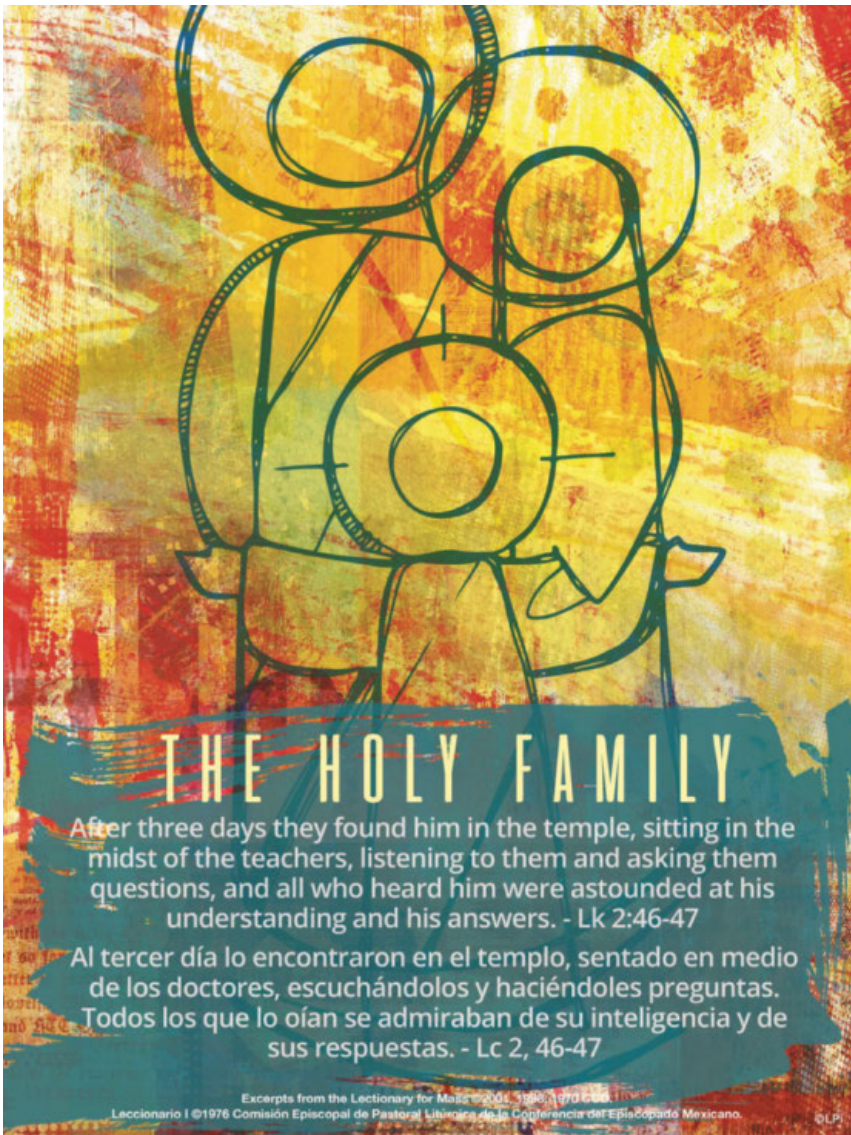




Saint Joseph Parish

A Christ-centered family engaging, connecting, and empowering God's people

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Breaking Open the Word

December 26, 2021

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Lectionary: 17 Gospel LK 2:41-52

Spiritual Reflection: Today's Gospel teaches us that being sinless and not making mistakes are two different things. The Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph make a mistake and "misplace" Jesus for a while. They also demonstrate to us how to handle a family crisis without turning it into a sinful situation. All three members of the Holy Family remain respectful of each other in their moment of crisis.

Spiritual Questions:

1. How can you improve relationships in your family?
2. How can you deal with situations in your family without sinning?
3. What would this story look like in your family?
4. How does prayer work in your family?
5. How do you show each other love?



Broadcast Mass on the lower parking lot on Sundays at 11:00am

To listen on the radio: tune in to 88.7FM

To watch the live-stream:

<https://www.stjoemanchester.org/celebrating-sunday>

WiFi STJ_GUEST **Password** SSSTJ2019

Masses

Saturday (Sunday obligation) 4:00 pm
 Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am
 1:00 pm (Spanish) & 5:00 pm
 Monday-Friday 6:30 am
 Monday- Saturday 8:30 am
 Monday-Thursday 6:30 pm
 Third Saturday of the month
 in Portuguese. 6:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesdays 7:30 pm
 Saturdays 7:30 - 8:20 am

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated on the first Saturday of the month after 8:30 am Mass and upon request.

Baptisms

All Baptisms are private. Call in advance to reserve your date and get information about the requirements.

Marriages

Couples need to call the parish office at least six months in advance.

Communion for the Sick

To request Communion, please call the parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition begins after the 8:30 am Mass each Wednesday and concludes with Benediction at 8:15 pm. Perpetual Adoration is held in the Holy Family Chapel. Call the parish office for details.

Rosary

Daily Mon. - Sat. 7:45 am
 Wednesday 7:30 pm

December 26, 2021

Welcome to our parish

Nathan & Blanca Barbro
of Bellestri Dr.

Pray For... Our Sick

Adrienne Barker	Liz Krocka
Nick Barker	Donna Kwasinski
Jake Besch	Gavin Lain
Mike Bick	Kathleen Lancia
Deacon Jack Burke	Lucia Lindh
Muriel Christman	Sophia Luetkemeyer
Jack Costello	Ray Mantych
Cailyn Craven	Carter Naeger
Pam Crotty	Isaac Naeger
Jennifer Delgado	Jane Oehlert
Len DeMoor	Bennet Oswald
Michael Diekemper	Mary Paul
Karen Doyle	Betty Penn
Rob Evans	Clarita Pingel
Bill Farnsley	Patrick Prifogle
Hyacinth Findlay	Tina Ramsey
Jan Flake	Peter Rolfe
Sue Hallett	Tiffany Schulz
Greta Haynes	Marie Signaigo
Steve Hays	Maureen Sox
Fr. Houlihan S.J.	Ruth Strothkamp
Rose Kacich	Jo Ann Thomas
JoAnn Kaestner	Carolyn Wamhoff
Greg King	Larry Wamhoff
Lauren King	Jason Zurheide
Judith Kopf	



Eucharistic ADORATION

*"My heart sings for joy, and overflows
with gladness, for the Lord my Savior is
born!"*

On this feast of the Holy Family let us pray for our families and for Our Father in heaven to pour out his merciful, healing love on every family on earth. Visit our Newborn King in Eucharistic Adoration. He is present in the tabernacle in the Holy Family Chapel of our Church open daily or come to Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday beginning after the 8:30 am Mass. Join in praying the Rosary at 7:30 pm, concluding with Benediction at 8:15 pm.

Readings of the Week

SUN 12/26	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
MON 12/27	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
TUE 12/28	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
WED 12/29	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
THR 12/30	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
FRI 12/31	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
SAT 1/01	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
SUN 1/02	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



† indicates the person is deceased.

Monday-Lunes-December 27 St. John

6:30 am † Edward Gotway
8:30 am † Mary Miller

Tuesday-Martes-December 28 The Holy Innocents

6:30 am † Susan Salisbury
8:30 am † Phillip Robb

Wednesday-Miercoles-December 29 St. Thomas Becket

6:30 am † Darlene O'Reilly
8:30 am † Mike & Sharon Cherre

Thursday-Jueves-December 30

6:30 am † Joey DeMay
8:30 am † Dolores Jevik

Friday-Viernes-December 31 St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve

6:30 am † Della Kagay
8:30 am † Mike & Sharon Cherre

Saturday-Sabado-January 1 New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God;

8:00 am † Louise Zanitsch **World Day of Peace**
10:00 am † Sally Cherre
4:00 pm † Salvatore & Rosa Pitti

Sunday-Domingo-January 2 The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

7:00 am Dennis Cuddihee
9:00 am † Shirley Steinkamp
11:00 am † Kathleen Beffa
1:00 pm Open
5:00 pm People of St. Joseph

RCIA

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...



- has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?

We offer an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic faith and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. There is a separate process for children or youth.

**For more information on becoming Catholic,
call the parish office at 636-227-5247.**

The doors are open . . . We invite you to join us!

Christmas Blessing

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners and guests, I want to offer you a prayer this Christmas season that will help you to continue to celebrate Christmas long after the Christmas decorations come down:

Father, help me not just to look for blessings during the Christmas season, but to go out of my way to bless others.

Remind me to pray for friends and loved ones every time I pray for myself.

Teach me to invest in my relationships by sharing Your love and grace with others.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

- Leah Dipascal

Thank you to everyone who became a blessing to me: all who wished me a "Blessed Christmas," who spent time decorating the Church, leading us in song, helping the children encounter God, etc. Thank you for making St. Joseph parish a place filled with Christmas joy and blessings.

Youth Ministry Update

Our young people are the future of our parish, bringing new gifts and inspiration to so many with great energy and enthusiasm. And because they are so unique, they need to be supported and given a voice that is inspired by the Holy Spirit, a voice that will be louder than the noise of this world.

As we begin the new year, I would like to invite the teens of our parish to join me on a seven-week journey called the Search:

The Search is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick, and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence.

Whether you're a practiced inquirer or a jaded skeptic, The Search will speak to you. You may be reassured by some parts and challenged by others.

Either way, you'll find a lot here to think about.

And when all is said and done, life's questions demand to be answered. Are you ready

for The Search?

Our journey will begin on January 9th in the Parish Center after the 5:00 pm Mass. We will begin with dinner around 6:15 pm followed by games and then the Search program which will end around 8:00 pm. I firmly believe that this program and the adults assisting me will help all those who attend come to discover the joy

of being a disciple of Christ.

Parents, if your child has not been to youth group in a long time, please consider inviting your teen(s) to attend at least one session. Ultimately, we (the Church and parents) desire the same thing for your teen – happiness.

Looking for a Youth Minister

As was announced last weekend, Maggie Schurz, our youth minister, has taken a job as a campus minister at a local Catholic High School. We are now looking for someone to fill that role. Do you want to be an integral part of bringing young people to a personal relationship with Christ? Do you want to develop the disciples for the future of the church in St. Louis? If so, we want to talk to you. We have an immediate opening for a fulltime youth minister. The position is responsible for assisting the high school and junior high teens of our parish on their faith journey by sponsoring weekly programs, planning, and executing annual retreats, summer camps and ministry fund raising events. You will be an advocate for the youth and their leader, encouraging each of them to a deeper relationship with Christ and in their engagement as active parishioners at St. Joseph. You will be responsible for recruiting and training adult volunteers to assist you with this mission and will work alongside parish priests coordinating the Confirmation preparation program for the parish. If you are still in school, we are willing to discuss this position now and consider a June 2022 hire date, if needed.

For consideration, please submit a resume to, or for additional information contact, the parish business manager, Jim Weiskopf at 636.227.5247 ext. 1608 or jweiskopf@stjoemanchester.org.

Meal Train

The priests of the parish would like to thank everyone who hopped on the "meal train" and provided us with meals throughout the year. Please contact David Broemmelsick if you would like to hop on next year's meal train.

Breaking Bread App and Missalettes

Missalettes are now available in the pews for general use. If you are not comfortable using a public missalette, the missalette company offers an app that you can purchase and download on your phone. The app contains the same readings, prayers and music found in the missalette.

Just search "Breaking Bread 2022 eMissal" in your app store. We have purchased some extra Breaking Bread books for those who would like to have their own copy; however, we do not have enough for everyone so please only take one if you are sure you will use it.

Being Good News for Others

A group of parishioners had their annual cookie exchange with one of their long-time members missing. The missing person was tending to a sick family member. Members of the cookie group made sure to make a bag of cookies for the person who could not join them.

No 6:30 pm Masses December 27th through December 30th

We will not celebrate the 6:30 pm evening Masses from December 27th through December 30th. We will still celebrate the 6:30 am and 8:30 am morning Masses during that time.

**January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Since the holy day falls on a Saturday this year, the obligation is dispensed; however, we will still celebrate

two Masses for the Holy Day at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. There will be no confessions that day. Our 4:00 pm Mass will be the vigil for Sunday, the Feast of the Epiphany.

Special End of the Year Giving

See the Stewardship page of the bulletin for information on end-of-year giving opportunities and as always thank you for your continued support of St. Joseph Parish.



Please be aware that the priests of the parish will **never** ask for a gift card or other financial assistance via email or text message. **Please be aware that these requests are scams.** This is known as a "whaling scam."

Fr. Thomas Pastorius
Spiritual Ponderings
 Through the Heart of St. Joseph

December 26, 2021

It is my hope that these reflections on St. Joseph, inspired by the book *Through the Heart of St. Joseph* by Fr. Boniface Hicks OSB, help us experience both Advent and Christmas with a new sense of awe. Quotes from Fr. Hicks's book will be in bold and my commentary will be in the normal font.

The Magi teach us how to find St. Joseph: With our eyes raised to the heavens, let the noise of the world fall away and let the advice of worldly power slip into the background then proceed in silence, led by the passion of the heart toward the most unlikely place, a little house where we find a humble man guarding his little family. St. Joseph is more readily found by those who choose silence because he himself was a man of silence.

Fr. Boniface, before this quote, has a good section about how the Magi needed to stop in Jerusalem in order to find Jesus because they took their eyes off the heavens and assumed that they in some way knew better. He goes on to point out that Herod encourages them to search diligently for the Christ child but not in a holy way. Herod was encouraging lying, gossiping, etc. It is only when they look up to heaven and approach the Holy Family in silence that they are not only able to find the Christ-child (with Joseph and Mary) but also discern God's will for them not to return to Herod. When we want to find God, it is important that we take time to be silent.

But the most important witness St. Joseph gave was not with words, and so no words of his are quoted in Scripture... St. Joseph's more important witness was through his actions and through his presence.

St. Joseph is a great example that we can evangelize through our actions. I do not believe St. Joseph was a mute, but I do believe that his actions spoke louder than his words.

As Pope Francis said: "Joseph is certainly not passively resigned, but courageously and firmly proactive. In our lives, acceptance and welcome can be an expression of the Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude. Only the Lord can give us the strength needed to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations, and disappointments.

Pope Francis I think hits on a major highlight of St. Joseph's life. Joseph is a planner in the sense that God can give him a task and he will set about doing it to the best of his ability. He is also at the same time capable of placing his plans aside and doing things God's way if his and God's way differ. We should discover the best way to serve God but at the same time be willing to change if He calls us in a different direction.

Pope Benedict XVI assured us that "Joseph fulfilled every aspect of his paternal role. He must certainly have taught Jesus to pray, together with Mary." At least we know that Jesus's love for St. Joseph always led Him to lift His Heart to His Father in Heaven. Surely that was true in a special way when the eyes of Jesus as a little boy looked in love at his dear father in prayer.

It is so important for parents to practice their faith with their children and help teach them the truths of the faith. It is very unlikely that a child will remain a practicing Catholic if his or her parents are not practicing. The following quotes from the Catechism speak of this important duty:

"Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues.

This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery—the preconditions of all true freedom. Parents should teach their children to subordinate the 'material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones.' Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children. By knowing how to acknowledge their own failings to their children, parents will be better able to guide and correct them." (CCC 2223)

"Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents." (CCC 2226)

If you think you are unworthy to teach the faith to your children, then imagine how St. Joseph must have felt. St. Joseph does it though because he trusts God and loves his Son.



The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ.

From all of us at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul we wish you a joyous Christmas and bountiful blessings in the coming New Year. If you or someone you know needs help with food or financial assistance please call our St. Vincent de Paul office phone at 636-779-5616. All calls are confidential. Peace love to one and all!

PRO-LIFE "Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, 'in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat' (PC 3). His 'yes' to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us."

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JONAH PRAYER

Our St. Joseph community has a beautiful prayer ministry called Jonah Prayer. We offer confidential, intercessory prayer for and with members of our parish family on **the 2nd Sunday of every month after the 9am, 11am, and 5pm Masses.** Simply walk over to the Baptismal font after Mass and you will see us there. Jonah Prayer Ministry allows us to be the loving and prayerful presence of Jesus to our brothers and sisters in Christ. We look forward to confidentially praying for and with you.

TIME Talent TREASURE

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." - 1 John 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people who are different from you, those who you may not like or those who go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

Weekly Offertory 12/12/21	
Envelopes	\$17,197
Electronic	18,489
Total Weekly Offertory	35,686



For an easy way to make a donation to St. Joseph Parish, you can text "STJM" to 800-950-9952 and follow the instructions on the reply text OR simply scan the QR code.

Did You Know...

As we get close to ending this year we wanted you to be aware of ways that you can make donations to the church and possibly get a tax advantage.

We always encourage you to sign up for Electronic Offertory. This is an easy way to set up your regular giving to the parish and can be set up on any schedule you wish. You can scan the QR CODE above to go directly to WeShare to set this up. If you're a little unsure of how to do this, contact Jim or Katie at the parish office and they will be happy to help you. One and done!

Though we ask that you discuss the following with your tax advisor, there are ways that you may, even if you no longer itemize your taxes, get some tax advantage with these donations:

- The CARES Act set up a deduction for individuals who do not itemize for their taxes in 2021. "The law now permits these individuals to claim a limited deduction on their 2021 federal income tax returns for cash contributions made to certain qualifying charitable organizations. These individuals, including married individuals filing separate returns, can claim a deduction of up to \$300 for cash contributions made to qualifying charities during 2021. The maximum deduction is increased to \$600 for married individuals filing joint returns."
- 100% limit on eligible cash contributions made by itemizers in 2021. "The law now permits electing individuals to apply an increased limit ("Increased Individual Limit"), up to 100% of their AGI, for qualified contributions made during calendar-year 2021. Qualified contributions are contributions made in cash to qualifying charitable organizations."

For more information about these 2021 rules, go to IRS.gov or follow this link.
<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/expanded-tax-benefits-help-individuals-and-businesses-give-to-charity-during-2021-deductions-up-to-600-available-for-cash-donations-by-non-itemizers>

- Many parishioners who no longer itemize have found some tax benefit when making donations with Required Minimum Distributions (RMD), or using Charitable Fund Distributions or Stock Sales.

Again, we encourage you to talk to your tax advisor to determine the method best for your particular situation. And as always, we appreciate your prayerful generosity and all you do to provide for the mission of St. Joseph Parish.



LILY & HAMMER CLUB



Congratulations to
Ann & Bob Hayes

our Lily & Hammer Club Grand Prize winners for December!

Haven't joined the Lily & Hammer Club yet?

Join NOW and you will be entered into the remaining six monthly drawings.

See the parish website for details and registration information:

<https://www.stjoemanchester.org/lily-and-hammer-club>

or stop by the ambassador's station.



January 9

Please drop off cereal, chili, boxed instant potatoes, liquid laundry detergent, & **Christmas decorations** (new or gently used) in the Giving Sunday bins in the courtyard **before 11:00 am** on Giving Sunday.

The Christmas decorations are very important to them.



Drivers are needed for February 13, 2022!

Call Pat at 636-227-8704.



2021 Christmas Outreach

Thank you for Giving the Gift of HOPE!

Thank you to all who participated in our Christmas Outreach program this year. You have been the Light of Christ in the lives of so many!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Parish Office will be closed starting Dec. 27th and will reopen January 3rd. Priests will be available for sacramental emergencies. Call the parish office for the number if needed.

The parish staff and clergy wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



START 2022 A WINNER!

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 1ST, 2022**

ST. JOE PARISH CENTER

Doors open—6:00 pm | **BINGO begins—7:00 pm**
\$20 per person includes 15 games (9 cards) of BINGO.

PLUS...beer, wine, soda, water & snacks...

~ Please bring your MASK ~

314.650.6000 for info... **21+ please!**

Profits benefit St. Joseph Church & K of C Local Charities

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!



RORATE COELI MASS

Advent Candlelight Mass celebrated at St. Joseph on Tuesday, December 14th.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, Jan 15th | 8:00-1:00pm

Appointments are preferred to expedite the donation process. Walk-Ins welcomed and will be assigned open times in schedule. To schedule an appointment online: www.redcrossblood.org, use code: STJCC.

Hint: Download the Red Cross app to check your blood type & info from previous donation!

Campaña de sangre de la Cruz Roja: sábado 15 de enero, 8: 00-1: 00 pm, se prefieren las citas para acelerar el proceso de donación. Los Walk-Ins son bienvenidos y se les asignarán horarios abiertos en el horario. Para programar una cita en línea: www.redcrossblood.org, use el código: STJCC

**THE ST. JOSEPH
EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER**



Java at Joe's continues after all morning Masses!
Stay after Mass for COFFEE and HOT CHOCOLATE.
Our pastries are "hibernating" for the winter.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 26TH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT FEBRUARY 12

DOORS OPEN: 6:00 PM

TRIVIA STARTS: 7:00 PM

COME JOIN THE FUN!
CASH PRIZES for TOP THREE TABLES
SODA, WATER, WINE, & BEER
AMAZING SILENT AUCTION

TABLES OF EIGHT ONLY \$200.00

• Registration forms available in the back of church OR

• Register and Pay Online:

www.stjoemanchester.org/trivia-night



ZIP RZEPPA IS BACK!
ST. LOUIS' ALL TIME FAVORITE SPORTSCASTER



ABBY LLORICO RETURNS!
KSDK SUPER REPORTER



CALLING ALL TEENS!
YOU ARE INVITED
THE SEARCH
FINDING THE MEANING OF LIFE
January 9th | Parish Center | 6:15 pm
All teens of the parish are welcome!

BEHOLD

St. Joe Manchester parish is pleased to offer our second BEHOLD program, a ministry for both separated and divorced members of the body of Christ. Compassion Saturday mornings will be offered on topics that will bring healing to participants. **Sessions began on October 9th, 2021 in Room 2 in the school building and continue until January 9, 2022. Please note: we will not have sessions on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.** Each session starts at 10am and ends at Noon. **Please contact Fr. Christopher Rubie at the parish office to enroll, 636-227-5247, ext. 1612.** For additional questions feel free to contact Mike & Connie Page, 636-346-3310 or Mary Libby, 314-497-1497.

Other News & Events

Otras noticias y eventos

Naming and Commendation Rite at Christ Prince of Peace

The Order for the Naming and Commendation of an Infant Who Died Before Birth was created to assist those who are grieving for a lost infant, seeking to set the death of an infant within the context of faith, and uniting the grieving parents and family members to our merciful God. Based on Christian faith and hope, this rite provides parents the occasion to name their child and commend it in faith to the loving mercy of God. We will hold this Order for the Naming and Commendation Rite at Christ Prince of Peace Parish in Manchester on **Saturday, January 8** following the 8:00 am Mass in church. A certificate will be given to the parents during the ceremony. All family members are welcome to attend this scripture service. **Your RSVP to the our parish office would be appreciated. Please call 636-391-1307.**

Annual Roe v. Wade Memorial Mass & Prayer Vigil—Saturday, January 15, 2020 - 10 am, Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. January 22, 2022 marks 49 years since the Supreme Court decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton legalized abortion in our country. Since then, over 61 million unborn children have lost their lives and countless women, men, and families have been harmed by legalized abortion in the U.S. Please join the archdiocesan Respect Life Apostolate and Generation Life St. Louis, and the Catholic and pro-life community in praying for an end to abortion, healing and forgiveness for those involved in abortion, and an increased respect for all human life. The Mass collection

will benefit LifeLine Coalition, a local network of social service and pro-life agencies whose financial and emotional support help thousands of area women, men, children, and families annually. Mass, celebrated by **Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski**, Archdiocese of St. Louis, will be followed by a peaceful and prayerful Rosary Procession to/from Planned Parenthood and fellowship at a reception in Boland Hall. For more information contact the Respect Life Apostolate at 314-792-7555, prolife@archstl.org or online at STLRespectLife.org.



March for LIFE 2022! Grab your mask and a friend and join us as we peacefully protest the legalization of abortion in our country. Buses depart from several locations throughout the St. Louis area. Open to ages 7 and up. Departure Date: **Thursday, Jan. 20.** Return Date: Saturday, Jan. 22. Cost: \$235. Seating is limited. Sign up for this historic trip today! For more information and to register online: www.MissouriLifeCaravan.org. Download the registration form here: [Registration Form](#)



SAVE THE DATE! February 13, 2022 at 2:30 pm! Join Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski at the Cathedral Basilica to celebrate the sacrament of matrimony on World Marriage Day!



Campaña de sangre de la Cruz Roja
sábado 15 de enero

8: 00-1: 00 pm

Se prefieren las citas para acelerar el proceso de donación. Los Walk-Ins son bienvenidos y se les asignarán horarios abiertos en el horario. Para programar una cita en línea: www.redcrossblood.org, use el código: STJCC



**MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO
MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA**
26 de diciembre de 2021
La Sagrada Familia

Hoy es un día para celebrar a la familia - a la nuestra y a las familias de todo el mundo, de celebrar y gozar a los hijos, nietos y parientes cercanos y lejanos. Dios quiso nacer en una familia y por medio de ella, se nos ofrece una oportunidad para conocerle mejor y amarle más. Recordemos que es en la familia donde se forjan los santos y santas de Dios. Y es también en ella donde están los vicios y malas acciones. ¡Cuidado padres de familia! Aprender de la familia de Nazaret es importante. Cada día del año es una oportunidad para continuar la búsqueda de Dios, de Jesús, en nuestro hogar. Podemos vislumbrar, en la Liturgia de hoy, a tres figuras importantes del hogar de Nazaret: una mujer con su pequeño y su esposo, listos para hacer la voluntad de Dios, para orar y platicar en familia. El papa Francisco nos dice que: *“Realmente, hoy es un día hermoso... hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. El término sagrada coloca a esta familia en el ámbito de la santidad, que es un don de Dios, pero, al mismo tiempo, es una adhesión libre y responsable al plan de Dios”* (12-29-2019). Sé, y busco cuál es el plan de Dios para mi hogar o ¿ni siquiera me importa ese diálogo entre esposa, esposo e hijos? El tiempo de confinamiento debió ser una oportunidad para crecer en gracia y sabiduría en la familia. ¿Lo ve usted así? Padres de familia, la mejor herencia para sus hijos y nietos es fomentar la fe, la educación, el amor y la unidad en el hogar.

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Directorio Hispano Parish Office 636-227-5247 De Lunes a Jueves 8:30am - 4:30pm	
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The Archdiocese of St. Louis (and thus St. Joseph Parish) "strongly encourages parishioners and employees to abide by the guidance of their local city or county ordinances and strongly encourages the use of vaccines to fight the latest surge of the Covid-19 virus."

We will therefore be maintaining the right bank (baptismal font side) of pews as mask mandatory and social distancing protocols will remain in place.

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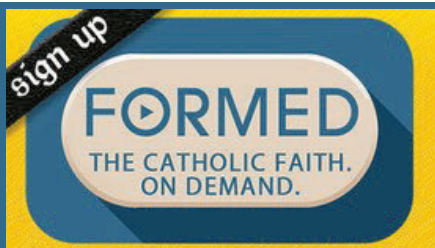
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Please remember that even though the dispensation has been lifted the following remains true: **"Please note that parishioners who are sick, homebound, immunocompromised and gravely concerned for their health retain the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass, which has always been the case in normal times."** - Archbishop Rozanski

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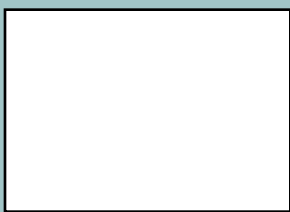


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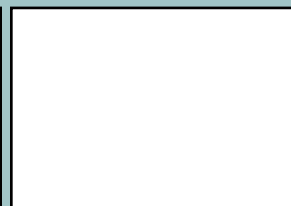
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