

# ST. JOHN LALANDE PARISH

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## MARCH 2, 2025

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 4:30pm  
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am

### Weekday Masses

M-W-F 6:30am  
Tue-Thur 8:30am

Holy Days and Holidays please  
check the bulletin for Mass times.

### Confessions

M-W-F 6:00am - 6:20am  
Tue-Thur 8:00am - 8:20am  
Saturday 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm  
Sunday 7:15am - 7:45am  
9:45am - 10:15am

Other times by appointment.

### Adoration

Mondays 7:00 am-7:00 pm  
Fridays 7:00 am-4:00 pm

### Sacramental Preparation

Available for registered, active  
parishioners at St. John LaLande.

### Baptism

Call the Parish Office for to make  
arrangements. Parental preparation  
is required.

### Marriage

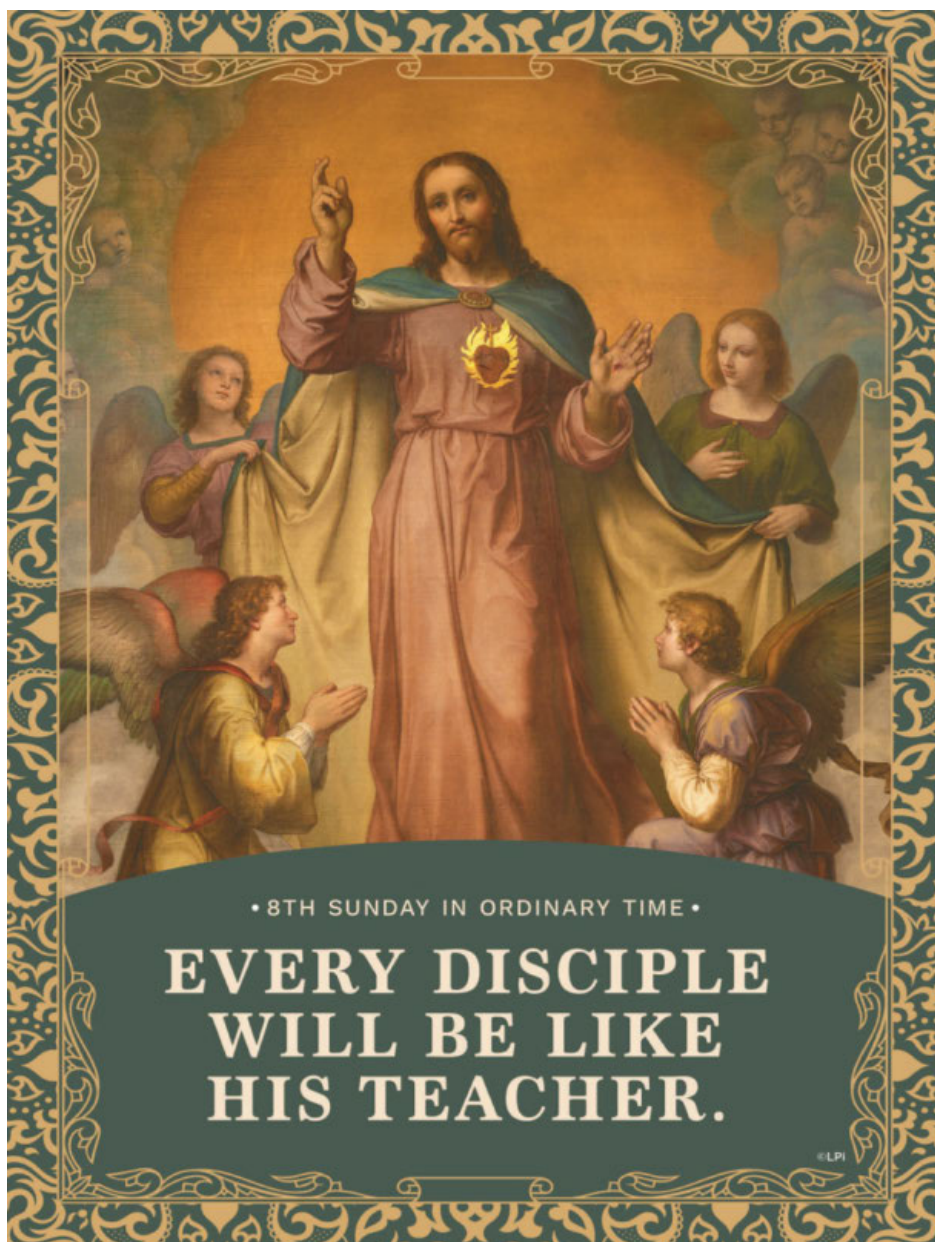
Contact the pastor at time of  
engagement. At least 10 months are  
needed for preparation.

### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00am- 3:30pm  
Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

### New Parishioners, Welcome!

We welcome all who want to deepen  
their relationship with God to join us.  
To become a registered member of  
our community, parish registration  
forms can be found on our website or  
by calling the Parish Office.



## Ash Wednesday

### March 5, 2025

#### Mass Times

6:30 am  
8:30 am  
6:30 pm

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 1

8:00 am Special Intention Norm Micheletti  
4:30 pm †Mildred Martin  
†Steve Martin

### Sunday, March 2

8:00 am †Kathleen Boland & Maureen McLoughlin  
10:30 am Special Intention All Parishioners

### Monday, March 3

6:30 am Special Intention Kelly Sickle

### Tuesday, March 4

8:30 am Special Intention Legion of Mary

### Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday

6:30 am †Dorothy and Tom Shaw  
8:30 am †Ross Ridings  
6:30 pm Special Intention All Parishioners

### Thursday, March 6

8:30 am †Dorothy Bonkoski  
†Ann Bohnert

### Friday, March 7

6:30 am †Mike, Glenn & Eileen Stuart

### Saturday, March 8

4:30 pm †Aron Smitka  
†Cathy Franklin

### Sunday, March 9

8:00 am †Jennie & Joseph Sercar  
10:30 am Special Intention All Parishioners

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

**Monday:** Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32



**Question:** Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

### Answer:

Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned “*out of the dust of the ground*” and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.

As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either “*remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return*” or “*turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.*” When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We’re reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.

### An Ash Wednesday Prayer

*“Ashes to ashes. Dust to dust.”  
You remind us today, oh Lord, of our origin and end.  
In the beginning, You fashioned us in the Garden.  
You dignified dust with the Breath of Life.  
You made us in Your image and likeness.  
You led Your people through the dust of the Sinai wilderness to the Promised Land.  
You overcame temptation in the dry desert.  
You healed the blind with dirt and clay.  
Three times Your body stirred the dust as you fell on the road to Calvary.  
Hear the cry of Your people!  
One day we will return to dust.  
This Lenten season, stir our minds to contemplate  
You, our hearts to love You, and our bodies to serve  
You in our brothers and sisters.  
May our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving  
be Your breath alive in us.  
Amen.*



## We Pray For...

Elizabeth Horan, Kathie Husted, Jim Wyrsh, Bob Harris, Theresa and David Wand, Lavonne, Ridder, Jason Parkhurst, Preston Zwerenz, Bob Passanisi, Justine Harris, Javier Zamudio, Wendy Barron, Tim Howard, Kirk Graham, Maddie Sommer, Brenda Dwyer, Leslie Norris Bierman, Alayna Bowers, Dennis Greashaber, Frances Rozell, Wyatt Horton, Roy Johansen, Jason Maynard, Patsy Shook, Sue Schallert, Maureen Cunniff, Phil & Maria Archer, Phil Afton, Eric Bush, Lynn Forbes, Jean Valverde, Karen Rowland, Steve Sharpe, Mary Engen, Mark Lipari, Diane Gross, Ron White, Lisa Sapenaro, Kimberly Gieselman, Delores Horan, Peter Valadez, Linda Bell, Margaret Wessing, Mikey Eaton, Geoffrey Myler, Michael Boles, Dianne Hertell, Joane Schiling, Jim Gomric, Jill Dahlke, Gerald and Carolyn Bonen, Sandra McGinnis, James Nobles, Lily Nobles, Norma Bush, Julie Milan, Donna Jenkins, George Burgard and all of our relatives and friends who are ill or experiencing difficulties in their lives.



**Bring your old palms for us to burn for ashes. There is a basket on the table in the Narthex.**

## Events This Week

### Sunday, March 2

9:15 am	OCIA	Cafeteria
9:30 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal	LaLande Rm
6:00 pm	Pickle Ball	Gym

### Monday, March 3

7am-7pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
5:30 pm	Legion of Mary	LaLande Rm.
6:45 pm	ARS Board Mtg.	LaLande Rm.

### Tuesday, March 4

6:00 am	Men on a Mission	LaLande Rm.
12:30 pm	Bridge Group	LaLande Rm.
5:30 pm	WWP Group 2	LaLande Rm.
6:30 pm	K of C Board Mtg.	Joseph's House
7:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Church

### Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday

7:00 pm	Adult Volleyball	Gym
9:00 pm	Men's Basketball	Gym

### Thursday, March 6

10:00 am	WWP Group 3	LaLande Rm.
6:00 pm	HSA Meeting	LaLande Rm. Library
6:00 pm	Cantor Rehearsal	Music Rm
6:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Music Rm
6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	Joseph's House

### Friday, March 7

7am-4pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
4:30 pm	Fish Fry	Parish Center
6:00 pm	The Search Begins (8th)	Mary's House
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church

### Saturday, March 8

8:00 am	The Search	Church/Parish Ctr.
8:30 am	WWP	Classrooms
6:00 pm	The Search Begins (HS)	Mary's House

### What's Our Story? The Search | Episode 4

Today we seem to think we've moved beyond the idea of God, but this secular view of life is a very new and unusual idea to humanity. All through human history man has looked to something outside himself for the answers to life. Why have we given up on God? Do we think science has disproven Him? Do we think society is better off without him? We talk with astrophysicists, chemists, Harvard professors, and more to make the case that it's not only reasonable to believe in God, it's essential if you want to have a truly amazing life. Our souls seek their creator, and we'll never be truly happy unless we seek Him out. As St. Augustine famously said, "You have made us for Yourself O Lord, and our hearts are restless. until they rest in Thee."



## Parish Support

### Last Week

Tithe Envelopes.....\$19,485  
Electronic Tithe Donations.....\$7,748  
Plate.....\$1,064

### All Tithing Contributions

Year-to-Date Donations through **February 25th** \$966,302  
Budget-to-Date (\$26,918 per week)..... \$942,125  
Difference.....\$24,177  
Percentage Difference.....2.57%



### Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year

Registration for Grades K-8 opens for all current school and ECLA families

Preschool enrollment will open in mid-March



**Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph is in need of volunteers:**

- Food Market
- Receptionist
- Maintenance
- Employment Services
- Financial Literacy
- Events



**VOLUNTEER**

**Location: 8001 Longview Rd., Kansas City, MO 64134**

**Volunteer Coordinator: Andrea Minton, 816-659-8205, [aminton@ccharities.com](mailto:aminton@ccharities.com)**  
**Tuesday Tours at 2PM to learn more.**



### Join Our Team at St. John LaLande Early Childhood Learning Academy

We are looking to hire full-time and part-time afternoon teachers in classes ranging from infants through preschool. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to Alivia Bollinger, Director at [abollinger@sjlparish.org](mailto:abollinger@sjlparish.org) or 816-229-8343.

To apply go to: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com>

## FORE the Kids Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars NOW for the  
**St. John LaLande**  
**FORE the Kids Golf Tournament**  
**on Friday, May 2nd**  
at the Adams Pointe Golf Course  
in Blue Springs.  
Registration opens soon!



### Reminder...

Sign up for your family to take home the Vocation Box

**The Traveling Vocation Crucifix** is a program to inspire prayer for vocations.



### How it works:

- Every week, the crucifix travels to a parishioner's home.
- Enthroned the crucifix in a place of honor and pray for vocations each night using the prayers inside the brochure.
- At the end of the week, return it to the parish, so it may be passed along to the next parishioner.



# PYC Ministry

## Friend in Need Meal

The Parents of Young Children Family Ministry is offering a support meal for young families who have a need.

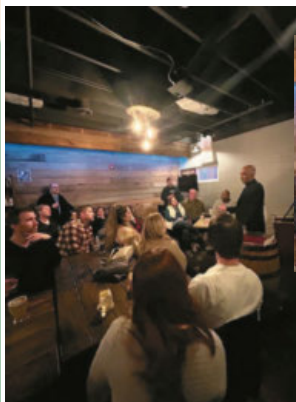
Please fill out the form [tinyurl.com/SJLPYCmeal](https://tinyurl.com/SJLPYCmeal) (or scan the QR code) to request a meal for your own family or another young family in our parish who could use some support.

Whether it's for a new baby in the household or an ongoing illness in the family, we can find someone to drop off a meal.

Please give 2-3 weeks advance notice when possible.



We had a great turnout for our first PYC event of the year! Thanks to Fr. George for leading a great discussion and a special thanks to Lora and Stephanie for watching over the kids so Moms and Dads could enjoy the evening out.



Please watch the bulletin for future PYC events as we continue to grow this ministry.



Our next one is a women's only event - see the flyer below.



PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN  
(PYC)

## Faith on Tap (for ladies only)

Topic: Liturgical Living  
Presented by Jennifer Radford

Saturday, March 22nd

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
@ the Radford's Home in Blue Springs

Join us as we discuss how to bring liturgical seasons and celebrations into your home.

Bring a snack to share and your beverage of choice!  
\*No childcare provided this time\*

We recommend checking out Catholic All Year on Formed as a pre-watch to our discussion.

Please reach out with any questions and RSVP via text to Kati Hook at 816-309-8308.



## MARCH PREP NEWS

### SAINT

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
Feast Day – Sept. 27th  
St. Vincent de Paul was a French priest known for his dedication to serving the poor and founding the Vincentians and the Daughters of Charity. His work focused on helping the sick, the poor, and the marginalized.

### VIRTUE – CHARITY

Charity is the act of giving help, typically in the form of money, resources, or assistance, to those in need with compassion and without expecting anything in return.

### REMINDERS

2nd Grade Parents:  
**1st Reconciliation**  
**MOVED to March 12th!**



### CONTACT US

(816) 229-3378  
reled@sjlparish.org or stephanie.mann@sjlparish.org

## Confirmation

### Confirmation: Reconciliation

Sunday, March 30th  
6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Meet in the Church  
Candidates and Parents



## Middle School Youth Group

Next MS Step  
**Wednesday,**  
**March 12, 2025**  
6:00 to 7:30 pm  
Meet in the Church

## THE SEARCH BEGINS

### 8th Grade

Friday, February 28  
6:00 to 7:30 pm in  
Mary's House



### High School

Saturday, March 1st  
6:00 to 7:30 pm in  
Mary's House



## Scrip on Sale Next Weekend

Help support the  
SJL Youth Ministry by  
purchasing gift cards.



Gift cards will be on sale after all Masses the 2nd and 4th full weekend of each month in the Youth Ministry Office.

We keep a supply of restaurant, retail and Visa gift cards in stock. Special orders for many more retailers and restaurants may be placed by contacting the SCRIP coordinator:

Allison Brungardt  
913-515-3788 (best to call or text)  
abrungardt@sjlparish.org

**Thank you for your support!**

## BROWN BAG SUNDAY and/or MONEY FOR THE POOR BOX (which will pay for meat, etc.)



Next Weekend please remember to bring in a grocery bag filled with any of the following items:

- Canned fruits, meats, fish (tuna), soups, pork & beans, chili beans, vegetables
- Spaghetti & sauce; peanut butter & jelly; ramen noodles; meal helpers and dry food mixes
- Cereal; Sugar, flour, pancake mix & syrup
- Mayonnaise/salad dressing; condiments
- Paper products; laundry detergent & cleaning products — Personal hygiene items

**THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**  
**thanks you!!**



# Mental Health Ministry

MARCH 1  
**SELF-INJURY**  
AWARENESS DAY



Mental Health Awareness for March includes talking about Self-Harm, and like many mental health topics, is often very hard to discuss. People often keep it a secret, but the urge to self-harm isn't uncommon, especially in adolescents and young adults. Many overcome it with treatment; there is an opportunity to improve health and reduce behaviors. Talking to a doctor or a trusted friend or family member is the first step towards understanding self-harm behavior and finding relief.

Self-harm is not a mental illness, but a behavior that indicates a need for better coping skills. Several illnesses can be associated with it, including borderline personality disorder, depression, eating disorders, anxiety or posttraumatic distress disorder. Self-harm is a sign of emotional distress. Self-injury excludes no one. People who self-injure come from all types of groups, ethnicities, and economic backgrounds.

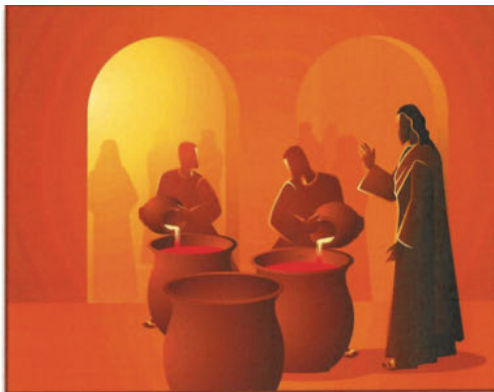
There are many ways you can help. The easiest way to help is by just listening. Don't judge and be as supportive and understanding as you can. Most importantly, don't give up, don't judge, provide attention and let them know that there is help. Remember that talking about it doesn't plant the idea for someone to try it; talking about it means you care.

## Resources for friends:

<http://www.selfinjury.bctr.cornell.edu/perch/resources/howcan-i-help-a-friend-english.pdf>

Resources for parents: <http://www.selfinjury.bctr.cornell.edu/perch/resources/info-for-parents-english.pdf>.

Positivewellbeing@sjlparish.org



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

Jesus came to a wedding and  
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be an efficacious sign of Christ's presence. The way you live out your vocation, as husband and wife, is meant to reveal Christ's glory so that many will come to believe in him.

The **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** is transforming marriages around the world - helping ordinary couples live extraordinary lives. To learn more about the WWME Weekend Experience, or to apply for an upcoming experience, visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org), email [great-erkc.wwme@gmail.com](mailto:great-erkc.wwme@gmail.com) or use the QR code. Parishioners can receive \$25 off the application fee with the code CANA2025.



### 2025 Experience Dates

March 7-9 in Carthage, MO  
March 28-30 in Kansas City, KS  
June 13-15 in Kansas City, KS  
August 8-9 in Kansas City, KS



*"I place much of my hope for the future in Marriage Encounter." Pope St. John Paul II*



# Knights of Columbus 2025 Lenten Fish Frys



**St. John LaLande: March 7th and 21st, April 4th**  
**St. Robert Bellarmine: March 14th and 28th, April 11**

**4:30 PM Until 7 PM**

**Inside Dining in Parish Center**  
**Drive Thru Service— Order & Pick up from Your Car**

## Menu

**Fried Fish — Baked Fish — Fried Shrimp**  
**Sides: Baked Potato — Cole Slaw — Fries**  
**Green Beans — Mac n Cheese**

## Prices

Fried or Baked Fish Dinner Meal (2 pieces of fish & sides)	\$13
Fried Shrimp Dinner Meal (8 pieces of Shrimp & sides)	\$14
Kid's Meal Fish (1 Fish piece with a side)	\$ 6
Kid's Meal Cheese Sandwich (1 Sandwich with a side)	\$ 6
Family Pack (8 Pieces Fish or 30 Piece Shrimp or 50/50 Combo Plus Sides)	
All Fish	\$42
Fish/Shrimp	\$44
All Shrimp	\$46
Extra Piece of Fish (In addition to any Dinner Purchase) Each	\$ 3
Side Order of Shrimp (6 Pieces)	\$ 8
Desserts - can be paid cash at Dessert Table or Charged w/CC or check	\$ 1

**Cash, Check, or Credit Cards Accepted**



# Altar & Rosary Society



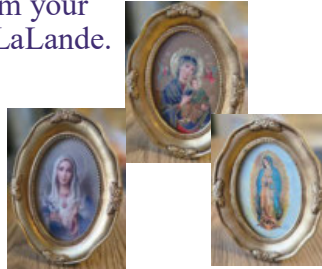
## Our Lady of the Rosary Shop

Visit our displays near the Parish Center and discover devotional treasures thoughtfully selected to enrich our spiritual journey.

100% of the proceeds from your purchases benefit St. John LaLande.

### Available Now:

Many beautiful images of Mary in mini curio frames



### Annual Rummage Sale begins April 25th



Start cleaning out those cabinets and closets and save the "good stuff" for the Annual Rummage Sale! Watch future bulletins for more information.

### Assistant Rummage Sale Coordinator needed!

We are looking for someone to help with organizing and running the Annual Rummage Sale. There is a "how to" binder of all the information needed.

If you feel called to this ministry or would like more information, please call or text Suzy Parnacott at 816.517.6049. It is a great way to participate with a limited time commitment!



SAVE your Best Choice Labels with barcode and drop them in the orange bucket across the hall from the Deacons' office.



**Who's ready to join us at the Feast of St. Joseph?**

## St. John LaLande St. Joseph's Table.

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**  
**immediately following the 10:30am mass.**  
**Dinner served until 5:30pm**  
**The cost is \$5.00 per person.**

There will be homemade spaghetti, Italian bread as well as cookies and homemade sweets for sale.

### St. Joseph Table Baking Parties

Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday, February 19th @ 4:00 pm in the school cafeteria, everyone over the age of 13 is invited to join fellow bakers to create delicious treats for the St. Joseph Table. Can't make it by 4:00 pm? Join when you can! All assistance is appreciated.

### We are looking for the following donations as we prepare the table:

Parchment, wax paper	Plastic forks
and Saran wrap	Containers / clamshells
Flour	to package cookies
Eggs	Italian Sausage
Vanilla	Hamburger
Cocoa	Tomato Sauce / Paste
500 Sectioned styrofoam	Spaghetti noodles
plates	

Please contact:

**Ellen Campbell #816 668 6261 or**  
**Leslie Lowe McTamney #816 668 6128**  
if you would like to help with the event, donate money/cookies or serve dinner.

**We look forward to seeing you soon!**

*Catholic Charities of Kansas City - St. Joseph*  
*cordially invites you to*

## Hope Ball

*Saturday, March 29th*

*Sheraton Kansas City hotel at Crown Center*

For tickets please visit [CatholicCharitiesgala.org](http://CatholicCharitiesgala.org) or  
email [JBreuer@CCharities.com](mailto:JBreuer@CCharities.com)

# Parish and School Directory

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## Bulletin Deadline

Please submit by Monday 10:00 am to Shemane Mann at parishoffice@sjlparish.org

Sunday, March 2, 2025 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Parish Advisory Groups

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todd.goergen@att.net	
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	816-229-8343
<b>School Advisory Board</b>	Kati Hook
schooladvisory@sjlparish.org	816-309-8308
<b>Pastoral Council</b>	Father Sean McCaffery
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## Update Information Form

If you are a current parishioner and need to make changes to your census record with the parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

If you are new to St. John LaLande Parish and would like to join our church, please contact the Parish Office or fill out a registration form online on our website.

**Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Office of Child and Youth Protection

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the **Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org)** if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate at **816.392.0011** or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.




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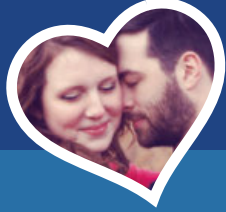




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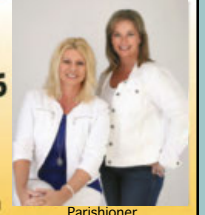
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