

# Sts. Joachim & Ann Catholic Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY

# OF Advent

As the earth brings forth its plants,  
and a garden makes its growth spring up,  
so will the Lord God make justice and praise  
spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11

### 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

## 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 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
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## ...From the Pastor

**...Third Sunday of Advent...Gaudete Sunday...**The Third Sunday of Advent is familiar to many as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin verb in the second-person plural imperative meaning “rejoice.” It is taken from Paul’s Letter to the Philippians: *Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!* The most notable aspect of this particular Advent Sunday is the use of rose-colored vestments and the rose-colored candle of the Advent wreath. Replacing the soberness of purple, which is a penitential color in the liturgy, they are a sign of anticipatory Christmas joy. The Gospel brings before us again the figure of John the Baptist, who calls himself *the voice of one crying in the wilderness* trying to prepare a way in the world for the coming of the Messiah. As we continue our Advent contemplation, which urges us to vigilant readiness not for Christ’s birth but for His return to us one day, Paul’s Letter to the Thessalonians gives us solid reminders for how we should be living in this meanwhile. *Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks...Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.* Doing that to the best of our ability diminishes the chances that the coming of the Lord would catch us off guard.

**...Wearing a chapel veil...**I’ve received some inquiry recently about what seems a resurgence among some women regarding the pre-Vatican II practice of wearing a chapel veil or a head covering of some sort during Mass. This practice had been mandated by Canon Law in the 1917 Code but was removed from the church’s law in its post-Vatican II revision promulgated in 1983.

As with any other practice regarding our worship, it is important always to understand *what one is doing* and *why one is doing it!*

The former mandate for women to wear a head covering during Mass stemmed from I Cor. 11:2-16. There St. Paul responds to an inquiry the Corinthians made to him regarding liturgical dress and behavior in the early Church. The passage contains a complex combination of linguistic nuance that doesn’t translate easily or fully into English and reflects cultural influences inherent to life in the First Century AD.

I Cor. 11:2-16 is often mistakenly thought to be aimed solely at addressing the issue of women’s attire and appearance at liturgies. This is misleading. St. Paul addresses appropriate appearance for both men and women, believing that at worship both are called to pray and prophesy. St. Paul argues for a correct appreciation of sexual differences between men and women and he depicts a failure to honor these differences as foolish and as a sinful rejection of the order that God intended in creating us male and female. His comments to the Corinthians regarding appropriate liturgical attire are to be understood in this context.

The subordinationist view some interpreters see in I Cor. 11:3 (*But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and a husband the head of his wife, and God the head of Christ*) is disproved by what Paul later says in I Cor. 11:11-12 (*Woman is not independent of man or man of woman in the Lord. For just as woman came from man, so man is born of woman; but all things are from God*). So what Paul goes on to say about men having their heads uncovered and women having their heads covered during worship has nothing to do with superiority or inferiority between the sexes.

Paul argues that the cultural custom of the day for men to wear their hair short should be accepted by the Corinthians as authoritative for worship also. In the culture of the day, for a man to wear his hair long was thought to be unmanly, or to indicate homosexuality, or at least to be contrary to one’s identity as a man. Conversely, the culture of the day viewed the long flowing style of women’s hair to be representative of God’s authority over women and the practice of appearing with a veiled head in public was a way of indicating acknowledgment of that and emphasizing it (I Cor. 11:10.... *for this reason a woman should have a sign of authority on her head*).

The culture of the day therefore also viewed a woman with an unveiled head as acting against God’s authority over her, acting immodestly or even promiscuously. Paul suggests that if a woman acted against her dignity in that way, she might as well go all the way to the extreme and style herself in a way characteristic of the punishment inflicted on prostitutes and live with her head shaved. [see The New Jerome Biblical Commentary (Prentice Hall), pp. 808-809 and The Collegeville Bible Commentary (The Liturgical Press), pp. 1120-1121].

The long and the short of it is that St. Paul was responding to a situation that was specific to the experience of First Century Christians at Corinth. As mentioned earlier, the Catholic tradition adopted veiling into practice in keeping with Paul’s notion of modesty and propriety but eliminated it after Vatican II.

The Church eliminated it in view of a renewed emphasis that, though each is distinct and unique, both man and woman are equally created in the Divine Image. Additionally, most of the Catholic experience throughout the world in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century lacked any cultural norm which any longer held or believed that a woman with an uncovered head was behaving immodestly or in any way contrary to her womanly dignity. Consequently, there was deemed no reason to behave as if that were the case within the context of worship.

There has recently been some measure of a revival of the practice, particularly by private entities such as *Veils by Lily* ([www.veilsbylily.com](http://www.veilsbylily.com)). They identify themselves as a “family apostolate whose mission is to reignite in our hearts the faith, awe, and wonder of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist” and “invite women to proclaim their faith in the Real Presence by making an external sign of their interior desire to humble themselves before God.” They make the assertion that wearing a veil during worship is a sign of humility.

Essentially, therefore, in whatever matter the practice is resurfacing it is being generated by private entities as a gesture of personal piety. It is not a practice being called for by the Church.

Being strictly a matter of personal piety, therefore, certainly any woman who wishes to veil for worship is welcome to do that. However, those who do not should not in any way feel that they are in any measure non-compliant or that they are being insufficiently reverent.

Also, being strictly the matter of personal piety that it is, veiling will not be a practice that we as a parish will introduce or emphasize to our young girls in school or PSR. Nor should it be a part of any girl’s uniform or attire for school-related or PSR-related worship.

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

## Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

### † Mass Schedule

#### Monday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday

6:30am Helen O'Shea  
8:00am Lorraine Cenatiempo

#### Tuesday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

6:30am Gavura Family  
8:00am Special Intention CS  
**Perpetual Help Devotion after 8:00am Mass**

#### Wednesday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

6:30am Patricia Jeronimo Pineda  
8:00am Mariano Vitale

#### Thursday, December 21, Late Advent Weekday

6:30am Emily Lampkin  
8:00am Special Intention DP/RW **All School Mass**

#### Friday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

6:30am Marvin Mennemeyer  
8:00am Robert Will

#### Sat/Sun, December 23/24, Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00pm Evelyn Ruzensky  
7:30am Gen & Eva Kondracki  
9:30am People of the Parish  
**\*\*NO 11:30AM MASS\*\*** Intention for Jim Holzem, 12/27, 8:00am

#### Sunday, December 24 - Vigil of Christmas

4:00pm John Anzalone  
6:30pm Penny Blake  
11:00pm People of the Parish

#### Monday, December 25, Nativity of The Lord

7:30am Bob Turner  
11:00am Ella Hilke

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Tuesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;  
Lk 1:5-25

**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;  
Lk 1:46-56

**Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;  
Lk 1:57-66

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

### The Week Ahead

Mon., Dec. 18 PSR, PSR II 6:15-7:30pm  
Tues., Dec. 19 Men's CRHP 7-10pm CMR  
Reconciliation 6:30pm Church  
Thurs., Dec. 21 Athletic Association 7:30-8:30 PCMR  
FT School Noon Dismissal  
Sat., Dec. 23 Mass at 5:00pm  
Sun., Dec. 24 Masses at 7:30am & 9:30am, **No 11:30am Mass**  
**Vigil of Christmas: 4:00pm 6:30pm, 11:00pm**  
**Christmas Day: 7:30am, 11:00am**

### December 23/24, 2017

#### Lectors

5:00pm Mark Ellison, Pat Maher  
7:30am Tim Lange, Vince Baker  
9:30am Sheila DeLong, Bill DeLong  
**\*\*\*NO 11:30AM MASS\*\*\***

#### Servers

5:00pm Thomas Pulliam, Jesse Versheldon, Michael Pulliam  
7:30am Gabe Talken, Patrick Hiemstra, Braden Paulus  
9:30am Sarah Marian, Emi & Marybeth Hercules  
**\*\*\*NO 11:30AM MASS\*\*\***

#### Sunday, December 24 - Vigil of Christmas

#### Lectors

4:00pm Jane Muich, Randy Tarin  
6:30pm Kathy Rodamaker, Perry Simeroth  
11:00pm Jackie Zoll, Diane Svoboda

#### Servers

**Volunteers Needed for 4pm, 6:30pm & 11pm Masses**  
**Contact PSR@stsja.org**

#### Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

#### Lectors

7:30am Dottie Morelli, Bob Shive  
11:00am John Ryan, Curie Lohrman

#### Servers

**Volunteers Needed for 7:30am & 11:00am Masses**  
**Contact PSR@stsja.org**

### Stewardship of Our Treasure

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

Envelopes	\$ 19,359.50
On-line giving	\$ 7,300.13
Loose	\$ 643.80
Youth	\$ 2.00

\$ 27,305.43

Budget vs Actual for this Sunday	\$ 2,577.43
Fiscal Year-to-date Sunday Offering Goal	\$ 593,472.00
Fiscal year-to-date Actual Offertory	\$ 547,859.23
Budget vs. Actual Fiscal Year-to-date	\$ (18,612.77)
Care Service	2,007.00
Christmas Day	170.00
Immaculate Conception	1465.00
Seminary	55.00

#### **Christmas Club for Major Needs**

5 to 10 Year Plan Goal for Christmas Club 2018	\$ 180,000.00
Yr to Date	\$ 70,527.93
Budget vs Actual for Fiscal Y-to-date	\$(109,472.07)

#### **Parish Construction Debt**

Loan Balance as of 11-3-2017	\$ 61,422.14
Payment 12-5-2017	\$ 23,407.04
Interest	168.22
	\$ 23,575.26
<b>Current Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$ 38,015.10</b>

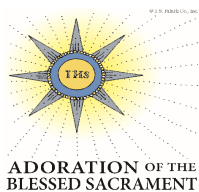
### Extended Opportunity for Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 19th, beginning at 6:30pm until all are heard.



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### Eucharistic Adoration

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



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On Sunday, December 10, 2017, Joseph Michael Misbauer and Logan H. Rivera received the Sacrament of Baptism.

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

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

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

We hope you will join us for the Story of the Nativity on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in church. Please come and share in scripture and sing along with our carols.

Please also join us at our next All School Mass on Thursday, December 21 at 8:00AM as we celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas.

Classes will resume on January 3, 2018.

#### Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, December 20 – Nativity Play in church at 1:30PM  
Thursday, December 21 – 8AM All School Mass; Noon Dismissal



### We are asked to pray for those who have died:

- Rev. Thomas Potts, uncle of Jim Potts
- Joanne Russell, wife of Donald Russell
- Shirley McDonald, mother/mother-in-law of Gail & Bill Fann, grandmother of Kevin Fann, Scott Fann & Stacy Regnier, great-grandmother of Jack & Maggie Fann and Avery & Brett Regnier

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

### PSR News

#### *Guardians of Hope*

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

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### DECEMBER

- Dec 18 PSR Class, Third Grade Nativity Play – all are invited to attend
- Dec 11 PSR Class
- Dec 18 PSR Class, 3rd Grade Parent Activity Night
- Dec 25 No PSR Class – Christmas Break

##### JANUARY

- Jan 01 No PSR Class
- Jan 08 PSR Class, 2nd Grade First Reconciliation review with Father Gahan
- Jan 09 First Reconciliation 6:30PM in Church

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

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

### School Wish List

#### *Can you or someone you know help get our school:*

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

Contact Cindi Johnson (314)724-8906

### Pray the Rosary

St. Dominic Tell Us....

“One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the world.” ~**Saint Dominic**

*The Scapular is a sign you are in Our Lady's army of prayer warriors.*

The Rosary is the prayer for peace, as told to the children at Fatima by Blessed Mother herself. Join us by the tabernacle thirty minutes before the weekend mass begins to pray this beautiful prayer together. If you are the first one there, it must be YOUR turn to start. For those who care to use the patriotic format, blue cards are in the pamphlet rack in the gathering space. Questions? Contact Kathy Rodamaker at 636-352-9341.

**Join us in praying the rosary, 30 minutes before the weekend masses with fellow parishioners who gather by the tabernacle. No experience required!**

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

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

**Blessed Mother Teresa Outreach** is made up of many volunteers who want to help parishioners who are sick by preparing and delivering meals to their homes for a few days or as needed. **We are in need of volunteers with the ability to pick up a parishioner from their home and take them to Mass. Contact Connie Tarin, 636-634-0317.** If you are a parishioner who is recovering from surgery, an injury, or an illness and in need of some help with meals or a ride to Mass please contact Connie Tarin, 636-634-0317.

### 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 6pm 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.

### Sts. Joachim and Ann Food Pantry

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

### St. Ann Ladies Club

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

**Late January** - Planning meeting.

### Trivia Night Returns!

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

### The Gala - Because You Deserve A Night Out!

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

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

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

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

\*\*\*Follow our Facebook page for auction updates & more!  
*J&A Masquerade Gala Dinner Auction*



### Christmas Floral

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

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

To Be Remembered: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of donation (\$12 ea): \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Sts. Joachim and Ann

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## Jadyn's Quilts

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

## Catholic Book Club

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



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## JASSS

**WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS!**

2018 Membership dues of \$15.00 will be coming up in January.

**General Meeting Luncheon** for December is on the 19th 12:00 pm due to HOLIDAY we

planned a gift giving if you are interested, just bring in a wrapped \$5.00 gift something you might like to receive. { PLEASE NO GAG GIFTS }

Luncheon will be Pizza and Salad with X-Mass cookies for desert. Bob Ruzensky will play Christmas songs with sing-along sheets.

**January Board meeting** is Jan. 8th 1 pm in the CARE SERVICE CENTER again all are welcome.

January General Meeting Luncheon is BYO {Bring Your Own} brown bag. Bingo is planned.

**Our Mystery Trip** is set for May 2 2018 details still being worked out! You can sign up at meeting. It is always fun!!!!

If you have ideas of things to do or places to go for a day contact myself, Melody at [mlodysoxies@att.net](mailto:mlodysoxies@att.net) or Pat McAllister at 636-397-5678



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

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

## KNOCK KNOCK

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

## Shop For Our Schools / Shop with Scrip Holiday Sales Information

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

**THE LAST REMAINING ORDER DATE BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>!**

Items ordered by this date will be filled and available for pickup on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> in the School's office and thereafter before and after 5pm Mass on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

Saturday, December 16th after 5:30pm Mass  
Sunday, December 17th after 7:30am Mass and after 9:30am and before 11:30 Mass

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

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

Questions? Contact your J&A SFOS Coordinator, Lisa Walls at [wallsl@stsja.org](mailto:wallsl@stsja.org) or 314-517-4237

**Young Adults!! Check out: Crossroads St. Charles** Meets at 109 Brewhouse (Page & K) Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 Happy Hour, 7pm Events More details @ [www.facebook.com/CrossroadsStCharles](http://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsStCharles)