No reservations required)

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### PARISH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



**Did you know?** St. Joseph Parish Imperial has earned the special designation as an Ambassador parish.

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**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 Queen of Peace Center.

The Queen of Peace Center provides family centered care for women with substance abuse disorders, their families, and at-risk youth through treatment, prevention and education, and housing. As demonstrated by the life of Jesus Christ, Queen of Peace Center works to build a future of peace for families. For more information, please contact your Parish Ambassador Michaela Rodriguez at [michaelarodriguez@gmail.com](mailto:michaelarodriguez@gmail.com)

## The Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus

This particular devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, based on the life and writings of Sister Marie of Saint Peter, was approved by Pope Leo XIII in 1885 who established the devotion as an Arch-confraternity for the whole world. Begun by an act of Love and Mercy on the way to Calvary, a woman steps from a throng of people to offer her veil as loving compassion to JESUS. He receives her gesture of Love and in return, His Face is imprinted forever, revealing His Passion and Sacrificial, Eternal Love and Mercy for us. Saint Veronica, pray for us!

It is from this one moment that our Lord now requests us now to step out, with Him to make reparation to our Eternal Father for the sins against the first three Commandments. Through this devotion, Blessed Pope Pius IX said, "Reparation is a divine work, destined to save society." Our own Saint Louis IX was the crusader against blasphemy. The Veil of the Holy face was preserved and protected by Pope Saint Clement (93-102) during the persecutions. The medals were cast with the Holy Face by authority of Innocent III in the 12 century. The Holy Face was placed in the Basilica of

Saint Peter by Urban VIII on December 23, 1625. During Eucharistic Adoration, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass "suspended," we can honor His Holy Face as we adore, repent, give thanks and plead for His Mercy for ourselves, others, and the world. There is a specific Chaplet of Reparation to the Most Holy Face of Jesus that can be found here: Holy Face Novena.

"Let us see Your Face, O Lord, and we will be saved." Psalm 80:4





### 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 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Corpus Christi Center.

Please contact Andrea Lang at [andrew\\_andrea@msn.com](mailto:andrew_andrea@msn.com) with any questions.

### Weekly Bible Reflection

By David Baranowski,  
Archdiocese of St. Louis  
December 4, 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused? Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

### Prime Timers Meeting

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 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

## 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 |
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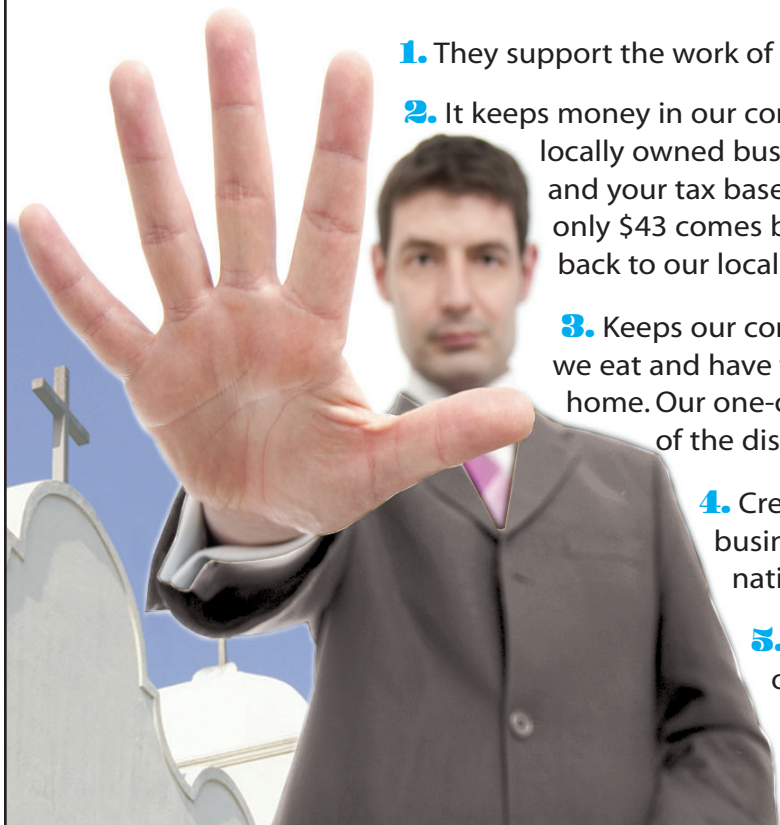
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