



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



## THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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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  
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### CLERGY

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### MASS TIMES

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

### 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.



## Raffle and Booster Winners!

For listings of the winners of raffles and other fundraisers, please consult the bulletin board in the lobby.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	January 6 4:00 pm	January 7 9:00 am
Lector 1	T. Schrader	D. Seyer
Lector 2	M. Stephens	D. Swaller

MASS INTENTIONS	
Tuesday	January 2, 2024
6:30 pm	Al Swaller
Wednesday	January 3, 2024
8:00 am	Don Wentz
Thursday	January 4, 2024
8:00 am	Betty Newberry
Saturday	January 6, 2024
4:00 pm	Ray & Lorraine Stewart
Sunday	January 7, 2024
9:00 am	Paul Vandeven

**Happy NEW YEAR**

May the Lord fulfill all your New Year wishes.  
Have a blessed year!  
The parish offices of St. John the Beloved Disciple and St. Joseph will be closed on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.  
Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

**Wedding Anniversaries**  
Congratulations to our parishioners who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week.  
None this week.

**Birthdays this week**  
12/31: Fr. Shaughnessy, Joe Huster  
*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](mailto:bulletin@sjiparish.org). The deadline is each Thursday at noon, 10 days in advance of the publication date.




*Mass Intentions may now be requested for 2024. You may make a request for up to a year in advance. You may drop your request in the collection, stop by the office, call, or email [office@stjohnimperial.org](mailto:office@stjohnimperial.org) to get a Mass scheduled. The Mass stipend is \$10.*

PARISH STEWARDSHIP 12/4/2023 - 12/10/2023		
	Current	Fiscal YTD
OFFERTORY		
Total collected	\$5,404	\$167,626.46
Amount budgeted	\$7,522.64	\$180,534.37
Surplus or shortage	\$2,118.64	\$12,916.91
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
St. Vincent dePaul	\$75.00	
Archdiocesan	\$95.00	

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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.







*From the Desk of* Fr. Dan Shaughnessy, Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, December 31, 2023, is my 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday! So if you see me today, wish me a happy birthday. LOL!

As we begin a new year this week, there is so very much to ponder. We look back over the past year (in review), of course, and naturally then, we look forward and ask ourselves what our hopes and dreams are for 2024. Rather than getting hung up on goals related simply to earthly things, might we ask ourselves to dig a little deeper and ask Jesus in prayer what His hopes and dreams are for us in the coming year. What will my walk with Jesus look like in 2024?

And so we should ask ourselves one of my very favorite prayers from Fr. Dolindo Ruotolo:

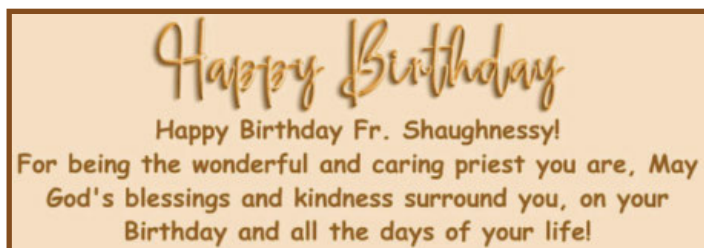
*Oh Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!*

May God bless you all abundantly in 2024!

God bless!

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Dan Shaughnessy*





## YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

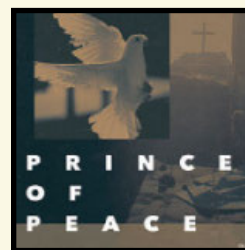
When a donation is mailed to the parish, the IRS determines that it has been received when it has been postmarked by the United States Postal Service. Thus, checks postmarked on or before December 31, 2023, will be included in the donor's 2023 contribution statement. Items postmarked January 2024 will be included in the donor's 2024 contribution statement. Contributions received in the offertory on Sunday, December 31, 2023, will be included in the 2023 statements if dated in 2023. If they are dated 2024, they will be recorded as such. Contributions received in the offertory on Monday, January 1, 2024, will be included in the donor's 2024 contribution statement regardless of check date.



The Knights of Columbus will be restarting the "Food for Families" program on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to collect food for our St Vincent dePaul food pantry. We hope to be weighing the food every Monday, and reporting back to you.

Also our Knights of Columbus is starting a program to pray the Hail Mary one million times. We would like to have the Hail Mary prayed one million times by January 2025.

Please keep track of all the Rosaries you, your family, and your friends say. We are working on a way to keep track of them.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— Father John Muir

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

Cake Mixes  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Potatoes  
Canned Ravioli  
Canned Tomato Sauce

*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.*

**MORNING PRAYER**

Parishioners, family and friends  
are all welcome to meet in church  
on Monday mornings at 8:45  
am for Morning Prayer, taken  
from the Liturgy of the Hours.  
Following Morning Prayer, join  
the group in the parish office  
lobby for free coffee, sweets and  
camaraderie.

**PERPETUAL HELP  
DEVOTION**

Following the Wednesday  
morning Mass and Perpetual  
Help Devotion, come join the  
group for free coffee, cookies and  
camaraderie in the parish office  
lobby.

If you have any questions or  
need further information, please  
feel free to contact Mary Lou  
Kopp at 636-253-8183 or Terri  
Schrader at 636-465-4095.



**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, Noreen Boyer, Wayne Brewer, Barb & Ron Buchheit, Alvera Byrne, Rich Byrne, Cathy Castro, 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 Hynnik, Ruth Jensen, Ron Jordan, Jr., 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, 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

**Spend an Hour with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration**

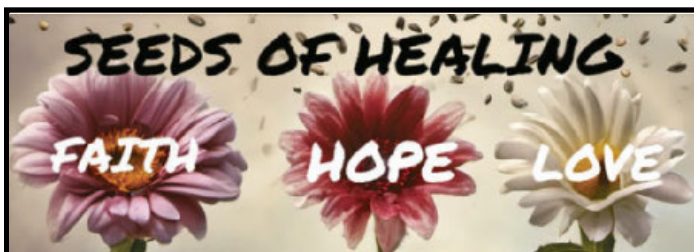


Begins after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions through Closing and Benediction at 4:00 pm

**Extra coverage needed during the afternoon  
through Benediction at 4:00 pm.**

Visitors and drop-ins are always welcome.

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



Saturday, January 20, 2024, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm  
Marianist Retreat and Conference Center

Losing a loved one to suicide or any tragic death is a pain that no one can prepare for. The roller coaster of emotions is enough to make one doubt God's presence in the situation. This day of reflection is designed to help in the journey through these emotions and come out renewed with confidence in God's love and care for each one of us. Members of our ministry team for this day will include Father Tom Miller (pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. Anthony Parishes), Deacon Rob Lawson (Incarnate Word Parish), Adam Bitter (Incarnate Word Parish), and the Jonah Prayer Teams from Incarnate Word, St. Alban Roe, and St. Anthony of Padua Parishes. There will be time for healing prayer, discussions, sharing, techniques for healthy outlet of emotions, and testimony from those who have healed from the same pain you may be feeling.

Attendance will be limited to 100 participants total for Saturday, 9 am - 7 pm and include two meals for \$65. We are also offering the option for up to 45 participants to spend the night through 10 am on Sunday which includes a private room and breakfast for \$155. For more information contact:

Barb @ 314.910.3942, Mary @ 314.210.5098 or Shelby @ 636.288.9841

Scan to register:



Registration: <https://marianistretreat.com/events/seeds-of-healing-retreat-2024/>

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY DONATIONS

Checks made payable to the St. Vincent de Paul Society are forwarded to SVDP for deposit and recording of contributions. All cash donations to SVDP received by the parish will be forwarded to the SVDP Society for deposit and recording of contributions. Please note that donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society will only be shown on your 2024 parish contribution statements if the check is made payable to St. John the Beloved Disciple.



## Men's ACTS Retreat January 25-28, 2024

Assumption Parish of Mattese & St. John parishes are now accepting registrations for the January 25-28, 2024 ACTS retreat weekend for men. This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality & prayer life; to strengthen your faith & its application to your daily life and to build lasting friendships among members of the parish community. Your fellow parishioners from Assumption & St. John present the retreat with spiritual direction from our parish priests & deacons. We invite all men to join us for a special weekend of spiritual growth & renewal! The retreat is held at the Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka, Missouri, where accommodations include a private room/bath for retreatants.

For more information please contact Darrel Eversole, Director 314-715-2284 or [deversole@huelsoil.com](mailto:deversole@huelsoil.com).

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