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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.

May 4, 2025

Please stop by, call, or email the parish office to schedule Mass Intentions. Mass cards for <i>special intentions</i> or <i>in memory</i> are available; they may be picked up in the parish office. The stipend per Mass is \$10.		
	Mass Intentions	
Monday	May 5, 2025	
6:30 am	Lours Kurt & Family Special Intention	

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6:30 am	Laura, Kurt & Family Special Intention	
Tuesday	May 6, 2025	
6:30 am	Pope Francis	
8:00 am	Robert M. Potts, Jr.	
Wednesday	May 7, 2025	
6:30 am	The Poor Souls in Purgatory	
8:00 am	Tad Dodderer	
Thursday	May 8, 2025	
6:30 am	The Poor Souls in Purgatory	
8:00 am	Henry Blechle, Jr.	
Friday	May 9, 2025	
6:30 am	The Poor Souls in Purgatory	
8:00 am	Joseph Stuck	
Saturday	May 10, 2025	
8:00 am	Marian Winters	
4:30 pm	Gary & Jane Ortmann Family <i>Special Intention</i>	
Sunday	May 11, 2025	
7:00 am	For the people of SJBD/SJ Parishes	
8:30 am	Roman & Eleanor Wingbermuehle	
10:00 am	Lester & Lucy Sitzes	
11:30 am	Jeannie Doerr	
4:30 pm	John Ruzicka	

Parish Stewardship 4/7/25 - 4/13/25			
	Current	Fiscal YTD	
Offertory			
Total collected	\$21,809.24	\$1,071,085.64	
Amount needed	\$28,099.92	\$1,152,096.85	
Surplus or <mark>shortage</mark>	\$6,290.68	\$81,011.21	
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS			
Tuition assistance	\$185.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,374.00		
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	\$1,055.00		
Holy Land	\$559.00		
Retired Priests	\$5,530.79		

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.



Jesus is our hope. When we remain in Him, our words and actions witness to His love. United as one Church through our gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal, we become Messengers of Hope as we sustain life-giving ministries and services that lead others to Christ and help countless people of all faiths in situations of need and suffering.

If you have not yet made a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal this year, please consider doing so today. You can pick up your pledge card after Mass or make a gift online at aca.archstl.org.



DONUT SUNDAY TODAY

6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the cafeteria

ATTENTION - PARKING NOTICE

Due to activities at school this week please be aware that the parking lot will be busy during the day. Please plan accordingly.



From the Desk of Fr. Anthony Yates, Pastor

Third Sunday of Easter



In today's Gospel, we find the Apostles dejected and discouraged following the death of our Lord. Poor Peter decides to throw in the towel on the whole disciple thing and go back to his old way of life, declaring, "I'm going fishing." Upon hearing this, the other disciples follow him.

How easy it is for all of us to backslide on changes we have made in our lives, especially when it comes to our spiritual lives. But look how Jesus treats the disciples during their "backslide." He is right there with them in the midst of it, already waiting for them on the shore when they come back from their unsuccessful return to the fishing business (after abandoning their mission as disciples). Our

Lord greets them tenderly, gives them some fishing pointers, and then prepares their breakfast. How gracious He is

He is just as gracious today. When we find ourselves "out at sea" — discouraged by our failures or for squandering the gifts God has given us, or simply by a lack of progress in our faith life, Jesus is with us! He is calling to us from the shore to come back to Him without shame or embarrassment, but with hope-filled trust in His steadfast love. He never tires of offering "do-overs" if we just keep returning to Him.

This constant process of turning back to the Lord, of reevaluating our goals and priorities as we aim for Heaven, is the essence of a stewardship way of life. Let us take heart as we continue our journey today, secure in the knowledge that Jesus is beside us every step of the way.

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Upcoming Conclave

The College of Cardinals will gather in Rome on May 7 for a conclave to elect our next Holy Father. This is a deeply significant moment in the life of our Church, as the cardinals—guided by the Holy Spirit—discern who will succeed the Chair of St. Peter.

The word conclave comes from the Latin cum clave, meaning "with a key," referring to the locked doors behind which the cardinals meet in prayer, silence, and deliberation. This sacred tradition is not merely an election, but a spiritual moment for the universal Church—a time for us to trust in God's providence and offer our own prayers of support.

I encourage each of you to set aside time in the coming days to pray intentionally for the cardinals and for the one whom God is calling to be our next pope. May the Holy Spirit grant them wisdom, courage, and unity of heart. You might consider praying the Come, Holy Spirit prayer, the Rosary, or simply offering a quiet moment of prayer each day for this intention.

We are living through a moment of transition, but not uncertainty. Christ remains the Head of the Church, and He will not leave us without a

shepherd. Let us unite in faith and hope as we await the joyful announcement: Habemus Papam!

Heavenly Father,

Shepherd and Guide of Your people, You have always provided for your Church through faithful leaders chosen by Your Spirit.

We ask you now to send your Holy Spirit upon the College of Cardinals as they gather in conclave to elect a new pope. Grant them wisdom, unity, and courage to discern the man You have chosen to lead Your Church in this time.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. St. Peter, pray for us.

MAY 4, 2025

50th Anniversary of Priesthood!



Saturday | May 31 Mass at 4:30pm at

St. Joseph Parish 6020 Old Antonia Rd Imperial, MO 63052

In lieu of personal gifts, Msgr. Mikesch wishes for all Contributions to be given to St. Joseph Parish in his name. The gifts will be equally divided between St. Joseph's SVDP, St. John SVDP & Sr. Christine's Food Pantry.

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



Scan the QR Code to donate electronically: https://www.osvhub.com/sjiparish/giving/funds/msgrgregory-mikesch-50th-anniversary-gift



If paying by check, checks can can be made to: St. Joseph Parish & in the memo line put Msgr. Mikesch 50th Anniversary.



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FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR MONSIGNOR MIKESCH RECEPTION



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



Apologies for those not included in the Easter lily donation list in last week's bulletin.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation for the Easter lilies on the altar.

Please remember the following people in whose memory donations were made:

Rhonda Bales
Warren Belding
Shirley Cook
Brian Corson
Dave Doboshan
Art & Duella Grass
Jan Gremmelsbacher
Glenda Husmann
John Moffett
Matt Moffett
JC & Doris Montgomery
Leo Szymanski
Ignatius Wilzonski



Congratulations to our recently baptized:

Carmela Casciaro, daughter of Eric & Katrina Casciaro

Riley Reish, daughter of Alexander & Amanda Reish

Baptized in Christ in April 2025
May the blessing of the Lord be upon them and may
God watch over and cherish these children whom He
has blessed with the grace of Baptism.

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.

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Matt Mansfield from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising

is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!





Matt Mansfield (314) 276-4756 mmansfield@4lpi.com



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 2333

Tuesday, May 13, 2:30-6:45 pm
Corpus Christi Center at St. Joseph Parish
For appointments, visit redcrossblood.org
and search for our drive, or call
Bob (314) 704-8068 or Janet (314-304-4238)
Walk-ins are always welcome. Your donation is
a special gift of life to those who need it!
Thank you!



During the Month of Mary, may we ask Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament to lead us to a deeper love of Eucharistic Adoration as we grow closer to her Son.

Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament

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 If interested, please call Barb @ 314-732-2256

All other times, He remains in the tabernacle.

The chapel is open 24/7 with the door code from the office.

May 4th Third Sunday of Easter

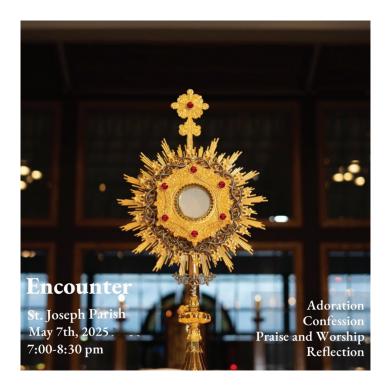
In the Gospel today, the disciples in their struggles finally recognize Jesus and proclaim, "It is the Lord!" Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor recognize the Lord in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

For more information, email connie41370@gmail.com

Prayer Meeting: 5/14, 6:30 pm Business Meeting: TBD, 6:30 pm

All meetings in the Corpus Christi Center.

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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, May 10</u> for 8:00 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



ADULT BASKETBALL

Join us Sunday evenings from 8-9:30pm in the Gym thru 8/3 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.



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.

Catholic Charities provides an array of services for women and their children in need of support and care. **Good Shepherd Children and Family Services**

offers maternity and pregnancy services for young women in crisis pregnancies. **Saint Martha's** provides emergency shelter and services for women and children experiencing domestic violence. **Queen of Peace Center** offers long-term residential substance use treatment for pregnant and postpartum women and their children.

Especially during the month of May, Catholic Charities invites you to pray that Mary our Mother comforts and heals all of the women and children in our care.

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

Congratulations to our First Communicants!

Cameron Adams CeCe Alexander Palmer Ali Everett Allen **Eleanor Angus** Eden Arnold Ella Balsman Hannah Barnby **Quinn Behiter** Gavin Bell Mla Bhakta Eléanor Bouzek Isabelle Burnett Simon Carlton Owen Cartwright Cadence Cobler **Emery Colburn** Cian Conder Louis Corio Isaac Costello **Emmitt Crow** Rose Dailey Riley D'Amico Austyn Dearda Allison Demetris Ryland Eads

Natalie Ecker Auggie Ederer Hayden Engemann Nino Galli Mason Gerber Jackson Gilkeson Sophia Goetz Eleanor Green Zoe Hagedorn Luke Hamilton Tanner Hitchcock Lucas Hixson Maddy House David Huey Simone Huey **Easton Huff** Della Hymel. Elsie Jackson Vinny Jelavich Ryan Knight Alexandria Koebel Riley Kuczwara Teresa Kuenzel Rosemary Lang Henry Leporin Lily Marshall Adalyn McCurdy

Derrick McKenzie Hunter-Mae Meyrose Viola Moser Molly Motzkus Jonathon Mueller Bella Muessig Max Neumann Sammi O'Malley Caroline Petersen **Teddy Phillips** Parker Polete Lucian Powers Madison Pudlowski Will Robinson Harper Rulo Abigail Sanchez Sophia Selsor Mia Sophie **Emily Souris** Michael Stevens Tommy Stirnemann Jack Sullivan Logan Taylor CC Watkins Kohen White John Paul Wilson



Peter Pan JR. is finally here!

Please join us for the much anticipated SJS production of Peter Pan JR. There will be shows on Friday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 10 at 3:00 p.m. in the School Gym. No ticket is required. Although these shows are free and open to the public, we would be happy to accept a small, optional donation that night if you would like to support this production. Please note that doors will open 30 minutes before showtime. The show will run about 1 hour in length, and there will be no intermission.

Fourth Grade Teacher Needed

We are accepting applications for a fourth grade teacher to join our staff next year. If you or someone you know would like to join our vibrant and talented staff, please contact Sr. Carol at 636-464-9027.

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 https://www.stjosephimperial.org/For-Parents/Day-at-the-Ballpark/index.html.

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.

TOTUS TUUS

We've got 75 kids ready to go for Totus Tuus, but we need YOU to make the week a success. We need 1 more host home, with space for 2 missionaries to sleep for the week, a few dinner hosts, and some snacks to keep the kids fueled each day. If you can help with any of these needs, please scan the QR code in the back of Church or contact Emily at the Parish Office.





Birthright of Hillsboro has once again provided us with Mother's Day cards. They are located in the back of church and in the adoration chapel lobby. Please feel free to take as many as you need for the mothers in your life.

For more than 40 years, Birthright of Hillsboro has offered free, confidential help to the mothers in our community. They need funds to continue the work of ministering to pregnant mothers, easing the burdens of those faced with an unexpected pregnancy, pledge funds toward rent and utilities and helping provide the essentials for children under the age of three. Please consider supporting Birthright as you honor the special mothers in you life this Mother's Day. Thank you.

St Joseph Parish will again participate in Hand 'n Hand Women's Center Baby Bottle Campaign from Mother's Day weekend through Father's Day weekend. Simply take home one baby bottle

per family the weekend of May 10 and 11, fill with coins or other monetary donations, and return to the designated tub in the back of church by June 14 or 15.

Hand 'n Hand Women's Center in Barnhart, MO, is a Christ-centered ministry that provides alternatives to abortion and is committed to saving and transforming lives physically, spiritually, and emotionally. Thank you for your support of this local pro--life ministry.









Thank you for your help with our mission! You have been so incredibly generous and our patients truly appreciate you!

The RPC cares for needy, uninsured adult patients, some of whom have not seen a doctor in 15 years or even longer due to lack of insurance. We have a bin in the back of church and thank you in advance for your help if you can donate any of these items:

Allergy Medications (eg Claritin (loratadine), Zyrtec (cetirizine), Benadryl)

Miralax (brand or generic)

Fiber supplements

Stool softeners (docusate/colace)

Tylenol/acetaminophen/non-aspirin pain reliever 500mg

lbuprofen 200mg

Aleve/naproxen 220mg

Low dose aspirin 81mg for heart patients

Pain or heat patches or creams

Allergy nose spray (eg Flonase, Nasalide or Nasacort, brand or generic))

1% Hydrocortisone Cream

Antibiotic cream/ointment. Bacitracin or triple antibiotic

Antifungal creams or spray - clotrimazole, terbinafine, tolnaftate

Cough and Cold Medications (eg Nyquil, Mucinex, Robitussin DM (brand or generic))

disinfectant wipes for surfaces

TUMS/antacid tablets

Bandaids

Multivitamins for adults or for women specifically

Questions? Call or text Marsha 314-706-2180

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