



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



**"THUS, THE LAST WILL BE FIRST, AND THE FIRST  
WILL BE LAST." —MT 20:16**

25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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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### CLERGY

Rev. Daniel G. Shaughnessy, <i>Pastor</i>	frs@sjiparish.org 636-464-1013 x104
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## St. Joseph Parish

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### 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.

### Reaching the Priests of the Parish:

The office phone numbers for Fr. Shaughnessy and Fr. Ruzicka are listed above. During the St. Joseph Parish Office hours, the parish phone is typically answered. Otherwise, a recording will offer you several options. One worth particular mention 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.

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



### PARISH CALENDAR INFORMATION

The parish calendar on the website has meeting information for various ministries and groups that are routinely scheduled:

<https://saintjohnimperial.org/parish-calendar>

If your ministry needs to publicize a special event or meeting, please feel free to submit the information to [bulletin@sjiparish.org](mailto:bulletin@sjiparish.org). Please keep in mind that the deadline is Thursday at noon for publication 10 days later. This is due to publisher deadlines.

MASS INTENTIONS	
Tuesday	September 26, 2023
6:30 pm	Margie Welker
Wednesday	September 27, 2023
8:00 am	Jim Dierks
Thursday	September 28, 2023
6:30 pm	Denise McVey
Friday	September 29, 2023
8:00 am	Mary Riebold
Saturday	September 30, 2023
4:00 pm	Al Swaller
Sunday	October 1, 2023
7:30 am	Parishioners of SJP/SJBD
10:00 am	Don & Jimmy Luaders

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP 8/21/2023 - 9/03/2023

	Current	Fiscal YTD
OFFERTORY		
<i>Total collected</i>	\$12,053.40	\$64,194.10
<i>Amount needed</i>	\$17,140.62	\$85,703.10
<i>Surplus or shortage</i>	<b>\$5,087.22</b>	<b>\$21,509.00</b>
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
St. Vincent dePaul	\$885.00	
Archdiocesan	\$475.00	

Note: This is for a two-week collection period.

### Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to our parishioners who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week.

9/24: Mark & Helen Greaves

9/30: Joe & Linda Eagle

*May you have many more years together!*

### Birthdays this Week

9/24: James Degenhardt, Christine Politte

9/25: Jacob Buechel, Dan Spinks

9/26: Ruth Sadl, James Jackson

9/27: Giuliana Gasior

9/28: Brayden Griffith, Raylan Mudra

9/29: Michelle Cheatham

9/30: Keith Boyer, Pat Leicht, Dan Stoffey, Wilbert Swaller, Belinda Arnold, James Condict

*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 Parishioners,

It's been about 7 weeks since I was officially named pastor of this parish, along with Fr. Ruzicka as associate pastor and Msgr. Mikesch as senior priest in residence. Have things gone perfectly? No, they haven't but I think that all of us are trying really hard. There is no playbook for how to do this. We are figuring it out as we go along.

There are sentiments amongst some of you in the parish that I feel are important for me to address in a bulletin letter. I do not know how wide-reaching these feelings are but I often operate by an adage that says, "Name it. Claim it. Tame it." So that's what I am choosing to do this week with this correspondence.

Collections should be noted in this week's bulletin. You're right. They should be. Why am I mentioning that? Because collections had not been reported in the St. John Parish bulletin on account of the fact that the Shared Accounting department at the Archdiocese has dropped the ball on the St. John account in the transition, after Fr. Rich and Lisa moved on. The accounting team for both St. John and St. Joseph is in the process of streamlining the reporting for St. John. Julie Hepp, the accountant for both St. John and St. Joseph, is in the process of taking over day-to-day management of accounting at St. John. Carol DuBuque, on-site at St. John, is coordinating daily with Julie. This has largely been a big failure of Shared Accounting at the Rigali Center. I apologize for this but it has been beyond my control.

You will see that collections have dropped. Some of you have suggested that's because folks at St. John don't trust the new team or the priests now in charge. I hope this is not true but if it is, I honestly don't know what to say. I have never been accused of being dishonest in my life. I guess you need to get to know me. In addition, some St. John parishioners noted that there may have been an intention on my part (to hide this information from St. John the Beloved). I'm not sure what motivation I would have for doing this? I can tell you that while this is complete madness, it needs to be addressed and publicly named, to make sure no one believes this could possibly be true.

With regard to both Finance Council and Parish Coun-

cil, it is important to remember that these councils are *consultative* bodies. They are not governing bodies. The councils serve so as to offer both advice and counsel to the pastor but in the end, the final decision-maker is the pastor. Some of you might find this surprising or not the norm but that's the way Canon Law works. As the pastor, I will always be someone who deeply and genuinely seeks the input of the People of God but it's important to understand the role of various parish councils.

To follow up, you don't know me very well yet, but I can assure you that everything at St. John the Beloved is being handled with the utmost integrity and the utmost professionalism. I have been told by many of you (and I understand) that there were some finance issues with a previous pastor and a previous administrative person in the office. But that was in the past. That is not "the now" of St. John the Beloved.

Again, I assure you. You have nothing to worry about.

Some of you have also voiced that you feel like St. Joseph is staging a hostile corporate takeover of St. John the Beloved. I can understand how you may feel this way as St. Joseph is a large parish and St. John is very small. I apologize if this is the perception but we are doing our very best to *prevent* feelings like these. Fr. Ruzicka and I have been running back and forth sometimes as many as 4 times/day. Again, we are doing our best. But we can always improve, all of us.

In closing, negativity, gossip, and presumption of malintent against Fr. Ruzicka and me and the St. John/St. Joseph team will destroy the parish and that's the last thing anyone would want to do, I hope. I have been accused by some of being overly positive and not dwelling in reality. Know that I have always and will always lead positively and with a spirit of gratitude.

There is no other way that I am capable of leading. The picnic two weeks ago was awesome. Why don't we live in the joy of that wonderful weekend, as a template for the future of the St. John the Beloved parish community?

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Shaughnessy



# REDEDICATION OF

*Rachel's Healing Garden*

*Rachel's  
Healing  
Garden*

OCTOBER 5, 2023 AT 2PM



Contact [prolife@archstl.org](mailto:prolife@archstl.org)  
or scan the QR code  
for more details.

*Thank You.* 

## Thanks from the Fererro Family

Thank you to everyone who brought food and helped with the luncheon after Bob's funeral. Your prayers and support have been greatly appreciated during this difficult time.

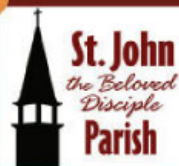
*The Fererro Family*



## Texas Roadhouse Benefit

Our next benefit night at Texas Roadhouse will be **Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023**. Coupons for this benefit night are available after Mass and in the Parish Office during the week. Please support this parish fundraiser.

# Save the Date!



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# Chicken Dinner

Serving from  
2-8 pm!



## Saturday, October 14

Details coming soon!

## CORPUS CHRISTI CENTER

6020 Old Antonia Road, Imperial, MO 63052



In an effort to promote hearing health and wellness in our community, all St. John's parishioners, staff and significant others can now receive a full hearing screening, otoscopic evaluation and audiogram report, at no charge, compliments of Southwestern Hearing Centers.

Scan the QR code to schedule your free 15 minute evaluation, at a clinic location nearest you.



### Signs & Symptoms of Hearing Loss

- Frequently asking others to repeat themselves
- Turning the TV to a volume others find loud
- Having trouble understanding conversations in noisy places
- Feeling like others are mumbling
- Often saying "What" or "Huh"
- Cognitive decline (forgetfulness, dementia)
- Poor balance
- Fatigue, tension, stress and depression
- High blood pressure
- Isolation and loneliness





Did you know that SJBD parishioners are eligible to participate in St. Joseph Athletics? Basketball registration is open through 9/30/23. Use the QR code to register.



## Appraisal of Treasures

Antique Appraisal & Tea

*Appraisal by Joan Komlos*



**When:** Saturday October 21, 2023 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

**Where:** Our Lady Queen of Peace Cafeteria  
4696 Notre Dame Lane House Springs, MO 63051

**Cost:** \$20.00 Per Person with Reservation for an appraisal of 2-3 items.  
\$10.00 for lunch only.

\*\*\*\*Tea and a light lunch will be served\*\*\*

**Sponsors:** St. Gerard Majella Circle & Daughters of Isabella

**Reservations Required:** Angie 636-671-8874 or Kathy 314-795-0143



### Family Game Night

Hosted by your Knights of Columbus



Come out and join the Knight of Columbus for a "knight" of family fun. Popcorn and soda will be provided.

**Who:** All parishioners and guests are welcome

**When:** Friday September 29, 6-9 PM

**Where:** St. Joseph Corpus Christi Center

**What to bring:** Your favorite games, additional food or drinks (no outside alcohol)



\*No registration or cost.

\*Any questions please reach out to mhines.kofc@gmail.com



### 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.**

### Follow Us Online!

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**Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067771129696>

### 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

## ***Ladies Sodality***

Our next meeting will be held in the office vestibule on Sept. 28th at 7 pm.

LCR game after meeting.  
Bring your own drink.

*Hostesses:*

Arlene J. and Sue S.

**All ladies welcome!**



During the month of August 2023, our conference was able to help the following individuals:

59 (94 adults 46 children)

*Food pantry distribution* - 23 families

*Sav-a-lot vouchers* - 69 (\$690)

*Gas cards* - 8 families (\$400)

*Vouchers to thrift store* - 3 (\$423)

### UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED:

Rent - \$3234.23 (9 families)

Propane - \$500 (1 family)

Water - \$306.22 (3 families)

Cell phone - \$64.00 (1 family)

### MISC:

Helping other SVDP conferences  
\$400 (2 families), Auto repair -  
\$549.36 (1 family)

Deposits received:

Envelopes \$2,580

Walk for the Poor \$100

District Twin \$250, Donation \$2,500

*Our SVDP conference is blessed to have consistent and generous support from our parishioners.*

*Your generosity makes it possible to assist the needy in our neighborhood.*



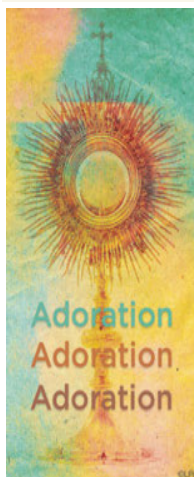
**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

*Please pray for the sick and suffering...*

Donald & Jimilie Agnew, Rachel Allen, Kenny Allgeyer, Angela & Ashley Alt, Bea Arnold, Ross Augustin, Abby Bader, Barbara Bader, Joey Bader, Olivia Baese, Ben Barton, Judy Barton, Gary Battles, Millie Baumann, Barbara Bequette, Mary Bequette, Teresa Biehler, Guyla Bills, Shirley Blecha, Keith Boyer, Noreen Boyer, Wayne Brewer, Barb & Ron Buchheit, Alvera Byrne, Rich Byrne, Cathy Castro, Ed Chott, Manny Contreras, Ryan Cross, Linda Dickens, Erika Downey, Linda Eagle, Jason Eastman, Marvin Eaton, Frank Egbert, Agnes Farrar, Thomas Finn, Mike Fowler, Tina Gearon, Ed & Marjorie Gordan, Geri Gossett, Toby Gossett, Cheryl Greener, Betty Gunter, Mary Jane Heilich, Cory Hicks, Austin Hill, Catherine Hornsey, Paula Hyrnik, Ruth Jensen, Ron Jordan, Jr., Ron Jordan, Sr., Tim Jordan, Joyce Keller, Colleen Khoury, Stephanie Kohler, Rose Korando, Patsy Lange, Ava Laposha, Ellie Laposha, Kim Lawrence, Larry Lehr, Evenly Martin, Jeanne Mason, Francine McGraw, Robert Miller, Judy Nanna, Michael Nichols, Theresa Needles, Mary Odenhal, Joan & Sheldon O'Rourke, Chris Peters, Roger Pleis, Bill Ragsdale, Anna Redmond, Lance Reilmann, Brenda Reppell, Bob Ruoff, Dominic Santone, Bill Schneider, Kathleen Schneider, Diana Schwalbert, Jean Schwartz, Rosie Seiler, Art Seyer, Kelly Shanks, Debbie Sorocko, Donna Spencer, Joe Stabile, Ruth Stabile, Carrie Steiber, Megan Taylor, Mark Travers, Margie Thomas, Paul Vandeven, Addie Wade, Edward Wade, Zoe Wade, Elizabeth Ward, Therese Weiding-er, Claudia Weiler, and nursing care residents.

*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

**Extra coverage needed during the morning especially between 10 and 11:30.**

Visitors and drop-ins are always welcome.

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



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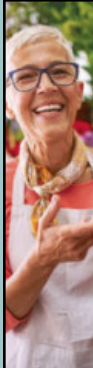


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