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"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

MATTHEW 17:5B

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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	March 11 4:30 pm	March 12 7:00 am	March 12 8:30 am	March 12 10:00 am	March 12 11:30 am	March 12 4:30 pm
Lectors	Hoffmeister Dickinson	Dixon Naes	Nicholas Darian	Miloscia Munsell	Schlecht	Volunteer
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Mass Intentions				
Monday	March 6, 2023			
6:30 am	William & Margaret Dust			
8:00 am	Norbert Wester			
Tuesday	March 7, 2023			
6:30 am	Dust Family & Friends			
8:00 am	Jeanne Klosterman			
Wednesday	March 8, 2023			
6:30 am	Charles Mueller			
8:00 am	Coleman Family Intentions			
Thursday	March 9, 2023			
6:30 am	Bill & John Dust			
8:00 am	Pauline McAndrews			
Friday	March 10, 2023			
6:30 am	Betty & Dan Fitzgerald			
8:00 am	Wayne Perry			
Saturday	March 11, 2023			
8:00 am	Phillip Michael Walker			
4:30 pm	Roman and Eleanor Wingbermuehle			
Sunday	March 12, 2023			
7:00 am	Leona Kueber			
8:30 am	Jim Hunziker			
10:00 am	Dan Fiala (special intention)			
11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph			
4:30 pm	Gustave Rohde			

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.



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	*note: not on Holy Thursday			
5:30-7 pm	St. Joseph, Imperial			
Saturday				
After 8 am Mass	St. Rose of Lima, DeSoto			

Parish Stewardship - 2/13/2023-2/19/2023

	Current	Fiscal YTD
Offertory		
Total collected	\$20,950.83	\$768,433.55
Amount needed	\$22,170.00	\$753,780.00
Surplus or <mark>shortage</mark>	\$1,219.17	\$14,653.55
Special collections		
Tuition assistance	\$15.00	
St. Vincent dePaul	\$2,195.00	
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	\$670.00	

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadlines

The deadline for the **Palm Sunday, April 2** bulletin is *Friday, March 24 at noon.*

The deadline for the **Easter Sunday, April 9** bulletin is *Thursday, March 30 at noon*.

Please send all submissions to bulletin@sjiparish.org





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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Negativity is toxic. It weighs people down. It rents space in people's heads, as I often like to say. That said, enter St. Therese!

Although St. Therese of Lisieux has a reputation for being quiet and unassuming, she was quite adept and gentle in dealing with difficult people, so well in fact that they often thought she favored them.

We all have toxic people in our lives — those with whom we simply don't get along, or who seem to be out to get us, or really rub us the wrong way. There's always that person who causes a shudder to roll down your spine when you discover they're going to be at the same party, or who, when passing them in the hallway, causes you to suddenly pull out your phone and pretend to be checking texts so you can avoid eye contact.

There's no getting away from these people — as Therese's experience proves, they're everywhere, even in convents full of nuns. She quickly mastered the art of dealing with difficult people and learning to empathize with them.

Perhaps this is because early in her life Therese herself was the toxic person.

Contrary to her reputation, Therese was born with a violent nature. Her mother said, "She flings herself into the most dreadful rages when things don't go as she wants them. She rolls on the ground as if she's given up hope of anything being right again. Sometimes she's so overcome that she chokes." She herself admits in her autobiography Story of a Soul that her temperament could easily have led her to grow up to "become very wicked," if she hadn't had such good parents who helped her overcome it."

Seek your true value

"Toxic people are relentlessly negative. They find something they don't like, either true or made-up, and focus on it. The prioress, for example, decided Therese was lazy and continuously drove that point home. After a while, you can't help but wonder if all the criticism is correct because if you're told something repeatedly, even if it's completely inaccurate, the steady stream negativity takes a toll after a while. Therese solved this problem by ceasing to care what her detractor thought and seeking her value from within. She decided to do her work quietly, without drawing any attention to herself. She did her work to fulfill her own sense of self-worth and as a way of honoring God. In fact, she often gave others credit for the work that she actually did because she knew it would make them happy. When she stopped caring whether the prioress noticed or called her lazy, she was suddenly free of the negativity."

Perfect your ability to love

It's easy to love family and friends, but it's hard to love that person who shows no redeeming qualities whatsoever. Therese speaks of a nun for whom she had a natural dislike and how she realized that, because love is an action and not a feeling, this was the perfect person to teach her to love better. Remember, Therese herself had once changed as the result of the patient love of her parents, so she knew the power of loving someone who seems unlovable.

She says, "I tried to do as many things for her as I could, and whenever I was tempted to speak unpleasantly to her, I made myself give her a pleasant smile." After a while, she reports that her feelings truly began to change.

In the end, a toxic person can only affect you as much as you're willing to be affected. As Therese shows, there's always another choice. It may be difficult or even seem impossible, but her own personal example reveals that even the most toxic person has the potential to become a saint." https://aleteia.org/2017/10/01/how-to-deal-with-that-toxic-person-in-your-life-according-to-st-therese-of-lisieux/.

These words are a challenge for each and every one of us. Let's all work during this Lenten season to identify a minimum of one person with whom we struggle and overwhelm them with kindness.

Thanks and God bless you!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Dan Shanghursts



Prayer

ONE TIME EVENTS:

Feb. 22nd: Ash Wednesday Mass 6:30 am, 8 am, 10 am All School Mass, 7 pm March 4th: Evangelization 101* in the Corpus Christi Center March 4th and 5th: Eucharistic Miracle Display in the Corpus Christi Center March 23rd: Parish Reconciliation Service 5:30-7:30 pm April 6th: Mass of the Last Supper 7 pm April 6th: Altar of Repose open until Midnight April 7th: Stations of the Cross 3 pm April 7th: Good Friday Service 7 pm April 8th: Easter Vigil 8pm April 9th: Easter Mass 7 am, 8:30 am, 10 am, 11:30 am

RECURRING OPPORTUNITIES:

Daily Mass: M-F 6:30 am and 8 am, Sat. 8 am Stations of the Cross: Friday at 7 pm Reconciliation: Thursday 5:30-7 pm and Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm Encounter (Night of Praise and Worship, Reflection, Adoration, Reconciliation): First Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm Adoration in Chapel: Tuesday-Thursday 9 am-9 pm Morning Prayer: April 6th, 7th, and 8th at 8 am

Fasting & Almsgiving

Volunteer at a St. Joseph Fish Fry Support Sr. Christine's Food Pantry Learn how you can help neighbors in need with St. Vincent de Paul Society: Meetings 6:30 pm in Corpus Christi Center on the 2nd Wed. and 4th Mon. of each month

*registration required see sjiparish.org for more information

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:

https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever Bishop Barron Word on Fire Lenten Reflections: https://www.wordonfire.org/reflections/lent/



Saint Joseph School

Enrollment Updates

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Information

Now enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year

Do you know full-day preschool can cost less than daycare... or a babysitter?

We have openings in all grades.

Please call and schedule a tour!

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

Did you see our ad in the *Leader* recently?



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Ways to Help With Fish Fry

1. Volunteer! First and foremost, volunteers are needed to staff the event each week. Please visit SignUp Genius to volunteer. Fish Fry is one of the parish's biggest annual fundraisers and while we of course welcome the customers who come to eat, we couldn't do it without a crew of volunteers to staff the event. We appreciate your service! The SignUp Genius link is on the home page of the website at www.sjiparish.org.

2. Drop off desserts! Pre-packaged desserts will be accepted in the Corpus Christi Center on Thursdays and Fridays preceding each Fish Fry between 7:30am-3:30pm. Due to health department regulations, home-made items may *not* be accepted.

Our Menu

Meals: \$16

St. Joseph Parish

Fried Cod (2 pieces) Fried Catfish (1 piece) Fried Shrimp (5 pieces) Alfredo Penne Pasta

includes 2 sides, 2 hushpuppies, 1 dessert, 1 drink (tea or lemonade)

Sides:

trench tries Alfredo Penne Pasta Mae-n-Cheese Buttered Corn Brown Sugar Glazed Baby Carrots Gianino's House Salad (dressed) Additional sides added to any meal: \$3 3 piece shrimp added to any meal: \$6

Please join us on March 3, 10, 24, and 31 in the Corpus Christi Center from 4:30-7:00 pm!

Kids' Meals: \$6

Grilled Cheese on Texas Toast Fried Cod (1 piece) Mac-n-Cheese

Alfredo Penne Pasta

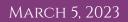
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A la Carte:

Grilled Cheese on Texas Toast: \$3 Tea or Lemonade \$1 Dessert: \$1

Additional sides added to any meal: \$3 3 piece shrimp added to any meal: \$6

Cash Bar Available





Knights of Columbus Council 2333 Blood Drive **Tuesday, March 7, 2:30-7 pm** Corpus Christi Center, St. Joseph Parish Appointments: redcrossblood.org; use sponsor code SJCCImperial Call Bob (314-704-8068) or Janet Hermann (314-304-4238) Walk-ins welcome! Save time when donating by completing the pre-donation reading and health history on the

day of the drive at redcrossblood.org/rapidpass.

A recent decline in blood donations may soon make it tough to keep blood products stocked on hospital shelves. We need all eligible donors to come forward and give at our upcoming blood drives. Our successful blood drive can make a difference!



Offertory Procession Returning

SIGN UP IN THE BACK OF CHURCH OR CONTACT EMILY KOPFF AT EKOPFF@SJIPARISH.ORG IF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING



"There is hope for your future." - God (Jeremiah 31:17)

Saturday, March 18, 2023 Confidential, prayerful setting in St. Louis Contact hopehealing@archstl.org or 314.406.0815

Day of Hope & Healing For Women, Men and Couples

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Men, women and couples wounded by abortion are invited to attend the Rachel's Vineyard Day of Hope & Healing, Saturday, March 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The \$20 cost covers breakfast, lunch, and all materials. All information and inquiries are kept confidential.

During the day retreat, offered through the Archdiocese of St. Louis Abortion Healing Ministry, a trained, compassionate team will lead participants along their healing journey through Holy Mass, fellowship, Scripture, and prayer.

Praise for Rachel's Vineyard

"I pray that all who participate in Rachel's Vineyard with the longing to be free and to be healed by Jesus, may find Him, the source of true joy, peace and love."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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Permanent Diaconate Information Night



Do you feel called to do something special for you Church? If so a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate might be something that you are being called to. The Office of

the Permanent Diaconate is asking that interested men attend one of the Information Nights to begin exploring a vocation the Permanent Diaconate. **Upcoming Information Nights will be held on Monday, March 13, 2022 and Monday, March 20, 2023 at Cardinal Rigali Center.** Meetings will begin at 6:30 pm. Wives of men considering this vocation are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information or to reserve a spot at the meeting, please contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at 314-792-7433.

RCIA Rite of Sending and Rite of Election

St. Joseph Parish is blessed to have nine men, women, and children who have been preparing to receive the sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist or to be received into the Catholic Church. On Sunday, Feb. 26th we had the Rite of Sending, the parish celebration that sends catechumens and candidates to the Cathedral Basilica for the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion.

The rite of election or enrollment of names is the recognition of God's choice to call the catechumens for immediate initiation into the church. Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski recognized them as the Elect. The candidates, already baptized in another Christian church, were presented to Archbishop Rozanski in the Call to Continuing Conversion.

Please continue to pray for and welcome those who will become our newest Catholic members.



STEADFAST IN FAITH *** FORWARD IN HOPE

STEADFAST IN FAITH

Jesus, You call us to pray, fast and give alms. We, your people in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, thank You for Your call this Lent to grow steadfast in our faith. In our Archdiocesan journey, may we stay close to the Word and grow in virtue, so that we may find mutual affection for one another as we embrace the plan for the future of the Archdiocese. Strengthen us with the discipline of prayer, aid us in fasting from negativity and self indulgence. Stir through the Spirit, a generosity for the needs of others so that we may grow in charity. As we journey through these days of Lent, may we seek the power of the Spirit to grow through your transformative Love, Lord. Amen.



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

2nd Sunday of Lent

In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to Him." Do we listen to Jesus when He asks us to take



care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering? Your gift to St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor in our area to celebrate the grace of God's love this Lent.

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

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



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

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitors Center: The Day Jesus Died: The Passion Narratives

Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD Saturdays March 11, 18, 25 & April 1 10 am – Noon

The passion and crucifixion of Jesus are at the heart of the Christian faith. We remember and reflect on them every year during Holy Week. But what's less widely known are the differences in the Passion narratives in each of the four Gospels. Each Passion narrative has its own depiction of Jesus, and its own theological emphasis. In this four-part series we will take a close look at each of the Passion narratives as we journey through Lent in anticipation of Easter Sunday. \$40 for series/\$10 per session. For more information, call 618-394-6281.

Register:

https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/

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 Bobbi Dickerson 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 Jim Kaiser **Roland Kaiser**

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

We pray for those in the Military:

Meaghan Angus Stephen Appelbaum 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, March 15th from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. All parishioners over 55 are welcome to join us. Please call Lorraine Simms with any questions: (636) 333-2855



You May Be Interested In...

Pieced Together: Researching, Creating and Preserving Your Story: A yearlong Jefferson College Library initiative to promote personal, family and local history projects and preservation. See full details at https://libguides.jeffco.edu/piecedtogether



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



Passionate about sports? SJAA is looking for a few good people! Free sports for up to 4 kids!

For more information contact Mitch Mueller (314) 220-5305. Thank you for your consideration!

Save the Date!

Our annual golf tournament will be held this year on June 3rd at Oak Valley.

40 Cans for Lent – Because Hunger Has No Season

The Knights of Columbus invite you again this year to participate in 40 cans for Lent. What is 40 cans for Lent? It is a program designed to help fight hunger, an opportunity to take a small sacrifice and turn it into a big difference in the lives of others. The program is simple: Collect one can of food per day during the 40 days of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday. Drop off your cans at any time throughout the Season in the vestibule at church. All donations will go to benefit Sister Christine's Food Pantry









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