



Sts. Joachim & Ann Parish

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*Parish Website: www.stsja.org *Archdiocesan Website: www.archstl.org

Parish 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 6:30am; 8:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00am Tuesday until 7:15pm 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

Birthingright - 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

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

Ministries and Services

Pastor	Rev. John A. Brockland, JCL	441.7503
Associate Pastor	Rev. James L. Gahan	441.7503
Deacon	Deacon Tim Schultz	441.7503
Deacon	Deacon Jack Lipin	441.7503
School Principal	Mrs. Debbie Pecher	441.4835
DRE Children's Programs	Mrs. Rose Wieschhaus	926.0021
Parish School of Religion	Mrs. Rose Wieschhaus	926.0021
Altar Society	Mrs. Julie Huber	441.9667
Athletic Association	Mrs. Shannon Schultz	314.651.7114
Bereavement Ministry	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Potts	939.3428
Bereavement Ministry	Mrs. Pat Bennett	636.544.4600
Bl. Teresa Outreach	Mrs. Connie Tarin	636.634.0317
Boy Scouts	Mr. Mike Venegoni	279.1127
Care Service	Mrs. Miriam Mahan	441.1302
Cub Scouts	Mr. Michael Woodruff	314.482.5629
Donut Sunday	Mr. Roger Worner	447.6792
Eucharistic Adoration	Mrs. Kathy Rodamaker	636.352.9341
Eucharist for the Homebound	Mrs. Jayne Gilfoil	922.4466
Evangelization	Mrs. Jackie Zoll	636.734.4653
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rev. James Gahan	441.7503
Facilities Oversight	Mr. Del Zerjav	441.4461
Finance Council	Mrs. Jan Difatta	244.0122
Funeral Luncheons	Mrs. Jeanette Gray	939.4550
Groundskeeping Committee	Mr. & Mrs. Dave Hoban	636.244.0302
Girl Scouts	Mrs. Patty Hough	636.697.6489
JASSS	Mrs. Betty Lickenbrock	936.0308
Knights of Columbus	Mr. Deaton Ellis	636.579.9052
Ladies' Club	Mrs. Helen Vernier	922.7573
Lectors	Mrs. Pat Maher	314.691.0112
Liturgical Art/Environ.	Rev. James Gahan	441.7503
Liturgy Committee	Rev. James Gahan	441.7503
Liturgy for Children	Mrs. Kathy Bendyk	441.5336
Men's Club	Mr. John Hoelscher	928.0650
Money Counters	Mrs. Mary Ann Grahn	441.3362
Music Ministries	Mr. Orin Johnson	636.980.6255
Nursing Home Min.	Mrs. Norma Hitt	970.2052
Parish Pastoral Council	Ms. Jane Muich	922.1315
Parish Picnic	Mr. Phil Dukeman	314.397.0411
Prayer Chain	Mr. Rich Rodamaker	636.578.7202
Pro-Life Apostolate	Mrs. Mary Auer	939.4953
PTO	Mrs. Maggie Brewer	314.602.7044
Sacristan Ministry	Mr. Steve Yallaly	447.1475
Safe Environment	Mrs. JoAnne Van Acker	441.7503
School Board	Mr. Tim Wheeler	314.619.3331
Servers	Rev. James Gahan	441.7503
Social Justice in Action Committee	Mrs. Miriam Mahan	441.1302, X-230
Sunday Morning Nursery	Mrs. Rose Wieschhaus	926.0021
Sunday Preschool	Mrs. Dee Yust	928.6642
St. Patrick Casseroles	Mrs. Mary Lopez	397.4815
Stitches for Life	Mrs. Molly Rudy	447.7566
Technology Committee	Mr. Mike Oberhill	441.3815
Technology Committee	Mr. Patrick Swackhammer	636.336.2345
Ushers & Ministers of Hospitality	Mrs. Adeline Callahan	636.447.7565
Youth Ministry	Rectory Office	441.7503

A Pastor's Perspective..

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception... Tuesday of this week, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a feast derived from our dogmatic belief that, by God's grace, Mary was conceived in the womb of St. Ann without being subject to the effects of original sin. This, we believe, was made possible by God with a view toward His eventual plan to ask her to be the Mother of our Redeemer. Even though God planned it in this way, His plan in no way jeopardized her free will to accept or decline His invitation.

The Immaculate Conception is also the title under which the Blessed Mother is patroness of our country. The Feast is always a Holy Day for the Church in the United States and, unlike the other Holy Days of Obligation, no matter on which day of the week it happens to land it does bears with it the obligation for worship in our practice of the faith. Please make note of our Eucharistic schedule in observance of the Holy Day and join us for worship.

...A Little Space for Prayer... During the coming week a little shrine will be set up again this year in the East addition to the nave of our Church beneath the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is on December 12th. Prayer resources will be available there to assist you in spending some prayerful reflection time with our Blessed Mother between the feasts of her Immaculate

...More on protecting life and human dignity...Statement of the Missouri Catholic Conference On Terrorist Attacks in Paris and the Syrian Refugee Crisis...

We, the Catholic bishops of Missouri, write to express our solidarity with all those terrorized by ISIS and other violent extremists who falsely invoke the name of God to justify their bloody attacks on innocent people. Our concern especially goes out to the French people as they cope in the aftermath of the November 13 terrorist attacks and to the many Syrians also terrorized by ISIS who are fleeing their country for the safety of new lands.

The bloody attacks on innocent Parisians on the night of November 13 have galvanized the world as never before to the threat posed by ISIS and other violent extremists. According to French security and other worldwide intelligence sources, the attacks in Paris were either masterminded or inspired by ISIS forces in Syria. Legitimate concerns have, therefore, been raised that ISIS is seeking to insert terrorists into the ranks of refugees coming to Europe and America from Syria.

It is only natural that Americans wonder whether they can be safe from terrorist attacks and whether allowing Syrian refugees into our country will raise the threat of those attacks. As a nation of immigrants, Americans understand our country has a proud tradition of accepting immigrants and refugees, but we also want to be safe and secure.

In this time of increased anxiety, it is especially important to reflect and take stock of what is actually occurring when admitting Syrian refugees into our country. The Syrian refugees go through multiple layers of interviews and security checks, making them the most thoroughly vetted group of people who come to the United States. Security screenings are rigorous and involve the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, the Department of Defense and multiple intelligence agencies. It can take up to two years for a refugee to pass through this vetting process.


It is true that none of these security measures can guarantee our absolute safety. Even a police state could not offer this guarantee. The challenge is to weigh security concerns with our American tradition of welcoming immigrants and refugees, as symbolized by the iconic Statue of Liberty. In our view, appropriate security measures have been taken and our country should not refuse to welcome Syrian refugees who have been through the vetting process.

We urge Governor Nixon and all public officials to work with federal officials to both keep our citizens safe and to allow refugees from war-torn Syria to settle in our state.

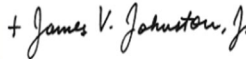
Conception and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
...The Feast of Lady of Guadalupe... commemorates Mary's appearance in 1531 to a peasant Aztec (now Saint) Juan Diego in the hills near Mexico City in Mexico. It is believed that the apparition was motivated by Mary's compassion for the Aztec people. They were, by and large, a culture that had become idolatrous. They had developed a practice of offering to their idols multitudes of human victims in ever increasing number. They misguidedly understood this to be required of them in order to keep their sun-god appeased. Many historians contend that the Aztec practice of human sacrifice and cannibalism are almost unequaled in human history.

Mary's appearance there has been embraced by the Church as an act of evangelization for the world. Through her intervention on behalf of the Aztec people, the Virgin Mother played a role in saving innumerable human lives. The fact that Mary appears in the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe as a woman four months pregnant is understood as a special appeal from Mary on behalf of unborn children and the defense of human life. Without question, this is an appeal with burning relevance still in our own time. Mary is an "incomparable model of how life should be welcomed and cared for...Showing us her Son, she assures us that in Him the forces of death have already been defeated" (John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*).


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...Don't forget your Adopt-a-Family Commitments!...The annual Adopt-a-Family distribution weekend is next weekend....all gifts for families need to be dropped off at St. Charles Community College on Saturday!

...Advent Blessings to you and your families!

✠ Mass Schedule

Monday, December 7, St. Ambrose

6:30am Ralph Smith
8:00am Nora Thibodeau

Tuesday, December 8, Immaculate Conception

6:30am All Souls
8:00am Marie Kloeppe **Grades K-4**
10:00am People of the Parish **Grades 5-8**
7:00pm Vickie Brennan

Wednesday, December 9, Advent Weekday

6:30am All Souls
8:00am Roland Hall

Thursday, December 10, Advent Weekday

6:30am Elizabeth Mica
8:00am Roland Hall

Friday, December 11, Advent Weekday

6:30am Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00am Guadalupe Velasquez

Sat., Sun., December 12/13, Third Sunday Of Advent

5:00pm Stella Terrana
7:30am John O'Connor, Sr.
9:30am All Souls
11:30am People of the Parish
6:00pm Vespers

The Week Ahead

Mon., Dec. 7 PSR 6-7:30 & 7-8:30pm
JASSS Board Meeting 1pm Care Service
Facilities Committee 7pm RMR
Tues., Dec. 8 JASSS General Meeting 12pm Care Service
National Night of Prayer for Life
Adoration after 7pm Mass until
7pm Wed.
Sat. Dec. 12 Adopt-a-Family weekend - SCCC
TMIY 6:30-8am Cafeteria
Sun., Dec. 13 Adopt-a-Family weekend - SCCC

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,
11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wed: 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: 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
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

December 8, 2015

Lectors

7:00pm Joe Wooldridge, Randy Tarin

Servers

7:00pm Jocelyn Morelli, Alison Schultz, Catherine Analla

December 12/13, 2015

Lectors

5:00pm Jerry Trolinger, Jackie Zoll
7:30am Tim Wheeler, Cindy Wilson
9:30am Diane Svoboda, David Artz
11:30am TJ Tavares, Carolyn Wolf
6:00pm (Vespers) Anna Davis

Servers

5:00pm Drew Breunig, Joshua Kroc, Alexander Vargas
7:30am Alyssa Buchheit, Mary Fowler, Emily Woodruff
9:30am Joe Hartz
11:30am Renee Goedeke, Emily Lammers, Madeline Nance

Stewardship of Our Treasure

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

Sunday, 22 November 2015

Envelopes	\$ 18,817.00		
On-line giving	\$ 5,344.13		
Loose	\$ 600.87		
Youth	\$ 9.00	\$	24,771.00
Budget vs Actual for this Sunday		\$	43.00

Sunday, 29 November 2015

Envelopes	\$ 14,882.00		
On-line giving	\$ 6,001.13		
Loose	\$ 763.30		
Youth	\$ 9.00	\$	21,655.43
Budget vs Actual for this Sunday		\$	(3,072.57)

Fiscal Year-to-date Sunday Offering Goal	\$ 494,560.00
Fiscal year-to-date Actual Offertory	\$ 462,059.99
Budget vs. Actual Fiscal Year-to-date	\$ (32,500.01)

	11/22	11/29
Care Service	530.00	455.00
All Saints	55.00	—
All Souls	30.00	5.00
Retirement for Religious	60.00	—
Immaculate Conception	15.00	—
Camp. For Human Devel.	996.00	185.00

Christmas Club for Major Needs

5 to 10 Year Plan Goal for Christmas Club 2016	\$ 180,000.00
Yr to Date	\$ 67,189.01
Budget vs Actual for Fiscal Y-to-date	\$ (112,810.99)

Parish Construction Debt

Loan Balance as of 10-5-2015	\$ 626,315.00
Payment 11-5-2015 Principal	\$ 21,838.68
Interest	\$ 1,736.58
	\$ 23,575.26
Current Loan Balance	\$ 604,476.32

Second Sunday of Advent

Eucharistic Adoration

Witness: I look forward to my time alone with my Lord. I find an inner peace and stillness from the hustle of my day with work and family. It gives me a chance to "recharge" my heart. (Anne)

We have Eucharistic Adoration from Tuesday 8:30am until Wednesday 6:30PM and Saturday 6:00pm until Sunday 6:00am. We have two Adorers in each hour except Tuesday 2:00pm and 3:00pm and Wednesday 1:00am and 3:00am. Come spend an hour with Our Lord.

We are in need of an additional adorer on Tuesday at 2pm & 3pm and Wednesday at 1am & 3am.

Call or text Kathy Rodamaker at 636-352-9341 or email kathy_rodamaker@yahoo.com.



Sts. Joachim and Ann School

**Embracing God's Love,
One Child at a Time**

During the month of December, our students will be concentrating on the virtue of Purity - keeping your soul free from sin.

Please join us at one of our Masses on Tuesday, December 8, as we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Gr. K-4 - 8:00AM

Gr. 5-8 - 10:00AM.

Christmas Band Concert: Mark your calendars now and plan on coming to our Band Concert on Tuesday, December 16, at 6:30PM, in the Parish Center. The students have been practicing many hours and are excited to present this concert to you!

Parish School of Religion News

Alive in Love, Alive in God!

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength." Mark 12:30-31

Upcoming Events

We will be collecting new and used coats, hats, gloves, scarves and blankets during the month of November. Beginning November 30 - Dec 7 we will be collecting for the Adopt-a-Family. Items can be brought to our Advent Prayer Service on Dec 7.

- Dec 7 PSR Class, Advent Prayer Service 7PM in Church
- Dec 12 Adopt A Family - St Charles Community College - Adult and Teen volunteers needed
- Dec 14 PSR Class, 3rd grade play practice, Partners in Prayer for Parents 6:30-7PM, Adult Ed Room
- Dec 21 PSR Class, 3rd Grade Parent Activity Night - Christmas Nativity Play in Church 6:30PM
- Dec 28-Jan 3 No PSR Christmas Break

JASSS - Sts. Joachim & Ann Senior Service & Social Club Seniors 55 & Older New members welcome!

There will be no Board Meeting this December! Tuesday, December 8 - General Meeting, 12:00pm in the Care Service. Subway lunch with dessert -Members - \$5 guests-\$6. Bill Rogers & Band will entertain us. Pre-K & K children will sing! Bring a \$5 gift exchange! Come join us for Holiday Fun!

December 6, 2015

Ushers The Christmas schedule is on the counter in the vesting sacristy. Please consider helping! Thank you!!



On **Sunday, November 22, 2015**, Gabrielle Patricia Green, John Martin Joseph Tilly, and Louis James Douglass received the Sacrament of Baptism. On **Saturday, November 28, 2015**, Lucy Julia Alsup, Jacob Anthony Conover, Lincoln Everett Kingsbury and

Sloan Therese Sweeney received the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate their families and welcome them into our Family of Faith.



We are asked to pray for those who have died:

- Stephan Rowland, father/father-in-law of Paul & Christina Rowland, grandfather of Declan Rowland
- Edwin Joseph Davis, husband of Mary Lou Davis
- Patricia Anne Tyson, mother of Jody Staten, grandmother of Jody Remmele, Shellie, Genevieve and Cortney Staten
- Marie Walsh, aunt of Mary Pat Muich
- Don Bennett, brother/brother-in-law of Carl & Pat Bennett
- Tim Schmidt
- Diane Kriegshauser, mother/mother-in-law of Dan & Cathy Kriegshauser, grandmother of Joe & Lizzie Kriegshauser

Wanted: Santa Claus Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service is looking for a special person to play Santa on Saturday, December 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Charles Community College. A suit will be provided for our special volunteer Santa who will visit with workers at the annual Adopt-A-Family program. For more information, contact Yvonne Tihen at 636-441-1302, ext. 224.

Drivers Needed To Deliver Gifts Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service is looking for volunteer drivers to deliver Adopt-A-Family gifts to our elderly families. Drivers are needed to help at noon on Sunday, December 13. For more information, contact Yvonne Tihen at 636-441-1302, ext. 224.

Shop For Our Schools Shop for our Schools has added some in-stock items to make your Christmas shopping easier. We have Bath & Body for her, Bass Pro Shop for him. How about Claire's, Gap or American Eagle for the teen girls and Best Buy, Footlocker or Sport's Authority for teen boys? Do you need to mail out of town gifts? Gift cards are much cheaper to send than boxes filled with goodies! How about mailing AMC Theater or iTunes cards for the teens on your list and Bob Evans, Cracker Barrel or KFC for Grandma and Grandpa? Give them the gift cards and let them choose what they really want! **Hours** Saturday: After 5:m Mass; Sunday: after 7:30am Mass (1st & 3rd Sundays), after 9:30am Mass and before 11:30am Mass. During the week: Orders received for IN-STOCK items by 8:30am will be filled and sent home with a student as requested or can be picked up in the school office after 2:00pm

Second Sunday of Advent

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(II) There is a promise of Marriage between Emily Kendrick & Fabio Priore on Saturday, December 19, 2015, at 2:00pm.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK

Especially those in our parish:

Tim Goedeke	Tricia Woods	Bette Chant
Jacob Burnett	Jillian Litton	Joanna Schneider
Christine Chapman	Daniel Palms	Lisa Phillips
Lori Mayo	Lenore Kelly	Pat Knickmeyer
Tariq Eddington	Debbie Ilges	Jeff Coleman
Christopher Gwin	Chakita Fields	Bob Ruzensky
Kathy Cartwright	Regis Blutas (son)	Juanita Fernandez
Bob Boland	Tony Winkler	Loretta Schleeper
Michael Gasper	Becky Fretz	Chris Wooldridge
Mike Fischer	Ronald Williams	Frank Schmersahl
Debbie Shaw	Bill Rogers	Ed Leith
Kelly A. Smith	Bessie Gavura	Edith Layton
Jessica Thomas	DJ Heiger	Gerry Moore
John Kientzel	Jo Schaeffering	Luke Kahrhoff
Angie Terry	Chelsi Hauser	Brett Haubrich
Dennis Christensen	Barton Lehr	Tasha Herbig
George Nugent	Tracy Sherman	Sarah Mahler
Maggie Brown	Kurt Heist	Arnold Meyer
Sue Behrends	Ralph Ponzar	Kit Flor
Tony Kavadas	Margaret Priest	Dan Meyer
Marian Irwin	Mary Long	Marissa Wanninger
Eleanor Monolo	Dorothy Pelletier	Diane Dorn
Dan Schaefering	Richard Hendel	Rich Neuner
Nancy Conover	Ronnie Stockmann	Edward Ruethling
Angie Merton	Mary Ann Mills	Henrietta Buchheit
Mara Berry	Francesca Taullo	Mariah Tarin
James Beck	Shawn Criscione	

26th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life

Adoration will take place after the 7:00pm Mass on Tuesday, December 8th until 7:00pm on Wednesday, December 9th. National hour of unity is 11:00pm – 12:00am

This year the National Night of Prayer for Life coincides with the start of the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy called for by Pope Francis, which begins on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015 and ends on the Solemnity of Christ the King, November 20, 2016. Therefore, December 8th is an appropriate time for us to unite as a nation to pray to establish a Culture of Life, restore God's law, protect the Church and the Faithful from persecution, and achieve Peace.

If my people...humble themselves and pray, and seek My presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and Revive their land. – 2 Chronicles 7:12

America Needs the Blessed Mother's intercession!!

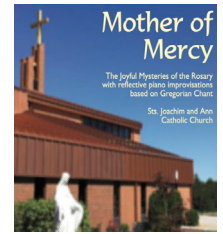
Music Ministry Notes

NEW CD!

J&A music ministry is excited to let you know of a new CD which will be available to everyone the four weekends before Christmas!

A CD to assist you in praying the rosary along with contemplative piano music by our Director of Music Ministries.

This CD will be offered for a \$10 donation (and a few remaining copies of our previous CD will be available for a reduced price as well!)



Great Adult Ed Opportunity

Paul VI Institute of Catechetical and Pastoral Studies, which offers college-level courses to adults pursuing a greater understanding of the Catholic Church, will be accepting registration for spring classes. Paul VI Institute has served the Archdiocese of St. Louis for over forty years by providing education for adults in Catholic doctrine, scripture, liturgy, spirituality, and methodology for various ministries in the church. Paul VI, accredited by the Vatican Congregation of the Clergy, also offers a certificate of religious studies. The dates of the spring semester are February 13-May 6, 2016 (classroom) and February 15-May 6, 2016 (online)

Sts. Joachim and Ann is a member of the Paul VI Institute CCP (Comprehensive Catechetical Program). In this program we have a yearly subscription with Paul VI. This enables ALL parishioners to take courses under this plan FREE of charge. Please indicate our Parish Name and Parish # (390) when registering for courses.

For information about course offerings, tuition, times and places please call Marisol at 314-792-7450 or visit online at www.archstl.org/paul6

Food Pantry Tax Credits Available for 2015

The State of Missouri is once again offering the **Food Pantry Tax Credit**. Monetary donations and donations of food (with a receipt) to Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service Food Pantry, up to \$5,000 and made by December 31, 2015, are eligible for a 50% tax credit (up to \$2,500) on your Missouri tax return. If you are married, filing a combined Missouri income tax return, you can double your tax credit up to \$5,000 with a \$10,000 donation.

To find out more, please contact your personal tax professional, call our Finance office at (636) 441-1302, ext. 260 or contact the Missouri Department of Revenue at: <http://dor.mo.gov/taxcredit/fpt.php> (website), income@dor.mo.gov (email) or by telephone at (573) 526-8733 (individual); (573) 751-4541 (corporation).

Please pass on this information to your friends, neighbors, and contacts in support of our mission, "to serve those in crisis and to prevent homelessness and hunger."

Sts. Joachim and Ann Food Pantry

The pantry is in need of the following items:

Kid-Friendly Foods-cereal, instant oatmeal, pop tarts, juice boxes, peanut butter crackers, graham crackers, cheese crackers, fruit cups, pudding cups, fruit rollups.

Canned Goods-chicken, beef stew, tuna, canned meats, chicken & dumplings, canned fruits, potatoes.

Drys (Foods that need only water to mix)-rice, instant potatoes, pasta and rice mixes, pancake mix and syrup, any food in a bag or box.

Miscellaneous items that cannot be purchased with food stamps-toilet paper, tampons & pads, laundry detergent, dish wash liquid, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner.

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Social Service Worker (St. Charles) The Sts.

Joachim & Ann Care Service has an immediate need for a full-time (40 hours a week) Social Service Worker to provide comprehensive care for homeless children and their families in St. Charles County. Responsibilities include utilizing assessment tools to focus on basic needs of homeless families, helping stabilize families in immediate crisis, establishing a long term plan for recovery, re-assessing and measuring success. This candidate must have experience with intensive case management, interviewing methods, case planning and documentation.

The following qualifications and skills are also needed: 3+ years' experience in case management, 1 year of experience working with Federal Housing Grants is also REQUIRED. Experience working in a fast paced crisis intervention environment is needed. The candidate must exercise good judgment and use organizational skills in an evaluation environment, effective communication skills, verbally and in writing. A Bachelor's degree in Social Work, Education, Psychology or a related-field is also REQUIRED. Preference will be given to those with Social Work degrees.

This position pays \$14 an hour. Send resume and references to Pam Struckhoff at pstruckhoff@jacares.org. NO CALLS PLEASE The Care Service is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Care Service

Intake Worker Volunteers - The Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service is in need of four volunteer Intake Workers who are available to work a committed, one day a week shift from 10:00am - 3:00pm. We are in need of filling two positions for Mondays and two positions for Tuesdays. The Intake Worker certifies recipients with a sit down interview and enters their information into the computer. They work with our neighboring St. Vincent de Pauls and other churches and agencies to help those in need of housing assistance. Training will be provided for the Intake Worker processes and procedures. Proficient computer and communication skills are needed for this position. If interested please contact Christina Utley at 636-441-1302 ext 225, or e-mail cutley@jacares.org.

Maintenance Volunteers - The Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service is in need of Maintenance Volunteers for general janitorial duties and general building maintenance repairs and installations. Duties include but are not limited to dusting, vacuuming, cleaning windows, light lifting up to 50lbs, and other general maintenance repairs where needed. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30am-4:30pm. If interested please contact Christina Utley 636-441-1302 ext 225 or email cutley@jacares.org.

A Morning with Mary, Mother of Priests

Presented by Fr. Mark Chrismer on Saturday, December 12 at St. Joseph Cottleville Parish. 8:00am Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. 8:45-10:30am Conference for Women on spiritual motherhood and the priesthood, Adoration, Benediction, Rosary and other prayers. Followed by a light reception. Free, but please register by December 9, online at www.stlspiritalmotherhoodforpriests.com. By email at smfpstl@gmail.com or call 314-275-0890.

St. Charles Friends of Birthright

... **Celebrate Life**; coming to First Assembly Church in St. Peters on Saturday, January 30th. Doors open at 6:30pm and concert begins at 7:00. This free music festival featuring local artists who will inspire, motivate and energize the crowd through music with a mission. For more details, to reserve complimentary individual or group tickets, visit us at www.stcfriendsofbirthright.org or celebratelifemusicfest.eventbrite.com.

Trivia Night Returns!

The Parish Trivia Night returns on Saturday, February 27, 2016! Last year's event was a huge success and sold out early. 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

Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? Do you have an email address you'd like us to have?

If you have changes to your membership record, please complete the form below and return it to the rectory so that the information in the Guide Book and Directory is correct.

PLEASE PRINT

Family Name: _____

Family Members: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

____ Do not include family phone number in the directory

____ Do not include family in the directory at all

Please make the following changes: _____

*New parishioners will automatically be listed in the Guide Book & Directory unless stated otherwise on registration form.

TRIVIA NIGHT FOR 4TH, 5TH, AND 6TH

GRADES It's a FREE evening of trivia! Pizza, beverages, and snacks provided! Sign up as an individual or as a team of 8 online at www.priory.org/trivia (Limited spaces) FRIDAY DECEMBER 11 6:30 - 9:00 Location: Saint Louis Priory School Dining Hall Theme: Christmas Sweaters

Are you Munchkin Material??

Duchesne Pioneer Players will be presenting The Wizard of Oz. We are looking for the following qualities in our Munchkins: *3rd Grade or above, *5-foot tall or less, *Good singing voice, *Ability and desire to learn dance moves, *Ability to follow directions well, *Ability to focus with many distractions. If this describes you, we want you to come to auditions! They will be held on January 6, 7, & 8, 2016 at 4:30pm at Duchesne High School. Please contact Mrs. Kay Johnson at kjohnson@duchesne-hs.org with your questions.