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Parish Cemetery, Bill Regelsperger	314-808-2522				
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	pantry@sjiparish.org 636-464-7580				
St. Vincent de Paul Society Helpline	636-274-6520				

St Joseph Parish

Mass Times

Sat.: 8:00 am & 4:30 pm

Sun.: 7, 8:30, 10, 11:30 am; 4:30 pm

Mon.: 6:30 am

Tues. - Fri. 6:30 & 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday & 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 the office to make arrangements.

Ministry Schedule	July 6 4:30 pm	July 7 7:00 am	July 7 8:30 am	July 7 10:00 am	July 7 11:30 am	July 7 4:30 pm
Lectors	Schaefer Wright	Stevens Naes	Nicholas Preston	Fleis Jelavich	Hobbs Schurk	Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	F. Null H. Preston L. Preston	D. Murphy E. Lang	A. Westerman D. Westerman R. Westerman	P. Arington

Mass Intentions				
Monday	July 1, 2024			
6:30 am	Kathy Kinealy Chronister Sp. Intention			
Tuesday	July 2, 2024			
6:30 am	Floyd Reiser			
8:00 am	Myda Asselin			
Wednesday	July 3, 2024			
6:30 am	Msgr. Raymond Hampe			
8:00 am	Kathleen Bruce			
Thursday	July 4, 2024			
9:00 am	John G. Price			
Friday	July 5, 2024			
9:00 am	Danny Davis			
Saturday	July 6, 2024			
8:00 am	Sean Smith			
4:30 pm	4:30 pm Patricia Foster			
Sunday	July 7, 2024			
7:00 am	Glennon & Martha Becker			
8:30 am	Marty Appelbaum			
10:00 am	Anonymous Special Intention			
11:30 am	Linda Moser			
4:30 pm	People of SJP/SJBD Parishes			

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.

Parish Stewardship 6/3/2024 - 6/9/2024					
	Current	Fiscal YTD			
Offertory					
Total collected	\$21,076.44	\$1,229,452.60			
Amount needed	\$21,568.77	\$1,078,438.50			
Surplus or shortage	\$492.33	\$151,014.10			
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS					
Tuition assistance	\$285.00				
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,431.00				
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	\$1,056.00				



Friday, July 5 there will be one daily Mass at 9 am.

The Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5.

Have a safe holiday!

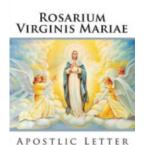
On both Thursday, July 4 and





From the Desk of Fr. Jack Ruzicka, Associate Pastor

Dear parishioners of St. Joseph and St. John the Beloved: In this installment of *Ruzicka Recommends*, I present to you Part 1 of a suggested summer reading list. Check out either or both of the following titles!



JOHN PAUL II

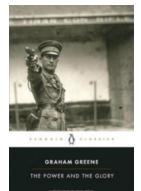
1. Rosarium Virginis Mariae: On the Holy Rosary by Pope Saint John Paul II. (Accessible for free online!) We must pray. If we do not pray, our parish will be a body without a soul...essentially, a corpse. The Holy Rosary is a devotion within the grasp of us all. I'll be the first to admit that I've struggled with this prayer for most of my Catholic life. I've shared the

objections and complaints common to so many: "It's too long! I don't have time!" Nonsense. Check your screen time. Yet, at the same time, I understand these complaints. But the truth is: we need to die to ourselves. The Rosary is a saint maker; a weapon against evil. When we pray the Rosary, we Contemplate the life of Christ through the eyes and heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is far better for us take 15 or so minutes to put aside passing pleasures and spend time in prayer.

Here is a beautiful excerpt to convince you to read this treasure of a document: "In a unique way the face of the Son belongs to Mary. It was in her womb that Christ was formed, receiving from her a human resemblance which points to an even greater spiritual closeness. No one has ever devoted himself to the contemplation of the face of Christ as faithfully as Mary. [The Rosary] puts us in living communion with Jesus through the heart of His Mother." I guarantee you this document will help you fall in love with this beautiful devotion.

2. *The Power and the Glory* by Graham Greene. This novel, based in the late 1930s, depicts a Mexico where

a paramilitary group has outlawed the Catholic Church and is executing her clergy. Only one priest remains – and he is far from a saint. The author does not even assign him a proper name, only a sad moniker highlighting his principle vice: "The Whiskey Priest." He's a drunk, a coward, and an adulterer. However, throughout the events of the novel, one senses a deep-



er, hidden spark. Although cowardly, he faithfully and courageously shows up to minister to those who seek his priestly graces. He is at war with himself. He is a weak man who often succumbs to his vices; yet, at the same time, he aspires to fulfill his higher calling.

Towards the end of the novel, the Whiskey Priest finds himself in a precarious situation. Graham Greene beautifully paints the scene:

"He caught sight of his own shadow...it had a look of surprise and grotesque unimportance. What an impossible fellow I am, he thought, and how useless. I have done nothing for anybody. I might just as well have never lived. He felt an immense disappointment because he had to go to God empty-handed, with nothing done at all. It seemed to him, at that moment, that it would have been quite easy to have been a saint. It would only have needed a little self-restraint and a little courage. He felt like someone who has missed happiness by seconds at an appointed place. He knew now that at the end there was only one thing that counted — to be a saint."

Stay tuned for the next installment! Until next time,

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happy reading!

Respectfully,

(images from Amazon.com)

(In case you haven't already seen this...)

June 23, 2024

Dear Parishioners,

With sad, but Grateful Hearts, we prepare to say, "see you later" to Fr. Shaughnessy in a few short weeks. Over the past 9+ years, we have witnessed our parish grow and flourish, all under Father's exceptional leadership and spiritual guidance. The St. Joseph parish family overcame growing pains, saw the rise and opening of our beautiful Corpus Christi Center, navigated through a pandemic, and grew our school programs, as well as many other accomplishments, both big and small. Fr. Shaughnessy departs the parish at a time of continued growth and success.



One of Father's goals this year was to pay down the debt and have a mortgage-burning party for the rectory. We couldn't think of a greater gift of thanks than to try to do just that, before his departure.

Many are excited to support the great work at St. Joseph, and with a generous donation of \$75,000 we already received, we are positioned to pay off the rectory debt before Father departs at the end of July. However, we need your help to cross the finish line.

With Grateful Hearts we wish to show our appreciation to Fr. Shaughnessy for his visionary leadership, in matters both spiritual and temporal, by offering an unusual but apt parting gift: let's raise \$85,000 to pay off the mortgage on the rectory. No amount is too small and all donations are appreciated. Just to put it in perspective, if each of our over-2,000 parish households expressed their gratitude for Fr. Shaughnessy's leadership with a donation of \$50 to this appeal (which is approximately \$5 for each year Fr. Shaughnessy has been at St. Joseph), we would raise \$100,000, exceeding our goal.

We hope you will be as generous as your means allow as we continue to be responsible stewards of our gifts. Your contribution will help Fr. Shaughnessy meet this goal, and he would like nothing better than to burn the mortgage during his going-away party on July 28. (More on that will follow!) You may donate online at https://www.osvhub.com/sjiparish/giving/funds/with-grateful-hearts, scan the QR code, or drop a check in the collection basket, at the parish office (there's a 24x7 drop box there), or via the mail. A tracker will be placed in the back of church to log progress towards the \$85,000 goal.

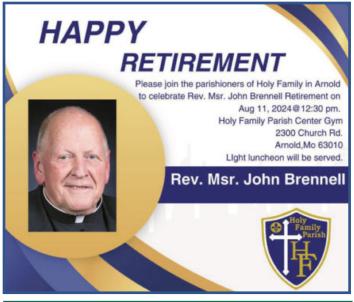


Thank you in advance for your generosity!

St. Joseph Parish Finance Council







PRIME TIMERS @ St. Joseph Parish
Our next Prime Timers Meeting
will be held on Wednesday, July 17th, at
12:30 pm in the Corpus Christi Center.
St. John's parishioners are welcome to join us.
All who are older than 55 are welcome.

Any questions, call
Lorraine Simms at 732-259-0738.

Open Position:

Corpus Christi Center Assistant Manager

Are you, or is someone you know, looking for a new employment opportunity?

We are looking to hire a full-time assistant manager to help with the complete scope of operations of the Corpus Christi Center. Please visit the website for



the details including a link to the full job description.

https://sjiparish.org/job-postings/



Saint Joseph School

Enrollment Continues for 24-25

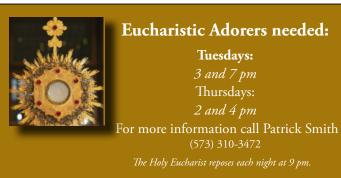
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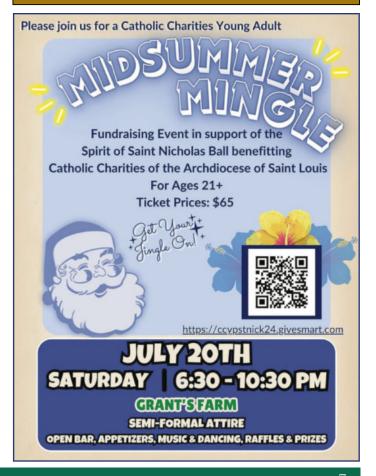
Calls will be returned during Summer office hours: T-W-Th 9 am-1 pm $\,$

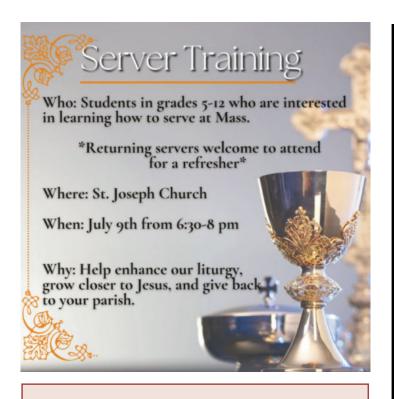
Please see the school website for more information.











Traveling this Summer?

Visit <u>masstimes.org</u> to find a Church along your route or at your destination!

June 30th Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jarius asked Jesus to heal his daughter and Jesus answered his prayer. In prayer, we also come to know that we are loved by God, and in that trust we ask for healing for ourselves, our loved ones and all those who are suffering. This week, please join with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in praying for the healing of all those who are ill and especially those who have no one to pray for them.

For more information, email Dbalsman@ymail.com

Prayer Meeting: July 10th, 6:30 pm Business Meeting: July 22nd, 6:30 pm All meetings in the Corpus Christi Center.

Rosary Guild First Saturday of the Month

Join us in Church for the recitation of

the Rosary following the 8 am Mass.

After praying, we will move to the nursery to make rosaries for various missions around the world! Please bring rosary materials if you are able.

Since 2023, we have been able to provide over 1200 rosaries to missionaries around the world! Join us in our efforts.

Contact Mary Kline for more information at (636)448-6186 or marykline1116@gmail.com

THE PHILLY FEATURE Dr. Patrick Yeung, MD

The Philometa Project will be featuring medical professionals & resources that promote the beauty of authoritic feministry in healthcore, engowering each woman to live a life of grace, hope & peace

TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF:

My wife Dorothy and our 5 children are parishoners of St. Joseph. I am a St. Louisbased board-certified gynecologist specializing in endometriosis excision and restorative surgery for 15 years. I combine the best of optimal excision and adhesion prevention for fertility and pain.

TELL US ABOUT RESTORE, YOUR NEW MEDICAL PRACTICE, OPENING ON JULY 8TH, 2024:

RESTORE Center for Endometriosis (www.RestoreEndo.com) offers root cause treatment for endometriosis to avoid long-term hormonal suppression for recurring natural fertility, and for one-and-done surgery. After over 4000 cases, and most of my career in academics, we have the data to support this approach to treating endometriosis, and that the new gold standard should be one-and-done surgery.

WHY ARE YOU OPENING RESTORE?

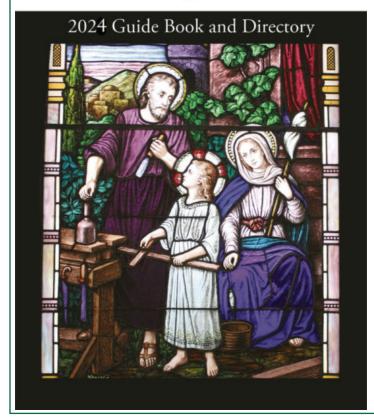
I have a true heart for women with endometriosis-associated infertility and pain. I tell my patients that we are 'all in this together'. My wife Dorothy and I struggled with infertility and endometriosis for over 4 years. Dorothy now has little to no pain with periods, and we have 5 children. We seek to give back and pay forward what we have received.

www.philomenaproject.com

Do you receive email from the parish?

We use "Constant Contact" to email parishioners. If you do NOT get the emails and wish to receive them, please notify Kim Johnson in the parish office at kjohnson@sjiparish.org or 636-464-1013.





2024 Guide Book Production is Underway

Does our parish database have your family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update your record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in your family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Parish Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

Please call 636-464-1013 or email kjohnson@sjiparish.org with any updates.

Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We have contracted Guide Book Publishing to publish a Guide Book & Directory for our parish that will be updated and delivered directly to your homes. The book is being provided at no cost to the parish. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Parish Office at 636-464-1013. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It will "pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.



Have you planned to go on a vacation this summer? Faith never takes a vacation. Whether in town or out, Covenant Network can increase your awareness of faith in your life as we offer inspiring and informative programming throughout the day, no matter the season. In addition to Holy Mass and the Rosary, we pray The Angelus, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers daily. We feature call-in shows that answer questions about Scripture, Church history, lives of the Saints and current events. Stay in touch with your faith by listening to Catholic radio on AM 1460 or 96.7 FM, on our Covenant Network app or at OurCatholicRadio.org.



A Summer Silent Directed Retreat will be held in July at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center. This silent retreat allows you to withdraw from the busyness of life

and reflect on and deepen your relationship with God. You will meet with a spiritual director each day to accompany you through these graced days of silence and contemplation. Two possible options:

- · 6 days, \$700, Monday, July 8 arriving 9am through Saturday, July 13 at 4 pm
- · 4 days, \$425, Monday, July 8 arriving 9 am through Thursday, July 11 at 4 pm Information and registration at

mercycenterstl.org

OUR PARISH Praying Together

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

Kathy Bonito Mike Boyd Marti Greenhalgh Eileen Kaiser Iim Kaiser Roland Kaiser Greg Meyer Dennis Nettler

Helen Petroski Tom Price Diana Schwalbert Ken Simms Andrew Staggenborg Judy Staggenborg Noella Torgerson

Reminder: names are published for 60 days. Please contact the office to add/remove names.

We pray for those in the Military: Meaghan Angus John Costigan Collin Fitzsimmons Kamryn Heredia Jack Jeffers Isaac Longtin

Austin McHaffie-Sharp **Jacob Sarfraz** Jared Sheets Grant Staggenborg Jack Vilchis Lucas Weiland



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For more information, please contact your Parish Ambassador, Carroll Lee Schilly by email at carrolleeschilly@yahoo.com or by phone at 314-973-4042.



















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