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Parish Office Hours: M-F: 7:30 am—				
Clergy				
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Saint Joseph School				
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Other Ministries				
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			

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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.: 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	January 11 4:30 pm	January 12 7:00 am	January 12 8:30 am	January 12 10:00 am	January 12 11:30 am	January 12 4:30 pm
Lectors			not available due to	early deadlines		
Servers	A. Esparza A. Fanetti R. Murphy	Volunteer	J. Lehn F. Null L. Preston	B. Colp M. Govero L. Reiter	L. Byassee J. Becker C. Padgitt	P. Arington J. Bates

Mass Intentions				
Monday	January 6, 2025			
6:30 am	John Ruzicka			
Tuesday	January 7, 2025			
6:30 am	John Ruzicka			
8:00 am	Monica Smith			
Wednesday	January 8, 2025			
6:30 am	Daniel Matthews			
8:00 am	Cal Weber			
Thursday	January 9, 2025			
6:30 am	Katherine Gantz			
8:00 am	Cal Weber			
Friday	January 10, 2025			
6:30 am	Daniel Sullivan			
8:00 am	Fr. Anthony Yates Special Intention			
Saturday	January 11, 2025			
8:00 am	Patti Stack			
4:30 pm	John Speck			
Sunday	January 12, 2025			
7:00 am	Fred Merklin			
8:30 am	Roman & Eleanor Wingbermuehle			
10:00 am	Kanvice Thompson Special Intention			
11:30 am	Dorothy Heimos			
4:30 pm	Gary Prudot			

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

If you have something for publication in the bulletin, please send it to **bulletin@sjiparish.org**. The deadline is each Monday at noon.



The Epiphany of the Lord

Parish Stewardship 12/9/2024 - 12/15/2024

	Current	Fiscal YTD
Offertory		
Total collected	\$20,962.18	\$540,352.87
Amount needed	\$23,292.23	\$559,013.54
Surplus or <mark>shortage</mark>	\$2,330.05	\$18,660.67
Special collections		
Tuition assistance	\$150.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,615.00	
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	\$1,146.00	

Make a resolution to help others

by donating blood! Knights of Columbus Council 2333 is sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive



Tuesday, January 7, 2:30-6:45 pm **Corpus Christi Center at St. Joseph Parish** To make an appointment: redcrossblood.org and search for our blood drive Call Bob (314-704-8068) or Janet (314-304-4238) Walk-ins are always welcome and appreciated! We hope to see you there!

GRIEF SUPPORT

You do not need to grieve alone. Join others on the journey! The grief support group will hold their monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 9th from 6-7 pm in the Corpus Christi Center. Amy Neu, a therapist with West County Psychological Associates will facilitate the meeting. For more information contact Amy at 314-275-8599 x178 or amy.neu1@gmail.com



From the Desk of Fr. Anthony Yates, Pastor

Happy New Year!

As we begin a new year, we are thankful to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us. He is generous to us and always guiding us with His grace. I am grateful for all that we accomplished this past year in the work of building God's Kingdom at our parish. There are so many blessings to give thanks for. And I look forward to 2025 being filled with even more blessings.

Although there is nothing in the Bible or notable in Christian tradition about New Year's resolutions, many good stewards take advantage of this time of year to become closer to the Lord. Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord; a way of life that needs constant renewal and transformation. If you are looking for some help with your New Year's resolutions, try these ideas to get you started:

Stewardship of Prayer: Resolve to strengthen your relationship with the Lord through prayer. Notice how often you pray and what hinders you from praying. If you are a beginner, commit to short, daily prayer times.

Stewardship of Family: Resolve to set aside more time to stay connected with your family. Eat dinner together, schedule regular dates with your spouse, plan family outings, and go to Mass together. Practice patience and forgive-ness.

Stewardship of Health: Resolve to get those medical and dental checkups. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise and other physical activity to your daily routine.

Stewardship of Possessions: Resolve to possess a little more "lightly" this year. Consider ways you can reduce the amount of all that stuff you own. Distinguish between those items that are necessary and those that are considered luxurious and unnecessary.

Stewardship of the Parish Family: Resolve to serve your faith community in some way this year such as at liturgy, in the parish's outreach or education and formation efforts. Is it also time to enhance your generosity to the parish?

Stewardship of Money: Resolve to render sacred your annual budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in your spending. Try to work towards a tithe that is sacrificial. Remember it is equal sacrifice, not equal dollar. To help with this, please see the Catholic Giving Guide on the following pages. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.

Stewardship of Mind: Resolve to keep your mind active. Commit to being more informed on the issues of the day. Read your Bible.

Stewardship of Neighbor: Resolve to be a person of hospitality and mercy. Make time and space for others who enter your life. Be more aware of those times when a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner or stranger, needs a moment of kindness, a little attention or an affirming gesture on your part.

Stewardship of the Poor: Resolve to live with more compassion and in solidarity with those less fortunate. Remember the poor in prayer, and commit to helping relieve in some way the plight of those who are impoverished or marginalized.



STEWARDSHIP GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

My Catholic Giving Guide

A GUIDE TO GIVING IN STEWARDSHIP

God calls us to be generous with all of our gifts, including our treasure. Our faith teaches us this through the Scriptures:

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits ..." (Proverbs 3:9)

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)

In gratitude, we are called to give to God from our first fruits. That means creating a plan for giving to His Church. Throwing a last-minute donation into the collection basket time and again only leaves us frustrated. Having a plan, we can better do our part to share the gifts that God has given us.

BEST PRACTICES -

Create and maintain a household budget
Plan your giving annually

• Use your parish's electronic offering (if applicable)

• Understand that tithing literally means to give 10 percent of your income. Suggested amounts: 5 percent to the local parish and 5 percent to other Church needs and charities that serve the greater community.

ANNUAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



Offertory Whether giving weekly, monthly or yearly, the offertory supports the parish's mission and ministries.



Annual Catholic Appeal Supports the immediate and

urgent mission of the local Church, including ministries, parishes and schools.



Second Collections

Supports the priorities of the pope and bishops through specific national and worldwide ministries.



Parish Capital Campaign Provides the means for parishes to carry out specific projects.

Community Charities

Opportunities to support the mission of nonprofit organizations and other needs.

"Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly and whoever sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

— 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

USE THE WORKSHEET ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE TO PLAN YOUR GIVING

Contact David Baranowski, Stewardship Education Director | (314) 792-7215 | davidbaranowski@archstl.org | www.archstl.org/stewardship

MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE WORKSHEET						
TEAR OUT AND KEEP WORKSHEET						
1. CALCULATE ANNUAL GROSS FAMILY INCOME: 2. DETERMINE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE TO GIVE:						
My income \$ My spouse's income \$ Other income \$ Total \$		Tithing (10% (or) Other		%		
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ANNUAL CATHOLIC	APPEAL					
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			Spouse's inc	ome	\$10,000	
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Annual \$			Total	-	\$60,000	
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Annual Seminary Collection	\$S			annual giving amo	ount:	
Black & Indian Missions	s		\$60,000		\$60,000	
Campaign for Human Development	s		<u>x 3%</u> \$1,800		x 10% \$6,000	
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$			e dollar amount fo		
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	\$		-	portunity:	reach	
Catholic Relief Services	\$			£		
Catholic University of America	\$		\$1,800 x 50%	Parish offertory	\$6,000	
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$		\$900	Farisitojjertory	x 50% \$3,000	
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Glennon Sunday	\$		\$900 ÷ 52	Weekly	\$3,000 ÷ 52	
Holy Land	\$		\$17.3	offertory	\$57.7	
Missionary Plan of Cooperation				OR		
Peter's Pence (for the Pope)			\$900 ÷ 12	Monthly	\$3,000 ÷ 12	
Regina Cleri Respect Life Apostolate			\$75	offertory	\$250	
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$		\$20		\$50	
St. Louis Review Subscription	s		x 20	Annual second collections (20)	x 20	
St. Vincent de Paul Society	s		\$400		\$1,000	
World Mission Sunday	\$		\$200	Annual Catholic	\$600	
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	э с		\$40	Charity 1	\$225	
	Ş		\$30	Charity 2	\$175	
TOTAL ANNUAL G	IVING		\$80	Parish Capital Campaign	\$400	
AMOUNT: \$			\$300	OTHER TOTALS	\$1,400	
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New journey. New beginnings. New goals.

Help sustain our church with Online Giving.

As we journey through winter and prepare for spring, we set new goals dedicated to strengthening our church's community. Faithfulness in giving allows us to share the gifts that God has given us, so our spiritual home may thrive. That is why our church offers Online Giving as an option to support our ongoing mission and ministries.

Online Giving helps support our church by allowing you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer to our church.

Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our Online Giving link on your smart device.



Visit

our church

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bsite today to

Scan the QR code to go to the OSV Online Giving site. Once set up, you may opt for onetime gifts or, instead of using envelopes weekly, you may set up your donations to be made online at whatever interval you prefer.



How Does Online Giving Benefit Me and My Church?

Donor Benefits

- Convenient anytime, anywhere access through the internet.
- Secure and Confidential. Adheres to banking security standards.
- Flexible. Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- Simple. No need to contact your bank or the church office.
- Contribute using direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit cards.

Church Benefits

- Stabilize Contributions. Regularly scheduled gifts occur automatically. Allows church to effectively manage monthly expenses.
- Direct Donations. A simple way to contribute to individual events, holiday needs, classes, special donations, and more.
- Secure and Confidential. No need to store member account information.
- Efficient. Participation saves time and expense in bookkeeping.
- **Current.** A tool for people who prefer to use electronic services.



Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis is dedicated to bringing the healing, help, and hope of Jesus Christ to those in need with a compassionate, caring presence. We provide services through all stages of life, from the beginning of life to senior care.

Cardinal Ritter Senior Services, a ministry of Catholic Charities,

provides care through a continuum of high-quality residential services, offering a place for seniors to fully live their best lives among engaging peers and caring skilled professionals. In addition to residential options, Cardinal Ritter's case managers and social service outreach helps keep older adults safely in their homes helping to ensure those we are privileged to serve have the resources they need to live with comfort and dignity.

To learn more about Catholic Charities housing or to get involved, please contact your Parish Ambassador Carroll Lee Schilly by email at carrolleeschilly@yahoo.com or by phone at 314-973-4042.











worldwide marriage encounter

World Marriage Day

Archbishop Rozanski will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO, on February 9, 2025 at 12:00 pm. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors married couples as the foundation of the family - the basic unit of society. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life. A reception, sponsored by Gateway Worldwide Marriage Encounter, will follow in Boland Hall.

Top 10 THINGS WE LOVE ABOUT ST. PIUS X FAITH FILLED ENVIRONMENT CHOOSING THE RIGHT HIGH SCHOOL IS A BIG DECISION, AND WE'RE HERE TO HELP. HONORS PROGRAM . 583 PROGRAM CONTACT OUR DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS, BREANNA BANNES, FOR MORE INFORMATION. . LUNCH HOUR SHUTTLE TO AND FROM CAMPUS COMPETITIVE CURRICULUM (636) 937-7487 EXT. 117 COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAMS BBANNES@STPIUS.COM · COMMUNITY WWW.STPIUS.COM/ADMISSK HOUSE SYSTEM WELLNESS PROGRAM ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL

January 5, 2025

School Board Elections

January 11-12 After All Masses



Saint Joseph School Board is looking for additional board members

for the 2025-2026 Academic Year starting at the January 15th Board Meeting. Below are the current candidates seeking election. If you wish to submit a late nomination for election, please send a short bio to schoolboard@stjosephimperial.org. Thank you for your consideration and continued support of Saint Joseph School and Parish.

Candidate 1 - Jennifer Runiewicz

As a retired educator with more than 25 years of experience in Catholic education from pre-K through high school as a teacher, department chair, and director of the upper school, I believe my qualifications make me an ideal candidate for a position on the school board. I have been through many changes to Catholic education throughout my career, both positive and negative. I have experienced a variety of teaching methods, assessment types, educational policies, and academic theories. In addition, I have had 2 daughters benefit from an Archdiocesan education in St. Louis. I believe it is important to have an educator on the school board to have the voice of classroom experience when making decisions and policies for the school. I appreciate your time and consideration and hope to be a part of the School Board.

Candidate 2 - Tony Rich

My name is Tony, and I've been a parishioner at St. Joseph essentially since becoming Catholic in 2012. My wife, Elise, has been a parishioner here for most of her life. Three of our five children have attended Saint Joseph School at various times, including our son Robert, who is currently enrolled. Our family is also part of St. Joseph's Catholic homeschool coop, as we homeschool our two older children, and we have a son in public school receiving specialized services. With nearly 18 years of service in the Air National Guard and a career in finance, I hope our family's unique perspective across these three educational experiences can contribute meaningfully to the growth and success of Saint Joseph School. Thank you for your consideration!

January 5th Epiphany

Epiphany is awareness taking action. Thank you for your tremendous support in 2024, as you have assisted many dozens of families experiencing dire situations. Many of them have de



of families experiencing dire situations. Many of them have developed a more favorable stance and interest towards our Catholic Church. The others at least see what people who love our God and His Son choose to spend their time doing. What will you be doing with your time in 2025? For more information, email Dbalsman@ymail.com

> Prayer Meeting: 1/8, 6:30 pm Business Meeting: 1/27, 6:30 pm

All meetings in the Corpus Christi Center.

Seeds of Healing through Faith, Hope, and Love

Please join us for our 2^{nd} annual Seeds of Healing retreat on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025, from 9 am – 7 pm, at **Marianist Retreat Center**. This event is designed to bring God's healing touch to anyone who has lost a loved one to any tragic death, including suicide. This day of reflection is designed to help in the journey through grief emotions and come out renewed with confidence in God's love and care for each one of us.

There will be time for healing prayer, discussions, sharing, learning techniques for healthy outlet of emotions, and testimony from those who have healed from the same pain you may be feeling. For more



information, don't hesitate to reach out to Barb @ 314.910.3942 or Mary @ 314.210.5098 or Shelby @ 636.288.9841

https://marianistretreat.com/events/seeds-ofhealing-retreat-2025

The First Nativity Scene Miracle

St. Francis of Assisi wanted people to experience the First Christmas in an extraordinary way! So, in 1223, he made Christmas come to life by creating the First Live Nativity Scene in an Italian cave with an ox, donkey, and a manger with straw. Mass was celebrated that day, and after St. Francis told the Bible Christmas and preached about it, an infant suddenly appeared in the manger. St. Francis embraced Baby Jesus in his arms and more miracles followed.





The Wise Still Seek Him.

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open 24/7, and Eucharistic Adorers are needed each week for

an hour on ... Tuesday 6:00 pm Wednesday 1:00 pm Thursday 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, or 4:00 pm

(Please contact Barb @ 314-732-2256)

Ask the parish office for the door code

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.

OUR PARISH PRAYING TOGETHER May those who are ill

be blessed by Jesus' healing presence:

Kathy Bonito Virginia Boxdorfer Ebony Burse Mike Boyd David Greco Kevin Jackson Robert Moore Diana Schwalbert Laura Sheets

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

We pray for those in the Military:

Meaghan Angus Wyatt Cook John Costigan Caleb Curran 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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