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“You shall love the Lord,
your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with
all your mind.”

MATTHEW 22:37

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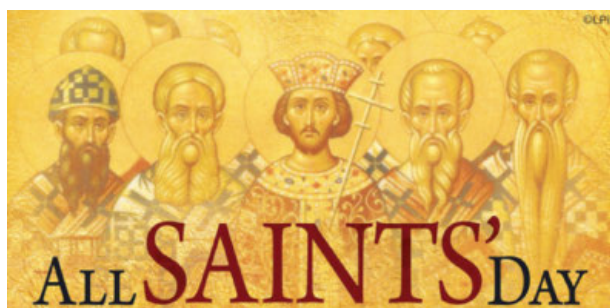
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MASS TIMES

Sat.: 4:00 pm, Sun.: 9:00 am
(starting 11/5/23)

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

NEW MASS SCHEDULE STARTING 11/5/23

Sat.: 4:00 pm, Sun.: 9:00 am
Tuesday, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00 am

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	Nov. 4 4:00 pm	Nov. 5 7:30 am	Nov. 5 10:00 am
Lector 1	M. Stephens	D. Swaller	J. Crutchley
Lector 2	K. Boyer	G. Thompson	A. McGraw

MASS INTENTIONS	
Tuesday	October 31, 2023
6:30 pm	Mildred Swaller
Wednesday	November 1, 2023
8:00 am	Parishioners of SJP/SJBD
Thursday	November 2, 2023
6:30 pm	Priest's Intention
Friday	November 3, 2023
8:00 am	Jim & Diane Marshall
Saturday	November 4, 2023
4:00 pm	Francis Hill Family
Sunday	November 5, 2023
9:00 am	Wilbert Lang

Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to our parishioners who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week.

10/29: TJ & Kelly Nichols
10/30: Jeremy & Holly Tomlin
11/01: Tom & Tina James

May you have many more years together!

Birthdays this Week

10/29: Stephen Brunner, Gavin Johnston, Patricia Noack, Emmet Wuertz
10/30: Adeline Lenhardt
11/01: Milton Hopfer, Billie Jean Piel
11/02: Ruth Stabile
11/03: Carol Iliff
11/04: Lindsay Chrzanowski, Jerome Dustmann, Brendan McGraw

God's blessings be yours on your special day!

All Saints Day

The parish offices will be closed in observance of All Saints Day on Wednesday, November 1st.

ALL Saints

Wednesday, November 1st, 2023
On this Holy Day of Obligation take time to honor all saints!

Feast of All Saints Mass Schedule

St. John the Beloved Disciple Parish - 8:00 am
St. Joseph Parish - 6:30 & 8:00 am, 5:30 pm

PARISH STEWARDSHIP 10/2/2023 - 10/8/2023

	Current	Fiscal YTD
OFFERTORY		
<i>Total collected</i>	\$5,121.00	\$96,390.60
<i>Amount needed</i>	\$7,522.64	\$112,839.61
<i>Surplus or shortage</i>	\$2,401.64	\$16,449.61
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
St. Vincent dePaul	\$60.00	
Archdiocesan	\$51.00	

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,

Two weeks ago, we sent out an email to all parishioners for whom we have an email address, and we also provided the same information in a bulletin insert, on the topic of Sunday

Mass times. We requested your input on proposed Sunday Mass time changes. If you missed that, in short, Fr. Rich Coerver had recommended changing the Sunday schedule to one Mass instead of two, but I wanted an opportunity to observe Mass attendance myself before accepting that recommendation. Having confirmed that Fr. Rich was correct, we solicited input from you. ***As a result, please see the following schedule changes which will be effective Sunday, November 5, 2023:***

At St. John the Beloved Parish:

- a) Instead of having two Masses on Sunday mornings, we will now offer **one Sunday morning Mass at 9:00 am** instead of the 7:30 am and 10 am Masses. The Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm will remain the same.

Early morning Mass times at surrounding parishes are as follows:

St. Joseph Parish: 7:00 am and 8:30 am.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, House Springs: 8:00 am.

Good Shepherd in Hillsboro: 7:00 am.

Assumption in Mattese: 7:30 am.

- b) Mass will not be offered on Monday mornings.

Our Lady Queen of Peace in House Springs, Assumption Mattese, and Good Shepherd in Hillsboro all offer an 8:00 am Mass.

- c) On Tuesdays, we will continue offering Mass at 6:30 pm, following confessions from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

- d) On Wednesdays, Mass will continue to be offered at 8:00 am.

- e) On Thursdays, the evening Mass will be replaced by an 8:00 am Mass and there will be no confessions.

- f) Mass will not be offered on Friday mornings. Our Lady Queen of Peace in House Springs, Assumption Mattese, and Good Shepherd in Hillsboro all offer an 8:00 am Mass.

At St. Joseph Parish:

On Wednesday evenings the 6:30 pm Mass will be eliminated.

Some of you may be upset with these changes. If you are, I am so sorry. But we have to live in the reality of where things stand right now both at St. John the Beloved and in the Archdiocese of St. Louis regarding pastoral assignments and staffing. We have to work together. We have to realize that the Church (and Her Mystical Body which includes all of us) is so much bigger than any one particular parish. We have to be ONE BODY in Christ, not a bunch of rival parishes, fighting to keep things the way they have been.

I think the best thing we can do is pray: pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life and also pray that people's hearts will be open to the fact that our Faith in Christ Jesus and our respective walks with Him must be rooted in a deep love for His Eucharistic body. That far surpasses parish boundaries, particular churches, particular priests, etc. Without the Eucharist and without Jesus dying on the Cross for our sins, we would all have to face the reality of eternal damnation. The Cross stands revealed as the Tree of Life. That truly is all that matters for any of us.

And that said, someone recently commented that they wished I personally spent more time at SJBD. And I don't disagree. I wish that I was able to spend more time at SJBD. From a strictly numbers point of view, St. Joseph is almost 10 times the size of SJBD. Why am I sharing that data? It's not to annoy you or to make you feel inferior. It's to illuminate an undeniable reality. The commitments of the priests at (and to) St. Joseph are massive. We are doing our best at SJBD but the numbers tell a story. An undeniable one. SJBD is a lovely parish with a rich history and a unique character but the demands from each parish on the priests' time are not equal.

I simply ask that you pray for your priests and all priests. Navigating a post-*All Things New*-reality is challenging but I truly believe that Our Lord is allowing us to grow through all of this so that the Church may be stronger and healthier and more rooted in the Eucharist as we move forward!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Dan Shaughnessy".



Thursday, November 2nd, 2023
Feast of All Souls Mass – 6:30 pm
Let us come together to pray for our
deceased parishioners, our loved ones,
and all who have died.

May they rest in peace!

You are invited to share the names of your
family and friends who have gone before us in
our Book of Remembrance which will be in the
front of Church beginning November 1st.



To my St. John Parish Family, thank you all for your
love and support during Keith's illness and making
his passing a little easier to bear. The celebration of
the Mass for Keith was beautiful. And a special thank
you to the St. Joseph Parish's Corpus Christi Center,
who provided a great luncheon for our gathering after
the service. What a blessing we have in each other!

Love and Peace,
Kathie Boyer and Family



BASKET WINNERS

Congratulations to our winners!

Kids: Darril Swaller
Kitchen : Ande Buechel
Kitchen: Barb Thompson
Country: Phil Zerillo



GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 29, 2023 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our secularized culture, we all struggle with belief in God, at least to some degree. An atheist man named Robert Bridges once wrote to his friend, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, asking how he could possibly learn to believe in God. Hopkins pithily responded: "Give alms." Would that help someone tempted by atheism today, like you and me?

I think so, and here's why. This week Jesus speaks of love for God and neighbor. These dual commands were nothing new when Jesus used them to sum up the Jewish law. What is new is the way he links them together in mutual dependency. In Jesus, God and man have become one. Human-love and God-love are now inseparably married forever.

The newness of the God-man means that there is now a permanently counter-intuitive way into the knowledge and love of God: love of our neighbor. To experience charity is to know God. That's what Hopkins was getting at for his friend. How we treat our fellow human beings is inseparable from faith in God. Do you want to have a stronger sense of God's loving presence and goodness? Commit to serving someone today and this week. Love him or her. Don't wait for love for God to appear in your heart before loving others. Jesus has united divine and human love. If you want to believe more in God, give alms.

— Father John Muir

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Hope & Healing

Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski, Bishop Mark Rivituso, Fr. Patrick McDevitt, Provincial Superior of the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) Western Province and Fr. Tom Esselman, Assistant Provincial Superior will concelebrate a Mass of Hope and Healing at 10 am on Sunday, November 5th, 2023 at Our Lady Queen of Peace in House Springs (4696 Notre Dame Lane House Springs, MO 63051). This Mass of Hope and Healing is open to everyone. After Mass, the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a breakfast. All are welcome. (Adults \$6, Children 11+ \$3 and 10 & under are free.)

For more information, please contact Ann Wier, Victim Assistance Coordinator, Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at annwier@archstl.org or 314.850.8318.



An Important Note About Donations

In order to comply with Archdiocesan regulations and financial best practices, please be aware that any donations to the parish, whether a financial contribution or a donation of tangible goods, *MUST* be brought to the Parish Office during office hours for proper processing and record-keeping.



The ACTS community of Queen of All Saints is holding a SQUARE DANCE!

November 11, 2023, at 7:00 pm. in Limbach Hall at 6603 Christopher Dr. St. Louis, MO 63129

Tickets (\$15.00 per person) can be purchased at the rectory office-during regular business hours or call Kathy Hoehl @ 314-578-5913

Limited seating - get your tickets soon!

THANKS A TON!

We wrap up Priest Appreciation Month with many thanks going out to our priests for being our shepherds as they guide us spiritually in so many ways.

Please continue to support our priests by praying for them through the year for their faithfulness, holiness, and that Jesus Christ is their everything.

St. Anne Ladies Sodality

Annual quarter auction/meeting November 16th at 7:00 pm in the church vestibule.

Bring your own drinks and quarters.

Let's have some fun and camaraderie!

All ladies welcome.

Questions? Contact Gloria @ 636-287-4333.

Upcoming events...

Ladies Christmas Dinner: Dec. 1st at 6:00 pm

@ Weber's Front Row Bar and Grill, Arnold

Christmas Cookie Sale: Dec. 2nd & 3rd after all Masses



Items needed for St. John's SVdP Food Pantry:

Canned Tuna and Chicken
Pork & Beans - Baked Beans
Knorr Pkg- Pasta and Rice
Dried Beans

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, Guy-la Bills, Shirley Blecha, Noreen Boyer, Wayne Brewer, Barb & Ron Buchheit, Alvera Byrne, Rich Byrne, Cathy Castro, Manny Contre-ras, 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 Hynik, 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 Ma-son, 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, 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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