



FIRST SUNDAY OF

Advent



NOVEMBER 27, 2022

“You also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44

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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 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	December 3 4:30 pm	December 4 7:00 am	December 4 8:30 am	December 4 10:00 am	December 4 11:30 am	December 4 4:30 pm
Lectors	Schaefer Wright	Stevens Schiavi	Hostetter Szewcyck	Brotherton Lang	Schelt Schurk	Darian
Servers	S. Rakers A. Rakers A. Fanetti	Volunteers	L. Preston H. Preston C. Johnston	F. Null S. Blomstrom J. Halfmann	G. Oppelz J. Becker C. Padgitt	J. Vonder Haar J. Vonder Haar P. Vonder Haar

MASS INTENTIONS	
Monday	November 28, 2022
6:30 am	Deceased Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
8:00 am	Sharon Merklin
Tuesday	November 29, 2022
6:30 am	For the intentions of Sr. Carol Sansone, ASCJ & the Sansone Family
8:00 am	Robert Gross
Wednesday	November 30, 2022
6:30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:00 am	Rebecca Ochoa
Thursday	December 1, 2022
6:30 am	Parker Shaefer
8:00 am	Sharon Merklin
Friday	December 2, 2022
6:30 am	Sonny Schilly
8:00 am	Laureano (Larry) Mayuga
Saturday	December 3, 2022
8:00 am	Agnes Johnson
4:30 pm	Bob Wilfong
Sunday	December 4, 2022
7:00 am	Lester & Lucy Sitzes
8:30 am	Roman & Eleanor Wingermuehle
10:00 am	Jean Wittmann
11:30 am	Marvin Jeffers
4:30 pm	Parishioners of St. Joseph


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 - 11/7/2022 - 11/13/2022		
	Current	Fiscal YTD
OFFERTORY		
<i>Total collected</i>	\$15,825.69	\$401,706.55
<i>Amount needed</i>	\$22,170.00	\$443,400.00
<i>Surplus or shortage</i>	\$6,344.31	\$41,693.45
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
Tuition assistance	\$201.00	
St. Vincent dePaul	\$3,198.06	
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	\$880.00	



ONLINE GIVING
Sign up at osvhub.com/sjiparish/funds

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,

Over the last few years, we have lost some of our seasoned and “larger than life” parishioners. Specifically this week, I wanted to share some memories of Betty Fitzgerald and Mary Dust. Let’s continue to pray for them. They were both really dear to me personally and they were the best of friends. Mary looked after Betty’s family (as if they were her own) and Mary’s sister, Peggy Ford, continues to administer the estates of Mary and Betty, and their legacy of loving generosity.

I also wanted to share the impact of their memories and their loving legacy of giving to St. Joseph Parish. In their living trusts:

- Betty Fitzgerald made a \$12,000 donation to St. Joseph Parish;
- Mary Dust made a \$15,000 donation to St. Joseph Parish;
- Mary Dust made a \$15,000 donation to St. Joseph Parish St. Vincent de Paul;
- Mary Dust made a \$1,000 donation to the Prime Timers at St. Joseph Parish.

I know they would both be embarrassed that I shared their donations with the parish community at large. But I wanted all of you to know that (in your estate planning), gifts like those from Betty and Mary have made a huge impact on the overall financial footing of St. Joseph Parish. During the upcoming *Season of Giving* (you will receive a letter from me in the next few weeks), please be generous. Economically, times are challenging in our country with inflation, etc. If you are able to be generous with us, please do so. We will get through of all of the challenges together as we always do.

Thanks and God bless you.

Privileged to serve as your pastor!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Dan Shaughnessy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Upcoming Parish Office Closures

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24
The day after Thanksgiving, Nov. 25
December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception

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.

Grief Support Meeting

Upcoming Grief Support Group meetings will be Dec. 8th and Jan. 12th 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.



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 20th. Thank you!



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!

Holiday Bulletin Due Dates - December and January

Sunday, December 18 Bulletin

Submissions due by noon Thursday, Dec. 3rd

Sunday, December 25, 2022 Bulletin

Submissions due by noon, Monday, Dec. 12th

Sunday, January 1, 2023 Bulletin

Submissions due by noon, Monday, Dec. 19th

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!



DID YOU KNOW?



ST. PIUS X TRIVIA NIGHT

IS ON

JANUARY 21, 2023

STPIUS.COM/TRIVIANIGHT

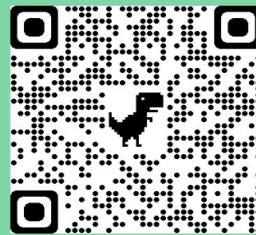
Prime Timers Meeting

Wednesday, December 21st 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

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!



RaiseRight



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

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

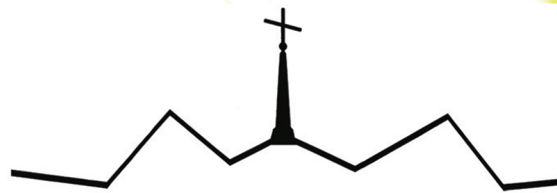
Seating Three: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Menu

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Milk, & Juice

*Photo packages available through
Amie Lynn Photo & Design.*

For complete details and to order
tickets and photo packages,
scan the code or visit
bws22.givesmart.com



St. Joseph Parish

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Please join us for a

Kick-off to Advent

And the lighting
of the Corpus Christi Center tree
Wednesday, November 30, 2022
in the CCC: 6:30 - 8 pm

Hot cocoa and festive beverages
will be available for purchase.

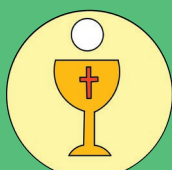
Please bring Baby Jesus from your
Nativity set for a blessing!



ATTENTION ALL HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES

If you have a child preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation please contact Emily Kopff, DRE, at ekopff@sjiparish.org

We would love to walk with your family during this special time of preparation!



Bible based reflection:

Psalm 95:2 American Standard Version

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.



Saint Joseph School Christmas Performances

Fourth and fifth grade 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.

Catholic Charities

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT LOUIS

PARISH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



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

Parish Ambassadors are generous volunteers who share their knowledge and passion for Catholic Charities of St. Louis with their own parishes. They help parishioners and parish staff understand how to access our services and help facilitate service projects, donations drives, speaker events, and other opportunities to support or learn more about Catholic Charities and our agencies. For more information, please contact your Parish Ambassador, Michaela Rodriguez at michaelamrodriguez@gmail.com.

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 St. Patrick Center. St. Patrick Center transforms lives by providing housing, employment and healthcare opportunities to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Working collaboratively with individuals, businesses, government and other service providers, St. Patrick Center solves homelessness for individuals and families in the St. Louis region by utilizing Housing First, an evidence-based practice that solves homelessness through a combination of permanent housing and wrap-around support services.



Christ Alive Through Mary, WOMEN'S WITNESS MINISTRY

Like Mary leads us to her Son, this ministry brings Christ to women as we share this spirit of gratitude. Listen as we hear of one woman's experience of the transforming love of Christ in her own life. Come, bring a friend, and rejoice in the presence of The Lord.

Speaker ~ Dr. Laurence Feingold Come enjoy breakfast with your friends (and make new ones!); pray, praise and listen to Dr. Feingold speak about beauty and share his story. He is Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy at Kenrick-Glennon seminary. He and his wife converted to Catholicism in 1989.



Date: Dec. 10 ~ **Time:** 9:00 am-noon, registration at 8:30am **Cost:** \$20

Place: Cardinal Rigali Center 20 Archbishop May Dr, St Louis 63119

Register: By Dec 1st Online - archstl.org/renewal OR call 314-731-6100

November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

Reflections by Dave Baranowski

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God’s active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

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Love yourself:

Replace negative self-talk with God’s Word

Chris Stefanick Show • 33m

We all know the Bible says to “love your neighbor as yourself.”

But here’s the funny thing: We’re usually better at loving our neighbor than loving ourselves!

Sure, we all get a little down on ourselves sometimes. But God doesn’t want you to constantly focus on what’s wrong with yourself. He wants you to love yourself – and He’s better at affirmation than anyone else!

So, if you want the joy that comes from replacing your negative self-talk with God’s Word, then this may be the most important thing you listen to all week! To view, please copy this link, to paste into your browser. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/love-yourself-replace-negative-self-talk-with-god-s-word>

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
Loretta Kaiser	Doreen Watts
Roland Kaiser	Jane Werner
Scott Layton	

We pray for those in the Military:

Meaghan Angus	Jared Sheets
John Costigan	Grant Staggenborg
Jack Jeffers	Conner Stark
Isaac Longtin	Jack Vilchis
Maxwell Rayman	Lucas Weiland
Jacob Sarfraz	



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