



OUR MISSION IS TO REVEAL THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS BY PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD AND THE SALVATION OF SOULS.



Sunday, May 11, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter



Parish Office Hours
M-F: 7:30am-3:30pm



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A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



From the Desk of

Fr. Anthony Yates, Pastor



God bless our mothers!

Mother's Day is a perfect moment to thank our mothers for giving us life. A mother, like no one else, has the power to open our minds and hearts to the reality that not only is life good, but your life and my life, is very good, and has an infinite value. As St. John Paul II so beautifully pointed out, part of the genius of woman is the indispensable role she plays in showing all of humanity the tremendous value of every human person. Our mothers have this role in a preeminent way. They give us life. But a mother's role doesn't stop there. We know they are meant to feed us, to love us, to raise us, to pass on the faith and lead us to Jesus, to teach us by their actions and words that you are so important that God died to save us and make us his friend. How desperately our world needs mothers and their witness to human life. What a task! What an amazing person a mother is!

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Throughout the Easter season, our readings have given us glimpses into the life of the newborn Church and the bold witness of the early disciples in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who would listen. The disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life, & their example is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago.

In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we catch up with Paul & Barnabas in Antioch. While they certainly have some success in reaching many people there with the message of salvation, others are downright infuriated by their words & send them packing. Yet, we read that "the disciples were filled with joy & the Holy Spirit." Overall, it seems as if Paul & Barnabas had failed in Antioch. But seeing failure has not robbed them of their joy. What's more, they are filled to the brim with the abundant gifts of the Holy Spirit. How is this possible?

It is only possible because Paul & Barnabas saw themselves as nothing more & nothing less than stewards of Christ & His Good News. This realization brought them freedom – to offer themselves & their lives to others for the sake of the Gospel. The "results" of their efforts were up to God.

This Spirit-filled, joy-filled life is available to us all today. It can be achieved when we recognize, as did Paul & Barnabas, that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, meant to be shared with others for His glory. Of course, living as God's stewards does not guarantee a life of ease or a life free of sacrifice. Sometimes the steward's life involves challenges, requiring all the strength & love one has to give. In the end, there is simply no more satisfying way to live.

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Ministry *Spotlight*

Parish School of Religion!



1. What is the purpose and mission of this ministry?

Our Parish School of Religion seeks to assist parents as the primary educators of their children in the faith. Our dedicated catechists help the children learn the truths of our faith, practice living out the Catholic faith, & grow in their relationship with Jesus.

2. What are some of the programs offered by this ministry?

We offer 2 formats for families to select from when choosing to enroll in PSR. We have a traditional weekly class model on Wednesday evenings, & a month Sunday morning option for families who need greater flexibility. Our Wednesday group puts on a Living Nativity & Living Stations each year that are very special! Our Sunday group participates as a family exploring various faith topics with hands on activities, games, prayer & more!

3. What advice would you give to others who are considering joining?

If you feel the nudge to help kids and their family come to know the Lord more fully, I'd love to chat! There are a variety of ways to be involved: catechist, aide, PSR sub, or more background work too. Never underestimate how much God will lavish upon you when you say 'yes!' to Him!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FISH FRY SUPPORT!



We want to take a moment to thank everyone who helped make our fish fry dinners a massive success this year! **We served over 1,711 meals.** This absolutely would not have been possible without an outpouring of support from our parish & school communities.

We are grateful to the MANY people who stepped up to help prep food, collect money, serve fish, serve desserts & help clean up. We would be remiss if we didn't mention the hardworking & dedicated team who fry our fish every year, especially our Fish Fry Co-Chairs Rob Houston & Autumn Nowak. They do such excellent work, & we are thankful for them!

Thank you to our parishioners who donated SO MANY desserts for those dining in. The sweet treats were delicious & well received!

Finally, we offer our thanks to all those who purchased a meal on Fridays! With your combined support, we raised \$14,481.36. The proceeds raised will go to support general parish operations.

We appreciate you! It was so good to see so many smiling faces in the cafeteria. We loved seeing the joy from those enjoying meals, and even from those volunteering.

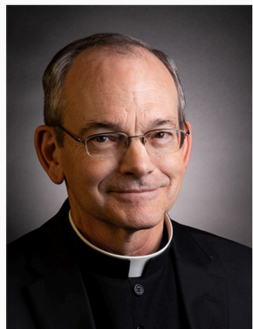
We are incredibly blessed here! Thank you again!





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/msgr-gregory-mikesch-50th-anniversary-gift>



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

*We Need
Your Help*

VISIT

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/0c0948ae72344f4c25-56120893-mikesch>



FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR MONSIGNOR MIKESCH RECEPTION

SPRING INTO ACTION: GIVE BLOOD



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Sponsored by the

Knights of Columbus Council 2333

Tuesday, May 13, 2:30-6:45pm

Corpus Christi Center at St. Joseph Parish

For appointments, visit redcrossblood.org & search for our drive, or call Barb at 314-704-8068 or Janet at 314-304-4238. Walk ins are always welcome!

**ST. JOSEPH IMPERIAL
JUNE 22-27TH**

Our kids need YOU!

★ **House 2 missionaries**

- June 21-27th
- Place to sleep, access to showers and laundry.

- Host a dinner
- Donate a snack

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

<https://stlyouth.org/totus-tuus/>

New Ministry coming this Summer!

Attend 8am Mass at St. Joseph Parish (Imperial)

Followed by The Rosary

POT LUCK breakfast (please bring a dish to pass)

Fellowship

Enrichment

Small group sharing

Come & meet the women in the parish & the surrounding parishes.

Come join us

1st Saturdays from August-December 2025 for Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (8/2, 9/6, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6)



Sponsored by:

*Women
at the
Well*

Prime Timers

There will be NO PRIME TIMERS MEETING this month. The next Prime Timer's meeting will be June 18th. All members of St. Joseph & St. John are welcome to attend. Must be 55 & older! Any questions, please call Lorraine at 732-259-0738.



Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis is dedicated to bringing the healing, help, & hope of Jesus Christ to those in need with a compassionate, caring presence.

Catholic Charities is seeking Care Coordinator volunteers to assist staff with responding to those who have requested our services. The Care Coordinator will provide compassionate follow-up to individuals and families in need by connecting them with available services. Volunteers will work closely with and receive training from Catholic Charities staff and should be computer savvy.

For more information, please contact Vickie Hahn, Catholic Charities Navigator at victoriahahn@ccstl.org. To apply for this & other volunteer opportunities, please go to ccstl.org/volunteer.

May 11th Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday



Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, where we reflect on the care & love of Jesus for us. Your gift to St. Vincent de Paul is a sign of discipleship with & for Christ, as it brings love & guidance to those living in fear & doubt, loneliness and dread. Come pray with us and discover even more peace that comes from the shepherding arms of Jesus.

For more information, email
connie41370@gmail.com

Prayer Meeting: May 14 th , 6:30 p.m.

Business Meeting: Also May 14th, 6:30 p.m.

All Meetings in the Corpus Christi Center



aca.archstl.org

SCAN
TO GIVE

GIVE
ONLINE

TO MAKE A PLEDGE OVER
THE PHONE CONTACT THE
ACA OFFICE AT 314.792.7680

You can also pick up your pledge card after Mass at the back of church.



**"They stand before God's throne & worship Him day & night in His temple."
Revelation 7:15**

What a very special blessing & an extraordinary gift St. Joseph's Parish has in having a Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel! Seek the Lord's Presence in worshipping, praising, glorifying, adoring, & giving thanks to the Lord every day.

Adoration Times: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 9 am – 9 pm.

Regular weekly adorers needed for an hour on Wednesday – 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, & 4 pm. Thursday – 3 pm & 4 pm.

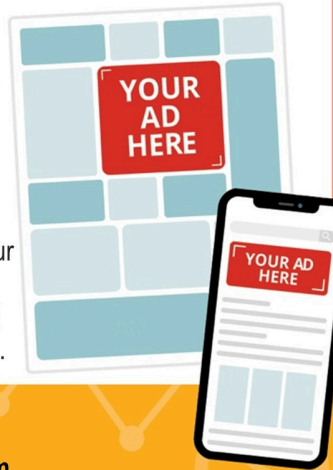
If interested, please call Barb at 314-732-2256. All other times, He remains in the tabernacle. The chapel is open 24/7 with the door code from the office.



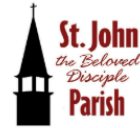
AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Matt Mansfield from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



Matt Mansfield
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Anyone who needs Protecting Gods Children Class, a workshop is being held on.

Date: May 19th

Time: 6pm

Location: St. John the Beloved Disciple
4614 Blue Springs Rd
Imperial, MO 63052



Please go to preventandprotectstl.org to access your account & to register.

For questions on how to enroll if you're a St. Joseph Parish member, please email our Prevent & Protect Coordinator, Gina Beach at gbeach@sjparish.org

For questions on how to enroll if you're a St. John the Beloved Disciple Parish member, please email our Prevent & Protect Coordinator, Teresa Zwiener at tmini50@gmail.com.

A SPECIAL DATE NIGHT for CATHOLIC MARRIED COUPLES

An unforgettable evening of JOY and Laughter!

FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH

6:30-9:00 PM

St. Joseph Corpus Christi Center

Free Babysitting/Childcare



REGISTRATION LINK:
www.celebrate-catholic.com/SJIMPERIAL

KENRICK GLENNON DAYS 2025



**June
9-14**

Catholic Summer Camp for Boys

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

Grade 6th & 7th (6/9-6/11)
Grade 8th & 9th (6/12-6/14)



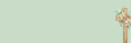
www.stlvocations.org/kgd

To sign a Spiritual Bouquet card for
Msgr. Mikesch, and to learn more
about spiritual bouquets, go to the
back of church after Mass!

Spiritual Bouquet for a Priest



The priesthood is the love of
the heart of Jesus.
St. John Vianney



The following has been offered
for you & your intentions.

..... Mass(es)
..... Eucharistic Adoration(s)
..... Rosary Decade(s)
..... Divine Mercy Chaplet(s)
..... Holy Communion(s)
..... Litanies/Novena(s)
..... Act(s) of Charity
..... Other

Recipient: Msgr. Mikesch

From: _____





A word from
Saint Joseph School



Happy Mother's Day to all of our SJS mothers. Thank you for all you do! Wishing you all a joyful day with your families.

Congratulations to the Cast & Crew of Peter Pan JR! All of their hard work paid off & it was a wonderful production. A huge thank you to Maria Bartolotta, Director of Peter Pan JR, for her work and dedication, & thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make it happen.

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. More information is on the website and order form.

Raffle tickets are 1 for \$25 or 3 for \$50. You can purchase them online at <https://SJSforCity.givesmart.com> or please visit the School Office for a form. Tickets will be on sale through August 3, 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>.

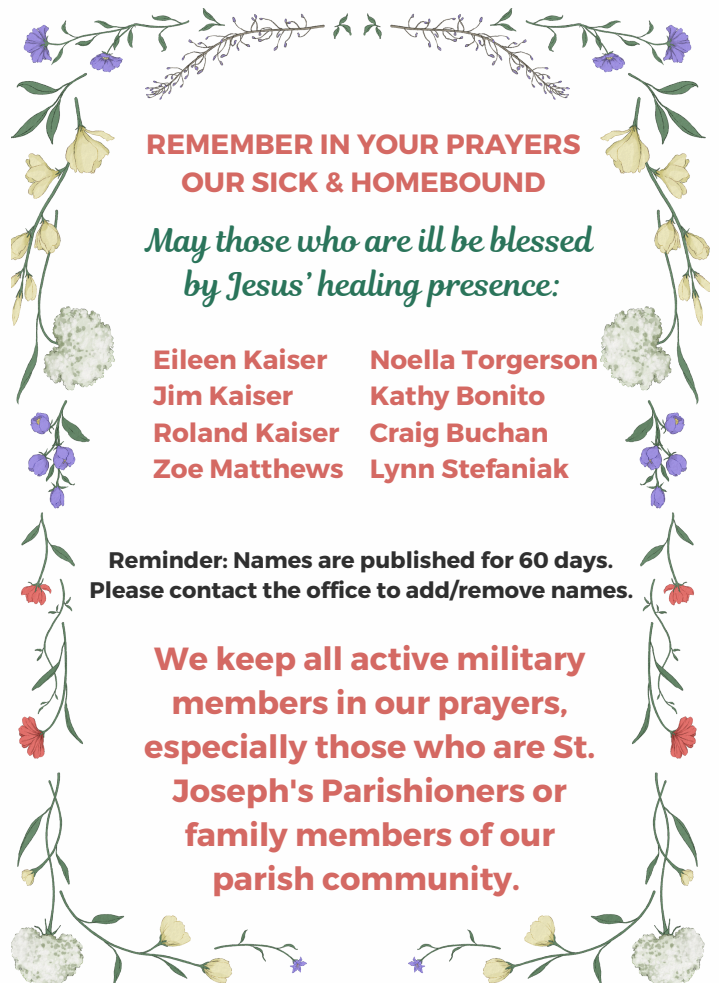
Summer Hours for School Office

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.

SUBMIT TO THE BULLETIN

All bulletin submissions are due by noon the Monday the week of the bulletin you wish to be published in.

Please send submissions to bulletin@sjiparish.org. Deadlines are subject to change around holidays. Please check throughout the bulletin for any submission deadline changes.



Do you receive emails from the parish?

We use “Constant Contact” to email parishioners. If you do NOT get the emails & wish to receive them, please notify Kim Johnson in the parish office at kjohnson@sjiparish.org or 636-464-1013.

MASS INTENTIONS



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Monday	May 12, 2025
6:30am	For all the workers & volunteers of SJParish/School Special Intention
Tuesday	May 13, 2025
6:30am	The Poor Souls in Purgatory
8am	Brian Howser
Wednesday	May 14, 2025
6:30am	The Poor Souls in Purgatory
8am	Becky Vesnaver Special Intention
Thursday	May 15, 2025
6:30am	The Poor Souls in Purgatory
8am	John Hipelius
Friday	May 16, 2025
6:30am	The Poor Souls in Purgatory
8am	Nhan Huynh
Saturday	May 17, 2025
8am	Knights of Columbus Special Intention
4:30p	Al & Ruth Jirsa
Sunday	May 18, 2025
7am	Fabian "Sonny" Schilly
8:30am	Stephen W. Meadows
10am	Edna Nanney
11:30am	Stan Giesecking
4:30pm	Wallace Crow, Jr.

Contributions for: April 14-20
Fiscal Year 24- July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

	Current	Fiscal YTD
Offertory		
Total Collected	\$31,508.56	\$1,102,594.20
Amount Needed	\$28,099.92	\$1,180,196.77
Surplus or Shortage	\$3,048.64	\$77,461.40
Special Collections		
Tuition Assistance	\$125	
St. Vincent De Paul	\$4,245	
St. Christine's Food Pantry	\$922	

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.

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 Schedule

Mon: 6:30AM

Tues. - Fri: 6:30am & 8am

Sat: 8am & 4:30pm

Sun: 7, 8:30, 10, 11:30am; 4:30pm



Masses are livestreamed: 8 am Tues.-Sat, 4:30 pm Saturday, & the 10 am Sunday.



Confession:

Thursday: 5:30-7pm

Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm



Adoration:

T/W/TH: 9am-9pm



Baptism:

A preparation class is required. Please call the office to schedule.



Receiving Holy Communion:

Homebound visits can be arranged by calling the office.



Eucharist & 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.



Anointing of the Sick:

To arrange an anointing, please call our parish office at anytime.



Marriage:

Couples planning to marry in the Catholic Church, please contact one of the priests at least nine months in advance.

New to St. Joseph's?

If you are new to our parish, or the Catholic faith, you are invited to join us in the transformative experience of encountering the love of Christ - through Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and more. Discover the extraordinary ways Jesus may be inviting you to deepen your faith, develop grace filled friendships, community connections, and engage in meaningful service at St. Joseph's.



BECOME A PARISHONER!

Scan the QR Code to register online. You can also call our parish office at 636-464-1013 or you can email our Admin. Asst. Kim Johnson at kjohnson@sjiparish.org

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