



St. John
*the Beloved
Disciple*
Parish



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” - Mt 21:43

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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

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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 2nd 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 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.

A Note About Emails Via Constant Contact: After sending an email via Constant Contact to parishioners on Sept. 29, it was discovered that a small email list, separate from the main parishioner list, should have been included. That separate list has now been incorporated in the main list. The message was about a visiting priest filling in for Fr. Shaughnessy on Oct. 1. If you are not receiving emails from the parish but wish to do so, please notify Carol DuBuque by calling the parish office at 636-296-8061 or emailing office@stjohnimperial.org. Several email addresses on file are undeliverable and may need updating.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	Oct. 14 4:00 pm	Oct. 15 7:30 am	Oct. 15 10:00 am
Lector 1	K. Boyer	V. Baechle	A. McGraw
Lector 2	C. Eldridge	D. Doerr	A. Buechel

MASS INTENTIONS	
Tuesday	October 10, 2023
6:30 pm	Al Swaller
Wednesday	October 11, 2023
8:00 am	Jack Cassity
Thursday	October 12, 2023
6:30 pm	Doris Schneider
Friday	October 13, 2023
8:00 am	Rusin Family
Saturday	October 14, 2023
4:00 pm	Rosemary Sackberger
Sunday	October 15, 2023
7:30 am	Al Swaller
10:00 am	Art Brinkmeyer

Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to our parishioners who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week.

10/09: Ted & Tammy Ring, Ron & Emma Jordan

10/10: Gary & Nancy Schmidt

10/13: Richard & Shannon Kardell

May you have many more years together!

Birthdays this Week

10/08: Knox Eaves, Patricia Wuertz

10/09: Adelyn Brandon, Evelyn Narzinski, Teresa Zwiener

10/11: Ann Short, Barbara Buchheit, Jimilie Agnew, Samantha Stevens

10/12: Laurie Griffith

10/13: Jodi Cruts, Michael Balmer

God's blessings be yours on your special day!

Meeting Our Neighbors: Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

Join the interfaith community for a
tour & hospitality at the Cathedral
Basilica of St. Louis.

Sat. Oct 14 @ 10 - 11:30am

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
4431 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63108

Free & open to the public

RSVP & Info



JamesComminellis@archstl.org
or 314-792-7177

PARISH STEWARDSHIP 9/11/2023 - 9/17/2023

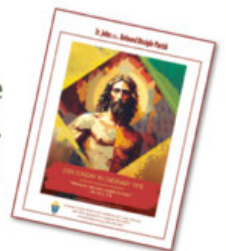
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<i>Total collected</i>	\$6,494.50	\$80,016.60
<i>Amount needed</i>	\$7,503.77	\$90,271.69
<i>Surplus or shortage</i>	\$1,009.27	\$10,255.09
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
St. Vincent dePaul	\$225.00	
Archdiocesan	\$25.00	

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**. The deadline is each Thursday at noon, 10 days in advance of the publication date.





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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I came across this beautiful Gospel reflection, when contemplating the 21st Chapter of the Gospel of Matthew:

God Entrusts Us with What He Values: It's one thing to purchase an already functional property. It's quite another thing to purchase a rundown property and fix it up yourself. Once tidied up, the latter is worth much more to you. It has become the fruit of your sweat and blood. It is not simply a possession; it is a part of you. In today's Gospel, the landowner purchased the land and did the work himself to set up the vineyard before he handed it over to the tenants. When he entrusted it to them, he was not simply looking for a profit, but for someone to manage his vineyard. He valued it greatly, greatly enough to risk the life of his son. Christ has established his vineyard—the Church—and put it into our hands. Christ pays us the compliment of entrusting us with his work, with what he values. He not only gives us a job to do, but mysteriously puts the eternal salvation of other souls in our hands.

He Is Patient with Our Failures: The landowner did not stay around to supervise the tenants tightly. He did not even lay down rules or specify methods of cultivation. The master left the tenants to do their job as they saw fit. God is not a tyrannical taskmaster. He knows that laboring in his vineyard is hard work. At harvest time the master sent messenger after messenger. He did not become irate or condemn the tenants after one messenger had been abused and another mistreated. Rather, he sends them his son: he does everything possible to bear with their egotism and inspire them with his understanding and generosity.

God Is Equally Repulsed by Our Inactivity as with Our Iniquity: Because you are neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth (Revelation 3:15). The graver sin for the Pharisees was not what they decided, but rather their selfish and blind sterility in choosing not to decide. When Christ levies the sentence against the Pharisees, he does not say, Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that respects life (as serious as this is); rather, he chides them for not producing fruit. Note that the sentence is essentially equally severe: the one offense takes life, the other refuses to give it.

Conversation with Christ: Lord Jesus, your hands knew human labor, and you sanctified your life and the lives of those around you through your toil. Help me to see the virtue you teach. Help me to return all my talents to you by the work of my hands and mind. I want to be your working apostle.

(<https://catholic.net/op/articles/554/cat/1187/they-will-respect-my-son.html>)

Have a Blessed Week!

God bless you all!

Yours in Christ,



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

What A Special Time...

To show our gratitude to our priests and pray for them during this month of the Holy Rosary and Clergy Appreciation Month! October gives us a great opportunity to thank our priests for all that they do – especially for bringing Jesus Christ daily to us in the Holy Eucharist. Thanks and prayers to all priests.

“Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom. Understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.” (USCCB prayer for priests)

Rosary and Bonfire Social

October 11th at 6 pm

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



You do not need to grieve alone.
Join others on the journey!



The 2nd Thursday of each month St. Joseph hosts a grief support group from 6-7 pm in the Corpus Christi Center.

Amy Neu, a therapist with West County Psychological Associates, facilitates these gatherings.

If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Amy at 314-275-8599 x178 or amy.neul@gmail.com.



Save the Date!



Chicken Dinner

Serving from 2-8 pm!

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

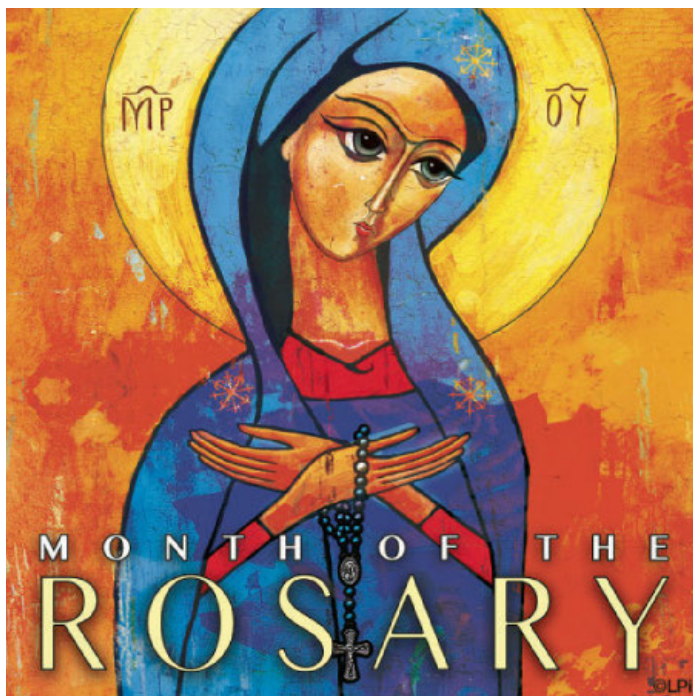


Saturday, October 14

Adults:\$12/Seniors:\$8/Kids:\$6/Family:\$36

CORPUS CHRISTI CENTER

6020 Old Antonia Road, Imperial, MO 63052



Public Outdoor Rosary

Join us for a public rosary sponsored by St. Joseph Parish in honor of Our Lady of Fatima for world peace.

When: Sunday, October 14 at 12 pm

Where: "Hair on Main"

1010 Main St., Imperial, MO (in front of shop)

Please come and bring a friend.

Our country needs prayers!

For more information contact

Dr. Mary Dixon at (314) 315-3876



Kings House at the
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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



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The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all the donors who generously gave to the "Walk for the Poor".

SVDP collected \$5,193.00.



The 50 plus club is having a luncheon on October 12th at noon at Detours in Imperial. If you have any questions call Gary at 636-948-2354 or Debbie Smith at 314-608-5673.

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.**





Items needed for St. John's SVdP Food Pantry

Rice A Roni
Tomato Soup
Mushroom Soup
Chicken noodle soup
Pancake Mix and Syrup

The St. Vincent de Paul Truck is Coming

The SVdP donation truck will be here the weekend of November 4th & 5th.

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 3rd, 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.

Reaching the Priests:

The office phone numbers for Fr. Shaughnessy and Fr. Ruzicka are listed on p.2. 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.



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, 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, Elaine Schmidt, Bill Schneider, Kathleen Schneider, Diana Schwalbert, Jean Schwartz, Rosie Seiler, Art Seyer, Kelly Shanks, Billie Smith, 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 Weidinger, 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 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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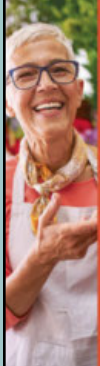


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