



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



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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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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### OTHER MINISTRIES

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## St. Joseph Parish

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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	February 3 4:00 pm	February 4 9:00 am
Lector 1	M. Stephens	J. Scalise
Lector 2	T. Schrader	S. Scalise

MASS INTENTIONS	
Tuesday	February 6, 2024
6:30 pm	Megan F. Taylor
Wednesday	February 7, 2024
8:00 am	William & Gertrude Poepper
Thursday	February 8, 2024
8:00 am	Betty Gianopolus
Saturday	February 10, 2024
4:00 pm	Paul Vandeven
Sunday	February 11, 2024
9:00 am	Velma (Mary) Portell

### Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to our parishioners who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week.

1/28: John Robert & Marge Bohrer  
 1/30: David & Tina Schaffer  
 1/30: Benjamin & Samantha Stevens  
 2/01: Larry & Ann Nava

*May you have many more years together!*

### Birthdays this week

1/28: Diane Scott,  
 1/29: Kathleen Politte  
 1/30: Ronald Buchheit, Katherine Hopfer  
 1/31: Charles Wills  
 2/01: Michelle Andrews, Grace Warren  
 2/02: Lindsey Adams, Jessica Gaines, Evan Sadl

*God's blessings be yours on your special day!*



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

3/15/2024 - 3/17/2024, Cape Girardeau, MO

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

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP 1/1/2024 - 1/7/2024

	Current	Fiscal YTD
OFFERTORY		
<i>Total collected</i>	\$7,548.00	\$209,071.13
<i>Amount budgeted</i>	\$7,522.64	\$210,633.94
<i>Surplus or shortage</i>	\$25.36	\$1,562.81
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
St. Vincent dePaul	\$610.00	
Archdiocesan	\$55.00	



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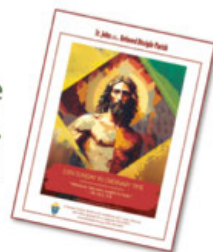
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Please stop by, call, or email the parish office to schedule Mass Intentions. Mass cards for *special intentions* or *in memory* are available; they may be picked up in the parish office. The stipend per Mass is \$10.



### 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.







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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we hear again from Mark in his Gospel:

"The Gospel is from St. Mark 1:21-28. St. Mark makes it clear that, from the very first day of Christ's public ministry, his messianic power began to be manifested to those who saw and heard him. The Jews of Capernaum were "astonished" at his teaching and "amazed" at his power over the evil spirits. "What is this," they asked one another, "a new teaching and the unclean spirits obey him!" But they were still a long way from recognizing him for what he was, the Messiah and Son of God. This is as might be expected, the astounding mystery of the incarnation was way beyond human expectation or human imagination. And it was our Lord's own plan to reveal this mystery, slowly and gradually, so that when the chain of evidence had been completed by his resurrection, his followers could look back and see each link in that chain. Then they would be ready to accept without hesitation the mystery of the incarnation and realize the infinite love and power of God that brought it about. We look back today through the eyes of the Evangelists, and, like them, know that Christ was God as well as man—two natures in one person. We should not therefore be "amazed" at the teaching of Jesus or at his power over the unclean spirits. What should amaze us really is the love that God showed mankind in becoming one of our race.

We are creatures with nothing of our own to boast of. We were created by God, and every talent or power we possess was given to us by God. God's benevolence could have stopped there and we would have no right to complain. But when we recall the special gifts he gave man, which raise him above all other created things, we see that he could not, because of his own infinitely benevolent nature, leave us to an earthly fate. What thinking man could be content with a short span of life on earth? What real purpose in life could an intelligent being have who knew that nothing awaited him but eternal oblivion in the grave? What fulfillment would man's intellectual faculties find in a few years of what is for the majority of people perpetual struggle for earthly survival? No, God created us to elevate us, after our earthly sojourn, to an eternal existence where all our desires and

potentialities would have their true fulfillment. Hence the incarnation, hence the life, death and resurrection of Christ, who was God's Son, as the central turning point of man's history.

Today, while amazed at God's love for us, let us also be justly amazed at the shabby and grudging return we make for love. Many amongst us even deny that act of God's infinite love, not from convincing historical and logical proofs, but in order to justify their own unwillingness to co-operate with the divine plan for their eternal future. This is not to say that their future, after death, does not concern them; it is a thought which time and again intrudes on all men, but they have allowed the affairs of this world which should be stepping stones to their future life, to become instead mill-stones which crush their spirits and their own true self-interests.

While we sincerely hope that we are not in that class, we can still find many facets in our daily Christian lives which can and should make us amazed at our lack of gratitude to God and to his incarnate Son. 'Leaving out serious sin which turns us away from God if not against him, how warm is our charity, our love of God and neighbor? How much of our time do we give to the things of God and how much to the things of Caesar? How often does our daily struggle for earthly existence and the grumbles and grouses which it causes, blot out from our view the eternal purpose God had in giving us this earthly existence. How often during the past year have we said from our heart: "Thank you, God, for putting me in this world, and thank you a thousand times more, for giving me the opportunity and the means of reaching the next world where I shall live happily forevermore in your presence"? If the true answer for many of us is "not once," then begin today. Let us say it now with all sincerity, and say it often in the years that are left to us." (<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2024-01-28>)

May God bless you all abundantly! Have a blessed week!

Yours in Christ,

January 28, 2024

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

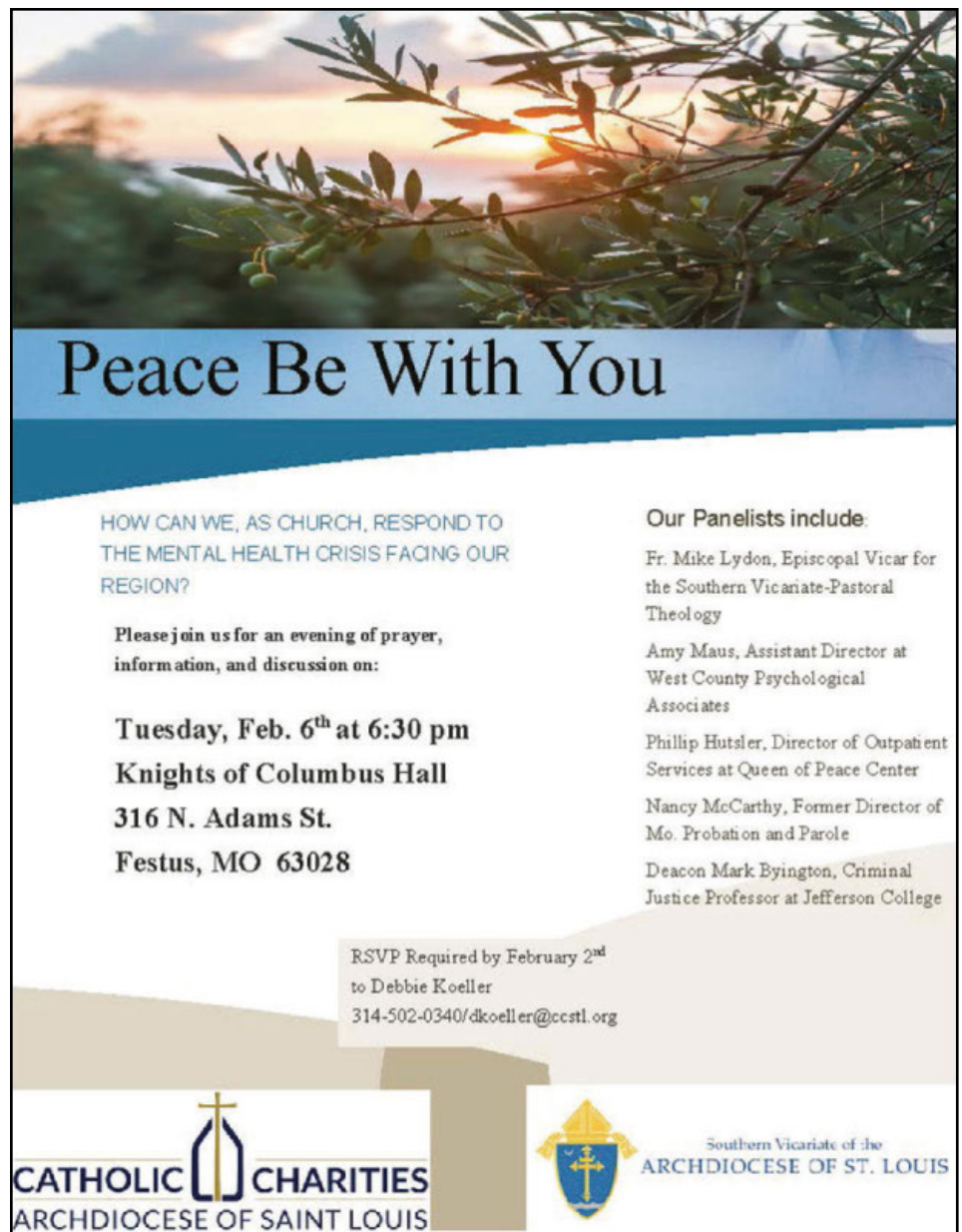
I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie “Nefarious” features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?” Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man’s identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, “Quiet! Come out of him!” Jesus’ word has the power to restore the man’s singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

— Father John Muir

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**Peace Be With You**

HOW CAN WE, AS CHURCH, RESPOND TO THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS FACING OUR REGION?

Please join us for an evening of prayer, information, and discussion on:

**Tuesday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**  
**Knights of Columbus Hall**  
**316 N. Adams St.**  
**Festus, MO 63028**

Our Panelists include:

- Fr. Mike Lydon, Episcopal Vicar for the Southern Vicariate-Pastoral Theology
- Amy Maus, Assistant Director at West County Psychological Associates
- Phillip Hutsler, Director of Outpatient Services at Queen of Peace Center
- Nancy McCarthy, Former Director of Mo. Probation and Parole
- Deacon Mark Byington, Criminal Justice Professor at Jefferson College

RSVP Required by February 2<sup>nd</sup> to Debbie Koeller  
314-502-0340/dkoeller@ccstl.org

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# Bake Sale

## ST. ANNE SODALITY BAKE SALE

Get your Baking Skills ready. St. Anne Sodality is sponsoring a Bake Sale for Super Bowl weekend **Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**, after all Masses. All kinds of baked goods are welcomed; please put a price on your items for us.

Thank you for your baking and for your support!



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

Spaghetti Sauce  
Rice-A-Roni  
Hamburger Helper  
Canned Chef Boyardee

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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, 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.





### 2024 GRAND SLAM BASEBALL FUNDRAISER

It is hard to believe that, with the football season not quite finished yet, pitchers and catchers are due to report about a month from now. Which means that it's almost time for the Grand Slam Baseball fundraiser for St John the Beloved Disciple parish. This is one of our largest fundraisers so look for cards be sold this coming February. More details will be coming as to when the cards will be available. Any questions, contact the parish office or Gary Dierks.



As Lent is quickly approaching and the end of the three-year Eucharistic Revival is also growing near, FORMED has a wonderful program to help us have the best Lent ever as we prepare for the Easter Sacraments.

St. John the Beloved Disciple will present Jesus and the Eucharist, a seven session video series, on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning February 6 - March 19, and again on Friday mornings at 9:00 am beginning February 9 - March 22, through Lent, ending just before Holy Week. We will have a video followed by discussion and refreshments. We hope you can join us for this awesome FORMED series! All seven sessions will be held in the SJBD Parish Office Lobby. Please contact Terri Schrader, 636-465-4095, if you have any questions.



### FOOD FOR FAMILIES COLLECTION

Week of January 17<sup>th</sup>: 35 lbs.

Week of January 23<sup>rd</sup>: 37 lbs.

Year to date: 106 lbs.

### MILLION HAIL MARYS

Year to date Rosaries: 105

Year to date Hail Marys: 5,565

### MILLION HAIL MARYS

Rosaries this week: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (opt) \_\_\_\_\_

Please place in the "Rosaries Said" box in foyer.



St. John the Beloved Disciple Parish  
Jonah Prayer Ministry

Saturday, February 3 after 4:00 PM Mass

Sunday, February 4 after 9:00 AM Mass

Look for our prayer team in the front of church after Mass, we will be available to pray with you confidentially for the intentions on your heart.

Please be patient, as we will stay until everyone who wants prayer has been prayed with.

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