



St. John
*the Beloved
Disciple*
Parish

Fourth Sunday of
ADVENT



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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
phone: 636-296-8061

CLERGY

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St. Vincent de Paul Society Helpline	314-289-6101 ext.3332
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St. Joseph Parish

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For a complete listing, please visit <https://www.sjiparish.org/parish-staff>

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.



MASS TIMES

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

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

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.



QUILTERS

St. John Quilters meet every Wednesday at 9 am in the parish office. All are welcome to join!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	December 28 4:00 pm	December 29 9:00 am
Lector 1	Bill Vautrain	Darrell Swaller
Lector 2	Elizabeth Vautrain	Greg Thompson

Birthdays this week

Kayla Mudra 12/23
Phyllis Wahlig 12/23
Mary Taylor 12/24
Ann Theiss 12/25
Norman Wooldridge 12/25
Conrad Crutchley 12/26
Cullen Brokaw 12/26
Alfred Barbagallo 12/27
Tina James 12/27
Lawrence Nahlik 12/28

God's blessings be yours on your special day!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP 11/25/24 - 12/1/24		
	Current	Fiscal YTD
OFFERTORY		
<i>Total collected</i>	\$7,808.50	\$156,058.97
<i>Amount budgeted</i>	\$6,317.31	\$138,980.77
<i>Surplus or shortage</i>	\$1,491.19	\$17,078.20
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
St. Vincent dePaul	\$590.00	
Archdiocesan	\$95.00	

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday	December 24, 2024 <i>Merry Christmas!</i>
4:00 pm	Kevin & Bryan Burke
Wednesday	December 25, 2024 <i>Merry Christmas!</i>
9:00 am	Richard Meyer
Thursday	December 26, 2024
8:00 am	Glenn Thebeau
Saturday	December 28, 2024
4:00 pm	Mary Voss
Sunday	December 29, 2024
9:00 am	Deceased Knights of Columbus from the parish



Important Calendar Notes

There will be *no 8 am Mass* on Christmas Eve Day, December 24th and there will be *no Eucharistic Adoration* on Christmas Day, December 25th

Important: Bulletin Deadlines

The accelerated bulletin deadlines for November/December are all behind us. The next available bulletin for which submissions can be accommodated is January 12. The deadline for submissions for Jan. 12 is January 2, the typical *Thursday-10-days-prior* deadline.

As always, submissions should be sent to bulletin@sjiparish.org

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

St. John's men's bible study meets every Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Sacristy. Discussion is about the upcoming Sunday's Mass readings. Any adult male is welcome to attend.



From the Desk of Fr. Anthony Yates, Pastor

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Our Blessed Mother takes center stage on this fourth Sunday of Advent, and fittingly so, as we draw near to the celebration of her Son's birth. After our Lord Himself, Mary is our model and guide to a stewardship way of life.

Today's Gospel passage from Luke describes Mary's actions immediately after her "yes" to the angel Gabriel's message. "Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah... and greeted Elizabeth." Mary immediately begins to think of others before herself, setting out quickly to be with her cousin, modeling two of the pillars of stewardship – Hospitality and Service.

What warmth and humility the Mother of our Savior shows, traveling to Elizabeth to spend time with her, rejoicing with Elizabeth over her own incredible pregnancy, and assisting her in a time of need. And what joy this hospitality and service brings to Elizabeth.

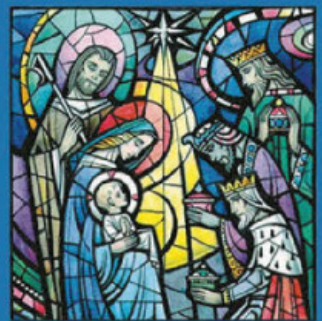
Our Blessed Mother's example of a stewardship way of life is one that we, her children, can follow in our own lives today. With all the gifts God gives us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — we, too, can offer ourselves to God by using these gifts to serve and glorify Him. In so doing, we will effectively spread the Good News of the Gospel to the world around us today. We will be stewards after our Mother's own heart.

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Merry Christmas!

As we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord this week, we are mindful of all that God has done for us. In the Gospel of John he says, "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him." That is why we celebrate Christmas. Filled with joy, I pray that His light continues to shine through you and our parish family. As I celebrate my first Christmas at St. John the Beloved Disciple Parish, I am deeply grateful for all the blessings I have received. Thank you for your kindness and support.

On behalf of Father Ruzicka, Msgr. Mikesch, Deacon Selsor, our Seminarians, and all our staff, I extend our Christmas greetings to you. May you be filled with the Christmas spirit always. May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families, and your loved ones at this time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our beloved Parish always.



Dear Lord,
As the Christmas star
led the Magi to worship
the Newborn King,
we pray that
your perfect light
will guide us to love
and serve one another.
Amen.



**Make a resolution to
help others
by donating blood!**

Knights of Columbus

Council 2333 is sponsoring
an American Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, January 7, 2:30-6:45 pm

Corpus Christi Center at St. Joseph Parish

To make an appointment:
redcrossblood.org and search for our blood drive
Call Bob (314-704-8068) or
Janet (314-304-4238)

Walk-ins are always welcome and appreciated!
We hope to see you there!



Parish Office Closings

Please take note that both the St. John and the St. Joseph parish offices will be **closed from December 21 through January 1**, reopening on January 2. If you need to reach a priest for a sacramental emergency, please be aware that each parish's voicemail greeting offers as its first option *"To reach a priest for a sacramental emergency, please press 1."* That option will forward your call to the priests. If instead you choose to leave a voice message, those will be monitored but please only leave non-urgent requests in that manner. Another option for non-urgent requests is to send an email; please see page 2 of this bulletin for a listing.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who stopped to shop at the Christmas Pop-Up shop! Through this event over \$500 was raised for the St Vincent De Paul Society at St. John.

Special thanks to the Seyer family—especially Arthur and Bette Seyer—for their generous contributions to the Country Store for this event.

Sincerely, The St. John's Country Store Team



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Jonah Prayer Ministry



**Saturday, 1/4
after 4:00 pm Mass**

**Sunday, 1/5
after 9:00 am Mass**

Immediately after Mass near the front of church, Jonah prayer ministers will be available to pray with you for whatever is on your heart, confidentially.



**Texas Roadhouse
Benefit**

Our next benefit night at Texas Roadhouse will be
Thursday, December 26, 2024
Coupons for this benefit night are available after Mass and in the Parish Office during the week.



December 1, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis issued "SPES NON CONFUNDIT" (Hope does not disappoint), Bull of Induction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025. The Holy Father invited "everyone to an intense experience of the love of God" and "calls on all Christians to become Pilgrims of Hope."

The Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope will begin on December 24, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door at the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome and continue until the closing of the Jubilee Year on January 6, 2026.

I invite all the faithful to join Bishop Mark Rivituso to celebrate the solemn opening of the Jubilee on Sunday, December 29, 2024, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Boulevard. The Jubilee will conclude locally on December 28, 2025.

As part of the Jubilee, the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be able to obtain the grace of the Jubilee Indulgence by making a pious pilgrimage to any sacred Jubilee site under the usual conditions. I have designated nine Jubilee pilgrimage sites across the archdiocese:

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France
Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters at the Mount Grace Convent and Chapel
Carmel of Saint Joseph at the Chapel of the Most Precious Blood
Saint Mary's of the Barrens National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Monastery of Saint Clare of the Immaculate Conception
Passionist Nuns of St. Louis
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in New Melle
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Union

If you wish to learn more about the Jubilee Indulgence and for a complete list of the pilgrimage sites, please visit: archstl.org/2025jubileeyear.

Please visit the following links for much more information about the Jubilee Year:

The Vatican Jubilee 2025 website; <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

The USCCB Jubilee 2025 website: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/jubilee-2025>

I am confident that this Holy Year will be a time for rediscovery and unity, opening hearts to receive the fullness of God's love and mercy through a personal encounter with the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows –
Shrine Grounds and Visitors Center**

Way of Lights Run

The Shrine Grounds and Visitors Center

January 1, 2025, 5:00 pm.

What better way to start the year than going through this exciting course while surrounded by a display of over 1.5 million beautiful, colorful and breathtaking Christmas lights!

Join us at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows for our annual 5k Run and 1.5-mile Fun Walk as you welcome in the New Year!!

Cost: Register by December 17 to receive a WOL Run T-shirt and the early you register, the better the price! Pricing now starts at \$35.00 for the Run and \$25.00 for Walk if registered by December 17, 2024. Price increases starting December 18, 2024.

For more information, visit <https://snows.org/wolrun/> or call 618-397-6700.

Seeds of Healing through Faith, Hope, and Love

Please join us for our 2nd annual Seeds of Healing retreat on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025, from 9 am – 7 pm, at **Marianist Retreat Center**. This event is designed to bring God's healing touch to anyone who has lost a loved one to any tragic death, including suicide. This day of reflection is designed to help in the journey through grief emotions and come out renewed with confidence in God's love and care for each one of us.

There will be time for healing prayer, discussions, sharing, learning techniques for healthy outlet of emotions, and testimony from those who have healed from the same pain you may be feeling. For more information, don't hesitate to reach out to Barb @ 314.910.3942

or Mary @ 314.210.5098 or Shelby @ 636.288.9841

<https://marianistretreat.com/events/seeds-of-healing-retreat-2025>



Please pray for the sick and suffering...

Donald & Jimilie Agnew, Rachel Allen, Kenny Allgeyer, Angela & Ashley Alt, 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, Rich Byrne, Cathy Castro, Manny Contreras, Ray Cross, Ryan Cross, Linda Dickens, Erika Downey, Linda Eagle, Jason Eastman, Marvin Eaton, Judy Ersilon, Agnes Farrar, Thomas Finn, Mike Fowler, Tina Gearon, Ed & Marjorie Gordan, Cheryl Greener, Mary Jane Heilich, Cory Hicks, Austin Hill, Catherine Hornsey, Paula Hynik, Ruth Jensen, Ron Jordan, Jr., Tim Jordan, Joyce Keller, Stephanie Kohler, Rose Korando, Patsy Lange, Ava Laposha, Ellie Laposha, Kim Lawrence, Larry Lehr, James Lewis, Evenly Martin, Jeanne Mason, Robert Miller, Judy Nanna, Michael Nichols, Theresa Needles, Donald Pashia, Chris Peters, Roger Pleis, Bill Ragsdale, Anna Redmond, Lance Reilmann, Brenda Reppell, Bob Ruoff, Dominic Santone, Irene Schmidt, Robert Schmitz, Bill Schneider, Kathleen Schneider, Diana Schwalbert, Kelly Shanks, Billie Smith, Madison Smith, 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 Rigdon, Matthew Roussin, Brett Vennemann, Aaron Vogt, Joshua Vogt

Do you receive email from the parish?

We use "Constant Contact" to email parishioners. If you do NOT get the emails and wish to receive them, please notify Carol DuBuque in the parish office at cdubuque@stjohnimperial.org or 636-296-8051 x601

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