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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<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.

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.

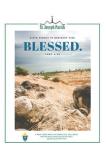
Mass Intentions		
Monday	April 28, 2025	
6:30 am	Sr. Cecilia Nascimento	
Tuesday	April 29, 2025	
6:30 am	Werner Family Special Intentions	
8:00 am	Ronnie Herrell	
Wednesday	April 30, 2025	
6:30 am	Sr. Marissa Cipollone	
8:00 am	Bob Costello	
Thursday	May 1, 2025	
6:30 am	Thomas Bremehr	
8:00 am	Michael Olive, Sr.	
Friday	May 2, 2025	
6:30 am	Brian Corson	
8:00 am	Jim Naes	
Saturday	May 3, 2025	
8:00 am	Charles Miller	
4:30 pm	For the people of SJBD/SJ Parishes	
Sunday	May 4, 2025	
7:00 am	Sharon Merklin	
8:30 am	James F. Thompson, III	
10:00 am	Regina Lang	
11:30 am	Gary Prudot	
4:30 pm	Michael Olive, Jr.	

### **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**

If you have something for publication in the bulletin, please send it to



The deadline is each Monday at noon.



Parish Stewardship 3/3	1/25 - 4/6/25	
	Current	Fiscal YTD
Offertory		
Total collected	\$29,840.80	\$1,049,276.40
Amount needed	\$28,099.92	\$1,123,996.92
Surplus or <mark>shortage</mark>	\$1,740.88	\$74,720.52
Special collections		
Tuition assistance	\$245.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$461.00	
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	\$2,814.00	
Catholic Charities Storm Relief	\$4,293.82	

Please note the Parish has adjusted our published revenue numbers to now include offertory as well as other unrestricted revenues budgeted within the fiscal year to provide a more clear, comprehensive view of the needs to operate the overall Parish.

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.



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Christ's boundless mercy compels us to act. The Annual Catholic Appeal provides us an opportunity to be Messengers of Hope throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis and support the mission of the Church, sharing Christ's love with those who need it most. This week, we are launching the Appeal in our parish.

Please consider supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal this year. You can pick up your pledge card after Mass or make a gift online at aca.archstl.org.



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

### Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of "Doubting Thomas" but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt. But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift!

This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day. Let's commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ's mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" — in His merciful love.

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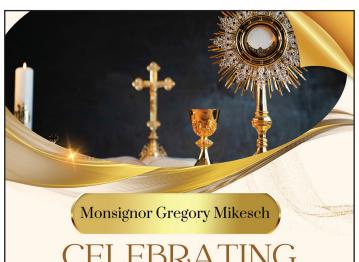
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There are many in our communities who need someone to reach out and encourage them to believe in God's love. We are called to be Messengers of Hope, sharing Christ's mercy through our words and actions, offering peace, kindness, and compassion. Each year, the Annual Catholic Appeal allows us to come together as a family in Christ to share the Good News and reach out to the suffering, the doubting, and the weary throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Our gifts become hope and healing for the most vulnerable and spread His boundless love and mercy. Today, let's embrace our call to be Messengers of Hope. You can pick up your pledge card after Mass or make a gift online at aca.archstl.org and learn more about the impact of your generosity.

4 APRIL 27, 2025



## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS IN THE PREISTHOOD

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RECEPTION TO FOLLOW CORRPUS CHRISTI CENTER



RSVP to (636) 464-1013 x302 or https://www.osvhub.com/sjiparish/forms/mikesch-rsvp

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FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR MONSIGNOR MIKESCH RECEPTION



### DONUT SUNDAY

Upcoming on May 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the cafeteria



"We are to be icons of mercy, radiating love and mercy to others. There is no greater way to energize ourselves to this task than by spending time in the Presence of the Source of Love and Mercy, Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist."

----St. Faustina

Deepen your walk with Jesus Christ by visiting Him often at the St. Joseph Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. As you spend more and more time with Him, the deeper and more intimate the relationship becomes. His love and mercy abounds and you are showered with many blessings and graces.

### Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 am – 9 pm

### Regular weekly adorers needed for an hour on ...

Wednesday – 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, and 4 pm Thursday – 3 pm and 4 pm

### Jesus remains in the tabernacle All other hours and days

The chapel is always accessible with the door code provided by the parish office. Any questions or if you are interested in signing up for an hour, please contact Barb 314-732-2256.



Sign up at osvhub.com/sjiparish/funds

### **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**

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# Thank you to everyone who made a donation for the Easter lilies on the altar. Please remember the following people in whose memory or honor the donations were made:

### IN MEMORY OF:

Art & Gerry Althage Chris Althage Henry Arnzen Paul Arnzen Rosemary Arnzen Julia Bailey Dave & Rose Baumgartner Mr. & Mrs. Ed Beck

Glennon & Martha Becker Thomas W. Becker

Mr. & Mrs. Glennon Bender Sharon Bender

Judith Bernadette Berginc Debbie, Kalen & Buzz Bess

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Edward & Irene Biermann Cornelius Blattel

Mike Boyd

James & Dorothy Braddock Art & Joan Brinkmeyer

Nick Buccholz
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Evelyn M. Herrell

Geraldine (Gee-Gee) Herrell Kathy Herrell

Marge Guisto

Mr. & Mrs. Norville Herrell,

Sr.

R. Stephen Herrell Ronald G. Herrell Warren (Whiz) Herrell Lawrence Holzen Family

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Jason Julian

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Francis & Mary Murphy

Walter & Libby Murphy

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Paul Portell Family

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Fabian "Sonny" Schilly

Mary C. Sears Michael T. Sears Patrick M. Sears Mr. & Mrs. Dale Self The Skrob & Seymour

Family

Angelo Simaku Shirley Simaku Todd Stoll Anna Stolzer Clarence Stolzer Larry Stone

Harry, Mark & Ricky

Strothkamp James F. Thompson, III

Carl Topp

Libby, Dan & Tom Truetken Mary Truetken Nick Weiland Pierre F. Wiles Allen Wille
Gregory Wille
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George Winters, III
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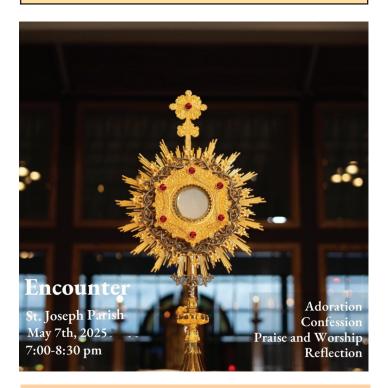
### IN HONOR OF:

Uncle Paul Portell Helen Romeo



## THANK YOU

Thanks to members of Seckman & Windsor high schools' Student Councils for collecting more than 7,150 food items during this year's March for Hunger collection. The food items were donated to Sr. Christine's Food Pantry.



# CONFIRMATION PARENT AND CHILD MEETING

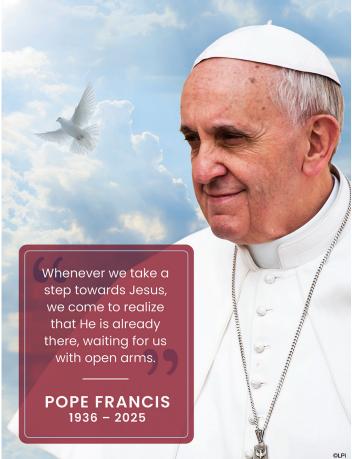
For any current 6th students seeking to be Confirmed in 2026.

\*\*Any current 7th-11th grade students not being Confirmed in 2025 may also join!\*

<u>Thursday, May 1st</u> 7-8 pm in the Church

Questions? Contact Emily: ekopff@sjiparish.org







You do not need to grieve alone. Join others on the journey! The grief support group will hold their monthly meeting Thursday, May 8th 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





Congratulations to our 2nd grade students who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion this weekend! We wish them and their families much joy this weekend as they celebrate this special day.

### Kind Kart

Kind Kart appreciates all the generous donations of gift cards for the faculty luncheon. Thanks to you every faculty member received a gift card. Our families are the best!

### **HSA Read-A-Thon**

The HSA Read-A-Thon kicked off on Friday, April 25 and goes through Friday, May 2. Support your favorite Saint Joseph students as they read and fundraise to support the HSA this week.

### Peter Pan Ad Spots for Sale

We are selling program ads to support the production. If you would like to purchase an ad placement in the program, please see the order form in the bulletin or stop by the School Office. You can even congratulate your favorite performer and share well wishes for \$25. Deadline to order is April 30.

### St. Louis CITY SC Luxury Tickets Raffle

Two (2) All-Inclusive Tickets in the Moneta Pitch Club (Section 135, Row 5, Seats 5&6) to the St. Louis CITY SC vs. Houston Dynamo FC Game on Saturday, August 30, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. at Energizer Park.

These amazing club area seats are located closest to where the players line up before going onto the field! **This package valued at \$1,250 includes:** All You Can Eat and Drink and a Parking Pass.

Raffle tickets are 1 for \$25 or 3 for \$50. You can purchase them online at https://SJSforCity.givesmart.com or use the order form in the bulletin and return it to the School Office. Tickets will be on sale through July 31, 2025.

### 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 <a href="https://www.stjosephimperial.org/For-Parents/Day-at-the-Ballpark/index.html">https://www.stjosephimperial.org/For-Parents/Day-at-the-Ballpark/index.html</a>.

#### 2025-2026 Enrollment

Update - we have limited availability in most, but not all, grades. If you are interested in enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year, please contact the Office at 636-464-9027 or submit an Admission Inquiry on the Admissions tab of our website. <a href="https://www.stjosephimperial.org">www.stjosephimperial.org</a>

### **Summer Hours for School Office**

The School Office business hours will be Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. during the summer. The Office will be closed for a brief period during July. The exact dates will be announced soon.



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Winner will be drawn and announced on August 4, 2025 at 10 a.m.

To purchase tickets online or make a donation, visit:

https://SJSforCity.givesmart.com - OR - detach the order form
below and return to the School Office during business hours with cash or check made
payable to "St. Joseph School."

To purchase at the School Office during summer, please first call 636-464-9027 to confirm hours. Raffle proceeds to benefit Saint Joseph School.

Name:	
Phone number:	
Email Address:	
Number of Tickets Purchased:	
Amount Enclosed: \$	

## SPRING FLING at St. John the Beloved Parish

May 4th 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Bbq ribs and chicken dinners. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and more!

FREE petting zoo and pony rides! FREE bingo, games, and crafts!

Country store, raffles, and sweet shoppe!
Bring your families, friends, and neighbors for a fun-filled, easy on the pocket, wonderful day!
Desserts can be dropped off anytime Sunday.

Volunteer sign up sheets are in the lobby. Questions? Call Ande 314-537-4500



### ATTENTION ALL ACTS ALUMNI!!!

The Imperial ACTS Core team wants to invite you all to our first ACTS Alumni meet and greet!!

Please save the date and join us on <u>Saturday</u>. May 10 for <u>8:00</u> am mass followed by donuts, coffee, and fellowship in the CCC.

We look forward to seeing everyone and continuing to strengthen ourselves and our parishes through adoration, community, theology, and service.

### Our Parish Praying Together

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

Scott Haase Dena Moss
Eileen Kaiser Laura Sheets
Jim Kaiser Noella Torgerson
Roland Kaiser Scott Wist

Zoe Matthews

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
Andrew Hunt
Jack Jeffers
Isaac Longtin

Austin McHaffie-Sharp
Jacob Sarfraz
Jared Sheets
Grant Staggenborg
Cory Stockton
Megan Stockton
Jack Vilchis
Lucas Weiland
Megan Weiland



## 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!

### SERRA CLUB OF ST. LOUIS RAFFLE



### CALL MIKE VICKERY AT 314-374-8754

### Special Presentation at the National Shrine

Please join the Association of the Miraculous Medal for a special presentation, "The Logic of Being Catholic," by Dr. Ray Guarendi on Saturday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the National Shrine in Perryville, Missouri. Dr. Ray is a Catholic father of ten, clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host. His radio show, "The Doctor Is In," can be heard on over 440 stations and SiriusXM® channel 130. His EWTN television series, "Living Right With Dr. Ray," is aired in 142 countries. He captivates audiences with his compelling, humor-laced presentations, providing actical advice and proven techniques.



It's not too late, 9th-12th grade students...

Enroll now!

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL





## April 27th Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" Indeed, the mercy of God centers our heart in peace. A peaceful heart and soul emit peace to the community around them. Are your neighbors who struggle at greater peace because of your presence?

For more information, email connie41370@gmail.com

Business Meeting: 4/28, 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting: 5/14, 6:30 pm

All meetings in the Corpus Christi Center.



