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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<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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Ministry Schedule	December 21 4:30 pm	December 22 7:00 am	December 22 8:30 am	December 22 10:00 am	December 22 11:30 am	December 22 4:30 pm
Lectors	Esparza Hoffmeister	Schilly Naes	Nicholas Preston	Fleiss	Schlecht Zublionis	Huey
Servers	C. Bailey E. Bailey R. Murphy	Volunteer	F. Null J. Lehn E. Zenhari	A. Lang E. Lang J. Coleman	A. Ganey C. Padgitt L. Byassee	P. Arington

Mass Intentions		
Monday	December 16, 2024	
6:30 am	Jim Hunziker	
Tuesday	December 17, 2024	
6:30 am	Donald Clervi	
8:00 am	Joshua Dudaric	
Wednesday	December 18, 2024	
6:30 am	Cal Weber	
8:00 am	Evelyn Herrell	
Thursday	December 19, 2024	
6:30 am	Don Bender	
8:00 am	Mike & Sandy Moonier Special Intention	
Friday	December 20, 2024	
6:30 am	Corinne Dalton	
8:00 am	Fr. Anthony Yates Special Intention	
Saturday	December 21, 2024	
8:00 am	Mildred Kanik	
4:30 pm	Sherry Mercer	
Sunday	December 22, 2024	
7:00 am	Phyllis Francis Adams	
8:30 am	Anna Stolzer	
10:00 am	George & Lucille Mues	
11:30 am	Lester Brugere	
4:30 pm	For the People of SJBD/SJ Parishes	

Please stop by, call, or email the parish	
office to schedule Mass Intentions. Mass	
cards for special intentions or in memory	10
are available; they may be picked up in the	
parish office. The stipend per Mass is \$10.	

Parish Stewardship 11/18/2024 - 11/24/2024		
	Current	Fiscal YTD
Offertory		
Total collected	\$18,541.65	\$469,910.81
Amount needed	\$23,292.23	\$489,136.85
Surplus or <mark>shortage</mark>	\$4,750.58	\$19,226.04
Special collections		
Tuition assistance	\$103.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$300.00	
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	\$1,365.00	

### **Important: Bulletin Deadlines**

Starting the week of November 10<sup>th</sup> and running all the way until January 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

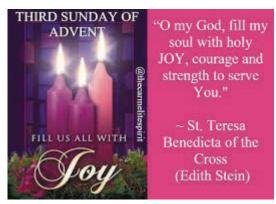
Bulletin Date	Submission Deadline	
<del>November 24</del>	November 13	
<del>December 1</del>	November 18	
<del>December 8</del>	November 26	
<del>December 15</del>	<del>December 4</del>	
<del>December 22</del>	<del>December 10</del>	
December 29	December 18	
January 5	December 19	



## From the Desk of Fr. Anthony Yates, Pastor

### Third Sunday of Advent

We have arrived at Gaudete Sunday (Gaudete is the Latin word for "rejoice") this Third Week of Advent, and the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Savior's birth.



Our Second Reading gives us cause for joy as St. Paul reminds us, "The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all...." Then he gives us a prescription for maintaining this peace: "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Paul's instructions for obtaining peace come as an early Christmas gift. They remind us that we can and should go to God with all our needs and present them to Him along with our thanks. This guidance calls to mind a vital aspect of a stewardship way of life: gratitude to God in response to His great love and countless gifts to us.

The Gospel passage, from Luke, shows us how to live out this sense of thankfulness, making our lives a "Christmas gift" to Christ in joyful response to His love for us. When the crowds hear John the Baptist's message that their Savior is coming, they ask him what they should do to prepare. He responds, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do the same." He tells tax collectors to stop collecting more than is prescribed and soldiers, to be satisfied with their wages. In other words, he tells them to be good and generous stewards of all God's gifts to them!

As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ's extravagant love. Let's avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let's look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him.

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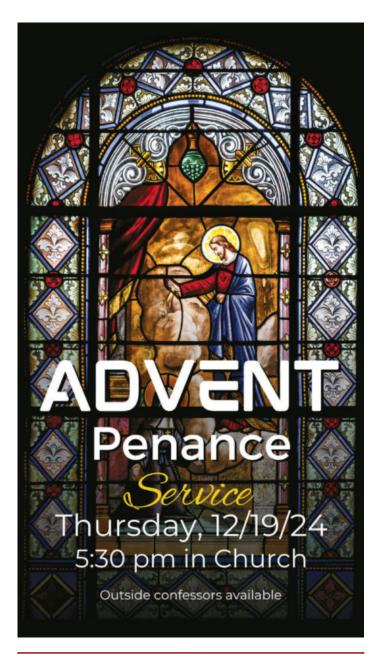
### **Year End Giving**

As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to St. Joseph Parish. The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings, and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. There are many ways of making a gift. However, two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. You can also make other financially advantageous gifts



such as real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, will/trust bequests, and IRA/retirement accounts. Please contact me if you would like to make a gift this season. Thank you for your support of our Parish.

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Parishioners are invited to contribute, in memory of a loved one, toward our Christmas poinsettias and decorations.

The suggested donation is \$10.

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 acknowledgment for each memorial in the bulletin the second weekend in January.

All submissions are due by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

### Parish Office Closings

Please take note that both the St. John and the St. Joseph parish offices will be closed from December 21 through January 1, reopening on January 2. If you need to reach a priest for a sacramental emergency, please be aware that each parish's voicemail greeting offers as its first option "To reach a priest for a sacramental emergency, please press 1." That option will forward your call to the priests. If instead you choose to leave a voice message, those will be monitored but please only leave non-urgent requests in that manner. Another option for non-urgent requests is to send an email; please see page 2 of this bulletin for a listing.

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

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Joyful, Joyful, we Adore Thee God of glory, Lord of Love (Henry Van Dyke)

SHOUT for JOY for we have been blessed with a chapel dedicated to adoring Our Lord everyday and at anytime! Take

advantage of this WONDERFUL opportunity in spending time with Jesus – the Savior of the World! Jesus is truly there under the disguise of a Host either in the tabernacle or exposed in the monstrance. Set aside some time to visit Jesus in the Adoration Chapel to draw closer to the Him, so He can transform your heart.

Don't miss out as there is a treasure trove of spiritual riches to gain! You'll be JOYful that you did!

Can you help adore at one of these hours each week?

(Call Barb 314-732-2256)

Wednesday 1:00 pm Thursday 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, or 4:00 pm Ask the parish office for the door code



The Daughters of St. Paul from Pauline Books & Media will be visiting St. Joseph *this weekend*,

Dec.14-15. The Daughters of St. Paul are religious Sisters whose mission is to communicate the Gospel with the media. Their publications of Catholic books — for children and adults— will be available for perusal and purchase on Saturday morning at our "Breakfast with Santa" event as well as after the weekend masses. Take advantage of this opportunity to find some good reading, especially as Christmas fast approaches!



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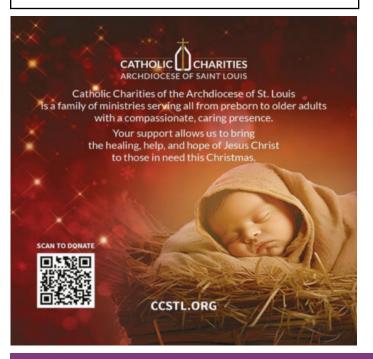


### **Prime Timers**

Our Prime Timers Christmas meeting will be Wednesday, December 18 at 12:30 pm. Come and join us for food and fellowship at the Corpus Christi Center. Bring a friend!

Any questions, please call

Lorraine at 732-259-0738.



# 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 <a href="https://snows.org/wayoflights">https://snows.org/wayoflights</a>

### Way of Lights Run

The Shrine Grounds and Visitors Center January 1, 2025, 5:00 pm.

What better way to start the year than going through this exciting course while surrounded by a display of over 1.5 million beautiful, colorful and breathtaking Christmas lights!

Join us at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows for our annual 5k Run and 1.5-mile Fun Walk as you welcome in the New Year!!

Cost: Register by December 17 to receive a WOL Run T-shirt and the early you register, the better the price! Pricing now starts at \$35.00 for the Run and \$25.00 for Walk if registered by December 17, 2024. Price increases starting December 18, 2024.

For more information, visit https://snows.org/wolrun/ or call 618-397-6700.



You are cordially invited to the Old Cathedral annual service of Advent Lessons & Carols

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Hear Scripture Readings, Choral Motets & Congregational Hymns foreshadowing the Mystery of the Incarnation.

Bring your family & friends to prepare in your hearts a home for Our Lord this Christmas!



Sunday, December 15, 2024 2:00 pm

Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France 'The Old Cathedral' 209 Walnut St, Saint Louis, MO 63102

### December 15th **Third Sunday of Advent**

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..." Christmas is a time of love and gift giving. Thank you for sharing, so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

> For more information, email Dbalsman@ymail.com

Business Meeting: 12/23, 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting: 1/8, 6:30 pm

All meetings in the Corpus Christi Center.

The 2nd collection on Christmas will be for the seminary.





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Congratulations to **Adelynn** Wallis from our parish who has won first place in the 2024 ACA essay contest for St. Pius X High School. Pictured with Adelyn are Seminarian Alex Cammarata and Youth Minister Sean Felz at the awards ceremony on December 3.

The contest affords these students in archdiocesan, parochial, and private Catholic high schools an opportunity to learn more about the mission of the local Church and its ongoing efforts to improve lives throughout our archdiocese. Here is an excerpt from Addie's essay:

Since ministry is such an important part of the ACA and the Catholic Church, I thought I would share my experience with ministry. The youth group at my parish really began impacting my life when I was in 8th grade.... Middle school and high school are hard, and there are many challenges throughout those years, so I am so beyond grateful to have formed the community and the relationships that I have at my youth group. My youth group has helped me grow so much in my faith over the past few years, and it's insane to witness the growth of the community and just the overall love overflowing for our Lord. My life was really changed by this community on my Luke 18 Retreat, because that is when I knew that I wanted to become more involved in my faith. The people there inspire me every single day to grow in my love for Jesus Christ, and to not be ashamed. They hold me accountable and help me stay firm in my faith. This community has also allowed me to form so many good relationships with different priests and seminarians. These relationships help me to realize and appreciate firsthand the blessings that the Vocation Programs are able to provide with the help of ACA.

### Our Parish Praying Together

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

Virginia Boxdorfer Jim Kaiser
Mike Boyd Roland Kaiser
David Greco Diana Schwalbert
Verna Haun Noella Torgerson
Eileen Kaiser George Winters

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 Megan Weiland

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percent rebate for every gift card sold through the RaiseRight program.

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### **School Board Elections**

The Saint Joseph School Board will be holding an election for 3 new members soon. Prior to the election, candidate bios will be published in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact the school board at schoolboard@stjosephimperial.org

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