
St. Joseph Parish



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A Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Missouri
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sjparish.org | 636-464-1013

St. Joseph Parish

Parish Office Hours: M-F: 7:30 am—3:30 pm | 636-464-1013

CLERGY

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OTHER MINISTRIES

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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 |

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

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, OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for 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 | November 30 4:30 pm | December 1 7:00 am | December 1 8:30 am | December 1 10:00 am | December 1 11:30 am | December 1 4:30 pm |
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| Lectors | Dalton Simms | Chapman Chapman | Appelbaum Smith | Lang Brotherton | Schlecht Zublionis | Jelavich |
| Servers | A. Esparza A. Fanetti | Volunteer | G. Oppelz D. Oppelz | L. Byassee V. Walt B. Colp | P. Arington J. Becker R. Murphy | J. Bates |

| MASS INTENTIONS | |
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| Monday | November 25, 2024 |
| 6:30 am | The Poor Souls in Purgatory |
| Tuesday | November 26, 2024 |
| 6:30 am | Rev. Martin Mulvihill |
| 8:00 am | Fr. Anthony Yates <i>Special Intention</i> |
| Wednesday | November 27, 2024 |
| 6:30 am | Mike & Sandy Moonier <i>Special Intention</i> |
| 8:00 am | Alexander Naes |
| Thursday | Nov. 28, 2024 Happy Thanksgiving! |
| 9:00 am | Sr. Mary Grace Carlisano, CDP |
| Friday | November 29, 2024 |
| 6:30 am | Mr. & Mrs. Edward Biermann |
| 8:00 am | Mike Throm <i>Special Intention</i> |
| Saturday | November 30, 2024 |
| 8:00 am | Rosemary Shaughnessy |
| 4:30 pm | Parker Schaefer |
| Sunday | December 1, 2024 |
| 7:00 am | John & Jackie Yochim |
| 8:30 am | Marty Appelbaum |
| 10:00 am | Wayne Jirsa |
| 11:30 am | Anonymous Special Intention |
| 4:30 pm | Mike & Sandy Moonier <i>Special Intention</i> |


Happy Thanksgiving
 There will be one Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am; *confessions are cancelled.* Parish offices will be closed Nov. 28th & 29th.

| PARISH STEWARDSHIP 10/28/2024 - 11/3/2024 | | |
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| | Current | Fiscal YTD |
| OFFERTORY | | |
| <i>Total collected</i> | \$26,241.36 | \$401,533.52 |
| <i>Amount needed</i> | \$23,292.23 | \$419,260.15 |
| <i>Surplus or shortage</i> | \$2,949.13 | \$17,726.63 |
| SPECIAL COLLECTIONS | | |
| Tuition assistance | \$416.00 | |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$290.00 | |
| Sr. Christine's Food Pantry | \$1,545.00 | |

Important: Bulletin Deadlines
 Starting the week of November 10th and running all the way until January 5th, the deadlines for bulletin submissions are adapted to longer publication lead times due to both holiday/holy day closings and the additional volume shippers face this time of year. ***Please take careful note of these deadlines.*** As always, submissions should be sent to bulletin@sjiparish.org
Please check each week for updates as the deadlines are subject to revision.

| Bulletin Date | Submission Deadline |
|---------------|---------------------|
| November 24 | November 13 |
| December 1 | November 18 |
| December 8 | November 26 |
| December 15 | December 4 |
| December 22 | December 10 |
| December 29 | December 18 |
| January 5 | December 19 |



From the Desk of Fr. Anthony Yates, Pastor

Christ the King



On his last Sunday of ordinary Time for the liturgical year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, at a time when the world was experiencing a rise of secularism, materialism and individualism, and an increasing denial of Christ’s existence and authority.

The hope was that the establishment of this feast would accomplish three goals: that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, that leaders and nations would see that they are required to give respect to Christ, the King of kings, and that the faithful would be strengthened and encouraged by the reminder that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies.

This feast is needed more than ever for all people and for us especially, as Christian stewards. It reminds us of three vital truths.

- First, even when it seems the world is spinning out of control, we need not fear because we have a King of kings who is very much in charge and who is loving, merciful and just.
- Second, if Christ is king of all, then He is also king of me, personally. I am not “lord” of my time, talents, and treasure. He is. I am a servant of the King and a steward of His gifts to me.
- Third, as His disciple, I am called to imitate my King. Christ’s kingship is characterized by humble service, and by emptying Himself for the good of others.

The Scriptures tell us He went about doing good and He says of Himself, “I came not to be served but to serve.” How can I live in any other way than as a humble servant like my King?

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Happy Thanksgiving

As we gather with family and friends this coming week, we give thanks to God for all the blessings He has



bestowed upon us. I am grateful for each one of you who are a part of this amazing parish and school community. God has done such great things for us, and I know He will continue to provide if we trust in Him. Thank you for all the support and love you show towards Father Ruzicka and me. We are deeply grateful to be your spiritual fathers. Thank you for the way you share your time, talent, and treasure with our community so we can continue the mission of Jesus.

Please know of our continued prayers for you. On behalf of Father Ruzicka, Deacon Selsor, Seminarian Alex, and all the staff, I wish you a very blessed Thanksgiving holiday. Let us praise the Lord and give Him thanks!



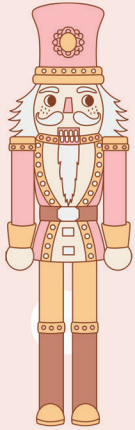
Breakfast with Santa

IN THE LAND OF THE SWEETS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024
IN THE CORPUS CHRISTI CENTER

Tickets

Adults \$15 and Children \$10 (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

Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,
Assortment of Breads & Pastries
Coffee, Milk and Juice

Photo packages available through
Amie Lynn Photo & Design

For complete details and to order tickets
and photo packages, scan the QR code



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ©LPI

Because December 8th this year falls on the Second Sunday of Advent, the Holy Day of Obligation is transferred to Monday, December 9th. Masses will be celebrated at 6:30, 8, and 10 am (school Mass), and 7 pm.



Happy Thanksgiving from the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus currently assigned to St. Joseph Parish and School. Clockwise from the left: Sr. Bridget Smith, ASCJ; Sr. Catherine Antinora, ASCJ; Sr. Carol Sansone, ASCJ; Sr. Rosemary Buttice, ASCJ, and Sr. Ellen Cronan, ASCJ.



DONUT SUNDAY
*Upcoming on
 December 1st
 In the cafeteria*

Donut Sunday
 Dec. 1st
 in the Cafeteria

Advent by Candlelight
 Dec. 7th 5:30pm
 in the CCC
Registration needed

Advent by Taillight
 Dec 13th
 6pm: Confession & Adoration
 7pm: Talk & Fellowship on
 Lower Lot

Advent Kick Off
 Dec. 4th 6:30-8 pm
 in the CCC

Encounter
 Dec. 11th 7-8:30pm
 in Church

Breakfast with Santa
 Dec. 14th In the CCC
*Three seatings
 Registration needed*

Daily Mass:
 MF 6:30 am
 T-Sat 8 am

Reconciliation:
 Thursday 5:30-7 pm and
 Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm

Pauline Sisters Books
 and Media Sale
 at Breakfast with Santa and
 following Masses on Dec 14 & 15th

Adoration in Chapel: T-Th 9 am-9 pm

Penance Service
 Dec. 19th 5:30pm in Church
Outside confessors available

Advent *a journey towards*
 Hope. Joy. **Peace.** Love.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH
JOIN US FOR





FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH


• OPTIONAL ADORATION AND CONFESSION AT 6 PM •
TAILGATE AT 7PM IN THE LOWER LOT

TALK | FELLOWSHIP | PRAYER

FOOD PROVIDED | BYOB

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
CONTACT

FR. RUZICKA - JRUZICKA@SJIPARISH.ORG
SEM. ALEX - ACAMMARATA@SJIPARISH.ORG



“Give thanks for the Lord, for he is good.”

Psalm 136:1

As Thanksgiving approaches, let us give thanks to God our Father for giving us the greatest gift of all, Jesus, who suffered and died on the cross for our salvation!

You are welcome to stop by for a Thanksgiving visit at the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel on Thanksgiving Day. He will be reposed in the tabernacle, so there will be no hourly Adorers scheduled. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

(Ask the parish office for the door code)

Start off Advent in preparation for Christ’s birth by praying the St. Andrew Christmas Novena. It starts on November 30th, St. Andrew’s feast day, and ends on December 24. Recite 15 times per day.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, (mention your request) through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother.



PLEASE JOIN US

KICK-OFF TO ADVENT

DECEMBER 4TH- 6:30 TO 9:00 PM

CORPUS CHRISTI CENTER
6020 OLD ANTONIA RD, IMPERIAL

EVENING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Christmas Tree Lighting - Blessing of the Bambinelli
- Musical Performances - Festive Drinks
- Attendance Prizes, Advent Wreath Making
- Bring a Canned Good for Sister Christine’s Food Pantry

FREE EVENT

ADVENT WREATH MAKING ONLY REQUIRES PURCHASE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND FOR WREATH PURCHASES, UTILIZE THE QR CODE



QUESTIONS?
636-464-1013 X111
HSELSOR@SJIPARISH.ORG



HOLIDAY POP UP SHOP

Shop and sip some hot cocoa after mass on
Saturday, November 30th
and **Sunday, December 1st.**

The Country Store will have various items, crafts, and decorations for you to purchase for all the nice names on your Christmas list!

All proceeds will be donated to St. John SVDP.



St. Joseph Parish

School Board Elections

The Saint Joseph School Board will be holding an election for 3 new members and we are looking for nominees. Candidates should be 18 years or older and sincerely interested in Catholic Education. The board meets once a month at 7:00 pm and attendance is mandatory. The purpose of the School Board is to advise the pastor and principal in making policy for the school. The elected member shall serve a three-year term and will take his/her seat at the January 15 meeting.

Those candidates who are interested are asked to submit a short paragraph about themselves to the school board at schoolboard@stjosephimperial.org By Sunday December 8th. The bios will be presented in the bulletin for four weeks prior to voting. If you have any questions, please contact the school board at the e-mail address above.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT THE FULLNESS of Time GALATIANS 4:4

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 4:30 PM MASS, 6:00 PM PROGRAM BEGINS
- \$18/PERSON
- TABLES OF 10
- DINNER BY FRANKIE GIANINOS
DESSERT & COFFEE PROVIDED



WHAT IS ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT?

Advent by Candlelight is an opportunity for women to set aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation and focus their minds and hearts on the birth of Christ. This will be an evening to enjoy food, friendship, Christmas music and a meaningful teaching to set the pace for a peaceful Christmas season.

EVENT TEAM



Kay Halfmann
Featured Speaker



Polyhymnia
Women's Choir



Reservations
<https://ABCSJP24.givesmart.com>



Text to RSVP
ABCSJP24 TO 76278



Catholic Charities of St. Louis is grateful for your support helping to bring the healing, help, and hope of Jesus Christ to those in need throughout our Archdiocese. Change occurs in the lives we serve when we work together with our committed Parish Ambassadors, volunteers, and generous donors. All of us at Catholic Charities wish you and your family a very Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

If you are interested in learning more about the program or getting involved with Catholic Charities, please contact your Parish Ambassador Carroll Lee Schilly by email at carrolleeschilly@yahoo.com or by phone at 314-973-4042.



GIVING TREE 2024 – 'Tis the Season!

The Giving Tree is underway at St. Joseph. GIFT CARDS ONLY ACCEPTED.

Applications for the Giving Tree are available at the Parish Office or at the Food Pantry. The Giving Tree is for children under 18 or for seniors 65 or older.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 22nd.

Return applications to the Parish Office or the Food Pantry.

The Christmas tree will be in the vestibule of the church beginning November 2nd.

Ornaments will be added to the tree as applications are received; please check the tree often.

GIFT CARDS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 24th.

Place gift cards in an envelope and secure ornament on the OUTSIDE of the envelope. Return gift cards to the Parish Office, or place in the mailbox located next to the tree.

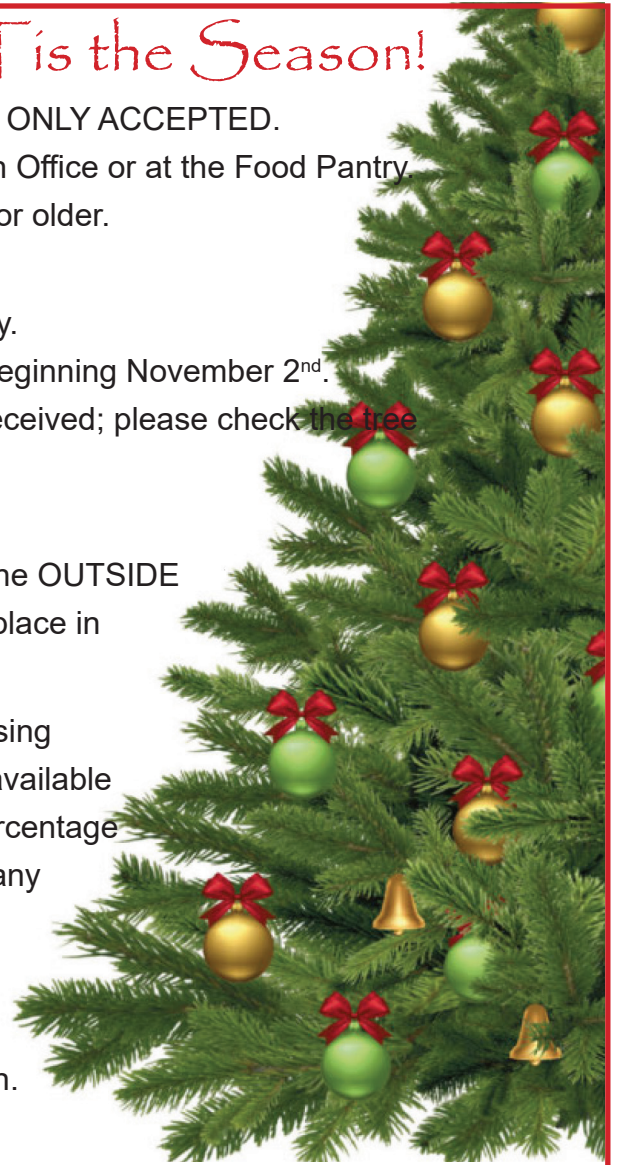
If you take an ornament please be responsible for purchasing the gift card and returning it on time. Many gift cards are available at the school office through the RaiseRight program. A percentage of sales are given to the school so please purchase as many as possible from them (*see below right*).

If you would like to adopt a family, or have any questions, call Dianne at 314-401-4127.

THANK YOU in advance for your support and participation.

Have a BLESSED Holiday Season.

The Giving Tree Committee



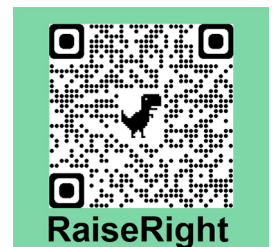
Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance,

enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are listed our upcoming experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

12/6/2024 - 12/8/2024, St. Peters, MO
1/31/2025 - 2/2/2025, St. Peters, MO
4/4/2025 - 4/6/2025, St. Peters, MO

RaiseRight Gift Cards For Sale

Gift cards are available for purchase in the school, or you can buy eGift cards or reload your gift cards using the RaiseRight app. Our school earns a



percent rebate for every gift card sold through the RaiseRight program. **Thanks for your continued support!**

November 24th Christ the King

Thank you all for your tremendous support of our Food Pantry. The turkeys many of you donated will bring great joy to families who would've otherwise gone without. Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth.



For more information,
email Dbalsman@ymail.com

Business Meeting: 11/25, 6:30 pm
Prayer Meeting: 12/11, 6:30 pm

All meetings in the Corpus Christi Center.

December Events at La Salle

There are lots of great events happening during the month of December at La Salle Retreat Center (2101 Rue De LaSalle Drive, Wildwood)! You can enjoy an evening making a wreath or decorating a wooden tree AND a delicious dinner prepared by their chefs. Breakfast with Santa is a favorite event for the entire family. Or, rest and reflect during an Advent Retreat in preparation for Christmas. Visit their website for dates and registration information. www.Lasalleretreat.org



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for a day

SPEND A DAY...

ATTENDING CLASSES WITH A CURRENT STPX STUDENT!
MEETING OTHER STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND COACHES
EXPERIENCING OUR LUNCH HOUR AND HIGH SCHOOL LIFE AT ST. PIUS X FIRST-HAND

SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT TODAY!

CONTACT BREANNA BANNES AT (636) 931-7487
EXT. 117 OR BBANNES@STPIUS.COM

OUR PARISH PRAYING TOGETHER

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

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Virginia Boxdorfer | Roland Kaiser |
| Mike Boyd | Nora Lee |
| John Compton | Ray Ragsdale |
| Scott Haase | Lisa Schneider |
| Verna Haun | Diana Schwalbert |
| Mary Jean | Noella Torgerson |
| Eileen Kaiser | George Winters |
| Jim Kaiser | |

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

We pray for those in the Military:

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| Meaghan Angus | Jacob Sarfraz |
| John Costigan | Jared Sheets |
| Collin Fitzsimmons | Grant Staggenborg |
| Kamryn Heredia | Jack Vilchis |
| Jack Jeffers | Lucas Weiland |
| Isaac Longtin | Megan Weiland |
| Austin McHaffie-Sharp | |



Olive Wood Religious Articles

On the weekend of Nov 23rd & 24th Mary & Khader Abu Sada, a Catholic couple from the Bethlehem- Holy Land will be visiting our parish to market olive wood hand-carved religious articles hand made by the Christian artisans in the Holy Land.

This sale is to strengthen the Christian presence in the city of Bethlehem the birthplace of Jesus and the surrounding areas. All proceeds will go directly to the Christian families and the artisans who are working in this type of hand carvings.

They are going to display all kinds of olive wood religious art works such as Nativity scenes, Crucifixes, figures, rosaries, etc., which are unique and not usually found in religious stores. These crafts make wonderful presents for all occasions especially for Christmas.