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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.: 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 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, 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.

DECEMBER 1, 2024

Ministry Schedule	December 7 4:30 pm	December 8 7:00 am	December 8 8:30 am	December 8 10:00 am	December 8 11:30 am	December 8 4:30 pm
Lectors	Schaefer Wright	Schilly Nason	Curry Dischert	Halfmann Halfmann	Hobbs Schurk	Huey
Servers	N. Schmidt J. Schmidt	Volunteer	C. Johnston A. Lurk A. Fanetti	W. Nesselhauf G. Oppelz D. Oppelz	D. Westerman A. Westerman	S. Rakers A. Rakers

Mass Intentions			
Monday	December 2, 2024		
6:30 am	Devore Special Intention		
Tuesday	December 3, 2024		
6:30 am	The Lehn Family Intentions		
8:00 am	Ila Markovich Special Intention		
Wednesday	December 4, 2024		
6:30 am	Sharon Bender		
8:00 am	Marv Jeffers		
Thursday	December 5, 2024		
6:30 am	Glen Newkirk		
8:00 am	Rita Portell		
Friday	December 6, 2024		
6:30 am	Mike & Sandy Moonier Spec. Intention		
8:00 am	Fr. Daniel Shaughnessy Special Intention		
Saturday	December 7, 2024		
8:00 am	Carolyn Bocklage		
4:30 pm	Leona Gast		
Sunday	Sunday December 8, 2024		
7:00 am	Arline Reese		
8:30 am	Religious & Priestly Vocations		
10:00 am	For the People of SJBD/SJ Parishes		
11:30 am	Werner Family Intentions		
4:30 pm	Mike & Sandy Moonier Special Intention		

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 11/4/2024 - 11/10/2024			
	Current	Fiscal YTD	
Offertory			
Total collected	\$23,565.97	\$425,099.49	
Amount needed	\$23,292.23	\$442,552.38	
Surplus or shortage	\$273.74	\$17,452.89	
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS			
Tuition assistance	\$105.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$190.00		
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	\$1,047.00		

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

First Sunday of Advent

We have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. In other words, Advent is a steward's season!

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season.

The Gospel, from Luke, warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives.

During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord?

Get ready Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.

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Blessing of an Advent Wreath 1st Sunday of Advent



The Advent Wreath is a wonderful tradition to help us visibly mark the passing of time before Christmas in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it is blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Scripture Reading (Select one): Isaiah 9 lines 1-2 & 5-6

Isaiah 63 lines 16-17 & 19, or Isaiah 64 lines 2-7

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer & Blessing Leader (all join hands):

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,

he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God.

let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

-from Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word "adventus," which means "a coming, approach, arrival." When we expect guests to arrive at our homes, we turn the lights on; we anticipate their arrival and welcome them with joy. Advent wreaths and candles are commonly seen in Catholic churches during the liturgical season. The circular shape of the Advent wreath symbolizes God's infinite love for us – it is never-ending, just like the true Light of the World, Jesus, who leads us into eternal life with Him. The materials of the Advent wreath similarly lead us to reflect on the everlasting nature of God. Many people also display Advent wreaths in their homes and light a candle each Sunday as families. Consider using the prayer service to bless your Advent wreath at home.





Greakfast 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



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December 8, 2024

10:30 am -12 noon

Grades Pre-K3 through 8

Questions?

Sr. Bridget Smith, ASCJ

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By sending the message "hi" to Hope at (202)949-7249, you are on your way to getting support. Hope can be accessed using the phone number, Catholic Charities' website at ccstl.org., and through Catholic Charities mental health services ministry, Saint Louis Counseling's website at saintlouiscounseling.org.





















"We walk by faith, not by sight."

St. Paul

During this special time of Advent, take time to grow spiritually in an intimate relationship with Jesus by spending time with Him in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. (Just ask the parish office for the door code to enter).

He is truly present (Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity under the appearances of bread and wine) waiting for you to drop by. What a special time to grow in faith!

Can you help adore for an hour each week? Tuesday 1:00 pm Thursday 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, or 4:00pm Please contact Barb at 314-732-2256



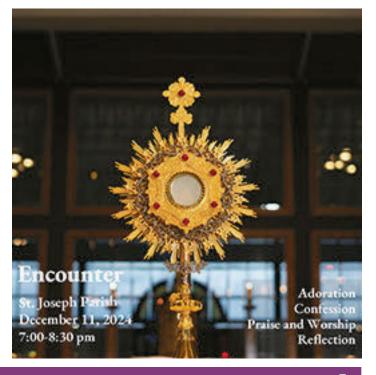
Because December 8th this year falls on the Second Sunday of Advent, the Holy Day of Obligation is transferred to Monday, December 9th. Masses will be celebrated at 6:30, 8, and 10 am (school Mass), and 7 pm.



DONUT **S**UNDAY



After masses today in the cafeteria



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.





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.

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!

Donut Sunday Dec. 1st in the Cafeteria Advent by Candlelight Dec. 7th 5:30pm in the CCC 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 <u>CCC</u> Encounter Dec. 11th 7-8:30pm in Church Breakfast with Santa Dec. 14th In the CCC

> Three seatings Registration needed

Daily Mass: M+F 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

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Thank you for being a cHAMpion for our neighbors!



December 1st First Sunday of Advent

As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Isn't it a beautiful season to consider joining our parish's Society of St. Vincent de Paul? It would be your chance to help spread the joy and anticipation of Christ's presence to others.

For more information, email Dbalsman@ymail.com

Prayer Meeting: 12/11, 6:30 pm Business Meeting: 12/23, 6:30 pm

All meetings in the Corpus Christi Center.



RURAL PARISH CLINIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS



Can you help our mission?

THE RURALPARISH CLINIC of the ST. LOUIS cares for needy, uninsured ADULT patients and we could really use your help with the following items. We will have a bin in the back of church and we thank you in advance for your help!!

Allergy Medications (eg Claritin (loratadine), Zyrtec (cetirizine), Miralax (brand or generic), Stool softeners (docusate/colace), Tylenol/acetaminophen/non-aspirin pain reliever 500mg, Ibuprofen 200mg, Aleve/naproxen 220mg, Pain or heat patches or creams, Allergy nose spray (eg Flonase, Nasalide or Nasacort (brand or generic), 1% Hydrocortisone Cream, Antibiotic cream/ointment. Bacitracin or triple antibiotic, Antifungal creams – clotrimazole, terbinafine, tolnaftate, Cough and Cold Medications (eg Nyquil, Mucinex, Robitussin (brand or generic), Disinfectant wipes for surfaces, TUMS/antacid tablets, Bandaids, Pill boxes for a week - Those for once daily and those with AM and PM for twice daily medications

Questions? Call or text Marsha 314-706-2180

Our Parish Praying Together

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

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

Eileen Kaiser Jim Kaiser

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

We pray for those in the Military:

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

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Shrine Grounds and Visitors Center Way of Lights Display

From November 22 through December 31, 2024, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Indoor activities closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Way of Lights Display using over 1.5 million beautiful lights, depicts the journey of Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem. With new and beautiful colored lights, we celebrate the birth of Jesus and Continue to offer activities for all to enjoy!

Cost: No charge for display, donations accepted and additional charges for some activities.

For more information, call 618-397-6700 or visit our website at https://snows.org/wayoflights

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