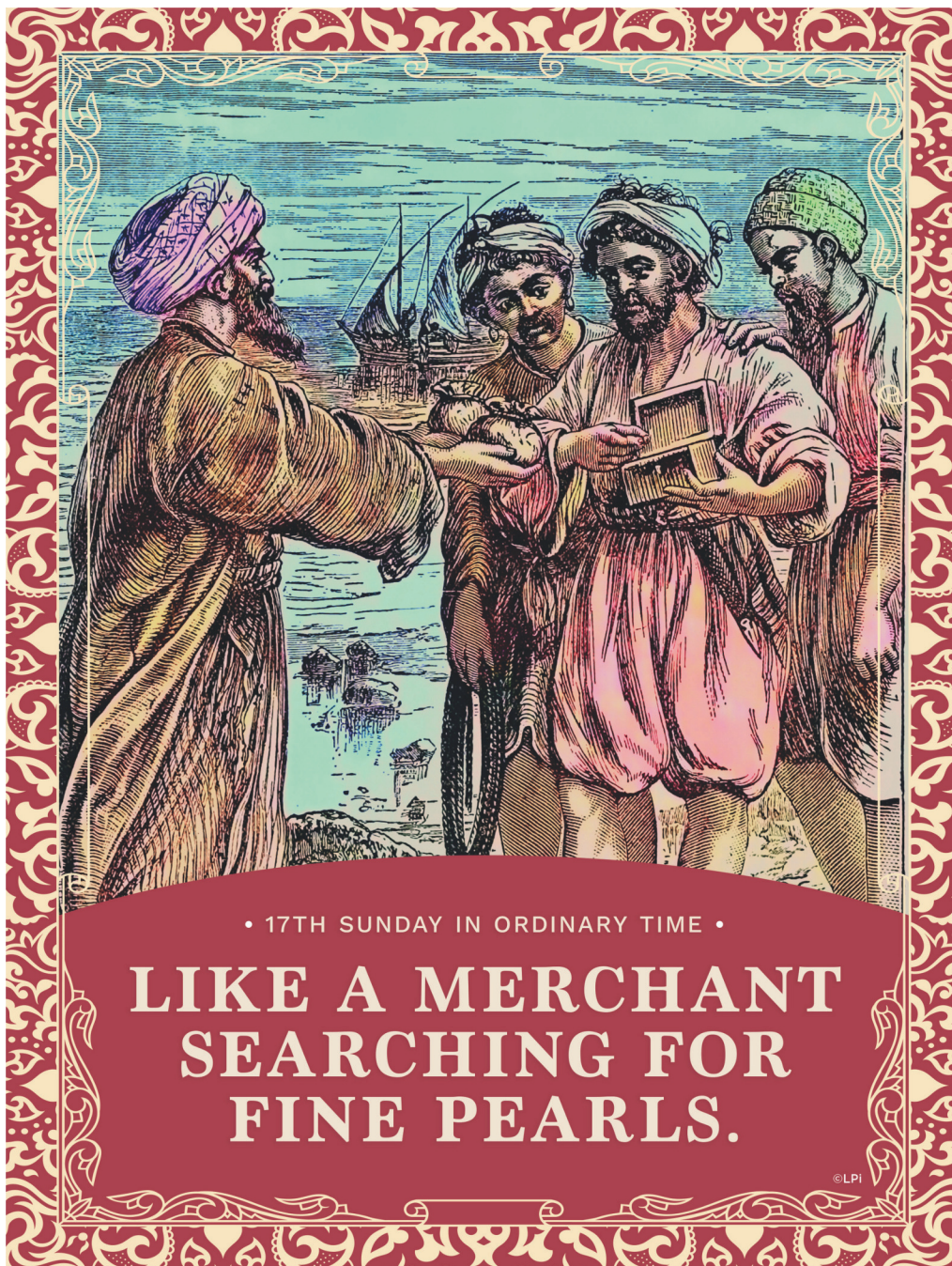




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Sunday, July 26, 2026



Parish Office Hours
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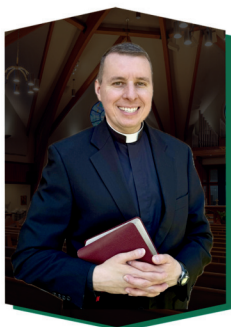


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A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



From the Desk of
Fr. Anthony Yates, Pastor



Congratulations, Hannah Lifka!



Our parish family rejoices with parishioner, Hannah Lifka, as she takes another significant step in answering God's call to religious life. On Saturday, August 1, Hannah will enter the novitiate with the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George, where she will receive her religious name, Sister M. Laetare.

Entering the novitiate is a profound milestone in the life of a religious sister. During this time of formation, the novice devotes herself to deepening her relationship with Christ through prayer, study, community life, and the spirituality and charism of her religious community. It is a period of discernment and growth as she prepares, God willing, to profess her first vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

We give thanks to God for Hannah's generous response to His call and for the witness of faith she offers to our parish family. As she begins this new chapter of her vocation, we invite all of our parishioners to keep Sister M. Laetare in your prayers. May the Lord continue to strengthen her, fill her with His peace and joy, and bless her with the grace to follow Him faithfully each day. Please join us in congratulating Hannah and her parents, Ed and Shana, and praying for her as she continues her journey toward a life of joyful service to Christ and His Church.



Seminarian Send-Off - Save the Date!

Join us on Sunday, August 9, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass as we celebrate and pray for the men of our parish who are answering God's call to the priesthood. This special Mass will be an opportunity for our parish family to send them forth with our prayers, encouragement, and support as they continue their formation for priestly ministry.

We are blessed to have David Vonder Haar and Jacob Vonder Haar continuing their studies at Cardinal Glennon College Seminary, and we are especially excited that Joseph Lehn and Curtice Coleman will begin their seminary formation this fall. What a tremendous blessing it is for our parish to have four young men discerning God's call to serve His Church as priests!



Please join us as we recognize these seminarians, thank God for their generous "yes," and pray that the Lord will continue to guide and strengthen them on their journey toward the priesthood. Following Mass, everyone is invited to greet our seminarians and assure them of your continued prayers and support.



St. Joseph Parish

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL MISSION CO-OP APPEAL

*A Call to Faith. A Commitment to Mission.
A Support for Our Future Priests.*

August 1st and 2nd

THIS YEAR, WE SUPPORT THE
DIOCESE OF MUSOMA
TANZANIA



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TANZANIA



The Catholic Diocese of Musoma is located between the two famous landmarks: **Lake Victoria** and the **Serengeti National Park**, a home of millions of wild animals.



Christian ministry in many parts of Africa is facing several pastoral challenges including: the global economic imbalance and a great rise of the power of modernization.



In spite of these challenges, however, the future of the Church in many parts of Africa is still promising. Christianity is growing fast in many parts of Africa.



While in other parts of the world there is a declining number of Priests, and Bishops talk about the uncertain future of the Parishes, the story of Tanzania is different. We never close Churches but we lack financial resources to construct new Churches, new seminaries and new convents.



The Catholic Church is doing well in self-sufficiency in personnel. We have a growing number of Christians and many vocations to priesthood.

OUR MISSION. OUR FUTURE. PLEASE HELP FORM OUR PRIESTS.



This mission request to you is for the **FORMATION OF SEMINARIANS**. These are our future Priests, not only for Africa, but also for the universal Church anywhere in the world.



Currently, our diocese of Musoma has **58 MAJOR SEMINARIANS**.



The cost of educating one seminarian is about **\$1000 A YEAR**.



These young people spend **7 YEARS** in the Seminary for training until they are ordained to Priesthood.



Rev. Raphael Makori an incardinated priest of Musoma Diocese, Tanzania now working in the Archdiocese of Chicago will be coming to speak on behalf of the Diocese.



A SECOND COLLECTION
WILL BE TAKEN TO
support the mission efforts.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS, GENEROSITY, AND SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION!

Together, we build the Church of today and the Kingdom of tomorrow.





St. Joseph Parish

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A free faith formation class on typology in the Sacred Scriptures.
Questions? Contact Jacob Price at jprice@sjiparish.org.

Mondays

CCC

7-8 P.M.

Starting June 1st

Schedule

~~6/1 - What Is Typology?~~~~6/8 - Christ, the New Creation~~~~6/15 - Christ, the New Adam~~~~6/29 - Christ, the New Israel~~~~7/6 - Christ, the New Moses~~~~7/13 - Christ, the New Tabernacle~~~~7/20 - Christ, the New High Priest~~

7/27 - Christ, the New David

Thank you, Seminarian Jacob!

Seminarian Jacob is wrapping up his Pastoral Internship year and will be returning to the seminary to prepare for another year of study. His last weekend with us will be August 1st and 2nd.

We are grateful for his service, particularly of our youth, through SJYM, SJYM Middle, & regularly being present in our School and PSR program. His love of teaching and spreading the faith was also evident in his dedication to leading OCIA meetings and hosting 2 Adult Faith Formation series this year.

**For these gifts, and all the many other ways you served us,
we thank you Jacob!**

If you'd like to express your gratitude, cards may be dropped off at the parish office or in the back of church.

Save the Date! Jacob's ordination to the transitional diaconate will take place the at Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, April 24th at 10am





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Saturday, September 26, 2026

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- Ad on Mobile Bidding Site
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- Ad on Video Screens at Auction
- Social Media Promotion

4 Friends of St. Joseph: \$500

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- 1/2 Page Ad in Auction Booklet

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AUGUST – DECEMBER 2026

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* Faith & Fellowship in the cafeteria ending by 11:00 AM
* Bring a friend and a dish to share!

"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." — John 4:14

2026 FIRST SATURDAY DATES

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
1	5	3	7	5

St. Joseph Church Questions? Contact
Lea VonderHaar 314-403-6198



Sanctuary
A Ministry for Mental Health Support!
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Monday, July 27th
7PM in the Imperial Rm in the CCC

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Please use subject line: "Sanctuary"

The Collect

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

What Is the Collect?

The word Collect comes from the Latin oratio ad collectam, the prayer said when the faithful were gathered (collected) at a designated church before processing to the station Mass. It gathers the petitions of the people into one succinct prayer addressed to God the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit. Its structure follows a classic form: an address to God, a description of His attributes, the petition, the hoped-for result, and a Trinitarian conclusion.

A Proper Text of the Mass

The Propers of the Mass are the texts that change according to the liturgical day, as distinct from the Ordinary, which remains the same. The Propers include the Collect, the Prayer over the Offerings, the Preface (when proper), the Communion Antiphon, and the Prayer After Communion. They express the theology of the day, connecting the Church's prayer with the Scripture readings and the mystery being celebrated.

The Same Collect for Daily Mass

According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, on weekdays in Ordinary Time the priest may use the Collect from the preceding Sunday. This means the Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time may be prayed at daily Mass throughout the entire week that follows, uniting the weekday liturgy with the Sunday celebration and extending its theological themes into the daily life of the faithful.

Theological Reflection

This Collect asks God to help us use temporal goods wisely while clinging to eternal ones. It acknowledges that without God, nothing is firm or holy. The prayer reflects the virtue of hope and the Christian call to detachment from passing things, trusting in God as ruler and guide.

From the Roman Missal, Third Edition • A Proper of the Mass



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Food and beverages will be provided

LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FAMILY

Mr Greg Robeson

DATE Tuesday, July 28, 2026

TIME Doors open at 6pm,
starts at 6:30pm

PLACE Corpus Christi Center, St.
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FOLLOWING CHRIST AND THE TEACHINGS OF HIS CHURCH



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God. Presence and immersion in Mass brightens our path forward. This month through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, our parish has been able to also brighten the physical path forward for many of our neighbors, so that they can have a clearer vision of God's spiritual path forward for them and our community.

For more information,
email connie41370@gmail.com
Business Meeting: July 27th 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting: August 12th 6:30 p.m.
All Meetings in the Corpus Christi Center



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.

✧ OCIA Inquiry Nights ✧

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about becoming Catholic?

Are you an adult that was baptized but hasn't received First Communion or Confirmation?

We invite you to join us for one of our upcoming OCIA Inquiry nights to learn more about how you can become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church! If you have a friend, neighbor, or family member you would like to invite we would love to meet them!

✧ Corpus Christi Center Monday, August 10th and 17th at 7pm

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND

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

Scott Haase	Peggy Deckard
Noella Torgerson	Tim Deckard
Jim Kaiser	Steve DeVore
Roland Kaiser	Zachary Floyd
Dena Moss	Judy Becker
Jerry Baumann	Pat McInroy
Diana Droege	Jane Werner
Kari Wojtkowski	David Werner
Judy Love	Lisa Fitzsimmons
Bob Ivy	Brian Fitzsimmons
Geroge Winters	Katie Krutzsch
Olivia Derickson	Sharon Schindler
Johnathon Klee	Russell Schindler
Dominic Pace	Joan Williams
Alyssa Brockmeier	Danny Doss
Greg Hensley	Hudson Lauman

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

Prayers for Our Active Military Members:

Andrew Hunt	James Moloney
Austin McHaffie-Sharp	Jared Sheets
Caleb Curran	Lauren Slough
Cory Stockton	Lucas Weiland
Douglas Moloney	Mary Margaret Lombardo
Grant Staggenborg	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.



2026/2027 EVENTS

26
SEPT



PARISH AUCTION

The parish auction is an elegant evening of dinner, dancing, live and silent auction items and fundraising.

24
OCT



TRUNK OR TREAT

Registration required. More information will be released closer to the event. Bring your creativity! Prizes for the best decorated trunk.

2
DEC



KICK OFF TO ADVENT

Kick-Off to Advent is a celebratory social event to kick-off the holiday season. The evening includes a brief program and performances, advent wreath making, lighting of the Corpus Christi Center Christmas Tree, and more.

5
DEC



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Advent by Candlelight is an opportunity for women to set aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation and focus on the birth of Christ. Enjoy food, friendship, music and an inspiring speaker.

12
DEC



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Breakfast with Santa features a breakfast buffet, opportunity for a professional photograph with Santa, and plenty of magic.

13
DEC



MEN'S ADVENT EVENT

The Men's Advent event is an opportunity for men of the parish to gather for food, fellowship, and reflection.

29
JAN



PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Test your knowledge and have fun with your friends!

FOR MORE INFO: 636-464-1013 x111 or hselsor@sjparish.org



A word from *Saint Joseph School*



School Supply Lists and Class Lists

School supply lists are posted on the website under the Forms and Documents tab in the Parent Section. Class Lists will be shared in August.

Back to School Events and Dates

- HSA Meet and Greet for our new principal, Dr. Dave Meschke - Sunday, August 9
- New Family Orientation - Thursday, August 13
- Meet the Teacher Night - Thursday, August 13
- Little Friends Pop-Up Morning - Saturday, August 15
- Supply Drop-Off - Sunday, August 16
- First Day of School - Tuesday, August 18

Little Friends Spots Still Available!

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year remains open, including some remaining spots at Little Friends Preschool. If you know of any interested students, please share our information with them. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year of learning and growing together!

If you have a potential new student and have not yet completed an Admissions Inquiry, please scan the QR Code below or submit an Inquiry on the Admissions section of our website.

Summer School Office Hours

During the summer months, the School Office will be open from 9a-12p on Tuesday and Wednesday each week.



✨ Jonah Prayer Team ✨

Need prayer? Members of the Jonah Prayer Team will be available to pray with you for any need physical, emotional, or spiritual.

📍 St. John the Beloved Disciple

Sunday, August 2nd after the 9:00am Mass

WELCOME

DR. MESCHKE TO SJS

LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW PRINCIPAL TOGETHER!

MEET & GREET

AUGUST 9, 2026

JOIN US FOR 4:30 MASS AND THEN HEAD TO THE CCC FOR LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND TO MEET DR. MESCHKE
WELCOME REMARKS BEGIN AT 6:00 PM

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT OUR TEAM!

Pete Cerone, Executive Director | 314-792-7732 | petecerone@archstl.org
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STEWARDSHIP REPORT



MASS INTENTIONS

Contributions for: June 29-July 5

Fiscal Year 27 July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027

	Current	Fiscal YTD
Offertory		
Total Collected	\$ 44,004.27	\$ 44,004.27
Amount Needed	\$ 31,258.72	\$ 31,258.72
Surplus or Shortage	\$ 12,745.55	\$ 12,745.55
Special Collections		
St. Vincent De Paul	\$ 355.00	
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	\$ 1,315.00	
Tuition Assistance	-----	

Monday	July 27, 2026
6:30am	Rita Milke
8 am	Werner Family Special Intention
Tuesday	July 28, 2026
6:30am	Priest Intention
8 am	Jim Knott
Wednesday	July 29, 2026
6:30am	Priest Intention
8 am	Debbie Mann
Thursday	July 30, 2026
6:30am	James Williamson Special Intention
8 am	Dr. Phil Messina
Friday	July 31, 2026
6:30am	Jim Hunziker
8 am	Diane Maixner
Saturday	August 1, 2026
8 am	Ray Breakfield, Jr.
4:30pm	Gary McClain, Jr.
Sunday	August 2, 2026
7:00am	Priest Intention
8:30am	Kenrick Hopkin
10:00am	Parker Schaefer
11:30am	Therese & Scott Tanner 40th Anniversary
4:30pm	For the people of SJBD/SJP Parishes

STEWARDSHIP

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

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 Emily Kopff at ekopff@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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