

January 1, 2023 | Mary, the Holy Mother of God







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St. Vincent de Paul Society Helpline	636-274-6520				

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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

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 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	January 7 4:30 pm	January 8 7:00 am	January 8 8:30 am	January 8 10:00 am	January 8 11:30 am	January 8 4:30 pm
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Mass Intentions				
Monday	January 2, 2023			
6:30 am	Conversion of the Heart			
8:00 am	Fred Sheets			
Tuesday	January 3, 2023			
6:30 am	William & Margaret Dust			
8:00 am	Brenda Mendel (special intention)			
Wednesday	January 4, 2023			
6:30 am	Brian Cox (special intention)			
8:00 am	John Hough			
Thursday	January 5, 2023			
6:30 am	Sonny Schilly			
8:00 am	Joshua Dudaric			
Friday	January 6, 2023			
6:30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory			
8:00 am	Sharon Finan			
Saturday	January 7, 2023			
8:00 am	Aloysius Kueber			
4:30 pm	Dale Self			
Sunday	January 8, 2023			
7:00 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph			
8:30 am	Jim Hunziker			
10:00 am	Coleman Family Intentions			
11:30 am	Angeline, Richard Sr. & Jr., Robert, Alan, and Mandi Mesey			
4:30 pm	Lois Fischer			

Happy New Year!

The Parish Office reopens at 7:30 am on Tuesday, January 3rd.

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			

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	Current	Fiscal YTD			
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Amount needed	Due to holiday bulletin publication deadlines, there				
Surplus or shortage					
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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,

Respect for the sanctity of marriage, as defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), is clearly under attack in our country. The CCC clearly defines the institution of Marriage, the scriptural foundations for Marriage and the very essence/nature of Marriage. Marriage is defined and ordered by Almighty God and it cannot be altered by man, even though that is clearly what is going on in our country. In paragraphs 1601-1605, the CCC states the following:

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

1601 "The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament."84

1602 Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of "the wedding-feast of the Lamb." 85 Scripture speaks throughout of marriage and its "mystery," its institution and the meaning God has given it, its origin and its end, its various realizations throughout the history of salvation, the difficulties arising from sin and its renewal "in the Lord" in the New Covenant of Christ and the Church. 86

Marriage in the order of creation

1603 "The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by him with its own proper laws. . . . God himself is the author of marriage."87 The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. Marriage is not a purely human institution despite the many variations it may have undergone through the centuries in different cultures, social structures, and spiritual attitudes. These differences should not cause us to forget its common and permanent characteristics. Although the dignity of this institution is not transparent everywhere with the same clarity,88 some sense of the greatness of the matrimonial union exists in all cultures. "The well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up

with the healthy state of conjugal and family life."89

1604 God who created man out of love also calls him to love the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is himself love.90 Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man. It is good, very good, in the Creator's eyes. And this love which God blesses is intended to be fruitful and to be realized in the common work of watching over creation: "And God blessed them, and God said to them: 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it.""91

1605 Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: "It is not good that the man should be alone."92 The woman, "flesh of his flesh," his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a "helpmate"; she thus represents God from whom comes our help.93 "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh."94 The Lord himself shows that this signifies an unbreakable union of their two lives by recalling what the plan of the Creator had been "in the beginning": "So they are no longer two, but one flesh."95

The article on the next page was published in the St. Louis Review for the December 19-25, 2022 publication. It states what is currently going on in Washington D.C. in the legislative process. Catholic Representatives and Senators on both sides on the aisle have embraced the legislation that is not only contrary to Church teaching but also contrary to Natural Law. As Catholics, we must treat everyone with love and respect, regardless of their respective positions on the matter but we cannot change the TRUTH of Almighty God.

And so in the meantime, we must double-down on our prayer and pray for our Lord Jesus Christ's protection of our country and our ability as a country to reverse the course of these difficult decisions.

Yours in Christ.

Fr. Dan Shanghwassey

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After House vote, Pres. Biden signs Respect for Marriage Act

U.S. bishops said bill does not clearly protect the religious freedom of those who believe marriage is between one man and one woman

Submitted December 15, 2022 | 2:47 PM

WASHINGTON — By a vote of 258-169, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Respect for Marriage Act Dec. 8 and sent it to President Joe Biden for his signature.

Biden signed the bill legalizing same-sex marriage into law on Dec. 13.

The president praised Congress for the measure, which the U.S. Catholic bishops and other religious leaders have said does not clearly protect the religious freedom of churches and individuals who believe in traditional marriage between one man and one woman.

The House approved the measure by a wide margin in July, but had to vote on it again after the Senate passed an amended version Nov. 29 in a 61-36 vote.

Senate Democrats were joined by 12 Republicans who backed the bill after they were satisfied with an amendment they said would protect the rights of those who oppose same-sex marriage on religious grounds.

But after Senate passage, the chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth said he was "gravely disappointed."

Bishop Robert E. Barron of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota, said Dec. 1 that the measure "fails to include clear, comprehensive and affirmative conscience protections for religious organizations and individuals who uphold the sanctity of traditional marriage that are needed."

Decades of social and legal developments "have torn sexuality, childbearing, and marriage from each other in the public consciousness," Bishop Barron said in a statement released by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"Much of society has lost sight of the purpose of marriage and now equates it with adults' companionship," he said.

"We affirm our respect for the dignity of all engaged in this debate and acknowledge differing perspectives in our civil society," Bishop Barron added, "but the impact of this bill will only contribute to the diminishment of the sacredness and integrity of marriage in our society."

Ahead of the Senate vote, Bishop Barron joined Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty, in reiterating the bishops' "firm opposition" to what they called a "misnamed" measure.

In a Nov. 23 joint letter to all members of Congress, the chairmen said they were writing "to implore Congress

to reverse course" on the Respect for Marriage Act, also known as RMA.

The letter said the bishops' opposition to the legislation "by no means condones any hostility toward anyone who experiences same-sex attraction."

"Catholic teaching on marriage is inseparable from Catholic teaching on the inherent dignity and worth of every human being. To attack one is to attack the other. Congress must have the courage to defend both," the letter said.

The bill codifies the Supreme Court's 2015 ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges that found a constitutional right to same-sex marriage. It also protects interracial marriage.

In their joint letter, Cardinal Dolan and Bishop Barron said the measure's "rejection of timeless truths about marriage is evident on its face and in its purpose." They repeated the cardinal's earlier point that it "would also betray our country's commitment to the fundamental right of religious liberty."

In a detailed analysis, the USCCB said the Respect for Marriage Act "will be used to argue that the government has a compelling interest in forcing religious organizations and individuals to treat same-sex civil marriages as valid."

The amendment to the bill says it "protects all religious liberty and conscience protections available under the Constitution or federal law, including but not limited to the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and prevents this bill from being used to diminish or repeal any such protection."

It also "confirms that nonprofit religious organizations will not be required to provide any services, facilities, or goods for the solemnization or celebration of a marriage."

But the USCCB analysis said that even with the amendment, "religious objectors are likelier to be denied exemptions under the First Amendment and RFRA in cases where they would have prevailed but for the passage of RMA."

https://www.archstl.org/after-house-vote-pres-bidensigns-respect-for-marriage-act-8239

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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; please enroll in a timely manner.

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





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The foundation of stewardship is prayer – talking and listening to God every day, throughout the day. Stewardship means putting complete trust in God, in all things. Stewardship means sharing all of our gifts, especially that one that means the most to you.

By sharing all of our gifts, it helps us keep God first in everything, from putting other "gods" before God. It helps us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives. Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one he wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation.

When we align our thoughts and actions with God's plan and use our gifts in the way God intended, our lives become transformed with Joy, Love, Mercy and Peace!

Reflection for January 1, 2023

Mary is our model of stewardship. After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message and immediately said, "yes." Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. By sharing all of our gifts, we put God first in everything. By giving freely it helps us from becoming a slave to our desires and possessions. We are called to share everything, especially that one thing that means the most to us. Just as moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

See more at https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship

Our Parish Praying Together

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

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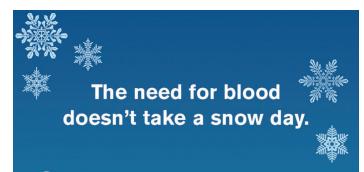
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Eucharistic Adorers are needed Tuesdays - 10 am and 5 pm

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



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RedCrossBlood.org

Knights of Columbus Council 2333 Blood Drive

Please join us on **Tuesday, January 10, 2:30-7pm**

Corpus Christi Center

Appointments: redcrossblood.org

You can also call Bob (314-704-8068) or Janet Hermann (314-304-4238) to schedule an appointment.

Walk-ins welcome.

To save time when donating!
Visit redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to complete
pre-donation reading and health history questions
on the day of the drive.

Deciding to become a blood donor would be a great New Year's resolution and we always love to see new donors at our drives! Please call us if you have any questions or concerns.

Happy New Year!

Today is the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Like Mary, may we always treasure the events in our life and reflect on them in our heart. Please remember to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 2023 (or join us!) so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. We provide food, clothes, shelter, medicine and more for people right here in our community.

May the peace and joy of Christ in the New Year be yours!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





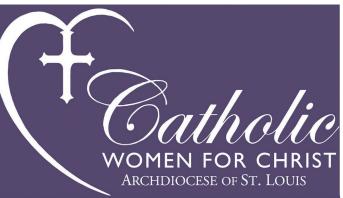
The event will be held at the Si Commons at St. Louis University H.S. on Saturday February 18th.

You can register online at

www.catholicmenforchrist.com

or by contacting your parish captain for tickets.

Early bird tickets are available for only \$30, but hurry as early bird pricing is available through January 18th when prices increase, so sign up today!



The event will be held at the Si Commons at St. Louis University H.S. on Saturday March 11th.

You can register online at www.catholicwomenforchrist.com

Early bird tickets are available for only \$30, but hurry as early bird pricing is available through February 10th when prices increase, so sign up today!

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.



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https://osvhub.com/sjiparish/funds

Did You Know?

Prior bulletins are available on the parish website, with easy access at the top of the home page at:





Mary & Elizabeth Mothers' Ministry

We would like to offer a meal or a loaf of homemade bread to any family experiencing the arrival of a child, a death in the family, a hospitalization, or other life experience when you could use a little "pick-me-up" from some women in Christ who care. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from this service, please contact:

Amber Haegele
314-685-5572 or amber.haegele@yahoo.com

Kelly Lehn
314-608-9866 or kalehn@yahoo.com.



There will be a gathering for Catholic artists and art enthusiasts on Saturday, January 14th at our Lady of Lourdes parish Hall in University City from 10:00 to 2:00. The event will consist of a dozen presentations by local Catholic artists and a potluck lunch. Visit www.catholicartistnetwork.com for more information.



Come to the Quiet: A Silent Guided Retreat at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center, January 6-8, 2023. Registration due January 2. Cost is \$165 and includes all meals and a private room with private bath. The retreat begins at 5:30 pm Friday and ends at 11:00 am Sunday. For details see www.mercycenterstl.org or call 314.909.4656.

This retreat offers optional guided sessions to help retreatants connect with the silence within them. Participants are welcome to meet with the retreat director, Dawn Stringfield, for informal spiritual companioning. All faith traditions welcome.

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