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Parish

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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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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 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.



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 13 4:00 pm	January 14 9:00 am
Lector 1	C. Edridge	T. Schrader
Lector 2	K. Boyer	G. Dierks

MASS INTENTIONS	
Tuesday	January 9, 2024
6:30 pm	Ron Jordan
Wednesday	January 10, 2024
8:00 am	Al Swaller
Thursday	January 11, 2024
8:00 am	Fr. Ruzicka Special Intention
Saturday	January 13, 2024
4:00 pm	Keith Boyer
Sunday	January 14, 2024
9:00 am	Emma Nair



Wedding Anniversaries
None this week.

Birthdays this week

1/01: Dustin Griffith, Harrison Kehder,
Joan O'Rourke, Steve Suellentrop

1/02: Alvera Byrne, Kathleen Gaspard,
Blake Steller

1/03: Kathie Boyer

1/04: Bernice Arnold, Keith Brandon,
Donna Siebenmorgen

1/05: Blake Krueger, Theresa Madden

1/06: Rob Vescovo

1/07: Joan Ott, Elizabeth Vautrain

1/08: Matt Madej

1/10: Harmony Merseal

1/13: Elizabeth Griffin, Debra Rollinger

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.



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 to get a Mass scheduled. The Mass stipend is \$10.


PARISH STEWARDSHIP 12/11/2023 - 12/17/2023		
	Current	Fiscal YTD
OFFERTORY		
<i>Total collected</i>	\$7,607.67	\$175,234.13
<i>Amount budgeted</i>	\$7,522.64	\$188,066.01
<i>Surplus or shortage</i>	\$85.03	\$12,831.88
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
St. Vincent dePaul	\$145.00	
Archdiocesan	\$30.00	



ONLINE GIVING

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

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,

As we start the new year, it's important for me as your pastor to address the Declaration from the Vatican entitled *Fiducia Supplicans*, "On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings". There has been a great deal of confusion, as the press has mis-characterized the document. No big surprise there.

And so, as your pastor, in my own search for clarity, to clearly understand the document so I can guide the parish, I came across a very clear and concise response from Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota, who also happens to serve as Chairman of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth.

The USCCB released the following statement:

"WASHINGTON – The document released this week by the Vatican on the pastoral meaning of blessings insists that marriage is a union of one man and one woman in lifelong fidelity and openness to children, said Bishop Robert Barron of Winona-Rochester. Following the publication of *Fiducia Supplicans* by the Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, the chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, addressed questions and concerns that have emerged. "In my capacity as chairman of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, I would like to respond to some of the questions and concerns that have emerged in the wake of the publication of the Vatican document, *Fiducia Supplicans*. The statement in no way calls for a change in the Church's teaching regarding marriage and sexuality. In fact, it goes to great lengths to insist that, in accord with unchanging doctrine, marriage is a union of one man and one woman in lifelong fidelity and openness to children.

"The blessings that it allows for those in irregular relationships are not liturgical in nature and hence do not imply any approbation of such relationships. Rather, these benedictions are informal and spontaneous, designed to call upon God's mercy to heal, guide, and strengthen. Despite some misleading coverage in the press, the declaration does not constitute a 'step' toward ratification of same-sex marriage nor a compromising of the Church's teaching regarding those in irregular relationships.

"*Fiducia Supplicans* is very much congruent with Pope Francis's long-held conviction that those who do not live up to the full demand of the Church's moral teaching are nevertheless loved and cherished by God and invited to accept the Lord's offer of forgiveness." <https://www.usccb.org/news/2023/bishop-barron-says-new-vatican-document-affirms-churchs-timeless-teaching-marriage>

In closing, I simply felt that it was very important to offer clarity to all of the confusion in the media. As stated by the Catechism of the Catholic Church in Chapter 3, Article 7, marriage is a procreative and unitive bond between a woman and man, according to God's design. The definition of marriage cannot be changed, because it is reflective of God's immutable design for the human person.

May God bless you all abundantly!

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Home Blessing

It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church and at St. John's to bless chalk at the Masses on Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year.

The blessed chalk is used to inscribe the names of the three wise men, Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar, on the lintel of their front door. The home blessing for 2024 is as follows: 20+C+M+B+24 while saying this blessing:

"Almighty and everlasting God, grant to this home the grace of Your presence, that You may be known to be the inhabitant of this dwelling, and the defender of this household; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with You and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



The Knights of Columbus will be restarting the "Food for Families" program on Jan 1st 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.

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.

QUILT RAFFLE UPDATE

We would like to thank all who have picked up their envelopes. In order to defray the cost of mailing the remaining envelopes, we are hoping we can get parishioners to purchase at least one Quilt Raffle ticket. The cost is \$12.00 per ticket and gives you a chance each month to win a BEAUTIFUL QUILT made by our St. John Quilters. You should have or will be receiving your envelopes in the mail shortly if you had not picked them up.

Thank you for your support!
St. John's St. Anne Sodality & St. John Quilters



Men's ACTS Retreat January 25-28, 2024

Assumption of Mattese & St. John parishes are now accepting registrations for the January 25-28, 2024 ACTS retreat weekend for men. 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.



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

Cake Mixes
Canned Fruit
Canned Potatoes
Canned Ravioli
Canned Tomato Sauce

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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.



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.



*The poinsettias on the Christmas altar were donated in memory of the following people.
May we remember them and their loved ones in our prayers.*

Michael Fischer	Richard Farrar	Joseph A Blecha
Hubert Prenger Family	Charlie Long	Mary Voss
J. Filmore Golden Family	Kevin Burke	Ray & Dorothy Walter
Art & Anna Ade	Bryan Burke	Thomas & Elizabeth Rollinger
Donald Godbey	Stan Gross Sr.	Steve & Irene Hrynik
Doris Schneider	Byrne Family	Linda Hrynik
Jerry Pratt	Gross Family	Don & Pat Doerr
Terry Luaders	Emma, Merlin Nair	Dennis Doerr
Ted & Agnes Theiss	Robert, Marilyn Nair	Mary Daniels
Quentin Miller & Family	Larry Jensen	Clarence Smith
John & Moneta & Family	Vincent & Josephine Daus	Joseph Smith
Jack Cassity	Frank & Mary Stockmann	Joshua Smith
Daniel Birnie	Norman & Virginia Kempf	Brenda Good
Robert & Agnes Frayne	George & Gladys Erslon	Leo Eldridge
Melville Birnie	Don Swaller	Eugene Schmidt
Rose Family	Earl Whitehead	Robert & Rose Mary Sackberger
Stanley Lay	Thomas Whitehead	Stephen Gossett
Rev. Anthony Siebert	Bud & Mildred Swaller	Walter & Loretta Schrader
Mr & Mrs Elmer Meyer	Albert & Mildred Swaller Family	Robert & Eva Meyer
Mr & Mrs Glen Williams	Ray & Lorraine Stewart Family	Richard Mark Meyer
Don Luaders	Neil & Dennis Jacobsen	Wanda Ann & Michael George Meyer
James R Burnett	Gabe Miller	Marie Edith Solomon Ottomeyer
Kathleen & Adam Hoffman	Genevieve Teylin	Summer Kai Holmes
Louis Thompson	Gloria Nichols	Terry Luaders
Isabella Greco	Keith Boyer	Mom & Dad Paradise
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