

Sts. Joachim & Ann Catholic Church

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Easter SUNDAY

APRIL 1, 2018

Our paschal lamb, Christ,
has been sacrificed.
Therefore, let us
celebrate the feast.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

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@stsj.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

Ministries and Services

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 Culihan	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
Nursing Home Min.	Mrs. Norma Hitt	970.2052
Parish Pastoral Council	Mr. John Ryan	636.441.7785
Parish Picnic	Mr. Phil Dukeman	314.397.0411
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
Venture Crew	Mr. Paul Rowland	venturecrewsja35@gmail.com
Venture Crew	Mr. Paul Rowland	1.210.842.0661
Youth Ministry	Mr. Phil Uro	youthministry@stsj.org

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE...

Easter....The Resurrection of the Lord
from an Ancient Homily on Holy Saturday
imagining the Lord's descent into hell before rising and the liberation He announced there.

Something strange is happening – there is a great silence on the earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: "My Lord be with you all." Christ answered him: "And with your spirit." He took him by the hand and raised him up saying: "Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated.

For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took

the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree.

I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

...Welcome, welcome, welcome to our new and fully initiated Catholics from the Easter Vigil!!! Robert Taylor who was Baptized, Confirmed and admitted to Eucharist. Damien Brewer who made a Profession of Faith, was Confirmed and admitted to Eucharist. Shannon Kelly who completed her sacramental initiation via the Sacrament of Confirmation. Welcome, all!

A Family Table Prayer for Easter by Edward Hays

From Prayers for the Domestic Church

Father: Blessed are you, Lord our God, who raised up Jesus from the tomb and has gathered all of us around this table.

Mother: As the light of God overcame the darkness of death, may these candles we now light be for us a sign of the flame of life that burns within our hearts. *(candles are lighted)* As these Easter candles call us to the feast of this our table, may the light of Christ, call us to Your eternal Easter feast. May these candles delight our eyes and add splendor to our meal.

Father: With great joy, we come to our Easter dinner as we continue our celebration of the ever-newness of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We rejoice in the resurrection of spring as birds, flowers and fields come alive after the long sleep of winter. May we, in this Easter Sunday meal, share with them the great joy of life. Let us pause and in silence lift up our hearts to God in gratitude for this holy Easter meal. *(pause for silent prayer)* As our risen Lord came as a guest and ate with his disciples, may we be grateful for the presence at our table of our guests who bring to our table the holy presence of God and add to our celebration of this great and joyful feast. May God bless them, for together with the food of this feast, they give us reason for joy.

Mother: May the test of goodness in this food be a promise of the eternal Easter meal we shall all share together with our Risen Lord. May this Easter dinner be a sacrament of springtime, peace and eternal happiness. Alleluia! Alleluia! May God's blessing rest upon this table and on each of us. Amen.

...Blessings to you and your family for a grace-filled and joyful Eastertide....

† Mass Schedule

Monday, April 2, Monday within the Octave of Easter

6:30am Rev, John F. Blomberg
8:00am Joseph Wilmering

Tuesday, April 3, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

6:30am Bernard Sippos
8:00am Tom Groll

Perpetual Help Devotion after 8:00am Mass

Wed., April 4, Wednesday within the Octave Easter

6:30am Jadyng Wingier
8:00am John Spatatora

Thursday, April 5, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

6:30am Special Intention NPS
8:00am Verena Fann

Friday, April 6, Friday within the Octave of Easter

6:30am Vocations
8:00am Gavura Family

Sat./Sun., April 7/8, Divine Mercy Sunday

5:00pm Evelyn Ruzensky
7:30am People of the Parish
9:30am Paul Schleeper
11:30am Lucille Primeau

Readings for the Week

**Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15**

**Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18**

**Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
Lk 24:13-35**

**Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9;
Lk 24:35-48**

**Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;
Jn 21:1-14**

**Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21;
Mk 16:9-15**

**Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31**

The Week Ahead

- Mon., April 2 FT School Spring Break, April 2-6
PSR not in session
Home School 9-10:30am Ministry Bldg
- Tues., April 3 Men's CHR P 7-10pm CMR
- Wed., April 4 Bereavement 6-9pm CMR
Life in the Spirit 7-9pm Cafeteria
- Thurs., April 5 Parish Pastoral Council 7pm RMR
- Sat., April 7 TMIY 5-9am Cafeteria

APRIL 7/8, 2018

Lectors

5:00pm Mark Ellison, Barb Russo
7:30am Sherry Hartz, Steve Henry
9:30am Sheila DeLong, Bill DeLong
11:30am Diane Distl, Matt Klekar

Servers

5:00pm Bill Scarry
7:30am Joseph Deluvia, Braden Paulus, Luke Matschiner
9:30am Cole Polley, AJ Vargas, Josh Kroc
11:30am Aaron Berning, Joey Wingier, Sam Tilly

Stewardship of Our Treasure

Due to early bulletin submission, Stewardship will be updated in the coming weeks.

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

Sunday, 18 March 2018

Envelopes	\$ 15,034.18
On-line giving	\$ 8,256.13
Loose	\$ 765.17
Youth	\$ 4.75
	\$ 24,060.23
Budget vs Actual for this Sunday	\$ (667.77)
Fiscal Year-to-date Sunday Offering Goal	\$ 939,664.00
Fiscal year-to-date Actual Offertory	\$ 916,731.38
Budget vs. Actual Fiscal Year-to-date	\$ (22,932.62)
Care Service	260.00
Catholic Relief Services	186.00
Catholic Home Missions	36.00
Holy Land	44.00

Christmas Club for Major Needs

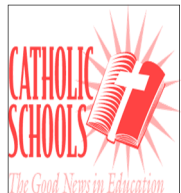
5 to 10 Year Plan Goal for Christmas Club 2018	\$ 180,000.00
Yr to Date	\$ 129,414.28
Budget vs Actual for Fiscal Y-to-date	\$ (50,585.72)

Parish Construction Debt

Loan Balance as of 1-5-2018	\$ 14,553.11
Payment 2-5-2018	Principal \$ 14,553.11
	Interest 48.53
	\$ 14,601.64
Current Loan Balance	\$ 0.00

Easter Sunday- Do You Believe in the Resurrection?

He is risen, alleluia, alleluia! This is the central belief of the Christian: Jesus Christ rose from the dead and conquered death so that we could spend eternal life with Him. Stop and think today. Do you believe in the Resurrection? If not, consider why not. Because of Christ's Resurrection we can be people of hope and joy. In the first reading today, Peter repeatedly mentions how they were witnesses to the life and great works of Christ while he walked the earth. In the Acts of the Apostles, the early disciples are absolutely on fire with zeal for the truth that Christ has risen. Let's get busy sharing that same message and living convicted lives of boldness, paying no attention to the attacks from the world. This is a truth worth dying for. May Jesus Christ be praised!



**Sts. Joachim & Ann School
Embracing God's Love,
One Child at a Time**
Easter Blessings to all families!

During the month of April, our students will be focusing on the virtue of Obedience – *Saying “yes” to the loving will of God and those He has set over us.* Please join us in working on the Virtue of Obedience!

Congratulation to our 8th grade Academic Bowl Team that represented our school so well at St. Dominic High School. There were 20 8th grade teams that participated and our team placed 1st in our school size category and had the highest score of earned for the day!

Don't delay! Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is now open for Junior Kindergarten through Grade 8. Registration forms can be found online at <http://stsja.org/registration>.

On Wednesday, April 18, 2018, we will host our annual **“Shadow Day”** for children entering Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. The morning will begin with Mass at 8AM followed by parents and students gathering for refreshments in the cafeteria. Our current kindergarten will meet our new students in the cafeteria. They can't wait to show our new kindergartners around! Parents will hear a short presentation that will help you prepare for their exciting transition to Kindergarten. This event typically ends at 10:00AM. Please RSVP to the school office (636-441-4835) if you plan to join us.

Upcoming Events

No School This Week, April 2-6
Saturday, April 7 – Mother/Son PTO Event

Sts. Joachim & Ann PSR
jandapsr@stsja.org, wieschhausr@stsja.org
Guardians of Hope



**Parish School
of Religion**

“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

During the month of March we will be collecting personal care items for the Care Service
April 2 -No PSR
April 9 -PSR class, 8th grade Interviews, 7th grade Care Service tour
April 15 -First Communion practice 12:30pm in cafeteria
April 16 -PSR class, 8th grade Interviews, 6-8 grade Vocation Talks

JASSS Sts. Joachim & Ann Senior Service Social Club Men & Women 55 years or Older - WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS
There will be a Board meeting on April 2nd at the Care Center starting at 1:00 pm
Payment's for the Mystery Trip is due on March 27th
For trip information contact Pat McAllister at 636-397-5678

Altar Society Needs Your Help!

Men and women who would be available on Friday mornings (once every 5 weeks) are needed to help our church cleaning teams. If your are available or have a few questions, please call Julie Huber at 636.219.2109 or 636.441.9667. Thank you!

Hospital Visits
Please contact the Rectory office if you or a loved one are hospitalized so that one of our priest can visit.
636-441-7503

Eucharistic Adoration

"In those places where I am exposed upon the altar to receive the Adoration, the reparation, and the companionship of My friends--and first of all, of My priests--My radiance is powerful and strong, Faith, Adoration, and Love act as receptors; thus is My Power drawn out and made effective, invisibly but really, in space and in time," taken from In Sinu Jesu: The Journal of a Priest At Prayer.

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.

Safe Environment Program

Anyone, 18 or older, who works with or volunteers with children must be compliant with the Safe Environment Program of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis set forth by the USCCB. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Compliance includes:

- ◆ attending a Protecting God's Children Workshop,
- ◆ Completing a Missouri Background Check.
- ◆ Reading and signing a Code of Ethical Conduct form
- ◆ Additional background checks may be necessary if you have lived out of state in previous years.

Contact JoAnne Van Acker, 636-441-7503,
jvanacker@stsja.org

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Parish Page: Parishioners of Sts Joachim & Ann
School Page: Sts. Joachim & Ann Catholic School- St. Charles, MO



[www.facebook.com/
StsJoachimandAnnCatholicSchool](http://www.facebook.com/StsJoachimandAnnCatholicSchool)

Tax Assistance will be offered, free of charge, by the AARP Foundation for those who are in the low to middle-income brackets, with an emphasis on those who are 60 years of age and older. **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.** Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00am—Noon, January 31-April 11. Please call 636.441.1302, ext. 293. Appointments will be held at the Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service, 4116 McClay Road, St. Charles MO 63304.



Pray the Rosary

The Rosary is the prayer for peace, as told to the children at Fatima by Blessed Mother herself. Join us by the tabernacle 30 minutes before the weekend mass begins to pray with fellow parishioners. If you are the first one there, it must be YOUR turn to start. If you wish to use the patriotic format, the blue

cards are in the pamphlet rack in the gathering space. If you are unfamiliar with the rosary and how to pray it, we teach newcomers!! Contact Kathy Rodamaker at 636-352-9341.

The Blessed Virgin Mary gave 15 Promises to Saint Dominic in 1613 A.D. for all who recite the rosary. Imparted to Saint Dominic and Blessed Alan.

Third promise: The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be observed and celebrated this year on Sunday, April 8, 2018, at Assumption Parish in O'Fallon, 403 N. Main Street, O'Fallon MO, 63366. The celebration will begin at 3:30pm with Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Holy Rosary, and singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 5:30pm.

*****LENTEN CONFESSION will be sufficient** to obtain Plenary Indulgence when other conditions of Holy Mass, Holy Communion, Spiritual or Corporal Works of Mercy, detachment from all sin, and prayers offered for the Holy Father's intentions are met. *** For more information, please contact Ann Yeager at 636-734-7663.

8th Grade Fundraiser

The 8th Grade Class will be holding a clothing drive through SAVERS this Spring! We will be collecting clothing and other soft items (towels, blankets, purses, wallets, shoes, bedding, hats, mittens, scarves, ties, backpacks, bags, jewelry, etc.) Due to space issues and transporting issues, we won't be able to collect larger "hard" items.

Collection dates are the following Thursdays: March 29 and April 12, from 7:25am-7:45am in the school parking lot closest to church Thank you for supporting our 8th Grade fundraiser; this fundraiser helps in multiple ways!! For questions or help getting items please contact Lisa Pulliam (314) 412-6462 or Michelle Breitbach (636) 485-5898.

Bereavement We are pleased to offer again this year a six-session Bereavement Ministry support group led by our parish team. This offers a very gentle way of helping people come to a greater appreciation of God in their lives at what can be a very challenging time. This group will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning April 4th, at 7:00pm in Church Meeting Room. For more information, contact Jeanne & Jim Potts at 636-939-3428.

What & Why Videos are available on our website - www.stsj.org. Copy and paste the link: <http://vimeo.com/stsjanda/albums> or search vimeo.com for stsjanda. To view; after clicking on the video in the album screen, enter the password: joachimandann



(II) There is a promise of Marriage between Bridget Kientzel and Avery Braun on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 1:00pm.

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

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

Reminder for those who participated in the Rite of Naming and Commendation of an infant who died before birth, certificates are available to be picked up from the rectory office.



Are Wedding Bells Ringing in Your Future?

Even though a minimum six months of preparation is needed for the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony, more time is usually desirable. We ordinarily desire to meet with a couple a few times to help you assess readiness for the sacrament and then set a wedding date. Please give yourselves and us time to do this. Solidifying a Church date should be the first step in your preparation. Then other reservations can be made. Call 636-441-7503 to speak with Fr. Brockland or Fr. Gahan.

Development Coordinator

Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service has an immediate opening for a Development Coordinator who will work closely with the Executive Director. The coordinator will primarily be responsible for identifying donors, cultivating relationships and soliciting contributions as well as seeking new funding opportunities while developing strategies for increasing a broader base of donors to support Sts. Joachim and Care Service. This individual will be responsible for the development and implementation of fundraising initiatives, marketing strategies and overall fund development strategy.

Essential Functions:

- Work closely with Executive Director and Executive Team to formulate the strategic plan and financial budget.
- Actively seek and identify new funding sources, including corporations, foundations and individual donors.
- Maintain relationships with current and past donors; cultivate new relationships with prospective donors.
- Plan and implement marketing and communication strategies to support development and fundraising activities; supervise daily activities.
- Plan, develop and oversee the implementation of all fundraising activities of the Care Service.
- Represent the Care Service in outreach activities and public relations events.
- Act as lead for Ethics accreditation (COA) standard.
- Supervise department employees and volunteers
- Other duties as assigned.

Job-related qualifications and skills:

- 3-5 years experience in non-profit development.
- 1-3 years supervisory experience.
- Minimum requirement of a Bachelor's degree in non-profit management, marketing, development, communication or related degree.
- Ability to supervisor and train development staff/volunteers effectively.
- Demonstrate proficiency in developing and meeting Special Event and other development budgets.

To apply, please e-mail the following to Christina Utley at cutley@jacares.org: A cover letter describing your professional background, Resume, Names and contact information of three professional references

Shop For Our Schools (SFOS)/

Shop with Scrip News Do you understand how Shop for our Schools benefits our School? You purchase Gift Cards to a huge variety of Department Stores, Restaurants, Fast Food places, Gas Stations and more, at FACE VALUE. It costs NOTHING EXTRA TO YOU! The vendor returns a percentage of the gift card to us. It is just that easy! It does take planning on your part, but please feel free to stop in the Gathering Space and take some order forms home. If you have any questions, our volunteers will gladly assist you. Your participation in this program is greatly appreciated. **Shop For Our Schools will not be selling on Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday. We will be back selling at Church on Saturday April 7th and at School on Monday, April 9th.**

Sts. Joachim and Ann Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

Canned meats, canned chili, ketchup, pancake mix, sloppy joe, conditioner, body lotion, Kleenex.

Catholic Book Club

We will be reading the book *Twelve Extraordinary Women: How God Shaped Women of the Bible, and What He Wants to Do with You* by John MacArthur for the month of April. Any adult of the parish is invited to purchase and read the book ahead of time and come ready to discuss on **April 24 at 7pm in Room**

100. "Readers will be challenged and motivated by Twelve Extraordinary Women, a poignant and personal look into the lives of some of the Bible's most faithful women. Their struggles and temptations are the same trials faced by all believers at all ages. Inside this book, best-selling author and Bible teacher John MacArthur shows that the God to whom they were so committed is the same God who continues to mold and use ordinary people today. "

Questions about our Book Club, please contact Rose Wieschhaus at wieschhausr@stsja.org or 636 926-0021.

St. Ann Ladies Club

All ladies of the parish (age 21 and older) are welcome to join us. Please come give us a try. We are a fun group, eager to welcome new members anytime of year. Questions? Call or email Laura Free (LauraFree@att.net or 314-369-7631). Our upcoming events include:

Tuesday, April 10 - Meeting in the Parish Center 7pm.

Friday, April 13 - Paint Night,

April 14/15 Daniel's Farm & Greenhouses Gift Card sales after all masses

May - undecided

June - Rendevous Cafe & Wine Bar in O'Fallon

Paint Night

All ladies of the parish are invited to join the St. Ann Ladies Club for our Paint Party Friday, April 13, 6:30-8:30 in the cafeteria. No experience necessary. We have a great time. \$25.00 cash covers all of your supplies. Wine and light refreshments provided. Please call/text/email JoBeth at 636-578-0954/jobeth.effertz@gmail.com to register or for more information.

Book Drive

5th Grade Girl Scout Troop 2128 is holding a book drive to earn their Bronze Award. Infant through Young Adult books will be collected and donated to Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition. Donation boxes will be available in the school entry hallway the week of 4/9-4/13 and in the church lobby 4/14-4/15. If you are cleaning closets and bookshelves over spring break gather up your gently used books for a great cause!

Frank's Hero's: Guitar Lessons for Veterans

Free guitar lessons for veterans @ Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service, rear entrance. 12 week session-Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm. More information call: 314-479-5750

30th Annual St. Charles Friends of Birthright

"Cowgirl Roundup" Fashion Show, Thursday, April 26, St. Peter Parish Center. Admission is \$25 includes dinner, dessert, tea and coffee. A premium \$35 admission adds two beverage coupons plus a raffle ticket for an exciting prize. Tickets at www.Events.org/FOBfashionshow2018 or contact Lesa @ 314-740-4187 or Joyce @ 636-448-2021.