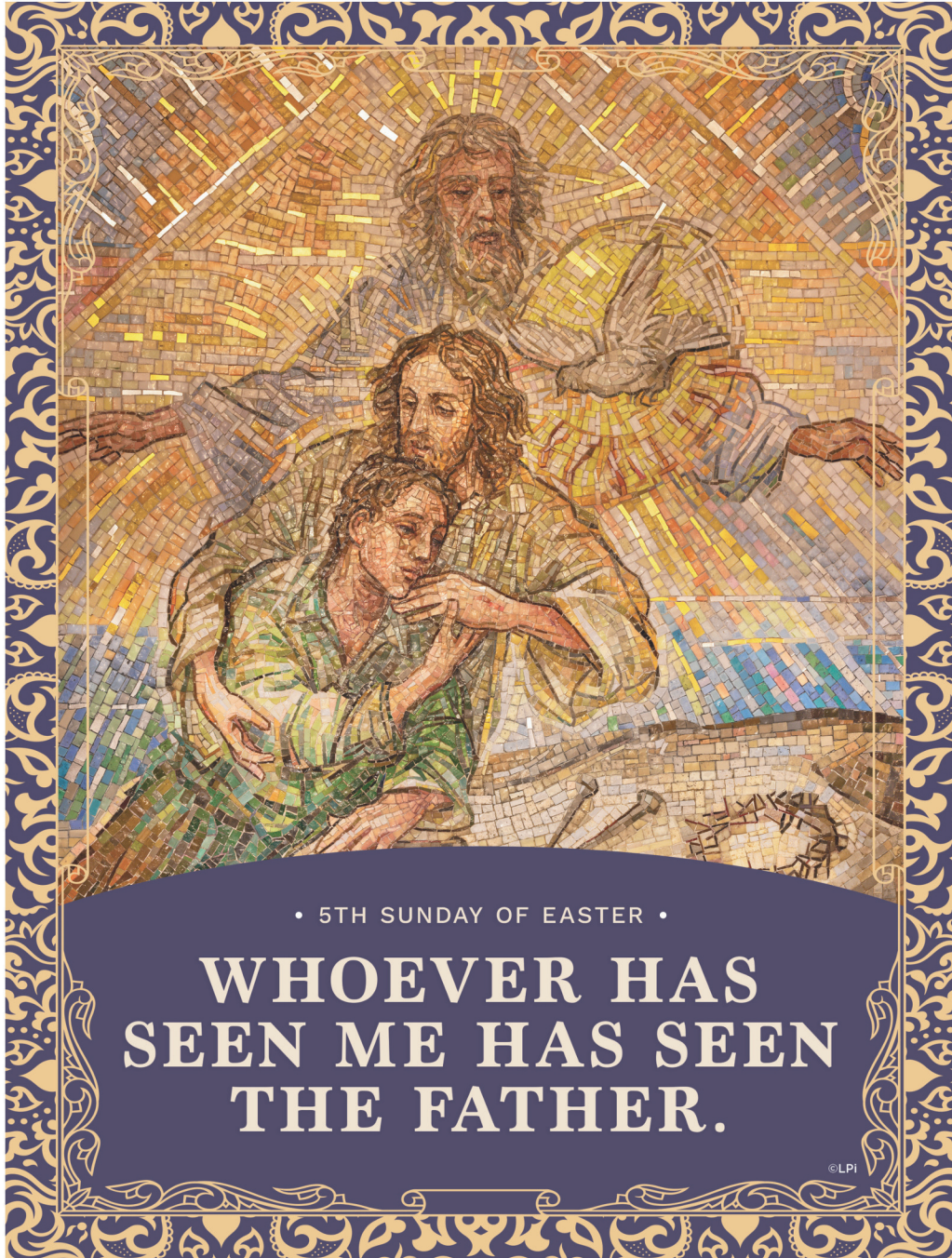




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• 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER •

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Sunday, May 3, 2026



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M-F: 7:30am-3:30pm



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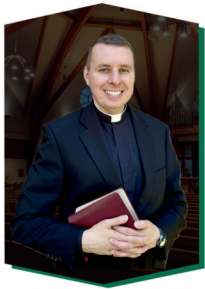


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From the Desk of
Fr. Anthony Yates, Pastor



A Financial Update and a Word of Gratitude

Over the past several months, since our fall increased offertory campaign, I have been encouraged by the generosity and commitment of our parish family. As you will see from the report, so far this fiscal year, our parish and school have experienced a strong and steady financial position. Through the end of March, total revenues are significantly ahead of what we had anticipated, while expenses have remained below budget. Because of this, we have moved from what was expected to be a modest loss into a healthy positive position for the year. This is good news, and it reflects your faithful stewardship.

However, it is important for me to speak clearly about another part of our financial picture: our parish debt. Currently, the parish carries approximately \$1.7 million in outstanding loans. While our current financial reports show positive net income, that position has been helped significantly by temporary changes to our loan obligations.

A Real & Achievable OPPORTUNITY BEFORE US!

Together, We Can Pay Off **The Rectory Loan**
The Home of Our Priests

OUR GOAL \$40,000 TO PAY OFF THE RECTORY LOAN!

OUR HOME. OUR PRIESTS. OUR MISSION.

WHERE WE ARE TODAY

- Currently, we are making **interest-only payments**, while payments on the principal remain on hold.
- This has given us breathing room—and we are grateful for that support—but it is not a permanent solution.
- The debt remains, and we will need to continue addressing it in a responsible and proactive way.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

- The Archdiocese has awarded us a **\$45,000 GRANT** toward reducing our debt.
- We now have the chance to **RETIRE THE RECTORY LOAN**—but we need to raise the remaining **\$40,000** to make that happen.

WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN Do It!

THIS IS WHERE ALL OF US CAN PLAY A PART!

Imagine if **400 FAMILIES** each gave **\$100** Just \$100—over and above regular offertory—would allow us to reach our goal and **COMPLETELY PAY OFF ONE OF OUR LOANS!**

A meaningful step forward. Not the end of the journey—but a clear sign of progress and a strong foundation for the future!

4 EASY WAYS TO GIVE:

- SPECIAL ENVELOPE** Use the special envelope in the pew today.
- DEBT REDUCTION ENVELOPE** Use the Debt Reduction envelope in your packet.
- ONLINE GIVING** Give through your online giving account.
- PARISH OFFICE** Drop your gift by the parish office.

Thank You! Your generosity strengthens our parish, supports our school, and helps us serve generations to come.

TOGETHER, WE BUILD HIS KINGDOM.

That said, we have a real and achievable opportunity in front of us right now. The archdiocese has awarded us a \$45,000 grant toward reducing our debt. We now have the chance to focus on retiring the loan for the rectory—but we need to raise the remaining \$40,000 to make that happen. As your pastor, I believe this is both realistic and achievable, if we work together. I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might help. Some may be able to give more, some less—but every gift moves us forward. This is not simply about finances; it is about strengthening our parish for the future, ensuring that we can continue our mission, support our school, and serve generations to come. Thank you again for your generosity, your faith, and your commitment to our parish. Let us continue to move forward together—with gratitude for what has been accomplished, and with confidence in what we can do, united as one parish family.



Our Parish's Financial Report

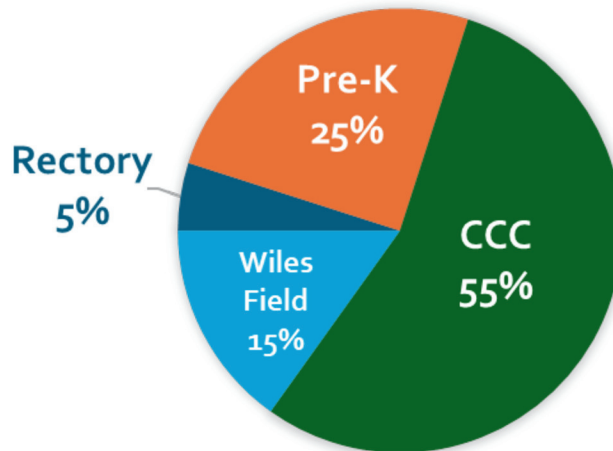
Thank you! We are making solid progress. We start our fiscal year on July 1, 2025. The statement below reflects our financial position for the first nine months of the fiscal year, through March 2026.

So far this fiscal year, parish and school revenues total **\$3.2M**, which is **\$306K higher than budgeted**. Operating expenses for the same period total **\$2.9M**, which is **\$158K below budget**. As a result, **net ordinary income through March is \$393K**, compared to a **budgeted loss of \$71K**. After **\$144K in capital expenditures**, the parish and school combined show **net income of \$243K for the first nine months of the fiscal year**.

Parish offertory giving continues to support both parish ministries and the mission of St. Joseph School.

TOTAL REMAINING DEBT

\$1.7 Million



| | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| Rectory Loan | \$85,215 | Pre-K | \$432,260 |
| Wiles Field | \$260,907 | CCC | \$948,114 |

Our Gifts to God and Parish

Weekly Offertory

Actual Collections

Budget Target

Surplus / (Shortfall)

March 2026

\$134,000

\$111,964

\$22,036

YTD 7/1/25 – 3/31/26

\$1,148,732

\$936,217

\$212,515 (includes \$75K interest forgiven by Archdiocese)

If you would like to give online, please scan the QR Code and create an account or go to:

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Your generosity and faithful stewardship make it possible for St. Joseph Parish and School to carry out our mission as we continue **Growing in Faith, United in His Heart.**

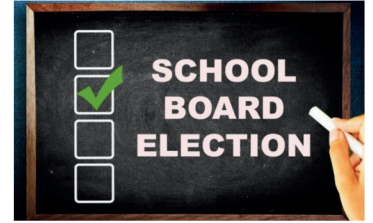


School Board Elections: May 9-10 (After All Masses)

Saint Joseph School Board is seeking additional members to begin serving in August 2026 for a three-year term. Board members play an important role in supporting the mission, vision, and continued growth of Saint Joseph School.

Below are the current candidates seeking election below. We encourage all parishioners and school families to participate in this process and prayerfully consider their support during May 9-10th after all masses, by voting.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Saint Joseph School and Parish.



Saint Joseph Catholic School Board Nominations Term Start: August 2026 (3-year Commitment)

Candidate 1: Gloria Esparza

Gloria and her husband, Adrian, have been active members of the Saint Joseph parish community since relocating to the area in 2013. Their daughter, currently in 7th grade, has attended Saint Joseph School since Kindergarten, giving Gloria a long-standing connection to the school and its growth.

Gloria is currently serving as Vice President of the Saint Joseph School Board and is completing her first three-year term. She is seeking a second term to continue supporting the school's mission and future. As her daughter prepares to transition into a Catholic high school, Gloria looks forward to bringing new perspective and insight back to the board to help strengthen the school for future families.

Professionally, Gloria works in procurement and has a background in Graphics Technology and Marketing. She is a certified Leader As Coach and is actively involved in initiatives that support people, culture, and community within her organization. In addition to her professional work, Gloria serves as the Girl Scout leader for the school's 4th and 7th grade troops. She is passionate about giving back to the community and is dedicated to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment that supports academic excellence and the success of all Saint Joseph students.

Candidate 2: Samuel Lay

Hello my name is Samuel Lay, I currently have a second grader and a kindergartner enrolled at Saint Joseph and one more starting soon. I have been an electrician since 2007. I have been involved in coaching and assisting coaching in the CYC sports for my girls. I really enjoy the Saint Joseph's community and looking forward to seeing what I can bring to the table.

Candidate 3: Vic Melenbrink

Vic and his wife, Andee, live in Arnold and have five children, three of whom currently attend Saint Joseph School. Both attended Catholic grade school and high school and are strong advocates of a healthy Catholic educational system. Vic graduated from Mizzou with a law degree in 2005, has been a Jefferson County Circuit Judge since 2017, and is currently the Presiding Judge for the county. Vic, an Eagle Scout, is the Cubmaster for St. Joe's Cub Scout Pack 413, Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 413, and has volunteered as a coach for baseball and t-ball. In his free time Vic enjoys playing tabletop games with Andee and the kids, as well as camping and backpacking. Vic is currently President of the School Board, finishing his first 3-year term.

Candidate 4: Katy Nesselbush

My name is Katy Nesselbush and we have been part of Saint Joseph School for 3 years now. I am a dedicated advocate for Catholic education with both personal and professional experience that has prepared me well to serve on the St. Joseph School Board. As a graduate of Sacred Heart and St. Pius X, I value the strong academic and faith-based foundation Catholic schools provide. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and a Specialist degree in Teacher Leadership. My experience includes nine years in the classroom teaching grades 3-5, as well as time spent supporting early learners as a kindergarten aide and student teaching in first grade. After a few years at home with my children, during which I continued substitute teaching, I returned to the education setting as a middle school registrar. I also currently serve as the Alumni Relations Coordinator for St. Pius X, where I work to strengthen connections within the school community.

As an active member of the St. Joseph School community, I have been involved in the Home and School Association, serving as a room parent for all three years my children have attended and leading Teacher Appreciation Week for the past two years. As a current St. Joseph parent with children in PreK3 and Kindergarten, I am deeply invested in the school's success and future. I am passionate about supporting students, families, and teachers, and I would be honored to serve as a thoughtful, experienced voice on the St. Joseph School Board.

Candidate 5 - Crystal Pierce

Crystal and her husband, Erka, have three children attending St. Joseph School. Their twin daughters, Enkhriimaa and Eveelmaa, are in sixth grade, and their son, Ashidbayar, is in fourth grade.

Crystal is a former Peace Corps Volunteer who served in Mongolia from 2010 to 2012 as a Community Youth Development Volunteer. Her educational background includes a Master's of Special Education (UMSL- 2010) and a Master's of Educational Leadership (SEMO- 2022) which laid the foundation for her ongoing work in education and service. She currently works as a Special Education Coordinator for the Special School District of St. Louis County, partnering with five schools in the Mehlville School District.

A proud parishioner of St. Joseph, Crystal is actively involved in several parish ministries, including the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Girl Scouts, and Scouting America. She also volunteers as a part-time instructor at Konjo Dojo Judo Club in Imperial. In her spare time, Crystal enjoys traveling and spending quality time with her family.



Annual Catholic Appeal St. Joseph Parish Goal: \$114,538



True gratitude naturally overflows in love and service of others. Each year, our gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal make Christ's love present throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis and lead others to Him through life-giving ministries and programs.



◀ **SCAN TO GIVE**

Your gifts worked across the parish last year by

- Emergency Grant for Saint Joseph School Walk In Cooler Repair \$5,443
- Food Pantry \$3,800
- Ensuring Parish Viability Grant \$45,000

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◀ **GIVE ONLINE**

Ways to Make a Donation to the ACA

- Use the Pledge Card you received in the mail & return it in the offertory basket, mail it, or drop it off at the parish office (extra pledge cards available in back of church)
- Make a gift online at aca.archstl.org
- Scan qr code

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All are invited to join our parish wide Holy Hour as we grow in intimacy with Christ and unity with His Body.

May 6th

7-8pm: Holy Hour

8-9 pm: Fellowship

at St. Joseph Imperial

Celebrant: Fr. Yates

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Fr. Yates was ordained a priest in 2010 and along with serving as pastor, he teaches Deacon Practicum at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. In his free time he enjoys visiting with priest friends for a meal, exercising, cooking, and going to the theatre.

SPRING INTO ACTION: GIVE BLOOD



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 2333

Tuesday, May 12

2:30-7:00 pm

Corpus Christi Center

Walk-ins welcome or schedule an appointment:

Bob Hermann: (314) 704-8068

Janet Hermann: (314) 304-4238

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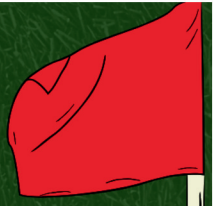
Become a weekly adorer on
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• Logo on website

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• Logo on website and sponsor banner

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• Listing on sponsor banner



Congratulations to our recently baptized, Grace Ratz, daughter of Steven & Kinsley Ratz, baptized in Christ in April 2026.



May God bless her & watch over her always.

Jonah Prayer Team

Need prayer? You don't have to carry it alone. Members of the Jonah Prayer Team will be available to pray with you.

St. John the Beloved Disciple
Saturday, May 2 after the 4pm Mass
Sunday, May 3 after the 9am Mass

Birthright of Hillsboro has once again provided us with Mother's Day cards. Please feel free to take as many as you need for the mothers in your life. Mother's Day cards can be found on the credenza in the back of church and in the lobby of the Adoration Chapel.



Sunday Scripture Study is held every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the CCC Imperial Room.

Please join us as we prepare to encounter Jesus at the Sunday Mass. All are welcome to attend.

You are invited to join us at 8:00 a.m. Mass, Rosary, and Chaplet before we gather in the CCC. Questions? Please contact Patrick Smith, 573-310-3472.



May 3rd
Fifth Sunday of Easter



In the Gospel today, Jesus says "...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Lives of our brothers and sisters see light. Lives change because of your almsgiving.

For more information, email connie41370@gmail.com
Prayer Meeting: May 13 th 6:30 p.m.
Business Meeting: TBD
All Meetings in the Corpus Christi Center

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND**

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

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| Scott Haase | Johnathon Klee |
| Noella Torgerson | Peggy Deckard |
| Jim Kaiser | Tim Deckard |
| Roland Kaiser | Jody Stockwell |
| Dena Moss | Steve DeVore |
| Sharon Dickmann | Zachary Floyd |
| Jerry Baumann | Judy Becker |
| Diana Droege | Pat McInroy |
| Kari Wojtkowski | Jane Werner |
| Judy Love | David Werner |
| Bob Ivy | Lisa Fitzsimmons |
| Geroge Winters | Brian Fitzsimmons |

Reminder: Names are published for 60 days. Please contact the office to add/remove names.

Prayers for Our Active Military Members:

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Andrew Hunt | James Moloney |
| Austin McHaffie-Sharp | Jared Sheets |
| Caleb Curran | Lauren Slough |
| Cory Stockton | Lucas Weiland |
| Douglas Moloney | Mary Margaret Lombardo |
| Grant Stagenborg | Meaghan Angus |
| Isaac Longtin | Megan Stockton |
| Jack Jeffers | Michael Moloney |
| Jack Vilchis | Tony & Elise Rich |
| Jacob Sarfraz | Colin Fitzsimmons |
| Logan Cox | |

Names remain for 12 months. To add a loved one, contact the parish office.



Hand 'n Hand
WOMEN'S CENTER

**BABY BOTTLE
CAMPAIGN**

Our Baby Bottle Campaign begins on Mother's Day! Please take one bottle per family and return it by Father's Day to help support.



St. Joseph Parish

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

MASS INTENTIONS

Contributions for: April 6 - 12

Fiscal Year 26- July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

| | Current | Fiscal YTD |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Offertory | | |
| Total Collected | \$37,003.17 | \$1,227,386.72 |
| Amount Needed | \$25,646.59 | \$1,051,510.10 |
| Surplus or Shortage | \$11,356.58 | \$175,876.62 |
| Special Collections | | |
| St. Vincent De Paul | \$190 | |
| St. Christine's Food Pantry | \$2,790 | |
| Tuition Assistance | \$80 | |

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| Monday | May 4, 2026 |
| 6:30am | Padgitt Family Special Intention |
| 8:00am | Charlotte Herndon |
| Tuesday | May 5, 2026 |
| 6:30am | Denise Galli Special Intention |
| 8:00am | James Ververloh |
| Wednesday | May 6, 2026 |
| 6:30am | Francis Calcutta |
| 8:00am | Longtin Family Special Intention |
| Thursday | May 7, 2026 |
| 6:30am | Missy Krus Special Intention |
| 8:00am | Nicholas Ems Special Intention |
| Friday | May 8, 2026 |
| 6:30am | Floyd Joseph Reiser |
| 8:00am | Kathleen Selsor |
| Saturday | May 9, 2026 |
| 8:00am | Fr. Scott Scheiderer Special Intention |
| 4:30pm | Ken Simms |
| Sunday | May 10, 2026 |
| 7:00am | Lester & Lucy Sitzes |
| 8:30am | Roman & Eleanor Wingbermuehle |
| 10:00am | Family of Gabriel Lang Special Intention |
| 11:30am | Jim Sondermann |
| 4:30pm | For the people of SJBD/SJ Parishes |



5th Sunday of Easter

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 Peter 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

To request a Mass intention, please contact the parish office. The suggested stipend is \$10 per Mass.

Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 6:30am & 8am

Sat: 8am & 4:30pm

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



Masses are livestreamed: 8 am Monday - Saturday, and 10 am Sunday.



Confession:

Monday: 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.

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.

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 Kara Woldtvedt at kwoldtvedt@sjiparish.org or 636-464-1013.

New to St. Joseph's?

If you are new to our parish, or the Catholic faith, you are invited to join us in encountering the love of Christ - through Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, & more. Discover the extraordinary ways Jesus may be inviting you to deepen your faith, develop friendships, & find community 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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