

Sts. Joachim & Ann Catholic Church

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE KING SAID TO HIS SERVANTS,
“THE FEAST IS READY, BUT THOSE WHO WERE
INVITED WERE NOT WORTHY TO COME.
GO, THEREFORE, INTO THE MAIN ROADS AND
INVITE TO THE FEAST WHOMEVER YOU FIND.”



Matthew 22:8-9

Ministries and Services

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	Rev. John A. Brockland, JCL	441.7503
In Residence	Rev. James L. Gahan	441.7503
Deacon	Deacon Timothy Schultz	441.7503
Deacon	Deacon Jack Lipin	441.7503
Deacon	Deacon Joseph Hartz	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	Mr. Eric Ray	1.307.433.4588
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	Deacon Jack Lipin	441.1302, X-230
Cub Scouts	Mr. Jack Culian	636.922.1132
Donut Sunday	Mr. & Mrs. Ron (Lisa) Olenski	314.225.6953
Eucharistic Adoration	Mrs. Kathy Rodamaker	636.352.9341
Eucharist for the Homebound	Mrs. Jayne Gilfoil	314.283.5391
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	Rectory Office	441.7503
Groundskeeping Committee	Mr. & Mrs. Dave Hoban	636.244.0302
Girl Scouts	Mrs. Anna Davis	314.540.6383
JASSS	Mrs. Ann Frey	928.3487
Knights of Columbus	Mr. Mike Thomas	H 936.1646, C 314.518.7279
Ladies' Club	Mrs. Laura Free	636.936.1860
Landings-Outreach to Inactive Catholics	Mrs. Sherry Hartz	636.928.0384
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. Dave Poss	314.452.2292
Money Counters	Mrs. Mary Ann Grahm	314.565.3362
Music Ministries	Mr. Orin Johnson	636.980.6255
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Parish Pastoral Council	Mr. John Ryan	636.441.7785
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Prayer Chain	Mr. Rich Rodamaker	rlrodam7202@gmail.com
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Pro-Life Apostolate	Mrs. Rene Theby	314.221.2313
PTO	Mrs. Tracy Breece	447.1608
Sacristan Ministry	Mr. Steve Yallaly	447.1475
Safe Environment	Mrs. JoAnne Van Acker	441.7503
School Board	Mrs. Cindi Johnson	314.724.8906
Servers	Rev. James Gahan	441.7503
Social Justice in Action Committee	Mrs. Miriam Mahan	441.1302, X-350
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	Mr. Phil Uro	youthministry@stsja.org, 314.614.4901

...From the Pastor...

What & Why Session #1 --- next Sunday evening, October 22nd, at 6:30pm

...How does the Scriptural and theological understanding which we have outlined here for the past two weeks take shape in the Church's directives regarding erecting an Altar?... There are two primary sources of instructions or directives which the Church provides regarding Church interiors and Church furnishings. The first is a universal source which stipulates everything about how the Sacrament of Eucharist (the Mass) is to be celebrated. This universal source is the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* which is found in the front of the Sacramentary – the book which contains all of the prayers of the Mass. Norms regarding the Altar are found in Chapter V, *The Arrangement and Ornamentation of Churches for the Celebration of Eucharist*, beginning at paragraph 296.

The altar, on which is effected the Sacrifice of the Cross made present under sacramental signs, is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is convoked to participate in the Mass, and it is also the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished through the Eucharist.

The celebration of the Eucharist in a sacred place is to take place on an altar... It is desirable that in every church there be a fixed altar, since this more clearly and permanently signifies Christ Jesus, the Living Stone (1 Peter 2:4, Ephesians 2:20)... An altar is said to be fixed if it is so constructed as to be attached to the floor and not removable.

The altar should be built separate from the wall, in such a way that it is possible to walk around it easily and that Mass can be celebrated at it facing the people, which is desirable whenever possible. Moreover, the altar should occupy a place where it is truly the center toward which the attention of the whole congregation of the faithful naturally turns. The altar should

usually be fixed and dedicated...

In keeping with the Church's traditional practice and with what the altar signifies, the table of a fixed altar should be of stone and indeed of natural stone. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, wood which is dignified, solid and well-crafted may be used provided that the altar is structurally immobile. As to the supports or base for supporting the table, these may be made of any material provided it is dignified and solid... In building new churches, it is preferable for a single altar to be erected, one that in the gathering of the faithful will signify the one Christ and the one Eucharist of the Church...

Only what is required for the celebration of Mass may be placed on the altar table: namely, from the beginning of the celebration until the proclamation of the Gospel, the *Book of the Gospels*; then from the Presentation of the Gifts until the purification of the vessels, the chalice and paten, a ciborium if necessary, and finally the corporal, the purificator... and the Missal.

...For the Diocese of the United States... The Bishops of our country have also issued local norms governing liturgical art and architecture for Catholic Churches and their furnishings. It is the document *Built of Living Stones: Art, Architecture, and Worship Guidelines of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops*. It speaks about the altar in Chapter Two beginning at paragraph 56.

At the Eucharist, the liturgical assembly celebrates the ritual sacrificial meal that recalls and makes present Christ's life, death and resurrection, proclaiming the death of the Lord until He comes. The altar is the center of thanksgiving that the Eucharist accomplishes and the point around which the other rites are in some manner arrayed. Since the Church teaches that the altar is Christ (Pius XII, *Mediator Dei*), its composition should reflect the nobility, beauty, strength, and simplicity of the One it represents. In new churches there is to be only one altar so that it signifies to the assembly of the faithful the one Christ and the one Eucharist of the Church.

The altar is the natural focal point of the sanctuary and is to be freestanding to allow the priest to walk around it easily and Mass to be celebrated facing the people. Ordinarily it should be fixed (with the base affixed to the floor) and with a table or mensa made of natural stone, since it represents Christ Jesus, the Living Stone (1 Peter 2:4). The pedestal or support for the table may be fashioned from any sort of material, as long as it is becoming and solid. In the United States it is permissible to use materials other than natural stone for a fixed altar, provided these materials are worthy, solid, properly constructed, and subject to the further judgment of the local Bishop...

Although there is no specified size or shape for an altar, it should be in proportion to the church. The shape and size should reflect the nature of the altar as the place of sacrifice and the table around which Christ gathers the community to nourish them. In considering the dimensions of the altar, parishes will also want to

insure that the other major furnishings in the sanctuary are in harmony and proportion to the altar. The mensa should be large enough to accommodate the priest celebrant, the deacon, and the acolytes who minister there and should be able to hold the Sacramentary (Missal) and the vessels with bread and wine. Impact and focal quality are not only related to the placement, size or shape but also especially to the quality of the altar's design and worthiness of its construction. The altar should be centrally located in the sanctuary and the center of attention in the church.

During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the altar must be visible from all parts of the church but not so elevated that it causes visual or symbolic division from the liturgical assembly. Methods of elevation can be found that still allow access to the altar by ministers who need wheelchairs or who have other disabilities.

In the Church's history and tradition, the altar was often placed over the tombs of the saints or the relics of saints were deposited beneath the altar. The presence of relics of saints in the altar provides a witness to the Church's belief that the Eucharist celebrated on the altar is the source of grace that won sanctity for the saints. The custom of placing small relics of martyrs or other saints in an altar stone and setting this in the mensa has been changed since the Second Vatican Council. Relics of martyrs or other saints may be placed beneath the altar, as long as the relics are of a size sufficient for them to be recognizable as parts of a human body and that they are of undoubted authenticity. Relics are no longer placed on the altar or set into the mensa in an altar stone.

...Blessings to you and your family for a great week! Please mark you calendars and plan to attend our first *What & Why Session* next Sunday evening.

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† Mass Schedule

Monday, October 16, Weekday

6:30am Michael Bardol
8:00am Carol & Tom Shanika

Tuesday, October 17, St. Ignatius of Antioch

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am Tim Hogan
Perpetual Help Devotion after 8:00am Mass

Wednesday, October 18, St. Luke

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am Norv Benoist **All School Mass**

Thursday, October 19, Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues

6:30am Mary Morrow
8:00am Communion Service

Friday, October 20, Weekday

6:30am Roger Grapperhaus
8:00am Communion Service

Sat/Sun, October 21/22, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Margaret Priest
7:30am People of the Parish
9:30am Jerry Gassel
11:30am John Joseph Cahalin

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43;
Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;
1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

The Week Ahead

Mon., Oct. 16 PSR not in session - Fall Break
Parish Finance Council 7pm RMR
Homeschool 9-10:30am Ministry Building

Tues., Oct. 17 Liturgy Committee 7pm RMR
Men's CHRP 7-10pm CMR
Chastity Ed Parent Meeting
2pm & 6:30pm Adult Ed Room

Wed., Oct. 18 Bereavement 6-9pm CMR

Thurs., Oct. 19 Athletic Assoc. 7:30-8:30pm PCMR

Fri., Oct. 20 Trunk or Treat 6:30-9pm Parking Lot

Sat., Oct. 21 Blessing of Lectors
TMIY 5-9am Cafeteria
Adopt-a-Family Sign Ups after Mass
Evangelization Committee 9:30-11am RMR

Sun., Oct. 22 Blessing of Lectors
Adopt-a-Family Sign Ups after Masses
Blood Drive 8am-1:30pm Cafeteria

October 21/22, 2017

Lectors

5:00pm Sherry Hartz, Steve Henry
7:30am Mary Jane Daum, Diane Distl
9:30am Anna Davis, Batty Gravlin
11:30am Sheila DeLong, Bill DeLong

Servers

5:00pm Bill Scarry
7:30am Zachary & Connor Nave, Cole Polley
9:30am Emily Tobin, Emily Schmidt, Gabe Talken
11:30am AJ Vargas, Jacob Willard, Nicholas Poston

Stewardship of Our Treasure

5 to 10 Year Plan Weekly Sunday Offering Goal \$ 24,728.00
Sunday, 8 October 2017

Envelopes	\$ 20,077.00
On-line giving	\$ 6,765.13
Loose	\$ 700.13
Youth	\$ 3.00

\$ 27,545.26

Budget vs Actual for this Sunday \$ 2,817.26

Fiscal Year-to-date Sunday Offering Goal \$ 370,920.00

Fiscal year-to-date Actual Offertory \$ 353,927.75

Budget vs. Actual Fiscal Year-to-date \$ (16,992.25)

Care Service	120.00
Permanent Diaconate	438.00
World Mission	2.00
Hurricane Relief	641.00

Christmas Club for Major Needs

5 to 10 Year Plan Goal for Christmas Club 2017 \$ 180,000.00

Yr to Date \$ 44,699.07

Budget vs Actual for Fiscal Y-to-date \$ (135,300.93)

Parish Construction Debt

Loan Balance as of 9-4-2017 \$ 108,033.57

Payment 10-5-2017 Principal \$ 23,278.41

Interest 296.85

\$ 23,575.26

Current Loan Balance \$ 84,755.16



We are asked to pray for those

who have died: -Bonnie Kientzel, wife of
John Kientzel, grandmother of Angela Kientzel and
Shawn Abrahamsen

Thank You From Mexico

Mi Hermanos y Hermanas... Buenos días tengan todos Ustedes. Mi nombre es Ramon Sandoval y en nombre de todas las personas afectadas por el terremoto en Mexico, Quiero darles las gracias. Muchísimas gracias. Pero antes también gracias a Dios por todo lo que el nos da. Y por abrirles su corazón para ayudar a mi país Mexico. Dios los bendiga a todos Gracias Gracias.

My Brothers and Sisters ... Good morning to all of you. My name is Ramon Sandoval and on behalf of all those affected by the earthquake in Mexico, I want to thank you. Many thanks. We also thank God for all that He gives us, and for you opening up your hearts to help my country Mexico. God bless you all. Thank you, thank you.

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Eucharistic Adoration

If you are in need of the quiet time with our Lord, call or text Kathy Rodamaker at 636-352-9341.



(I) There is a promise of Marriage between Hang Truong and Sherman Jackson on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 2:00pm.

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

During the month of October, our students and faculty will focus on the Virtue of Studiousness – Seeking knowledge to grow closer to truth.

Please join us in developing the Virtue of Studiousness.

Important Dates to Remember:

- Monday, October 16: All School Rosary at 12:30PM
- Tuesday, October 17: Chastity Education Parent Meeting at 2PM or 6:30PM
- Wednesday, October 18: All School Mass at 8AM
- Friday, October 20: Trunk or Treat

Read for Need: Our annual Read for Need service project that benefits our Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service will begin on Oct. 16 and continue through Nov. 10. This program not only benefits those in need, it encourages our students to read! Students will be asking family members, friends, or neighbors to pledge to pay a certain amount for every minute or hour spent reading, or they can make a blanket pledge. Some of our students may be contacting you! Please be generous!



PSR News

Guardians of Hope

We will be collecting for the Pro-Life Organization during the month of October. We also continue to collect canned goods and packaged food weekly for the Care Service.

Upcoming Events

Oct 16 - No PSR Fall Break

Oct 23 - PSR Class, Safe Touch 6-7

Oct 30 - PSR Class, K & 1st grade Activity Night, Safe Touch 8th grade

Wanted: Bikes, bikes and more bikes!

Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service is looking for bicycle donations to provide to needy children participating in the annual Adopt-A-Family Christmas program. Last year, more than 350 bikes were given to children in the area for Christmas. The Loyal Order of the Squirrels will refurbish, fix and clean the bikes that are donated. The children's bikes can be dropped off at the garage located behind the Care Service at 4116 McClay Road in St. Charles.

For more information, contact Yvonne Tihen at 636-441-1302, ext. 224.

Wanted: Volunteers to fix donated bikes

The Loyal Order of the Squirrels is looking for volunteers to help repair, refurbish and clean bicycles donated for the annual Adopt-A-Family Christmas program. More than 350 bikes were donated last year, and help is needed to get these bicycles ready for Christmas. Please contact Bernie at 636-345-3369.

Jacob's Ladder In Catholic piety, the entire month of November is observed as one during which we pray for those who have gone before us in faith. We invite you to provide a framed photograph of your deceased loved one to be placed on Jacob's Ladder in our Church, a visual symbol for us during the month of November reminding us of our closeness as heaven and earth meet when He sends His angels to lead us into paradise. If you choose to provide a framed photograph of your deceased loved one, please provide one no larger than 8" x 10" and bring it to the Church sacristy or Parish Office by October 29, 2017. **Please label the back of the frame with your name and telephone number.** At the conclusion of the month of November, you can retrieve the photograph from Church.

Hurricane Relief Parishioners, Cindy & Tom Wilson are traveling to Houston TX in their continued effort to help those still affected by the aftermath of flooding. They are collecting new/gently used clothing or financial donations thru Monday 10/16 & bringing to Houston TX centers serving those still in need. A drop box will be in the gathering space of Church this weekend, or call Cindy Wilson (314)239-8649 for pick up. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity.

Casseroles Needed for St. Patrick's Center

Casseroles are still needed to help feed the homeless at St. Patrick's Center in St. Louis. Casseroles can now be dropped off at Sts.

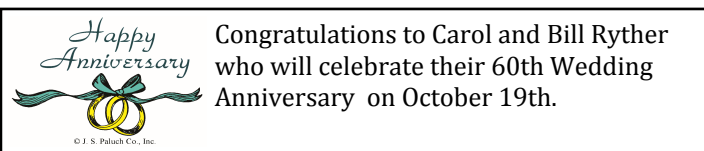
Joachim & Ann Care Service from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on weekdays. Casseroles will also be accepted until 6 p.m. on Thursdays at the Care Service Pantry door. Casserole pans will be provided, and can still be picked up in the school hallway near the church entrance. For more information, contact Jan at 636-441-1302, ext. 262.

Shop For Our Schools

Do you have questions about how the program works? It's really very easy! You purchase gift certificates at face value and the vendor rebates a certain percentage of the face value to our Schools. We need your help! There is **no extra charge** to you--- just some simple planning on your part! Questions? Call the school office at 441-4835. Thank you in advance for your support. Remember, its never too early to start stocking up for Christmas~~~these gift cards do NOT expire!

Hours: Saturday after 5pm Mass (1st & 3rd Saturdays); Sunday after 7:30am Mass (1st & 3rd Sundays), after 9:30am Mass and before 11:30am Mass.

Christmas Gifts Galore!!! Visit the gathering space after ALL the masses the weekend of **October 14/15**. Wonderful handmade gifts for sale and Raffle tickets for Baskets and special Christmas item...ALL proceeds benefit the **Adopt A Family** Christmas Program. Donations welcome. Purchase Christmas gifts and support the Sts Joachim and Ann Care Service.



Congratulations to Carol and Bill Ryther who will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on October 19th.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK Especially those in our parish:

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

Advent Tea - Save the date for December 3rd from 4 to 6 pm for ladies Advent Tea . More information in the coming weeks.

Catholic Book Club

We will be reading the book *Five Years in Heaven The Unlikely Friendship That Answered Life's Greatest Questions* by John Schlimm and meeting on October 24 at 7pm in Room 100 in the Junior high building. If you are interested in joining us, purchase and read the book ahead of time and come to the meeting on Oct 24 ready to discuss. Here is a synopsis of the book

By the time Harvard-educated John Schlimm turned 31 years old, he had worked with some of the biggest superstars in Nashville and served under the most powerful people in the White House. But something was missing. His life had come to a standstill, lost in a whirl of questions about belonging, faith, rejection, and purpose. He soon decides to return to his small-town roots in search of a new beginning. Returning home, John meets 87-year-old Sister Augustine, the beguiling self-taught artist-in-residence at the ceramic shop on the sprawling grounds of the local 150-year-old convent. John shares the wisdom, humor, grace, and inspiration he experienced during his hundreds of visits with Sister Augustine. *Five Years in Heaven* reminds us that we can find love and joy in the most unlikely of places, and that the building blocks of peace and happiness are always within our reach.

Upcoming Books

November -Taste and See: Experiencing the Goodness of God with Our Five Senses

by Ginny Kubitz Moyer

December/January -Called to Be Holy by Timothy Dolan

Feburary - Four Scraps of Bread by Magda Hollander-Lafon

2018 Masquerade Gala – Donations

Needed The **2018 Black & White Masquerade Gala** committee is seeking cash donations or unique items that would spark interest at our upcoming auction including:

- Gift certificates
- Gift cards
- Alcoholic beverages
- Frequent flyer miles
- Vacation rentals
- Hotel vouchers
- Sports tickets
- Tickets for local attractions

If anyone is (or has access to) a DJ that would be willing to donate their services for the event, we would be very appreciative!

Corporate table advertisement is available for \$200 per table.

All companies donating items will be recognized at the Gala. Donations are tax deductible.

To donate please send an email to:

jamasqueradegala@gmail.com or contact Brian Jones @ 314-369-3279.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who donated materials and time to Jadyn's Quilts for the homeless. This year we completed 61!! We had a lot of help, even from people outside the parish. Now we need to pray for those who will receive these warm blankets, that they will be kept safe and healthy. What a wonderful tribute to Jadyn!

Help Wanted, No Experience Necessary!

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve our Parish? Money Counters could use your help. We are in need of 1 person to count on the 2nd Sunday of each month. If you would like to join one of these Teams, please contact Mary Ann Grahn at maryanngrahn@att.net or 314.565.3362

2018 Masquerade Gala – Purchase

Tickets Now & Save! If you're looking for an adult evening out, close to home, join us on February 10, 2018, for the **Black & White Masquerade Gala**. This event will be held in the J&A 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 over to attend this event.*

Your ticket includes:

- Dinner catered by Concetta's Italian Restaurant
- Open bar including beer, wine & well drinks
- A live & silent auction
- Professional photo booth
- Champagne toast
- Music & more!

Tickets are available online @ **www.supportjanda.org**. Take advantage of **"Early Bird Pricing"** at \$40 per person or reserve a table of six for \$240.

Proceeds benefit the Sts. Joachim & Ann Athletic Association.

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Food Truck Night

Thursday, October 26th, in the lower parking lot, from 4:00-8:00pm. -Food Trucks include Cha Cha Chow, Zia's, Cardinal Nation, Sarah's Cake Shop, Kona Ice -There will also be a few, fun activities for children such as pig races, soccer shoot out, and the selling of tattoos/bracelets

Office Assistant Job Opening The Religious Education Office is currently looking for an Office Assistant 25-30 hours per week Monday-Thursday. Responsibilities include answering the phone, data entry, updating database, maintaining paperwork and documents, filing, coordinating events, maintaining supply inventory, working with the parish staff, school, and other Parish Ministries. Proficient on the computer using Microsoft Word and Excel. 2-3 years' experience as an office assistant or related field. Strong communication skills and ability to multi task and work well under limited supervision. Please send resume to Rose Wieschhaus at wieschhaus@stsja.org.

JASSS Sts. Joachim & Ann Senior Service & Social Club; Senior Men & Women 55 & Older

The JASSS picnic was a success, lots of food and we all had fun playing games. We want to send out a Special thank you to Bob & Rita Lefebvre for doing all the grilling.

General meeting luncheon is October 24th, 12:00pm. It is POTLUCK. If you signed up for a dish at the September meeting, please bring them up about 11:45 in order to set up the serving area. A dish that will serve about 4 to 6 will be great. Remember we will have a lot of great food to try!! A new game is scheduled "HORSE RACES" rules and instructions will be provided, it looks like loads of fun.

Request for desserts for November meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October 24th meeting.

December 7th we have a trip to Herman MO with \$60.00 payment due at the October 24th General meeting.

November Board Meeting is on Monday, November 6th at 1:00pm in the Care Center.

We have several trips planned for the New Year 2018. More details as they become available.

If you have ideas for things to do or places to go for a day, contact Melody at mlodysdoxies@att.net or Pat McAllister at 636-397-5678

Save the Date! School/Parish community event for all children and families of Sts. Joachim & Ann Parish presents Trunk or Treat on Oct. 20, 2017 from 6:30 - 9:00. Join us for safe and family friendly event with candy, costume contest, Christian camaraderie and much more! For details, contact Tammy Hannon at mohannon20@yahoo.com.

A Night at the Races

Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish/School cordially invites you to "A Night At The Races". Saturday, November 11, 2017

Doors open after 5pm Mass, first Race starts at 7:15pm.

Competitive, exciting, fast and fun... "Run for the Roses" with (8) video horse races, betting tables, and fabulous raffle prizes. Name a horse for \$10 or Sponsor an entire race for \$100.

- ◆ \$160 for table of 8
- ◆ \$50 per couple
- ◆ \$30 for individual tickets

Complimentary Beer & Soda. Wine Pull - 50/50 - Lifeline Balloons - Photo Booth. **Register Online: supportjanda.org**

Sts. Joachim and Ann Food Pantry

The food pantry is in need of the following food items: Rice, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Manwich, Poptarts, Ramen Noodles, Canned Chili, Canned Pasta, Pasta sides, Cookies, Jelly, Dried Beans, Syrup, Mustard, Ketchup and Mayo. Size 6 diapers.

****There is a great need for: cookies, canned meats and canned fruits, Size 6 Pull-ups, Baby wipes, Conditioner, Hand lotion, body wash.**

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

November 11 - Service opportunity to provide dinner at the Ronald McDonald House at Mercy Hospital. Help will be needed ("no more than 10-14 people") to prepare a meal onsite for approximately 45-50 people.

December 3 - Advent Tea

Adopt-A-Family

Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service will adopt about 500 fragile families this Christmas season through the annual Adopt-A-Family program. These families are members of the community who are struggling to provide the most basic needs like heat for the winter, electric to keep on the lights, and food to feed their family. These hard-working families are our neighbors, co-workers and members of the church who would not experience the magic of Christmas without the help of local families in the community.

Megan is a single mom with two school-aged children. She suffers from major anxiety. She was making decent money at her job when she started suffering from debilitating panic attacks. The panic attacks were so bad, that she had to use her short-term disability to take a break from the job. Her income was reduced to 60 percent of her pay, and until Megan is able to return to work, she is struggling to keep up with her rent and electric bills.

Megan is just one example of the some of the families that will benefit from the generosity of those who adopt fragile families this Christmas season. Sign-ups for Adopt-A-Family are available after Mass at Sts. Joachim & Ann Church, or by calling Yvonne Tihen at 636-441-1302, ext. 224. *names changed

4th Annual Men's Club/Knights of Columbus Music Trivia Night

Saturday, October 28, 2017. Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service. Doors open at 6:30pm, Trivia begins at 7:00pm. \$160 for a table of 8, price includes Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks. Back by Popular demand, we have a professional DJ running the show! To reserve your table now, or for Sponsorship information, call Scott Sievers, 314-452-4010.

Blood Drive

The Harvester Knights of Columbus and Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Centers are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Sunday, October 22, from 8:30am until 1:30pm in the cafeteria. They will be collecting red cells for those who want to give. As usual, great snacks will be available. MVRBC needs to maintain a strong supply of blood - so please give!