



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



## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.” - Mt 21:31

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*A Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Missouri*

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## St. John the Beloved Disciple Parish

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm  
phone: 636-296-8061 | fax: 636-296-8067

### CLERGY

Rev. Daniel G. Shaughnessy, <i>Pastor</i>	frs@sjiparish.org 636-464-1013 x104
Rev. Jonathan R. Ruzicka, <i>Associate Pastor</i>	jruzicka@sjiparish.org 636-464-1013 x116
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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	Oct. 7 4:00 pm	Oct. 8 7:30 am	Oct. 8 10:00 am
Lector 1	T. Schrader	G. Thompson	K. Brandon
Lector 2	M. Stephens	Darril Swaller	J. Crutchley



### 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.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP 9/04/2023 - 9/10/2023

	Current	Fiscal YTD
OFFERTORY		
<i>Total collected</i>	\$9,253.00	\$73,522.10
<i>Amount needed</i>	\$7,503.77	\$82,749.05
<i>Surplus or shortage</i>	\$1,749.23	<b>\$9,226.95</b>
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
St. Vincent dePaul	\$50.00	
Archdiocesan		

### A Note About the Budgeted Collection

Recently it was discovered that there was a discrepancy between the budget *provided* in June to Shared Accounting at the Archdiocese and the budget *set up* by Shared Accounting. That discrepancy has been cleared and the correct amounts are reflected in the table above.

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.



### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

If you have something for publication in the bulletin, please send it to [bulletin@sjiparish.org](mailto:bulletin@sjiparish.org). The deadline is each Thursday at noon, 10 days in advance of the publication date.



MASS INTENTIONS	
Tuesday	October 3, 2023
6:30 pm	Margie Welker
Wednesday	October 4, 2023
8:00 am	Bill Westmeyer
Thursday	October 5, 2023
6:30 pm	Mary Riebold
Friday	October 6, 2023
8:00 am	Carol Owensby
Saturday	October 7, 2023
4:00 pm	Marian Konersmann
Sunday	October 8, 2023
7:30 am	Warren & Bernice Dierks
10:00 am	John DuBuque

### Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to our parishioners who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week.

10/2: Joe & Jody Juster  
10/2: Douglas & Ann Short, Zachary & Kristine Davis  
10/7: Richard & Jennie Kircher

*May you have many more years together!*

### Birthdays this Week

10/1: Fred Wade, Peter Vescovo  
10/2: Heather Brandon  
10/3: Joel Brunner, Jonathan Dowdy, Ted Ring  
10/4: Jason Istre, David Kauzlarich, John Grubb, Jerry Vickery  
10/5: George Haberberger  
10/6: William Markiewicz, Leslie Vinluan  
10/7: Richard Horst, Sally Lay

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



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

Dear Parishioners:

I asked our Communications Director, Kathy Larson, to put together an explanation of how you can expect communications from the parish to work. We've learned thus far that the parishioners of St. John the Beloved Disciple Parish naturally have a set of expectations based on "how things have always been" and it is up to us to align those expectations with the best practices we at St. Joseph Parish have worked diligently to develop over the last several years. It is our responsibility to manage parishioner expectations at BOTH parishes within a manageable framework.

From Kathy:

Starting even before the August 1 implementation of this new parish structure, we were becoming acquainted with the ways SJBD was communicating. I'll address each method.

**Bulletin:** We have widely-publicized that submissions for the bulletin may be sent to [bulletin@sjparish.org](mailto:bulletin@sjparish.org). We wish to receive submissions directly from the person who is in charge of the event or ministry. This serves two valuable purposes: it allows us direct access back to the person who can answer questions we may have, and it allows us to manage our efforts by sorting and filing the emails. If you don't use email, the information may be given to Carol DuBuque in the office during business hours. Because the office is not open on Fridays or Mondays, and because the bulletin must be submitted on Tuesdays, the deadline for bulletin submissions is Thursday at noon.

**Calendar:** The parish calendar is located on the website at <https://saintjohnimperial.org/parish-calendar>. Meetings and events are posted on the calendar, and will be in the bulletin if they are submitted. If you wish to schedule a meeting, please contact the office

so we can be sure that the meeting space is available.

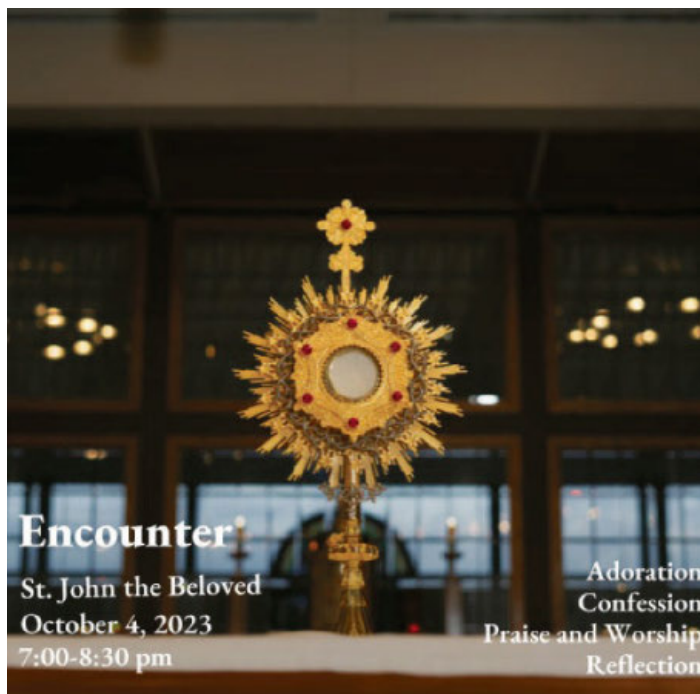
**Parish website and Facebook:** Thanks are extended to Gary Dierks who has "carried the torch" on many of these communications efforts. We're transitioning responsibilities over to employees and will be working to better utilize these resources, in conjunction with other sources. Please note in particular that Facebook will never be used as a primary means of communicating with parishioners; the bulletin and website will be primary.

**Constant Contact:** This is a tool to reach parishioners primarily with information that hasn't been communicated elsewhere especially if it is emergent in nature. As such, the Pastor and staff are generally the ones authorized to initiate correspondence sent via CC.

One general comment: the St. Joseph staff is "toeing the line" on a nearly-hourly basis to understand how information is best shared. On the one hand, SJP has many programs and events that may be of interest to SJBD parishioners, but on the flip side, there are concerns that SJP is being heavy-handed. In good faith, SJP staff is working for the benefit of SJBD and we appreciate people's patience and understanding that there is no effort to suppress. At the same time, we must implement policies and practices that allow us to succeed with increased workloads.

As Kathy has said, this is an ongoing effort and I assure you that everyone is doing their best.

Respectfully yours in Christ,



### Follow Us Online!

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### Facebook:

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

# Save the Date!

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

## Chicken Dinner

Serving from 2-8 pm!

1/4 Chicken  
Mashed & Gravy  
Green beans  
Coleslaw  
Roll  
Ice Cream Cup  
Lemonade, Iced Tea, Water

**Saturday, October 14**  
Adults: \$12/Seniors: \$8/Kids: \$6/Family: \$36

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## THANK YOU

The Country Store Thanks You!

Thanks very much to all who donated items, volunteered in, and made purchases from the Picnic Country Store, we couldn't do it without your generosity! It was a big success! I've learned a lot in my first year running the store and look forward to having the store again next year.

Special thanks to my country store team: (and all the hours of work they put in to make the country store happen!!):

*Arlene & Leroy Jenkins, Chris & Dave Politte, Tina & Dennis Gearon, Gloria Swaller, Dawn Gross, Mary Luaders, and Rick Hollenbeck*

Sincerely, Lisa Hollenbeck

*Kings House* at the  
NATIONAL SHRINE of  
OUR LADY of the SNOWS

**Kings House Presents *I want to See You***

Presenters: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI; Danielle & Tim Harrison

Friday, 10/27 at 4 pm through Sunday, 10/29 at 2 pm

Our couples retreat allows you to experience our "I Want to See You" silent retreat while encompassing your togetherness as a couple. This retreat centers on the story of the man born blind. Come and share the experience of being noticed by Jesus, touched, healed, and called to witness to the new sight God's love provides. Cost: \$400 per couple includes lodging and meals. Register online at <https://kh.snows.org/events/> or call 618-397-0584

## Rosary and Bonfire Social

October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Give thanks, show gratitude, ask for wisdom, lay a burden down. Come spend 20 minutes with Mary and Our Father as we pray a rosary and reflect on the Joyful Mysteries. A bonfire social which includes hot dogs and s'mores will begin right after the rosary.

Questions? Call Ande Buechel 314-537-4500



The annual St John Harvest Festival and Meat Shoot will be

Sunday, October 22nd from 11am-5pm.

Would you like to win some bacon, pork steaks, beef tenderloin or other choice cuts of meat?

Use our house gun or bring your own 10,12, or 20 gauge. Ammo will be provided.

No scopes. No chokes.

Ring Toss, Country Store, Sweet Shoppe,

Raffles, Kid's Games, Concession Stand,

Hot Apple Cider, and More!

Chili Cook Off is back! Will Van Ludwig continue his 2nd place streak? Sign up for the chili cook off in the office lobby.

Come for an afternoon of family fun!

Questions? Call Ande Buechel at 314-537-4500

"Love is never defeated."

— St. John Paul II —

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 1, 2023: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, "I can't stand all these converts to the faith. They're always rocking the boat." It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of "us" and "them." The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don't we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus' punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn't get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. "Which did the will of his father?" asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won't do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do God's will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let's reject the convenient but damaging categories of "insiders" and "outsiders." Instead, let's embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren't them. They are us. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking.

— Father John Muir ©LPI





### The St. Vincent de Paul Truck is Coming

The SVdP donation truck will be here the weekend of November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. We accept usable household goods and clothing. In the past we have lost credits for taking in furniture that the Thrift Store has determined not to be in salable condition. Therefore, before November 3<sup>rd</sup>, contact Van Ludwig at 314-941-2579 or Darril Swaller at 636-287-4693 and we will look at your furniture to let you know whether or not we can take it.

*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.*

### 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, **1,780 tickets have been sold for a total of \$44,500.**



## REMEMBER

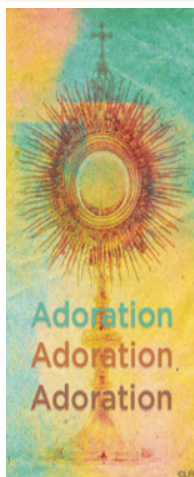
*in your prayers*

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

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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 through 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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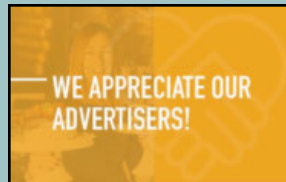


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