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St. Vincent de Paul Society Helpline	636-274-6520				

**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.

### 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.

Ministry Schedule	March 22 4:30 pm	March 23 7:00 am	March 23 8:30 am	March 23 10:00 am	March 23 11:30 am	March 23 4:30 pm
Lectors	Dalton Simms	Chapman Chapman	Nicholas Preston	Miloscia Munsell	Moloney Smedra	Stainway
Servers	C. Bailey E. Bailey	Volunteer	G. Oppelz D. Oppelz J. Lehn	B. Colp L. Reiter I. Rohe	Ja. Vonder Haar Jo. Vonder Haar P. Vonder Haar	P. Arington J. Bates

Mass Intentions				
Monday	March 17, 2025			
6:30 am	Brian Corson			
Tuesday	March 18, 2025			
6:30 am	Tim Johanns Special Intention			
8:00 am	Joshua Dudaric			
Wednesday	March 19, 2025			
6:30 am	Tad Dodderer			
8:00 am	Werner Family Special Intention			
Thursday	March 20, 2025			
6:30 am	Kevin Jackson Special Intention			
8:00 am	John Ruzicka			
Friday	March 21, 2025			
6:30 am	Joseph Miloscia			
	Joseph Linosena			
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8:00 am Saturday	5 1			
	Gilbert Moser, III March 22, 2025			
Saturday	Gilbert Moser, III March 22, 2025 Mary Elizabeth (Becker) Odehnal			
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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 2/17/25 - 2/23/25					
		Current	Fiscal YTD		
Offe	RTORY				
	Total collected	\$22,719.06	\$810,998.35		
	Amount needed	\$23,292.23	\$791,935.85		
	Surplus or <mark>shortage</mark>	\$573.17	\$19,062.50		
Spec	IAL COLLECTIONS				
	Tuition assistance	\$92.00			
	St. Vincent de Paul	\$285.00			
Sr. C	hristine's Food Pantry	\$935.00			



Would you like to help decorate the church for Easter in memory or in honor of your loved ones? If so, please put a minimum donation of \$13 in the Easter Flower envelope in

your packet marked with your name and the name of your loved one. You can also use your Online Giving account and put the name of your loved one in the notes. Please submit by April 6th. The names of all your loved ones will be listed in the bulletin the weekend after Easter.

## EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin submissions for Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, are due by Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Bulletin submissions for Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>st</sup>, are due by Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember to put "SJP" in the subject line.

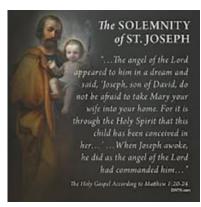


# From the Desk of Fr. Anthony Yates, Pastor

#### New Director of Sacred Music

I am happy to announce that we have hired a new Director of Sacred Music, **Nori Fahrig**. Nori brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the job. She was born and raised in Washington State and moved to Boston, MA for her college studies. She is a classical pianist and holds a master's degree in piano performance from Longy School of Music at Bard College and has also trained in organ and sacred music for over 20 years. She has worked professionally as a church musician since 1998. Since moving to St. Louis in 2019, she served in parishes and in 2021 she founded the Catholic's women's choir Polyhymnia to promote women's voices in classical sacred music. She lives in Saint Louis with her husband Stephen who is an associate professor of biblical theology at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and a permanent diaconate. Nori will be overseeing and working with all our volunteers in continuing and building on our sacred music program. In addition, she will be the musician at 10 am Mass on Sundays and provide music for weddings and funerals. She can be reached at the Parish Office extension 123 or by email at nfahrig@sjiparish.org. Please help me welcome Nori to our parish.

### Parish Feast Day



St. Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus, was probably born in Bethlehem and probably died in Nazareth. His important mission in God's plan of salvation was "to legally insert Jesus Christ into the line of David from whom, according to the prophets, the Messiah would be born, and to act as his father and

guardian" (Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy). Most of our information about St. Joseph comes from the opening two chapters of St. Matthew's Gospel. No words of his are recorded in the Gospels; he was the "silent" man. We find no devotion to St. Joseph in the early Church. It was the will of God that the Virgin Birth of Our Lord be first firmly impressed upon the minds of the faithful. He was later venerated by the great saints of the Middle Ages. Pius IX (1870) declared him patron and protector of the universal family of the Church.

This coming Wednesday, March 19, is our Parish Feast Day. All are invited to celebrate Mass in the morning at our regular times. Something new this year is a time of fellowship with a potluck breakfast after the 8 am Mass. There is a signup online



JOIN US FOR 6:30AM OR 8AM MASS TO GELEBRATE!

WE WILL HAVE A SAINT JOSEPH TABLE SETUP TO HONOR OUR PATRON, AND THERE WILL BE BLESSED SAINT JOSEPH BREAD AVAILABLE. POLLOWING 8AM MASS, WE WILL GATHER IN THE CAFETERIA FOR A POTLUCK BRUNCH.



for those who can bring a dish to share. I hope that you will consider coming and celebrating our patron.



Dates for 2025 March 7 March 14 March 28 April 4 April II 4:30-7 pm

Corpus Christi Center

Volunteer Sign up







St. Joseph Parish

# Our Menu

# Large Plate:\$18

includes 2 sides, 2 hushpuppies, I dessert, I drink (tea or lemonade)

# Sides:

French Fries Alfredo Penne Pasta

Additional sides added to any meal \$4 3 piece shrimp added to any meal: \$6 Each additional piece of fish: \$5

# Small Plate:\$9

Fried Cod (I piece) Fried Catfish (1 piece) Alfredo Penne Pasta includes 1 sides, 2 hushpuppies, 1 dessert, 1 drink (tea or lemonade)

# A la Carte:

Grilled Cheese on Texas Toast, \$3 Tea or Lemonade: \$3 Dessert \$1

LENTEN Reconciliation with outside confessor

Thursday, April 10th from 5:30-7pm

> Free babysitting available! No RSVP needed, sign in your child in the nursery upon arrival.

Second Sunday of Lent

# OUR PARISH PRAYING TOGETHER

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

Judy Becker Kathy Bonito Craig Buchan Dennis Frauenhoffer Pat Gang Scott Haase Nick Hummel Eileen Kaiser Jim Kaiser Roland Kaiser Dena Moss Nancy Nicholas Laura Sheets Lynn Stefaniak Noella Torgerson Betsy Wagner Scott Wist

Reminder: Names are published for <u>60 days</u>. 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





EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH



"To visit the Blessed Sacrament is... a proof of gratitude, an expression love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord" - Pope Paul VI

Jesus waits for you in the St. Joseph Adoration Chapel. Take time during Lent to come and be with Him.

## EXPOSITION OF OUR LORD is on

Tuesday - Thursday from 9am-9pm. All other times, He remains in the tabernacle. (Ask the office for the door code).

# BECOME A WEEKLY ADORER FOR AND HOUR ON ...

Wednesday - 1 pm, 3pm, or 4 pm Thursday - 3 pm or 4 pm (Call Barb 314-732-2256 with any questions or to sign up).



MARCH 10 TRANSFORMED

Does God really care about me? Will things ever change?

### Kassie O'Brien

speaks about leaving the alternative lifestyle and embracing a fully Catholic, sacramental life. Find out wh she changed after 17 years and the wisdom she has for every person, no matter our struggles.



MARCH 31 FORTIFIED - THE STEINBRUEGGES APRIL 7 LOVED - FR. JACOB BRAUN

APRIL 14 INSPIRED - THE VENTOS

NPACK presentations are offered by the Image of God Institute staff and speakers, unpacking the treasure trove of JPII's teachings, especially Theology of the Body. No RSVP necessary. March 17 - No Meeting Spring Break.

IMAGEOFGODINSTITUTE.ORG

MARCH 16, 2025

# A word from \_\_\_\_\_ Saint Joseph School

# 2025-2026 Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year remains open. We are blessed with a thriving school community, and some classes are filling quickly. If you have a student that is interested in joining us next year, contact us soon!

Please call the Office at 636-464-9027 or submit an Admission Inquiry on the Admissions tab of our website. www.stjosephimperial.org

# **Spring Break**

Our students will be on Spring Break from March 17-21. The School Office will be closed.

## Day at the Ballpark

Cardinals fans get excited! Tickets for our annual Day at the Ballpark are for sale. Join us for the St. Louis Cardinals vs Cincinnati Reds game on Wednesday, September 17th at 12:15 p.m.. The tickets are in the right field box sections 133 and 134, and they cost \$21 per person. For further information, to buy tickets, and to register your 2nd-8th grader to sing the National Anthem, please visit https://www.stjosephimperial.org/For-Parents/Day-at-the-Ballpark/index.html.

# Peter Pan Needs Your Help

We are looking for help in many different ways! Please contact Sr. Carol if you can help with any of the following, and we thank you in advance!

- Set design and painting.

- Donating props. So far we need: Lady's Hat, Top Hat, Feather Duster, Items to Dust, White Tie, 2 Nightlights, Shadow, Soap, Sewing Box, Thimble, Acorn Button, Necklace, Fairy Dust, Hook, Boatswain Whistle, Toy Bow & arrow, Toy Arrow, Branches, Leaves, Cake, Rope, Broom, Medicine Bottle, Slippers, Newspaper, Blankets, Pillows, Vial of Red Liquid, Drum, Long Rope or Chain, Small Rope, Oversized Alarm Clock, 6 Toy Swords. If you have donations, please contact the Office prior to dropping them off so that we do not acquire too many duplicates.

- Providing a meal for the cast & crew during tech week in mid May, for about 20 students.
- Working as an usher or door helper.



# **Prime Timers**

The March Prime Timers meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on March 19th. We will be celebrating St Patrick's Day. Anyone over 55 is

welcome to join us. Dues are \$15.00 a year. As always, we welcome St John's members to join us. Any questions, call Lorraine Simms at 732-259-0738.

#### ADULT BASKETBALL

Join us Sunday evenings from 8-9:30pm in the Gym for some pick-up games. All skill levels are welcome. For more information or to get on the communication list, please contact adultsports@stjoehawks.com.

#### **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.





Join us Saturday, March 22 at the "Fighting with Lainey" benefit from 1:00-10:00 p.m. at the Bloomsdale KC Hall. Lainey is the daughter of Drew and Kassey Schmelzle who, at one years old, is battling ATRT (a rare and aggressive form of brain cancer).

The benefit will include a silent and live auction, live music, food, a pitch tournament, poker tables, and more!

#### 40 Cans for Lent – Because Hunger Has No Season

The Knights of Columbus invite you again this year to participate in 40 cans for Lent. What is 40 cans for Lent? It is a program designed to help fight hunger, an opportunity to take a small sacrifice and turn it into a big difference in the lives of others. The program is simple: Collect one can of food per day during the 40 days of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday. Drop off your cans at any time throughout the Season in the vestibule at church. All donations will go to benefit Sister Christine's Food Pantry



# March 16th Second Sunday of Lent



Lent is not just a call to "give up something", but more

important to "give something for the poor". Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When they drive by our Church, they know we are there for them as Christ's Church. In just two weeks, March 30<sup>th</sup>, our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday special collection is YOUR big chance at Lenten almsgiving! Set aside whatever God calls you to set aside for this collection, to be God's Church for the poor near us.

> For more information, email Dbalsman@ymail.com

Prayer Meeting: 3/12, 6:30 pm Business Meeting: 3/24, 6:30 pm

All meetings in the Corpus Christi Center.

Women's White House Retreat May 22- May 25, 2025 It begins with dinner at 6:30 P.M. May 22 and ends after lunch May 25 at the Jesuit White House Retreat,7400 Christopher Drive. For information and registration, please call Dr. Mary Dixon 636 467 2104. I hope to see you there!



**Sacred Grounds**, a welcoming coffee shop located inside the St. Louis Central Library, is more than just a place to grab a cup of coffee—it's a vital part of St. Patrick Center's workforce development program. Operated in partnership with the library, Sacred Grounds provides handson training for individuals facing barriers to employment, equipping

them with valuable skills in customer service, food preparation, and business operations. This initiative empowers participants by fostering confidence, stability, and a pathway to long-term employment, helping them regain independence and rebuild their lives.

As a ministry of **Catholic Charities** of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, **St. Patrick Center** is dedicated to transforming lives through housing, employment, and behavioral health services. Sacred Grounds directly supports this mission by offering practical job experience in a supportive environment, bridging the gap between unemployment and sustainable careers.

Stop by Sacred Grounds and enjoy a cup of coffee! For more information, please contact your Parish Ambassador Carroll Lee Schilly by email at carrolleeschilly@yahoo.com or by phone at 314-973-4042.



Do you want to know a great way to make this Lent even better? Listen to Catholic Radio! Shut off the noise and listen to solid Catholic teaching, prayers, and call-in programs. You can listen on a smart speaker, tell Alexa to play Covenant Network Catholic Radio, on our App, Covenant Network, online at OurCatholicRadio.org, or on your local Catholic radio station, AM 1460 and 96.7 FM. Make this a Lent to remember. Pray the Visual Rosary with sacred images for each prayer and the Stations of the Cross.

## **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.

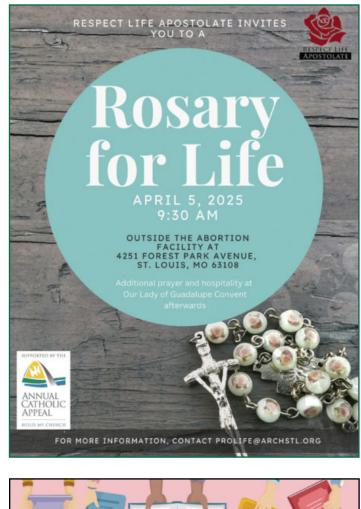


#### Thanks for your continued support!



Learn about the Apostles Creed and the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary while growing in your relationship with the Lord.







# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL **BOOK EXCHANGE**

APRIL 25, 2025 DURING ENTREPRENEURIAL FAIR

PLEASE DONATE ANY SCHOOL-APPROPRIATE BOOKS YOUR CHILDREN HAVE OUTGROWN OR THOSE YOU WON'T READ AGAIN SO OTHERS WILL GET A CHANCE TO TAKE THEM HOME TO READ AND ENJOY.

DONATE ANY DAY IN MARCH! (MAR. 3RD - 28TH) DONATION BOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE GYM FOYER, AND THE CENTER HALLWAY ON THE MAIN FLOOR.



Second Sunday of Lent



We invite you to be a light and shine bright at the **2025 St. Pius X Legacy Gala Dinner Auction** on April 5, 2025!

There are countless ways for you to make an unforgettable impact. Whether you join us in person for an evening to remember, donate exciting items for our silent auction, or become an event sponsor, your contribution will make a lasting difference. The entire St. Pius X community is incredibly grateful for your support, and we can't wait to celebrate together! Please visit www.stpius.com/gala to see how you can help!



The Annual Catholic Appeal is approaching. This years appeal weekends will be April 26-27, May 3-4, and 10-11. We are looking for volunteers at each mass to help at the table handing out and collecting pledge cards. This is an easy way to help with the parish campaign effort. Simply help for ten to fifteen minutes before and after the mass you are attending.

If you are interested in assisting this years collection efforts, or have questions about assisting, please reach out to Miriam Rohe at miriam\_rohe@yahoo.com or via text or call at 314-239-1099. We would like to have at least one person for every mass these three weekends if possible.

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

March 30th, 2025 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM Hosted by the Knights of Columbus - Council 2333

The Knights of Columbus are excited for the return of pancake breakfasts at the Corpus Christi Center!

#### THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!

Adults: \$10 Kids 12 and under: \$5 Families larger than four: \$30 JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE CORPUS CHRISTI CENTER!



#### Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage in 2025!

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience this year! The following upcoming weekends are available in 2025. 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.

4/4/2025 - 4/6/2025, St. Peters, MO 6/13/2025 - 6/15/2025, St. Peters, MO 8/1/2025 - 8/3/2025, Cape Girardeau, MO





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