



**St. John**  
*the Beloved  
Disciple*  
**Parish**



## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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## St. John the Beloved Disciple Parish

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm  
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## St. Joseph Parish

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### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Since it has been some time since we regularly scheduled Ministers of the Eucharist, please call the office if you are interested in helping with this ministry. A training/retraining may be offered in the near future.

### MASS TIMES

Sat.: 4:00 pm, Sun.: 7:30 & 10:00 am  
Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 am  
Tuesday, Thursday: 6:30 pm

### SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Tuesday: 5:30—6:15 pm  
Saturday: 3:00 pm—3:45 pm

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday: 8:30 am—4:00 pm

### SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Attendance at a Baptismal preparation class is required. Classes are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at St. Joseph Parish; please call the office to schedule. Baptisms will be scheduled following Sunday Masses.

### 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.

### 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](http://stlvocations.org) or 314-792-6460.

### HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Parishioners who are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion may call the parish office to make arrangements.

### Oops!

Due to a technical error, the bulletin for September 9/10 did not enter production. Please note that all bulletins are also found at:

<https://saintjohnimperial.org/bulletins>

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	Sept. 23 4:00 pm	Sept. 24 7:30 am	Sept. 24 10:00 am
Lector 1	C. Eldridge	D. Gross	A. Buechel
Lector 2	B. Gross	C. Donart	D. Seyer

## Reaching the Priests of the Parish

The office phone numbers for Fr. Shaughnessy and Fr. Ruzicka are listed on page 2. During the St. Joseph Parish Office hours (Mon.-Fri. 7:30 am to 3:30 pm) the parish phone is typically answered. If there is no answer, or if it is outside of office hours, a recording will offer you several options. One worth particular mention, and it is the first option offered, is "If you need to reach a priest for a sacramental emergency, please press 1." Choosing this option will send the call to the priests. If you need to arrange an anointing, or if someone has passed away, or some other emergency, please use this option.

MASS INTENTIONS	
Tuesday	September 19, 2023
6:30 pm	Bob Healy
Wednesday	September 20, 2023
8:00 am	Paul Stonecypher
Thursday	September 21, 2023
6:30 pm	Melissa Mauzik
Friday	September 22, 2023
8:00 am	Mary Riebold
Saturday	September 23, 2023
4:00 pm	Joe Blecha
Sunday	September 24, 2023
7:30 am	Art & Frances Nahlik
10:00 am	Clarence Smith

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP - DATA NOT AVAILABLE

	Current	Fiscal YTD
OFFERTORY		
<i>Total collected</i>	\$	
<i>Amount needed</i>		
<i>Surplus or <b>shortage</b></i>		
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
St. Vincent dePaul		
Archdiocesan	\$	

## Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to our parishioners who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week.

9/17: Travis & Jessica Gaines

9/18: Austin & Rose Cardone, Bob & Tina Hamilton, Bob & Debbie Williams, Ray & Kay Meyer

*May you have many more years together!*

## Birthdays this Week

9/17: Larry Buechel, Madelyn Huskey, Karen Perry

9/19: Rosemary Grubb, Bernard Henning

9/20: Barbara Hendrichs

9/21: Loretta Plum

9/22: Eli Brokaw, William Mayer, Rebecca Meyer

9/23: Gary Battles, John Whitehead, Eric Bader, Aleksander Kehder

*God's blessings be yours on your special day!*



## WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

Ladies hopefully you have thought and prayed about the retreat on Oct 5-8, 2023. As there is limited space, it is important to get in your registration as soon as possible. Flyers are in the office if needed. Take a leap of faith and put yourself in God's Hands. Have No Anxiety at All...the God of Peace Will Be With You.

Thank you and if you have any questions call Gloria Swaller at 636-287-4333





## FROM THE DESK *of* FR. DAN SHAUGHNESSY, PASTOR

Dear SJBD parishioners,

The letter below was written by the Key Parish Leaders (KPLs) of St. John the Beloved Parish. These leaders were chosen by Fr. Rich Coerver to help him shepherd the All Things New process.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of SJBD,

It has been over a month since Fr. Coerver moved to St. Clement of Rome and Fr. Shaughnessy officially became our Pastor and Fr. Ruzicka, our Associate Pastor. As part of the All Things New strategic planning process, we were named our **Key Parish Leaders** (KPLs): Cullen Brokaw, Gary Dierks, Peggy Haberberger, Cathleen & Rich Horst, and Gary Pryzgoda. We believe we have been blessed by the work of the Holy Spirit as St. John the Beloved Disciple remained open as a parish. The KPL team has remained positive through this 2 ½ year process and has looked to the opportunities that are bestowed upon the St. John's community as a part of this new parish structure. Unfortunately, there had been a gap in communication as to the process leading up to the August 1st change. To alleviate that consternation, the St. John's KPL team wanted to provide some background of how we got to where we are today.

Keep in mind, the Archdiocese has not provided a guide or directions on how to do this. These are uncharted waters for both parishes, and for Fr. Shaughnessy and Fr. Ruzicka, and the team in place at St. Joseph, several of whom now have roles at St. John. The Archdiocese said, "just go do it." Our goal is to show the Archdiocese how it

should be done.

**March – May:** In March, we received preliminary information from the Archdiocese that St. John's would become a Pastorate of St. Joe's. *(Note that the term "Pastorate" was dropped around the time the formal announcements were made on Pentecost.)* This meant that St. John would remain its own parish with its own identity and each parish would retain its own councils and organizations. Fr. Shaughnessy and Fr. Ruzicka have fully supported this from the beginning. At that point, the KPL teams from both parishes including all three priests began meeting unofficially to 1) get to know the other parish's KPL team; 2) to understand each parish, and what is/can be offered to parishioners by the parish and 3) how we can help each other. Both parishes' KPL teams were excited about the new opportunities in front of us as Catholics in Imperial. We knew through these discussions that we would jell with St. Joe's and vice versa. Both teams agreed it was the best outcome for both parishes.

**May – July:** On Pentecost Sunday the announcement became official: Fr. Shaughnessy and Fr. Ruzicka would also be appointed to SJBD. However, there was one kink in the chain that we did not expect and that was that Fr. Rich would be moving to St. Clement of Rome. To complicate the situation even more, Lisa Reilmann, our Parish Administrative Assistant, planned to retire. Both were effective August 1. It was even more critical that we get the teams together and develop a plan. The KPLs started meeting every two weeks. It was more crucial for St. John's to have a plan, so the KPL team created a spreadsheet that had a timeline of items that needed to be addressed immediately, 3 months out, 6 months out, short-term goals and long-term goals. It was an incredibly detailed list. Conversations were had as to the best way of managing both parishes. After several meetings and brainstorming and more meetings, a plan was developed. We looked at the immediate needs first. By the time August 1 rolled around, there were communications between the parishes and their various organizations with our parish's organizations. The main items that were critical to address were the Eucharist (Mass times, religious emergencies, funerals, etc.); communications (bul-

letins, Constant Contact, phones) and the business side of running St. John's.

**August:** Some changes did take place out of necessity. Since the parish finances are a pressure point for some parishioners, we want to be clear that *accounts have remained separate*; the Finance Committee has stayed intact and will remain separate, there will be no commingling of funds. However, from a business standpoint, the processes need to be consistent with Archdiocesan mandates and work continues in that regard.

**Mass Schedules:** Prior to Fr. Shaughnessy and Fr. Ruzicka, it was discussed that we do not have enough in attendance to justify having 3 masses on the weekend. With the possibility of people shopping parishes from other parts of Jefferson County, we did not want to eliminate any Masses with the potential of welcoming new parishioners. Therefore, Fr. Shaughnessy and Fr. Ruzicka decided to just push back the start time of the Masses by a half hour, keeping all 3.

As for as the changes in the vestibule at the Church, these were discussed with the Worship Team. We want to make it a warm and inviting place to worship and to not only greet our current parishioners, but also welcome potential new parishioners, family, friends, and anyone else looking for a new home. Attendance must increase. It is IMPERATIVE that we invite any past parishioners, friends, and family members who have fallen away from the church and anyone else who may be interested in joining our parish family. While we remain open at this point, the hard work is not over. We cannot sit back and coast. It is truly vital to continue working to build our parish community.

As you can surmise, the KPL team has spent a lot of time and effort over the course of 2 ½ years attending meetings, focus groups, working through processes, etc., all for the betterment of St. John's. We have a wonderful opportunity to grow and continue to be a viable source for our community.

We know that the Holy Spirit is guiding us. We ask that everyone in our Parish be respectful of our brothers and sisters, be positive and pray that we listen to the Holy Spirit and follow his plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach

out to one of the KPL team members.

St. John the Beloved pray for us!

Your KPL Team

Gary Dierks: 314.401.0549

Cathleen Horst: 314.719.6684

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Peggy Haberberger: 314.803.6647

Gary Przygoda: 636.948.2354

Cullen Brokaw: 314.566.5563

On behalf of Msgr. Mikesch and Fr. Ruzicka, I want to thank the KPLs for their tireless service to the SJBD parish community. As *All Things New* is now in the implementation phase, the leadership councils in the parish have assumed the role of lay parish leadership and the role of the KPLs has come to a conclusion. Please know that I asked the KPLs to write a letter to explain their parish involvement over the last two years under Fr. Coerver's leadership. And I thank them for that.

Moving forward now, Fr. Ruzicka and I are working with all the various councils at SJBD. Currently, we are reassessing the Mass schedules. In the letter above from the KPLs, they noted: "*Prior to Fr. Shaughnessy and Fr. Ruzicka, it was discussed that we do not have enough in attendance to justify having 3 masses on the weekend. With the possibility of people shopping parishes from other parts of Jefferson County, we did not want to eliminate any Masses with the potential of welcoming new parishioners. Therefore, Fr. Shaughnessy and Fr. Ruzicka decided to just push back the start time of the masses by a half hour, keeping all 3 masses.*" Please note that we are taking a second look at this. The capacity of the church easily holds the attendance at the 2 Sunday morning Masses. In the coming weeks, we will be communicating my thoughts on this as we move forward.

Thanks and God bless you all.

Blessed to serve!

Yours in Christ,





Knights of Columbus Council 2333  
 American Red Cross Blood Drive  
 Tuesday, September 19, 2:30-7 pm  
 Corpus Christi Center at St. Joseph Parish  
 For appointments go to [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org)  
 Search for our drive or use sponsor code  
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 or Janet Hermann (314-304-4238)

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### Football Boosters Underway

Our most important fundraiser annually is our SJBD Football Boosters. They are now available for you to take, purchase, and even better, sell to others. The tickets are now available in the Parish Office and after the weekend Masses in the church lobby.



Cost is \$25/ticket—the same as last year. There will be 18 weeks of drawings and nine winners will split \$1,000 per week. In 2022 we sold 1,952 Boosters and are hoping for 2,500 this year. As we all work together and with the assistance of our football partners, we can do this. So far, **1,373 tickets have been sold for a total of \$34,325.**

### BULLETIN SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The bulletin must be submitted to Liturgical Publications each week by Tuesday at 2 pm. Since the parish office is closed on Mondays and Fridays, the deadline for submitting items for the bulletin is Thursdays at noon. Any person or ministry who wishes to submit something for the bulletin may send it directly to [bulletin@sjiparish.org](mailto:bulletin@sjiparish.org) or may drop something off in the parish office. If sending by email, please make sure the text is editable, either a Word document or in the body of the email, but not a pdf. The team involved in preparing the bulletin would appreciate it if each email includes information on just one topic so that we can keep track of the topic and the publication dates. This process allows us to file the submissions and prevents any oversights.

Thank you for your assistance.

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### Basket Winners Round #72

Congratulations to our winners!

**Kitchen Basket: Dawn Gross**  
**Luggage Basket : Keith and Kathie Boyer**  
**Summer Basket: Jackie Beutel**  
**Ladies Basket: Susan Scalise**

*Revenue from the Basket Raffles  
 through Sunday, September 3, 2023.*

Round #71	\$316.00
Round #72	\$309.00
Total to Date	\$1,621.00



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is collecting the below items:

Canned Beef Stew  
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Rice

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### Thanks for the Show of Support!

The St. John Key Parish Leaders (KPLs), on behalf of the St. John the Beloved Disciple parishioners, would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all the parishioners of St. Joseph who came over and generously supported the St. John picnic this past Saturday and Sunday (9/9 and 9/10). It was a wonderful time getting to meet and share some great fellowship with so many of you. Emboldened by the Holy Spirit, it once again showed what great things can be accomplished when we come together as one community. We, at St. John, can't wait to show our support for the many St. Joseph activities coming up for the remainder of the year and beyond.



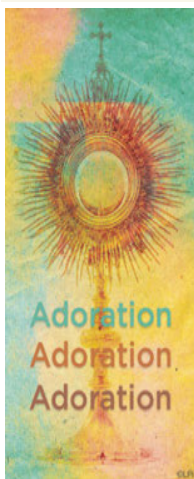
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*in your prayers*

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*Please pray for those in the military...*

Andrew Bornholdt, Jack Dawson, Chris Degenhardt, Richard Frisch III, Nick Luaders, Justin Moffitt, Mathew Rigden, Andrew Roussin, Daniel Roussin, Matthew Roussin, Blake Sikes, Brett Vennemann, Aaron Vogt, Joshua Vogt



### Eucharistic Adorers Needed

After the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Mother of  
Perpetual Help Devotions thru Closing and  
Benediction at 4:00 pm

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Questions: Contact Joe Scalise  
Worship Team, 314-922-4634.



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