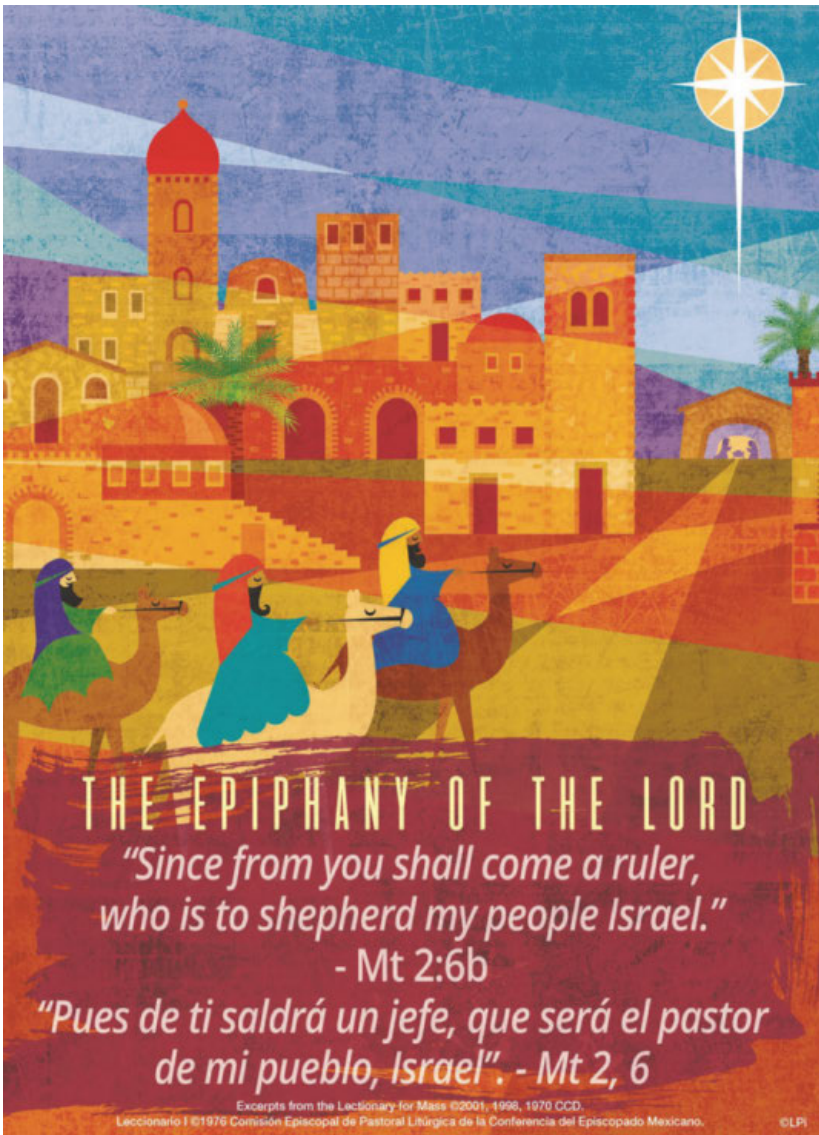




Saint Joseph Parish

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

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Breaking Open the Word

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

Lectionary: 20 Gospel MT 2:1-12

Spiritual Reflections: In her book, A Contemplative Reading of the Gospel Mathew: The Journey Toward Hope, scripture scholar Elena Bosetti writes the following: *“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” the Magi asked (2:2). And by asking where, they announce that he is born. The Good News comes from afar. A tragic paradox ensues. Instead of producing joy and feasting, the news of the birth of the King causes anguish and agitation in Jerusalem. Not only Herod but the entire city is disturbed. The account dramatically anticipates the story of the passion.”*

Spiritual Questions:

1. Why did the announcement of “the newborn king of the Jews” cause so much anguish and agitation in Jerusalem?
2. Why does the acknowledgement of Jesus cause so much anguish and agitation in our world today?
3. What bothers people most about Jesus?
4. Who are the people in your life who help you find Jesus?
5. What are some other similarities between the coming of the magi and the passion?



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>

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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

January 2, 2022



Gerald "Jerry" Haskell

Welcome to our parish

Adam & Kelly Baer
of Hollyridge Dr.

Jake & Taylor Sprague
of Morewood Dr.



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

Like the Magi, let us bring the gifts of our worship before Him in praise, adoration, and thanksgiving.

The Magi followed the Star to find Jesus, we find Him in Eucharistic Adoration. As the New Year begins, consider making a commitment to spend time with Jesus during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We are in need of faithful adorers to fill the hours during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays in our church beginning after 8:30 am Mass and concluding with Benediction at 8:15 pm. Please contact Joan at 314-313-9731 if you are able to help with this wonderful ministry.

Readings of the Week

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
MON 1/03	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
TUE 1/04	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
WED 1/05	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
THR 1/06	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
FRI 1/07	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
SAT 1/08	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
SUN 1/09	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



† indicates the person is deceased.

Monday-Lunes-January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

6:30 am	† Virginia Schneider
8:30 am	† Mary Miller
6:30 pm	† Tom Merz

Tuesday-Martes-January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:30 am	† Eric Merz
8:30 am	† Raymond Pokoski
6:30 pm	Emmanuel Cancio

Wednesday-Miercoles-January 5 St. John Neumann

6:30 am	† George Schmitt
8:30 am	† George Schmitt
6:30 pm	† George Schmitt

Thursday-Jueves-January 6 St. André Bessette

6:30 am	Josefina Antenor
8:30 am	† Emily Schmitt
6:30 pm	† Stella Stadnyk

Friday-Viernes-January 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort

6:30 am	† Jim Boever
8:30 am	† Emily Schmitt

Saturday-Sabado-January 8

8:30 am	† Mary Miller
4:00 pm	† Karl Weinkauff

Sunday-Domingo-January 9 The Baptism of the Lord

7:00 am	People of St. Joseph
9:00 am	† Virginia Cherre
11:00 am	† Kathleen Beffa
1:00 pm	Marie Morrow
5:00 pm	Open

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!

*Wishing you a
Joyful &
Blessed
New Year!*

New Year's Blessing

Dear St. Joseph parishioners and friends, I begin this new year praying the following prayer for all of you:

*Come, Holy Spirit,
Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.
Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.
Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.
May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,
A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Be with us today and always.*

Thank you for Christmas Blessings

I want to thank everyone who participated in some way in all of our Advent and Christmas celebrations. The last six weeks have been a time of great spiritual growth for the parish. Let us keep up the good work of being Good News for Others.

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.

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.

Being Good News for Others

A special shoutout to everyone who participated in our Giving Tree program for Fertile, MO. A special thank you to those who organized the giving tree, helped package the gifts, and to those who delivered them.

Priest Retreat

If all goes as planned, I will be in San Diego this week attending a retreat for priests put on by the St. Paul Biblical Institute founded by Scott Hahn. Please know that I will be praying for you, and I ask that you please pray for me.

Safe Environment Program Reminder

Are you a volunteer at St. Joseph or planning to volunteer? Please remember that all volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults must be in compliance with the Safe Environment Program of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

The Archdiocese developed a new system in 2021 for Safe Environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL.

Everyone (clergy, employees and volunteers) ministering to minors and vulnerable adults in the Archdiocese is required to register in the new system and complete additional online requirements including registering for a background screening, viewing two online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Conduct by signing a digital copy. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. You will not need to repeat that class. Please go to www.preventandprotectstl.org to register and contact Maureen O'Reilly in the parish office with any questions or for further assistance.

Details and instructions for registering can be found on the parish website at <https://www.stjoemanchester.org/safe-environment-program>.

Fr. Thomas Pastorius
Spiritual Ponderings
 Atomic Habits

January 2, 2021

Archbishop Fulton Sheen in his writings stresses the fact that the theme of John the Baptist's preaching, Jesus's preaching and St. Peter's preaching on Pentecost could be summarize in the word "repentance." The word that is translated into English as "repentance" is the Greek word "Metanoia" which literally means "put on a new mind" or "adopt a new way of thinking." For example, the monk Copernicus introduced a new way of thinking when he theorized that the sun was the center of the solar system and not the earth. People changed the way they were thinking and began to look at the world in a new way. As Catholics we believe that we are called to change the way we think. For many, we begin by thinking that to be like God is to be all powerful, always in control, and always getting our way. Jesus on the other hand showed us that we need to think of God as all loving, always respecting our free will, and always sacrificing for us out of love. Catholics therefore have to rethink what it means to be like God and change our behaviors accordingly.

Changing our behaviors is not always easy. In fact, most of the time it is extremely difficult. In order to improve my own life both spiritually and physically, I began reading the book *Atomic Habits: Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results* by James Clear. For the month of January, I would like to share with you some insights from his book (which will be in bold) and some of my personal reflections (in normal font) with the hope that they will help us answer God's call to repent.

A habit is a routine or behavior that is performed regularly—and, in many cases automatically. We all have habits. Some of the habits we have are good and some of the habits we have are bad. The first thing we must do is to become aware of our habits. The second thing we must do is realize what is behind our habits. For example, if I have the bad habit of cussing people out who cut me off in traffic, I can come to realize that I cuss people out because I feel like they seem to feel that they are more important than I am or they are being careless with something that is important to me (my life). Once I realize why my habit happens, I can start trying to stop my bad habit by reminding myself that my cussing will not have any real effect on the other person. Instead, I can do something more productive like say a prayer for that person.

We all face challenges in life. This injury was one of mine, and the experience taught me a critical lesson: changes that seem small and unimportant at first will compound into remarkable results if you're willing to stick with them for years. We all deal with setbacks but in the long run, the quality of our lives often depends on the quality of our habits. With the same habits, you'll end up with the same results. But with better habits, anything is possible.

This quote reminded me of a story about two boys with an alcoholic father that I have found on different websites:

There's an old story about two boys who had a father who was an alcoholic. They grew into young men. One son became an alcoholic. "What choice do I have?" he said. "My father is an alcoholic." The other son never touched a drop of alcohol. "How could I?" he said. "Look what it did to my father."

The sons' attitudes cannot change the fact that their father was an alcoholic, but their attitudes can affect what they do with that information. It is sometimes necessary for us to step back and see how our attitudes in different situations are holding us back. Some people refer to them as self-fulfilling prophecies.

When I was an associate there was a staff member at one of the parishes I was assigned to that drove me crazy. Every thing about this coworker showed me that he or she believed in things that I thought were anti-Catholic and I believed we would never get along. I was reminded though through the scriptures at Mass that I was supposed to love my enemies and pray for those who persecuted me. I asked God to help me us positive sentiment override to deal with this person. The idea is simply the more positive feelings you feel toward someone the more you will put up with the negative qualities of the person. I therefore made it the HABIT of thanking God for three things each time I met with this person. Our relationship did improve and we were able to work together. We never became good friends but we were able to work together on the same team.

The backbone of this book is my four-step model of habits—cue, craving, response, and reward—and the four laws of behavior that evolve out of these steps.

Growing up I suffered from depression and many of the counselors I met with told me that I had to just "tough it out," but they never told me how to "tough it out." Thanks be to God that when I was in the seminary, I was introduced to counselors who helped me figure out how to manage my depression like a diabetic learns to manage his or her blood sugar. One of the things that I like about the Atomic Habit book, is that James Clear, the author, offers a clear process of how to make good habits stick.



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 and love to one and all!

PRO-LIFE

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world."

- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"



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

“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” - Matthew 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.



Weekly Offertory 12/19/21	
Envelopes	\$11,510
Electronic	10,426
Total Weekly Offertory	21,936



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.

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is one of the best and most helpful ways to give to our parish. For more information on how to register for online giving, please go to our website, www.stjoemanchester.org and click “online giving.”

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

If you need assistance, please contact Jim Weiskopf or Katie Markiewicz in the parish office. Your continued generosity gives the parish a firm foundation to help people become good news for others.

Happy New Year!

Last month we began reporting our offertory and regular giving in a way that, hopefully gives you a clearer picture of how your giving is supporting the parish and how we are tracking against our planning (budget). You can see that for the month of November, our total unrestricted giving was almost \$20,000 over our budget. THANK YOU. When you review the year to date numbers, you will see that we are still a little over budget in our total. The fact that our Sunday envelopes and electronic giving is under budget, but the Other giving (stock sales, Required Minimum Distributions, charitable trusts, etc.) is over budget is an indication that more of you are choosing to use these more “tax friendly” alternatives. All in all, you have been very generous these first few months of our fiscal year and we thank you for your prayerful giving. May God bless you as we enter this new year.

Monthly for November			
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Envelopes	47,747	53,835	(6,088)
Electronic	54,172	50,707	3,465
Other Unrestricted Gifts	32,327	10,379	21,948
Total Unrestricted Giving	134,246	114,921	19,325

Fiscal Year to Date Total Giving July - November 2021			
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Envelopes	267,157	295,998	(28,841)
Electronic	266,779	278,883	(12,104)
Other Unrestricted Gifts	99,373	51,895	47,478
Total Unrestricted Giving	633,309	626,776	6,533



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!

Please think about giving two hours to drive to St. Augustine’s Wellston Center with donated items. You can make a difference in a family’s life.

Call Pat at 636-227-8704.



Thank you for being the Light and Hope of Christ Jesus in the lives of so many this Christmas!

Thank you so much to everyone who purchased and wrapped gifts for, or donated money to our Giving Tree Christmas Outreach this year. The great love and generosity of our parish family was once again felt by all those who received gifts to help make a joyful Christmas for those in need in Fertile, MO. The Light of Christ was truly experienced in this community.



Thank you to all the volunteers on Dec. 18 and 19 as well. Your support of this Christmas Outreach ministry is greatly appreciated! The coordinators cannot do this without your loving support.



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.

Everyone will need to complete **RapidPass** either at the drive or at home on the 15th.

Download the Red Cross app and make it easier & faster!

All donors must present a photo or donor ID.

FACT: On any given day an average of 40,000 units of red blood cells are needed for hospital patients in the US.



**YOUNG AT HEART...
Happy New Year to All!**

Come join us on **January 4, 2022** to welcome in the new year!

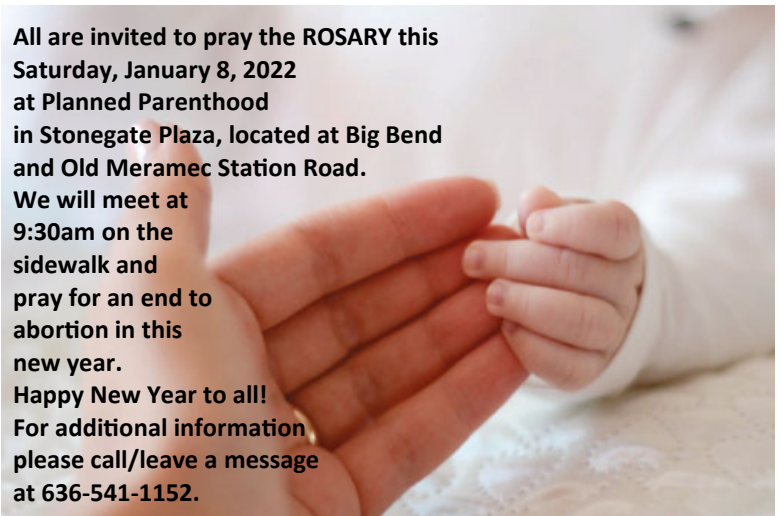
We will meet in the Parish Center at 11:00 am. Lunch will be served at 11:30, followed by BINGO! Those with last names N thru Z please bring a prize for bingo. If you have never attended, this is a fun senior group for men and women 55 plus. Reservations are not needed and there is no charge, only a free will offering. If you have any questions, please call Trudy at 636-225-5762.

**All-You-Can-Eat
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY - JANUARY 30, 2022
7:45 AM - 12:30 PM
St. Joseph Cafeteria**



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKES! Also enjoy our delicious Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit & Beverages at this enjoyable community gathering.
\$10 Adults & \$5 Children (12 & under).
CARRY OUT AVAILABLE.
Your supports helps several local agencies & charities!
Brought to you by our Ladies Auxiliary

All are invited to pray the ROSARY this Saturday, January 8, 2022 at Planned Parenthood in Stonegate Plaza, located at Big Bend and Old Meramec Station Road. We will meet at 9:30am on the sidewalk and pray for an end to abortion in this new year. Happy New Year to all! For additional information please call/leave a message at 636-541-1152.



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!

SAVE THE DATE!



2022 Men's Retreat - April 21 - 24

2022 Women's Retreat - October 20 - 23



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

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.



Missouri Life Caravan

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](#)



on World Marriage Day!

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



**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**

2 de enero de 2022

La Epifanía del Señor

Aun en estos tiempos, la humanidad continúa buscando la estrella, esa estrella que muchas veces se pierde entre la injusticia, el odio y la discriminación. Sin embargo, hay que seguir el camino y alzar los ojos al cielo para encontrar el centro de su luz. *“Levántate y brilla, que ha llegado tu luz y la Gloria de Yavé amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60,1).* La Gloria de la Manifestación de Jesús en su Evangelio y en la Eucaristía se hace presente entre nosotros en la Liturgia de hoy. El Papa Francisco nos explica acerca de la belleza de esta celebración. *“La manifestación de Jesús, simbolizada por la luz: Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén, porque llega tu luz; la Gloria del Señor amanece sobre ti”.* Él nos exhorta al movimiento, a no quedarnos ahí fijos como estatuas sin hacer nada.

También, nos explica sobre la participación de los magos del Oriente y lo que ellos representan. *“Los Magos, venidos de Oriente, representan a todos los pueblos lejanos de la fe judía tradicional: se dejan guiar por la estrella y se enfrentan a un largo y arriesgado viaje; se postran ante Jesús y le ofrecen regalos simbólicos: oro, incienso y mirra; la búsqueda del Señor implica también la generosidad del corazón” (1/6/2019).* ¿Qué le estoy ofreciendo a Jesús en esta etapa de mi vida? ¿Qué tipo de manifestaciones he tenido de Dios a lo largo de mi vida? Pidamos, en esta Eucaristía, que la luz de Cristo se manifieste en estos tiempos turbulentos y oscuros que experimentamos en el mundo entero. Sigamos vigilantes, caminemos por sendas nuevas, sigamos el ejemplo de los Magos. Ellos, regresaron a su país por otro camino.

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**Directorio Hispano
Parish Office 636-227-5247
De Lunes a Jueves 8:30am - 4:30pm**

Pastor (<i>English speaking</i>)	Rev. Tom Pastorius tpastorius@stjoemanchester.org
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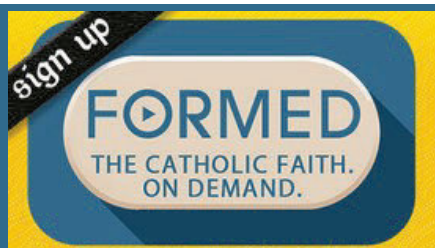
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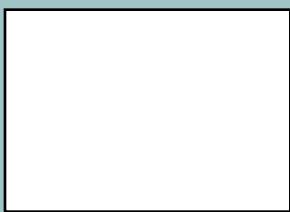


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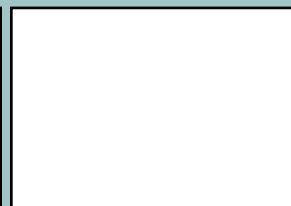
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