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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. - 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

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 Mary Dixon at 636-467-2104 to make arrangements.

Ministry Schedule	February 18 4:30 pm	February 19 7:00 am	February 19 8:30 am	February 19 10:00 am	February 19 11:30 am	February 19 4:30 pm
Lectors	Darian Schiavi	Schilly Nason	Curry Hummel	Halfmann Halfmann	Schurk Schlecht	Volunteer
Servers	A. Rakers S. Rakers Volunteers	Volunteers	H. Preston L. Preston A. Fanetti	H. Coleman J. Coleman L. Coleman	W. Nesselhauf J. Becker L. Byassee	Ja. Vonder Haar Jo. Vonder Haar P. Vonder Haar

Mass Intentions		
Monday	February 13, 2023	
6:30 am	William & Margaret Dust	
8:00 am	Matthew Atchley	
Tuesday	February 14, 2023	
6:30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
8:00 am	Jan Gremmelsbacher	
Wednesday	February 15, 2023	
6:30 am	David Devore	
8:00 am	Donald Renner	
Thursday	February 16, 2023	
6:30 am	Linda Cox	
8:00 am	Gary Prudot	
Friday	February 17, 2023	
6:30 am	Bill & John Dust	
8:00 am	Betty & Dan Fitzgerald	
Saturday	February 18, 2023	
8:00 am	Jennifer Peterman Walker	
4:30 pm	Parker Schaefer	
Sunday	February 19, 2023	
7:00 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	
8:30 am	Leonard Kohler	
10:00 am	Frank Halfmann	
11:30 am	Jack Luffy	
4:30 pm	August Rivituso, Jr.	

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

If you have something for publication in the bulletin, please send it to **bulletin@sjiparish.org**. The deadline is each Monday at noon.



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 - 1/23/2023-1/29/2023

	Current	Fiscal YTD
Offertory		
Total collected	\$14,325.42	\$681,295.09
Amount needed	\$22,170.00	\$687,270.00
Surplus or <mark>shortage</mark>	\$7,844.58	\$5,974.91
Special collections		
Tuition assistance	\$131.00	
St. Vincent dePaul	\$2,870.00	
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	\$302.00	



Thank you to everyone who supports our food pantry. Please note this important change: our bank will no longer accept checks made out to "Sr. Christine's Food Pantry." Instead, please make your checks out to "St. Joseph Parish" and please note "food pantry" in the memo line.



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

Dear St. Joseph Parish Community,

From the 5th Chapter of the Gospel of Matthew for this weekend's readings for Mass, the following verses opens the passage: "Jesus said to his disciples:

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

As your pastor and spiritual father, I struggle greatly with how hard to press our parish families with the Ten Commandments (the rules), so to speak.

That said, the 3rd Commandment is to "remember to keep holy the Sabbath Day." Simply, not attending Sunday Mass (keeping holy the Sabbath) is a violation of that commandment and hence, a sin. People don't like to talk about sin in our increasingly secularized culture. And as your pastor, I have to say that it's difficult sometimes to be fatherly in this manner. Sometimes, in my own insecurity, I might like parishioners to think that Fr. Shaughnessy is "cool" or "chill," so to speak (implying that I won't challenge as strongly as I should with regard to Sunday Mass). If that is the case or the perception, then I am failing at my job/vocation as a priest.

I love so very much that you are all so kind to me and that you support Fr. Ruzicka and me. But naturally I did not become a priest to win a popularity contest. Hence, I have to challenge those of you who do not make Sunday Mass a priority.

Many of you might say, "Well, the Archbishop gave us dispensation for 16 months during Covid so attending Mass mustn't be that big of a deal." It is true that the bishops across the country did just that. And I'll say that in hindsight (from my perspective as an armchair quarterback), that decision was a horrible mistake. And we will be dealing with the consequences of it for a very long time. That said, it makes me incredibly sad that not everyone in our parish family is necessarily coming together to pray and worship Almighty God. Frankly, it's devastating to me. If we can go on vacations; if we can attend sporting events of all kinds; if we can go out for dinner; if we can attend play dates; if we can go to the grocery store ... if we can do all these things and yet we don't have time 1 hour a week to spend thanking God for all of our gifts and blessings and receive Jesus Himself in the Eucharist, then what are we doing?

As I watch my parents, especially my mother, declining in her health as she prepares to meet Jesus when she dies, I think of her devotion to Jesus, to our Blessed Mother and to the Communion of Saints. Coupled with the strong and sometimes stern leadership of my own Dad, Sunday Mass as a family was never an option. It was always the MOST important thing. I truly believe that my parents' prayers and example ushered me into the seminary. I truly believe that I was always called to be a priest from the very first moment of my existence but my folks helped get across the finish line, so to speak. And now, in their advanced age, they chose a senior living facility that offers Daily Mass because the Eucharist, Jesus Christ Himself, is the most important thing to them.

And rightly so. Please know that I am so proud of this incredible parish community that I am so blessed to lead. And please know that it is with great humility that I share this message. We are doing so well as a parish community in so many ways. But it has been on my heart for several weeks to share this message with all of you.

We will soon be heading into Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. Might we all truly embrace our call as followers of Jesus Christ to attend Mass together as a parish family. For those of you receiving this letter who might not be Catholic, I'd encourage you to attend your respective places of worship on Sundays. For those of you who are faithful to Sunday Mass and the sacraments, please share the letter with a fallen-away friend, neighbor, family member, or coworker.

May we all be one Body in Christ. May we pray together and for each other unceasingly! May we all spend Eternal life together forever in Heaven, when Jesus calls us home.

Humbly and respectfully in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Dan Sumuchurses

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS PRESENTS



Evangelization 101 WORKSHOP

REGISTER NOW!





4 MARCH 2023 9:00A.M. - 12:00P.M. St. Joseph (Imperial)

This workshop will cover beginning fundamentals of evangelization. This is a free workshop offered to anyone who wants to increase their comfort of sharing their faith.

Can't make it to the workshop in your area? Feel free to attend the workshop most convenient for you. Registration is required.

archstl.org/evangelization



Archdiocesan Lenten Regulations

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

(John 3:16-17)

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows: **Ash Wednesday (February 22, 2023), all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (April 7, 2023) are days of abstinence (refraining from meat) for all Catholics from age 14 onwards. On these two days, fast, as well as abstinence, is also obligatory for those from the ages of 18-59**. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

Feast of Saint Patrick (March 17, 2023) falls on a Friday during Lent this year. Feasts of the Church are meant to be a day of celebration and rejoicing, so on this Friday, March 17, 2023, the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis are dispensed from abstaining from meat should they choose to celebrate the Feast of Saint Patrick.

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN RESOURCES

There are many excellent resources for the Season of Lent you might wish to use. Following are also a list of some resources available for Lent this year: *Augustine Institute Formed:*

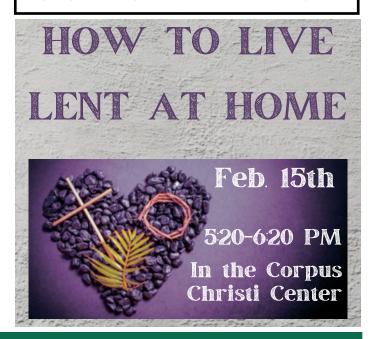
https://formed.org/

Best Lent Ever daily reflections: <u>https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever</u> Bishop Barron Word on Fire Lenten Reflections: <u>https://www.wordonfire.org/reflections/lent/</u>



Fish Fry Volunteers: Please Sign Up!

signupgenius.com/go/10C0948AEA723A4F4C25-stjoseph



February 12, 2023

CHOOSE LIFE A Lenten Series on Pro-Life Issues

SESSION 1: February 26 CHOOSE LIFE: WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON?

SESSION 2: March 12 CHOOSE LIFE: ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY

SESSION 3: March 26 CHOOSE LIFE: CARE FOR OUR IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS

All sessions: 4-7pm at Cardinal Rigali Center 20 Archbishop May Dr. Saint Louis, MO 63119

We will begin with Mass in the chapel followed by dinner and a presentation. Free childcare is available on-site.



To RSVP scan the QR code or call/email Marie Kenyon.



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS Office of Peace & Justice

For more information, contact Marie Kenyon: mariekenyon@archstl.org 314.792.7062



40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN Thursday, March 2

While abortion is no longer legal in Missouri, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health (https://dph.illinois.gov/data-statistics/vital-statistics/ abortion-statistics.html), we know that in 2020, over 6.500 Missouri women obtained an abortion in the state of Illinois out of a total of over 46,000 abortions in that state. Your peaceful, prayerful presence at Planned Parenthood in Fairview Heights, IL, is needed now more than ever to encourage abortion-seeking women to choose LIFE. Join fellow St. Joseph parishioners on Thursday, March 2, between 7 am and 7 pm at the Planned Parenthood facility in Fairview Heights, IL. To ensure there are at least 2 prayer volunteers per hour, please contact Kelly Lehn with your time(s) at 314-608-9866 or kalehn@ yahoo.com. Sign ups will also be after all Masses the weekend of February 25/26.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful



communication, and deepen and renew commitment. The next three in-person weekend experiences are listed below. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

3/31/2023 - 4/2/2023 - Fairfield Inn (Westport Plaza), St. Louis, MO 5/5/2023 - 5/7/2023 - Drury Plaza Hotel, Cape Girardeau, MO 8/4/2023 - 8/6/2023 - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO



Please bring last year's palms to the Church. We will be collecting them until Feb. 19th.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Help your Neighbors in Need via your own spring cleaning! Get a jump start on that cleaning by setting aside your unused clothes, kitchen items, books, furniture, and even cars. Then watch upcoming



bulletins for details on the SVdP truck Sunday. You'll have areas of your house with refreshing new space, and your Neighbors in Need will have items which bring good physical and spiritual impact to their lives!

For more information about joining our SVdP team, email Dbalsman@ymail.com

Business Meeting: February 27th 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting: March 8th 6:30 pm *All Meetings in the Corpus Christi Center*

Join us for the

International Exhibition THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

March 4 and 5th in the Corpus Christi Center

> Exhibit Open: Saturday: Noon – 5:00 pm Sunday: 7:30am – 5:00pm



Eucharistic Adorers are needed

Tuesdays - 5 pm Now accepting adorers of Jesus in the Tabernacle for MONDAYs: many hours or half/hours. Call Mr. Patrick Smith (573) 310-3472

Our Parish Praying Together

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

Matthew Anderson Elizabeth Bell Mike Boyd Jeannie Brown Don Compton Ben Cotter Donna Fischer Will Fischer Ty J. Foster Murphy Garner Michelle Gillman Dave Greco Scott Haase Melissa Hartmann Adelaide Herrell Tom Herrell Ken Hopkins Eileen Kaiser Iim Kaiser Roland Kaiser

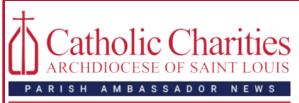
Scott Layton Charles Lesch Floyd McClintock Janet McClintock Georgia McDermott Ron Merideth Barb Miller James Moss Dwayne Parker Jill Pesek Will Roberts Claire Sackman Vernon Speidel Andrew Staggenborg Gregory Steffan Carleen Thomas Noella Torgerson Doreen Watts Jane Werner

We pray for those in the Military:

Meaghan Angus John Costigan Jack Jeffers Isaac Longtin Douglas Moloney James Moloney Mary Margaret Moloney Michael Moloney, Jr. Maxwell Rayman Tony and Elise Rich Jacob Sarfraz Jared Sheets Lauren Slough Grant Staggenborg Conner Stark Jack Vilchis Lucas Weiland

Prime Timers Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 15th 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



Good Shepherd Children & Family Services is a Catholic Charities ministry that provides adoption, foster care, and GOOD pregnancy & parenting support services throughout the St. Louis area. They act as case managers for children in foster care and provide support to



the families who welcome them into their homes.

Good Shepherd sees the incredible work being done by foster families and know there are people in our community who would like to help, even if they are not equipped to provide a home themselves.

You can partner with Good Shepherd to support foster children and families in various ways such as gathering supplies and donations, providing food and meal support, and other activities around the home.

For more information, go to www.goodshepherdstl.org or contact your Parish Ambassador Michaela Rodriguez at michaelamrodriguez@gmail.com.

THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS (DIVINE OFFICE)

The Liturgy of the Hours is a significant part of the patrimony of Holy Mother Church. The sanctification of the hours throughout the day serves to assist all of us with keeping our eyes on the Lord. Please take advantage of this great spiritual opportunity and encourage others to do so. As demand grows, additional hours will be added.

TUESDAYS: Morning Prayer (Lauds) 6:00 am – Main nave of the church.

> Point of Contact: Stephen Appelbaum stefan89751@gmail.com 314-498-9060

"In the Hours, the royal priesthood of the baptized is exercised, and this sacrifice of praise is thus connected to the sacrifice of the Eucharist, both preparing for and flowing from the Mass." - USCCB







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