



St. John
*the Beloved
Disciple*
Parish



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God
what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

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St. John the Beloved Disciple 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.

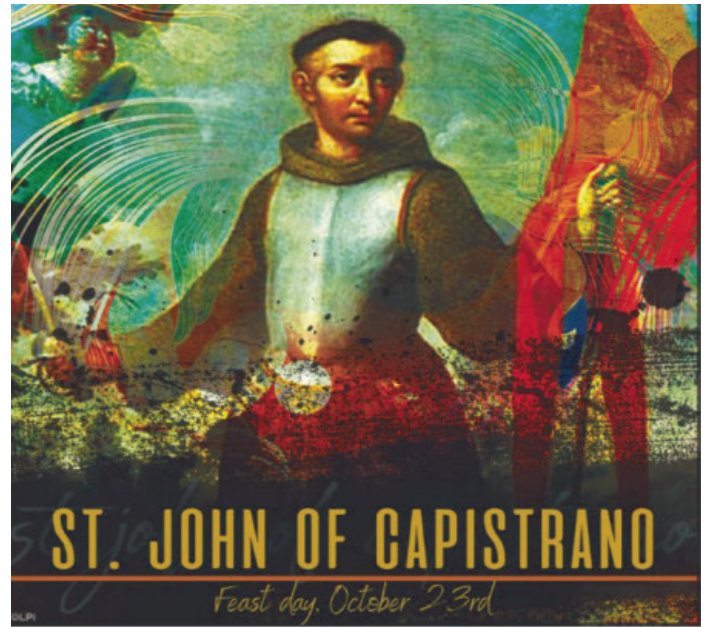
SACRAMENT of HOLY ORDERS AND VOWED RELIGIOUS LIFE

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	Oct. 28 4:00 pm	Oct. 29 7:30 am	Oct. 29 10:00 am
Lector 1	M. L. Kopp	S. Hill	D. Seyer
Lector 2	T. Schrader	R. Horst	K. Brandon



PARISH STEWARDSHIP 9/25/2023 - 10/1/2023

	Current	Fiscal YTD
OFFERTORY		
<i>Total collected</i>	\$6,681.00	\$91,456.60
<i>Amount needed</i>	\$7,503.77	\$105,316.97
<i>Surplus or shortage</i>	\$822.77	\$13,860.37
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
St. Vincent dePaul	\$225.00	
Archdiocesan	\$155.00	

Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to our parishioners who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week.

10/27: Keith & Heather Brandon

May you have many more years together!

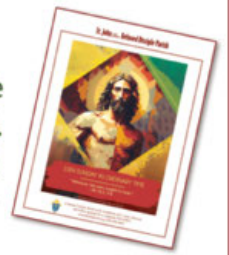
Birthdays this Week

10/22: Earl Stephens
 10/23: Cindy Johnson, Clayton Vickery
 10/24: Michael Schwalbert
 10/25: Alexandra Rouse, Ella Brandon, Pam Kenney
 10/26: Santa Bottchen
 10/27: Deborah Kyle, Rita Schouten, Tammy Ring
 10/28: Raymond Eldridge

God's blessings be yours on your special day!

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.



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.



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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Render unto to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. Render unto God what belongs to God.

In this passage:

Jesus' enemies saw an opportunity to put Jesus on the spot in front of His followers. In verse 17, they say to Jesus, "Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" (ESV). It was a trick question, and they knew it. If Jesus answered, "No," the Herodians would charge Him with treason against Rome. If He said, "Yes," the Pharisees would accuse Him of disloyalty to the Jewish nation, and He would lose the support of the crowds. To pay taxes or not to pay taxes? The question was designed as a Catch-22.

Jesus' response is nothing short of brilliant: "But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius" (Matthew 22:18–19, ESV).

The denarius was a coin used as the tax money at the time. It was made of silver and featured an image of the emperor with an inscription calling him "divine." The Jews considered such images idolatry, forbidden by the second commandment. This was another reason why, if Jesus answered, "Yes," He would be in trouble. His acceptance of the tax as "lawful" could have been seen as a rejection of the second commandment, thus casting doubt on His claim to be the Son of God.

With the coin displayed in front of them, Jesus said, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" The Herodians and Pharisees, stating the obvious, said, "Caesar's." Then Jesus brought an end to their foolish tricks: "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Matthew

22:21, ESV). Upon hearing this, Jesus' enemies marveled and went away (verse 22).

When Jesus said, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's," He was drawing a sharp distinction between two kingdoms. There is a kingdom of this world, and Caesar holds power over it. But there is another kingdom, not of this world, and Jesus is King of that (John 18:36). Christians are part of both kingdoms, at least temporarily. Under Caesar, we have certain obligations that involve material things. Under Christ, we have other obligations that involve things eternal. If Caesar demands money, give it to him—it's only mammon. But make sure you also give God what He demands.

Caesar minted coins, as he had a right to do, and he demanded some coins in return, as was his right. After all, his image was stamped on what he had made. God has "minted" the human soul, and He has stamped His image on every one (Genesis 1:27). So give Caesar his due—the temporary stuff of this world—but make sure to give God His due: "Offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness" (Romans 6:13).

<https://www.gotquestions.org/render-to-Caesar.html>

Great meditation! Great things to pray with! Have a great week.

Yours in Christ,



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

The Reception of Holy Communion at Mass

Those who receive Communion may receive either in the hand or on the tongue, and the decision should be that of the individual receiving, not of the person distributing Communion. If Communion is received in the hand, the hands should first of all be clean. If one is right handed the left hand should rest upon the right. The host will then be laid in the palm of the left hand and then taken by the right hand to the mouth. If one is left-handed this is reversed. It is not appropriate to reach out with the fingers and take the host from the person distributing.

The person distributing Communion says audibly to each person approaching, "The Body of Christ." This formula should not be altered, as it is a proclamation which calls for a response of faith on the part of the one who receives. The communicant should audibly respond, "Amen," indicating by that response his or her belief that this small wafer of bread, the wine in this chalice are in reality the body and blood of Christ the Lord.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-eucharist/the-reception-of-holy-communion-at-mass>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are listed the next three experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

12/1/2023 - 12/3/2023, St. Peters, MO

2/2/2024 - 2/4/2024, St. Peters, MO

4/5/2024 - 4/7/2024, St. Peters, MO



Men! Come to the Zechariah Prayer Breakfast

9am — Noon, 8:30 registration

Saturday **OCT. 28, 2023**

Cardinal Rigali Center, Shrewsbury

INFO: ARCHSTL.ORG/RENEWAL



Whiskey Wednesday

St. Clare (Ellisville) Men's Group **Whiskey Wednesdays** will send four men to the Breakfast to tell us all about their vision of ministry and fellowship. Tune in for free at 10:10 am on YouTube or Facebook: stlrenewal.org/yt or stlrenewal.org/fb.

COME TO BREAKFAST! It's \$15.00, PAYABLE AT THE DOOR.



Advance reservation of a breakfast is required, at
(636) 215-0973 or On-Line at STLRENEWAL.ORG/ZPB

EMAIL: GARY.WHITLOCK@ATT.NET

RAFFLE

BASKET WINNERS

Congratulations to our winners!

Kitchen: Mary Lou Garmoe

Star Wars : Gerri Little

Cross: Ande Buechel

Halloween Clown & Culvers Card:

Patrick Gasior



SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Party for 50s Plus

December 14th, 12:00 pm at Detours

\$21.00 per person - RSVP by December 7th

Gary 636-948-2354 or

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\$6 optional gift exchange



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Support *St. John's Church* by presenting this flyer to the **Arnold Location** and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of your total food purchases to St. John's!



Texas Roadhouse Benefit

Our next benefit night at Texas Roadhouse will be **Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023**. Please use the coupon above and support this parish fundraiser.

(If you're looking ahead, in November the date will be the 30th due to Thanksgiving.)

St. Anne Ladies Sodality Meeting

October 26th at 7 pm in office vestibule. Ladies, join us for "harvest salad night." Lettuce will be supplied, but bring an "add on" of your choice and your own drink.

All ladies welcome!



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)

Thanks

Thank you to all who attended the outdoor public rosary Saturday on Imperial Main St., on Saturday, October 14th. There were over twenty-thousand people overall who prayed the outdoor public rosary. Please continue to pray for peace. God bless you!
Mary Dixon



**ONLINE
GIVING**

Sign up at <https://www.osvhub.com/saintjohnimperial>



September Summary of SVdP help

Families helped 51
(121 Adults & 85 children)

EXPENSES

Food pantry visits 23 families \$2850
Sav-a-Lot vouchers (87) \$870
Gas Cards (7) \$175
Thrift store vouchers
(5 families) \$596
Misc. (1) \$268.75
Twin with other conference (1) \$300
Pantry rent (3 months) \$450
Food purchase for pantry \$1444.34

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 6954.09

DEPOSITS:

Parishioners: \$2220
WFTP \$4063

TOTAL DEP. \$6283

Thank you for all your support and contributions so we are able to help our neighbors in need.

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.



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, Guy-la Bills, Shirley Blecha, 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 Hymnik, 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, Irene 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.

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

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