

Sts. Joachim & Ann Catholic Church

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SECOND SUNDAY

OF Advent

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

Isaiah 40:3-4

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday; 9:00am to 4:00pm

Closed for lunch Noon to 12:45pm

Deadline for submittals for the Parish Bulletin:

Tuesdays at Noon to jvanacker@stsja.org

Eucharistic Schedule

Eve of Sunday 5:00pm

Sundays 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Daily (Mon.-Fri.) 6:30am, 8:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00am Tuesday until 6:30pm Wednesday

6:00pm Saturday until 7:00am Sunday

Sacrament of Penance Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45pm or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism Parents must be registered parishioners and practicing Catholics who have participated in the Baptismal Preparation Program. Contact the Parish Office for details.

Sacrament of Matrimony At least one party of the couple must be a registered parishioner and a fully initiated practicing Catholic. Contact the parish priest of your choice at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date to arrange for marriage preparation.

Holy Orders & Consecrated Life Those discerning a vocation to priesthood or consecrated life are encouraged to contact one of the parish priests for information and referral to the Archdiocesan Vocation Office.

Eucharist for the Homebound Contact the parish office to arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to your home during a period of infirmity.

Crisis Pregnancy Assistance

Birthright - St. Charles 636-724-1200
Pregnancy Resource Center 636-278-1212
Project Rachel 314-792-7565
Priests for Life 1-888-PFL-3448
Mary Queen of Angels 636-379-5070

Hospital Visits

Contact the Rectory Office if you or a loved one are hospitalized so that one of our priests can visit. 636-441-7503

Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service 636.441.1302

Serving those in crisis and preventing homelessness and hunger in St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren Counties since 1981

Pastor
In Residence
Deacon
Deacon
Deacon
Deacon
School Principal
DRE Children's Programs
Parish School of Religion
Altar Society
Athletic Association
Bereavement Ministry
Bereavement Ministry
Bl. Teresa Outreach
Boy Scouts
Care Service
Cub Scouts
Donut Sunday
Eucharistic Adoration
Eucharist for the Homebound
Evangelization
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Facilities Oversight
Finance Council
Funeral Luncheons
Groundskeeping Committee
Girl Scouts
JASSS
Knights of Columbus
Ladies' Club
Landings-Outreach to Inactive Catholics
Lectors
Liturgical Art/Environ.
Liturgy Committee
Liturgy for Children
Men's Club
Money Counters
Music Ministries
Nursing Home Min.
Parish Pastoral Council
Parish Picnic
Prayer Chain
Prayer Chain
Pro-Life Apostolate
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Technology Committee
Technology Committee
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Ministries and Services

...From the Pastor

...What & Why Sessions...Videos....If you have been unable to attend our two What & Why Sessions regarding a potential project to complete the interior of church, they have been videotaped. The first available to watch via a link on the parish website homepage (www.stsj.org). The second session video will be there shortly. Here are viewing directions:

1. From the main page of the website under What & Why Sessions, click the link that says "video link here"
2. That will take you to another page. Double click on the left-hand video preview box.
3. The next page should be a large video box. Do not click on that video. It is only a preview and contains only the first 15 minutes of content. In the upper right hand corner of your screen, click the "download" box.
4. From the drop down menu below that box, choose "direct download." It will take 9-10 minutes for the entire video to download. You should see a progress bar at the bottom of your screen as the downloading occurs.
5. Once downloading is complete, click the file in the progress bar and open the file. It will open and play.
6. You may need to insert ordinary ear buds into your computer or laptop to be able to obtain good audio.

It is of the utmost importance that every parishioner is fully informed and accurately understands what is to be considered and why regarding the interior of church before we each provide our input in the spring concerning the whether or not and the scope of any potential project. If you have not attended either of the What & Why Sessions so far, please take the time to watch the video presentations.

...The Relics currently in our Altar...During the What & Why Sessions we have received frequent questions regarding the relics currently in our present Altar. At present, they are affixed to the underside of the Altar's removable tabletop. They are the relics of the Martyrs, St. Aurelius and St. Liberatus.

St. Aurelius lived in Spain in the ninth century under the Mohammedan domination. Because of his fear of the government, he practiced the Islam religion outwardly, and the Christian religion secretly. His wife, whose name was Natalia, was converted to Christianity some time after their marriage. Some time later, they both decided to profess their faith in Christ openly. They made material provisions for their two children. Later they were charged with apostasy from Islam and were beheaded for their faith in Christ. St. Liberatus

lived in North Africa in the fifth century. He was an abbot who led seven other monks in their spiritual life. They were imprisoned by a vandal Arian King to whom they professed, "We confess one Lord, one faith, one baptism." The King tried to bribe them to convert to Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ. Liberatus and his fellow monks replied, "As to our bodies, do with them what you please, and keep those riches which you promised us, which will surely perish." The monks were set adrift in an old vessel filled with sticks and it was set afire. They still survived, but were taken from the burned wreck of the boat and then beaten to death.

The relics of St. Aurelius and St. Liberatus were affixed to the tabletop of the present Altar by Archbishop John L. May on 8 July 1984, the day the Church and Altar were dedicated by him.

...Parish Pastoral Council Nominations...Please join me in extending our sincere thanks to Clem Drag, Michele Lipe, Jane Muich, and Helen Vernier who have completed their three-year terms in service to our Parish on our Parish Pastoral Council. We are in need now of four new people to serve a three-year term beginning in January.

Please consider either nominating yourself or nominating someone you think would be well-suited to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council is designed to assist the pastor in being mindful of the pastoral needs of the people of the Parish so that the Gospel may be brought forth in all that we do and so that a truly Catholic Christian Community will be fostered and maintained here in our Parish. The Council meets quarterly on the first Thursday of January, April, July, and October. Please give prayerful consideration to whether the Lord may be calling you to serve our parish in this way for the coming three years and let me know if you are willing and able to serve.

...The Importance of Welcoming...Doing our very best to be a community that is warm and inviting is always a crucial presence of mind for any Family of Faith.

All the more timely a challenge is it during the Advent Season when many people who may have become distracted by other things in life over the course of a year have a tendency to reconnect with the practice of Sunday worship in anticipation of Christmas. Studies show that most people make a decision about whether they will return to a particular Church for worship within the first nine minutes they are there.

Please make every effort to be a welcoming presence to everyone you encounter – whether a familiar face or not – as you come and go from worship! You will notice We Miss You pamphlets in your pews this Advent to assist you in doing some outreach. There are over 700 households who are Inactive

Parishioners on our census because we have had no known interaction from them in the past five years. Our Evangelization Committee will begin visiting them during this season and throughout the coming year to invite them to reconnect.

If you would have an interest in helping with that effort, please contact our Evangelization Committee chairperson, Jackie Zoll. If you know of someone who is interested in reconnecting to the Church but simply doesn't know how because it's been a long time, please contact the coordinator of our Landings Program, Sherry Hartz.

Please do everything you can to contribute to and enhance the spirit of welcome at Sts. Joachim & Ann and make a concerted effort to invite someone you may know to come home to the Church for Christmas this year!

.....Blessings to you and your family for a great week!

Second Sunday of Advent

† Mass Schedule

Monday, December 11, Advent Weekday

6:30am Harold Charles Mrzeznysonre

8:00am Special Intention IF

Tuesday, December 12, Our Lady Of Guadalupe

6:30am Joseph Limmer

8:00am Jose Enrique

Perpetual Help Devotion after 8:00am Mass

Wednesday, December 13, St. Lucy

6:30am Rev. Donald T. Dalten

8:00am Joe Wanninger **Grades K-4**

Thursday, December 14, St. John of the Cross

6:30am Robert Charles Pusey

8:00am Emily Rose Meyer **Grades 5-8**

Friday, December 15, Advent Weekday

6:30am Jadyn Wingier

8:00am Lucy Martinez

Sat/Sun, December 16/17, Third Sunday of Advent

5:00pm Margaret Priest

7:30am Bill Dennis

9:30am Donald Effrein

11:30am People of the Parish

6:00pm Vespers

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of
The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712**

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13**

**Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28**

The Week Ahead

- Mon., Dec. 11 PSR & PSR II 6:15-7:30pm
Men's Club 7:30-10pm Cafeteria
Home School 9-10:30am Ministry Building
- Wed., Dec. 13 Christmas Concert 6:30pm PC
- Thurs., Dec. 14 Security Committee 6:45pm RMR
Little Flowers 6-8pm Cafeteria
- Sat., Dec. 16 **Reconciliation 3:30-4:45pm**
- Sun., Dec. 17 Church Decorating after the 11:30am Mass

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December 16/17, 2017

Lectors

5:00pm Steve Henry, Cindi Johnson

7:30am Mary Jane Daum, Michael Thomas

9:30am Anna Davis, David Artz

11:30am Sherry Hartz, Diane Distl

6:00pm Curie Lohrman (Vespers)

Servers

5:00pm Katelyn Mikkelsen, Lindsey Emberton, Julia Mitchaner

7:30am AJ Vargas, Matthew Klekar, Josh Kroc

9:30am Aidan Roellig, Sam Tilly, Tommy Wortham

11:30am Anna Paskiewicz, Beth Bricker, Alyssa Buchheit

Stewardship of Our Treasure

5 to 10 Year Plan Weekly Sunday Offering Goal \$ 24,728.00
Sunday, 3 December 2017

Envelopes \$ 19,598.99

On-line giving \$ 9,511.13

Loose \$ 761.82

Youth \$ 2.00

\$ 29,873.94

Budget vs Actual for this Sunday

\$ 5,145.94

Fiscal Year-to-date Sunday Offering Goal

\$ 568,744.00

Fiscal year-to-date Actual Offertory

\$ 547,553.80

Budget vs. Actual Fiscal Year-to-date

\$ (21,190.20)

Care Service

3,650.00

All Saints

36.00

All Souls

11.00

Human Development

165.00

Christmas Day

60.00

Immaculate Conception

1.00

Seminary

51.00

Christmas Club for Major Needs

5 to 10 Year Plan Goal for Christmas Club 2018 \$ 180,000.00

Yr to Date \$ 66,053.93

Budget vs Actual for Fiscal Y-to-date \$(113,946.07)

Parish Construction Debt

Loan Balance as of 10-5-2017 \$ 84,755.16

Payment 11-3-2017 Principal \$ 23,333.02

Interest 242.24

\$ 23,575.26

Current Loan Balance

\$ 61,422.14

Extended Opportunities for Reconciliation

Saturday, December 16, from 3:30-4:45pm and Tuesday,
December 19th, beginning at 6:30pm until all are heard.



We are asked to pray for those who have died:

- Anna Genovese, mother-in-law of Dominic Montileone
- Cindy Lamorette, former Day School teacher
- George Buechter, father of Greg Buechter
- Gladys Tribout, mother/mother-in-law of Rich & Sue Tribout
- Betty Reyna, grandmother of Bonnie Uro

Second Sunday of Advent



Eucharistic Adoration

Come visit Our Lord for an hour if you need peace in your life. If you are in need of this quiet time with the Lord, call or text Kathy Rodamaker, 636.352.9341.



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On Sunday, December 3, 2017, Cecilia marie Kramer and Brooke Eileen Van Cardo received the Sacrament of Baptism.

We congratulate their families and welcome them into our Family of Faith.

Sts. Joachim & Ann School Embracing God's Love, One Child at a Time

During the month of December, our students and faculty will focus on the **Virtue of Patience- *Waiting without complaint.*** Please join us in developing the Virtue of Patience.



Christmas Band Concert: Mark your calendars now and plan on coming to our Band Concert on Tuesday, December 13, at 6:30PM, in the Parish Center. The students have been practicing many hours and are excited to present this concert to you!

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, December 13 – 8AM Mass for grades K-4; Band Concert 6:30PM

Thursday, December 14 – 8AM Mass for grades 5-8

Wednesday, December 20 – Nativity presentation at 1:30PM in church.

Pray the Rosary

Sister Lucia dos Santos, one of the children to whom Our Lady appeared at Fatima, once said,

"There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families ... that cannot be solved by the Rosary."

Bring your concerns to Our Lady. Join us by the tabernacle thirty minutes before the weekend mass begins to pray together. If you are the first one there, it must be YOUR turn to start. For those who care to use the patriotic format, blue cards are in the pamphlet rack in the gathering space. Questions? Contact Kathy Rodamaker at 636-352-9341.

Join us in praying the rosary, 30 minutes before the weekend masses with fellow parishioners who gather by the tabernacle. No experience required! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! St. Padre Pio, pray for us!

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Attention Ushers The Christmas schedule is on the counter in the vesting sacristy. We need several ushers to cover all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please follow your regular Sunday schedule for December 24th - 7:30am and 9:30am. Thank you for your help.

PSR News

Guardians of Hope

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Dec 11 PSR Class, Third Grade practice for Nativity Play in Church

Dec 18 PSR Class, Third Grade Nativity Play – all are invited to attend

Dec 11 PSR Class

Dec 18 PSR Class, 3rd Grade Parent Activity Night

Dec 25 No PSR Class – Christmas Break

JANUARY

Jan 01 No PSR Class

Jan 08 PSR Class, 2nd Grade First Reconciliation review with Father Gahan

Jan 09 First Reconciliation 6:30PM in Church

Advent activity booklets and Advent calendars were sent home with all the students. Please take the time to light the candles on your Advent wreath and read the booklets each night with your children and say a prayer as a family. More Advent family resources are available on loyolapress.com under the Advent tab.

Thank you to everyone who brought in items for the Adopt-a-Family at the Advent Prayer Service or who helped at the St Charles Community College for Adopt-a-Family weekend. God wants a relationship with us and created us to be with Him. Every time we help the poor, receive the Sacraments, and create peace in our lives we are choosing to have a relationship with Him. During this hectic holiday season when we may feel there's not enough time to do everything we need to do by Christmas, let's stop to remember what this season is really about. Jesus is the greatest.

Sts. Joachim and Ann Food Pantry is in need of the following items: Cereal, Rice, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Manwich, Poptarts, Canned Chili, Canned Pasta, Pasta sides, Cookies, Jelly, Syrup, Mustard, Ketchup and Mayo. Size 6 diapers, cookies, canned meats and canned fruits, Size 6 Pull-ups, Baby wipes, Conditioner, Hand lotion, body wash, toilet paper.

School Wish List

Can you or someone you know help get our school:

- ♦ Help developing a Jr. Kindergarten Playground.
- ♦ Volunteer Nurses (we now have ONE!!)

Contact Cindi Johnson (314)724-8906

Second Sunday of Advent

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK

Especially those in our parish:

Charles Barnes	Tim Goedeke	Daniel Nolan
James Beck	Christopher Gwin	George Nugent
Marcy Benoist	Michael Hassall	Daniel Palms
Mara Berry	Shirley Hastings	Lisa Phillips
Regis Blutas (son)	Brett Haubrich	Ralph Ponzar
Bob Boland	Chelsi Hauser	Limmie Pulliam
Sherry Boland	Kurt Heist	Bill Rogers
Barb Bradford	Richard Hendel	Mary Rone
Maggie Brown	Barb Hogan	Dorothy Rossi
Jacob Burnett	Jan Hooker	Edward Ruethling
Joyce Callanan	Christian Hunt	Krisy Ruethling
Linda Callen	Saxon Hunt	Valerie Ruethling
Christine Chapman	Debbie Ilges	Bob Ruzensky
Dennis Christensen	Marian Irwin	Dan Schaefering
Lorraine Chrun	Luke Kahrhoff	Loretta Schleeper
Jeff Coleman	Tony Kavadas	Frank Schmehsahl
Nancy Conover	John Kientzel	Joanna Schneider
Shawn Criscione	Pat Knickmeyer	Debbie Shaw
Dawn Davis	Barton Lehr	Tracy Sherman
Tonya Davis	Ed Leith	Kelly A. Smith
Jim Devereux	Jillian Litton	Ronnie Stockmann
Diane Dorn	Mary Long	Mariah Tarin
Tariq Eddington	Mitchell Martin	Francesca Taullo
Juanita Fernandez	Lori Mayo	Carolyn Taylor
Chakita Fields	Angie Merton	Angie Terry
Mike Fischer	Arnold Meyer	Jessica Thomas
Kit Flor	Eleanor Monolo	Ronald Williams
Becky Fretz	Gerry Moore	Tony Winkler
Michael Gasper	Dorothy Nanna	Chris Wooldridge

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Monday, Dec. 12th

Take a much-needed rest during Advent to relax and pray with Our Lady of Guadalupe. The chapel to honor her will be available Dec. 1st until Dec. 17th, located in the back of church by Fr. Gahan's confessional. There will stationary and envelopes and a box on the altar to place your love letters or petitions, if you or your children would like to use a concrete method of praying. Rest assured, only she will read your letters!

There will also be children's books, meditative reading, novenas, rosaries, pamphlets on how to pray the Rosary (if you are unfamiliar), a picture book telling the story of the apparition, and a lending library of DVD's for PSR and day school

The nine-day Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe began December 4th and lasts through the Feast, which is on December 12th. *No worry....begin your novena today. Our Mother listens to us whenever we talk to her.*

The words she spoke to Juan Diego bring us great comfort as they are meant for all of us, too:

"Am I not here, I who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do you need anything more? Let nothing else worry or disturb you."

Our Lady brings "life" to all that we entrust to her care. When we talk to Mary we imagine her telling us what she told the servants at the wedding feast at Cana, "Do whatever He tells you!" Then we must listen very closely to what that is.

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St. Ann Ladies Club

St. Ann Ladies Club welcomes all ladies of the parish (ages 21+). If you have any questions or would like to be part of the Ladies Club email list, contact Laura Free at 314-369-7631 or LauraLFree@att.net. We welcome suggestions for outings, activities, fundraising and service events.

Late January - Planning meeting.

Trivia Night Returns!

The Parish Trivia Night returns on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Get ready for another fun night of trivia, music, games and give-aways! Tickets will go on sale in January - watch the bulletin for details. Tables consist of eight players - It's not too early to gather your family and friends over the holidays and have them mark their calendars. Trivia will once again be produced by Bob Fortner. If you have questions, please contact Sue McCoy at trivia@stsja.org

The Gala - Because You Deserve A Night Out!

If you're looking for an unforgettable date night, the 2018 Black & White Masquerade Gala is just the ticket! This event will be held on Saturday, February 10th, in the Parish Center. Doors open at

6:30 p.m. & dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Semi-formal attire suggested. **You must be 21 or older to attend this event.** Individual Tickets - \$50/person. Reserved table (seating for 6 per table)

\$300/table. Proceeds benefit the Sts. Joachim & Ann Athletic Association. To register go to www.supportjanda.org The Gala features dinner catered by Concetta's Italian Restaurant and desserts by Nothing Bundt Cakes. You'll enjoy a champagne toast and open bar while you dance the night away! Capture all the special memories in our professional photo booth! Plus, bid on amazing merchandise including:

- Sterling Silver ¼ Carat Tennis Bracelet
- 6 Night stay in Nice, France
- St. Louis Ambush Tickets
- Philips Hue – Personal Wireless Lighting System
- St. Louis Repertory Theater Tickets
- Lifetime exemption from Concession Stand Duty

***Follow our Facebook page for auction updates & more!

J&A Masquerade Gala Dinner Auction



Christmas Floral

Anyone wishing to help defray the cost of our church floral decoration for the Christmas season may do so by filling out the form below and returning it to the rectory office.

Donor's Name: _____

To Be Remembered: _____

Amount of donation (\$12 ea): _____

Please make checks payable to Sts. Joachim and Ann

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Decorating Church for Christmas will be done on Sunday, December 17th, after the 11:30am Mass. Many hands make light work - great for service hours!

Jadyn's Quilts With the advent of cold weather, the supply of quilts made in October has dwindled. Through the resourcefulness of many people, we now have enough supplies to start making more quilts. December is a busy time for most folks, so we will have two work weeks in January, 8-12 and 15-19, Mon.-Fri. from 9AM-9PM. If you can give us a head start on sewing the simple tops, I can provide you with the material. As always, blankets and sheets are welcome! For more info call Helen Vernier 636-922-7573.

Catholic Book Club

We will not meet in December. Our January book is ***Called to be Holy*** by Archbishop Timothy Dolan. We will meet on Tuesday, January 23 at 7pm in Room 100. Any adult from the parish is invited to read the book ahead of time and join us for discussion. How will you -- how can you -- answer God's call to holiness? The path to holiness is traveled step by step. The way of holiness is lived grace by grace. Your journey to God is nothing more, and nothing less, than that series of steps. But how do you take that step each day? How do you live that grace each day? How, each day, do you answer God's call, God's personal invitation to holiness? What New York's Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan recommends, urges, reminds, and teaches is radical in the truest sense of that word: It is basic. It is at the roots. It is fundamental. This solid theologian, noted Church historian, and natural-born storyteller goes first to the source: what Christ said and promised, what Scripture and Tradition tell us. Then building on that firm foundation, here, too, is what the Church teaches; what the saints have discovered, lived, and shared; what the Fathers and Doctors of the Church have written; what "ordinary" Catholics -- on that path, accepting those graces -- have come to learn.

JASSS WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS!

General Meeting Luncheon - December 19th, 12:00pm due to HOLIDAY we planned a gift giving if you are interested just bring in a wrapped \$5.00 gift something you might like to receive { PLEASE NO GAG GIFTS }

Our Mystery Trip is set for May 2 2018 details still being worked out! It is always fun.

Our annual DAY AT RACES is scheduled for July 2018 actual date to be revealed later.

Jefferson City trip is set for June 20th 2018. It is a AM TRACK trip from Kirk Wood Mo to Jefferson City Mo Cost is \$75.00 with \$30.00 due at November luncheon, this is to cover the train tickets which have to be prepaid, we have only 50 tickets available so sign up quickly. The balance of \$45.00 not due until APRIL 2018, this will cover the return bus trip.

We have several trips planned for the new year 2018. If you have ideas of things to do or places to go for a day contact Melody at mlodysdoxies@att.net or Pat McAllister at 636-397-5678

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(I) There is a promise of Marriage between Lyndsie Vogel and Tyler Winn on Sunday, December 31, 2017, at 3:00pm

Time to Prep for the 2018 Guide Book & Directory! Is your Family Record up to date? It won't be correct in the Guide Book & Directory unless you let us know of the updates! Please email any changes in your family's information to jvanacker@stsja.org, or call 636.441.7503.

KNOCK KNOCK

The Evangelization Committee is pleased to announce that we will again be reaching out to inactive registered parishioners in the coming weeks to let them know we miss them and we are less without them! Please join us in prayer as we invite our brothers and sisters to join us as active participants in our family of faith here at Sts. Joachim and Ann.

Shop For Our Schools / Shop with Scrip Holiday Sales Information

Orders for out of stock and special order gift cards are placed every Monday and filled on Thursdays. To be included in the weekly order, all orders must be received by Mondays at 8:30am in the school office or by Sunday after 9:30am Mass. Online orders for gift cards are due Mondays by 8:30am.

Remaining Order Dates and Fill Date are as follows for December:

Order on Monday, December 11th - Filled on Thursday, December 14th

Order on Monday, December 18th - Filled on Thursday, December 21st

December 18th is the last order day prior to Christmas!

We will sell at Masses on the following days and times before Christmas

Saturday, December 9th after 5:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 10th after 7:30am Mass and after 9:30am and before 11:30am Mass

Saturday, December 16th after 5:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 17th after 7:30am Mass and after 9:30am and before 11:30am Mass

Saturday, December 23rd after 5pm Mass (This is the last weekend sale day before Christmas!)

There will be no sales from Sunday, December 24th thru Wednesday, January 3rd.

Questions? Contact your J&A SFOS Coordinator, Lisa Walls at wallsl@stsja.org or 314-517-4237

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent



8th Grade
Class Trip

JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING

Sts. Joachim and Ann School

Monday, December 11th • All Day

Bring in this flyer and MOD will donate 20%
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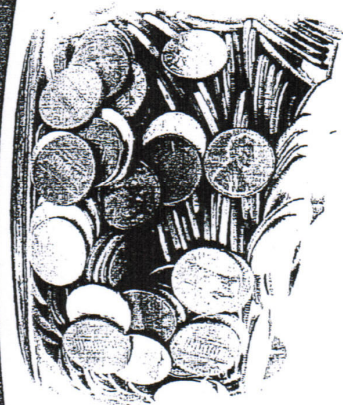
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Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2017
Time: 6pm-10pm



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