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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  $2^{nd}$  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 29 4:30 pm	March 30 7:00 am	March 30 8:30 am		March 30 10:00 am	March 30 11:30 am	March 30 4:30 pm		
Lectors	School Kids	Dixon Naes	Curry Smith		Fleis Zublionis	Schlecht Volunteer	Huey		
Servers	R. Murphy S. Rakers A. Rakers	Volunteer	L. Preston H. Preston E. Zenhari		C. Zueck G. Zueck L. Selsor	D. Westerman A. Westerman	P. Arington Volunteer		
Mass Intentions					Parish Stewardship 2/24/25 - 3/2/25				
Monday	March 24, 2025					Current	Fiscal YTD		
6:30 am	Brian Corson			Offe	RTORY				
Tuesday	March 25, 2025				Total collectea		\$876,475.20		
6:30 am	Joseph Miloscia		Amount net				\$983,497.31 \$107,022.11		
8:00 am	Werner Family Spe	acial Intention		Speci	<i>Surplus or shortage</i> AL COLLECTIONS	\$927.93	\$107,022.11		
	, 1			OFECI	Tuition assistance	\$411.00			
Wednesday	March 26, 2025				St. Vincent de Paul	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
6:30 am	The Poor Souls in P	Poor Souls in Purgatory			ristine's Food Pantry				
8:00 am									
Thursday	March 27, 2025 numbers to now include offertory as well as other unrest revenues budgeted within the fiscal year to provide a								
6:30 am	The Poor Souls in Purgatory			clear, c	clear, comprehensive view of the needs to operate the overall				
8:00 am	Charles McAndrews			Parish.	Parish.				
Friday	March 28, 2025								
6:30 am	Mrs. Julie LaMouria <i>Special Intention</i> March 29, 2025 Mark & Patricia Manley <i>Special Intention</i>			Do you receive email from the parish? We use					
8:00 am					"Constant Contact" to email parishioners. If you				
Saturday				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.					
8:00 am									
4:30 pm				Kjonnsonæsjipansn.org of 050-404-1015.					
Sunday	March 30, 2025								
7:00 am	Paquet Family								
8:30 am	For the people of SJBD/SJ Parishes in the bulletin, please send it to						A second se		
10:00 am	Edna Nanney				bulletin@sjiparish.org. The deadline is each Monday at noon.				
11:30 am	John Ruzicka								
4:30 pm	Brian Corson								

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.



### **EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES**

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

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

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

Third Sunday of Lent



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

#### A New Way of Sharing Our Parish's Financial Stewardship

I want to take a moment to express my deep gratitude for your generosity and commitment to our parish. Your support—through offertory giving, special collections, fundraising, and other contributions—allows us to continue our mission of faith, service, and community.

To better reflect the full financial picture of our parish, in consultation with the parish finance council, we will be updating how we report our numbers in the bulletin. Instead of listing only the Sunday offertory, we will now include the offertory as well as other unrestricted revenues budgeted within the fiscal year to provide a clearer, comprehensive view of the needs to operate the overall parish and to give an understanding of how your generosity supports the full scope of our parish's needs.

What will be included in unrestricted revenue for the parish includes: Sunday offertory, unrestricted 1-time gifts, year-end gifts, & stock/IRA gifts. The new weekly needed amount to sustain our current levels of ministry and operations is \$28,099.92. This is why you will now see that we are behind in revenue collections.

This change is meant to enhance transparency and accountability, helping us all see the bigger picture of our shared stewardship. For example, our weekly giving helps fund many things that keep our campus running like utilities. For February 2025 that totaled \$17,339. We have many great things happening at our parish and it takes all of us to come together through faithful stewardship to make that happen. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me, our business manager or any member of the finance council. Thank you again for your continued faithfulness and generosity.

#### The Solemnity of the Annunciation



For centuries, March 25<sup>th</sup> has been celebrated by Catholics as the "Feast of the Annunciation." Mary's fiat— "I am the servant of the Lord, Let it be done to me as you say"— brought our Savior into the world. As the first disciple of Christ, Mary shows us that we must listen to and do God's will. Prayer and action therefore go hand in hand.

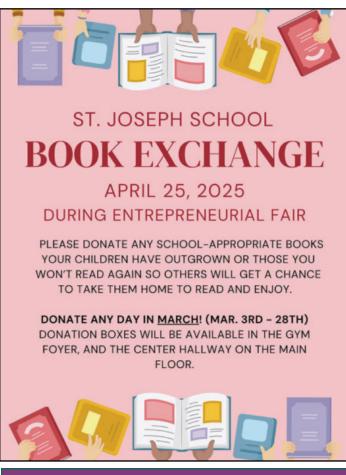
As followers of Christ, we must make time to talk to and listen to Him in prayer. Examining all that we do, or simply "living" in the light of our prayer, is essential. Living with a heart open to God's will has enormous implications. We usually have our own plans for our lives. It is good to have plans, but

never at the expense of our growth in relationship to God. Like Mary, we must trust that God's will is the best for us and our world. Let us follow the example of Mary and call upon her to help us open our hearts to say "yes" to God! Join us for Mass on March 25<sup>th</sup> to honor Our Lady.



## Thursday, April 10th from 5:30–7pm

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





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.



BEGINNING IN THE CHURCH EACH EVENING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND SMALL GROUP HOSPITALITY TO CONCLUDE EACH EVENING

## 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 Zoe Matthews 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



"O Lord of hosts, My King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise." -Psalm 84: 3-4

There's no better time than today to start a new habit of drawing nearer to Our Lord! Rest awhile in the quiet at the Adoration Chapel in Jesus' True Presence.

### GIVE HIM YOUR ALL! DON'T DELAY!

Become an adorer for an hour each week. We URGENTLY need you and could really use your help. Please prayerfully consider signing up for... 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).



Stations of the Cross

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



You do not need to grieve alone. Join others on the journey! The grief support group will hold their monthly meeting Thursday, April 10th 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





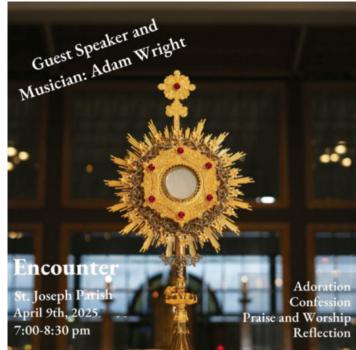
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### OCIA Scrutinies 8:30 a.m. Mass

The unbaptized Elect have a different focus on their Lenten journey. The rite prescribes three scrutinies that are celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays in Lent. The Gospels are always from Cycle A: the Samaritan woman at the well; the man born blind; and the raising of Lazarus from the dead. The three sets of readings offer unique perspectives on how sin captures the hearts of individuals. In the intercessions in the rites, there is a theme of freedom. The prayers ask God to free them in various ways to become the children of God.

In the first Scrutiny rite (March 23) the Woman at the Well (John 4) invites a reflection and introspection of one's personal sins. The Samaritan woman exclaims "He told me everything that I have done." The first level of sinfulness is the deeds that I have done or omitted doing and invites each person into a reflection on their life. The Elect are called to examine the choices that they have made that have put other things before God. God's love and forgiveness are without limit. (*Joe Milner, Christian Initiation Coordinator*)



Third Sunday of Lent

#### 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

#### 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.

## March 23<sup>rd</sup> Third Sunday of Lent

### **"BEAR FRUIT, OR BE CUT**

DOWN"... Words of your Creator, your God, your Savior,

your Redeemer. Next Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday special collection is your big chance at Lenten fruit bearing! 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

Business Meeting: 3/24, 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting: 4/9, 6:30 pm

All meetings in the Corpus Christi Center.



## MARCH 24 RENEWED

Anxious about life? Technology and kids? How can I have hope in this culture?



shares from years of experience teaching and pastoral work with youth, and from his own personal life, how technology and this current culture is impacting all of us. He offers hope that we can renew our lives and families even in the busyness and chaos.



MARCH 31 FORTIFIED SCOTT & CLAIRE STEINBRUEGGE

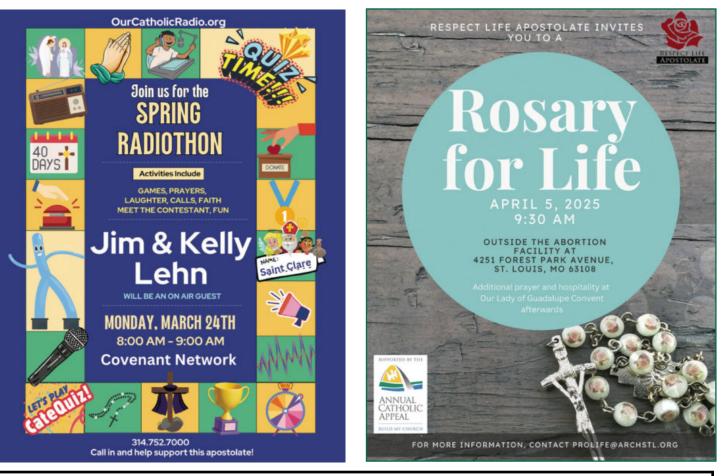
Is divorce destiny? How do I build the family of my dreams (not nightmares)?

### APRIL 7 LOVED - FR. JACOB BRAUN APRIL 14 INSPIRED - ANDREW & ANDREA LANG

UNPACK 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.









#### Catholic Charities St. Louis Responds to the Year of Hope with the **Pilgrims of Hope Challenge Coin**

As part of the Archdiocese of St. Louis' Year of Hope, Catholic Charities is excited to introduce the Pilgrims of Hope Challenge Coin. This coin is a symbol of hope, meant to be passed on as a reminder of the good happening around us.

Each coin features the message, "I saw you spreading hope," along with the Catholic Charities logo, and a QR code linking to our Coins of Hope webpage. Here's how you can participate:

1. Receive a Coin: If you receive a coin, it means someone noticed your act of kindness and compassion. Now, it's your turn to pay it forward!

2. Pass on a Coin: When you witness someone spreading hope, give them your coin and scan the QR code. This will allow you to log the story of hope and share it with others.

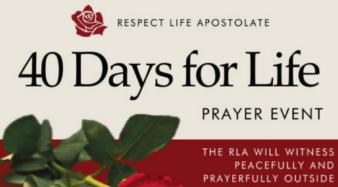
3. Share Your Story: We want to hear your story of Hope, so don't forget to share your story on our landing page. And, if you want, tag us on social media using the hashtag #pilgrimsofhope.

Visit our website www.spreadhopestl.com for more information and to share your story. Together, we can spread hope across the Archdiocese of St. Louis during this Jubilee Year of Hope!

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!

#### 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.



PEACEFULLY AND PRAYERFULLY OUTSIDE THE ABORTION FACILITY FOR THE PREBORN AND PREGNANT MOMS

## Friday, April 11, 2025 St. Louis, MO from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

4251 Forest Park Ave, St. Louis, MO 63108



Carpooling and parking along Boyle Avenue is recommended. For questions, contact prolife@archstl.org





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!

#### HELPING A NEIGHBOR IN NEED FROM SVdP

A few weeks ago we received a call from a man stating his friend was a victim of a house fire in Imperial. He said, " they lost everything."

We contacted the family of 5, and sure enough we were told everything was consumed in the fire: clothing, household items, toys, etc.

"We only made it out with what we were wearing, I didn't even have time to get my shoes."

The family was staying at a local motel provided by Red Cross.

We met with the father and provided him with several vouchers for the SVdP thrift store, so they could purchase clothing and other needed items. We gave him several Schnucks gift cards, and a gift card to Herrell's market and the produce store. These gift cards were donated to SVdP by a secret Santa over the Christmas holidays.

We brought him several boxes of food and personal care items.

We gave him numerous phone numbers to call of local agencies to help with relocation.

All these items were provided from our SVdP conference here at St. Joseph's parish, only made possible by your generous donations. As you can see the need is great.

We appreciate and thank all those who donate regularly to SVdP, and hope everyone will consider a donation in the future.

God Bless!

Written by a Vincentian from St. Joseph



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