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Mass Schedule
All Masses are currently being live-streamed
Weekend: Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am
Weekday: Monday, Wed - Friday 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 pm

Holy Days of Obligation
7:30 pm (vigil), 6:00 am, 8:00 am & 5:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer)
Monday, Wednesday, Friday following Mass 8:00 am

Adoration
Every Tuesday beginning at 7:00 am.

Perpetual Help Devotions
Tuesdays at 6:45 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm

First Saturday Devotions
Rosary 7:45 am • Mass 8:00 am

Confession
Sat. 5:00-5:45 pm, Sunday 6:15-6:45 am & 9:50-10:15 am
7:00-7:30 am Monday thru Thursday, Tuesday 6-6:30 pm
or by appointment.

Baptisms
Parishioners are asked to please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Marriages
Parishioners are asked to make arrangements with the pastor at least six months in advance.

Bulletin Deadline
Please contact the Pastor or Sara Maune, Parish Secretary, at 636-583-2488 or email stjohnsgild@yhti.net by Noon on Wednesday.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a
**Parish Meetings**

**SUN:** 7/19  Men’s Adoration Society 7pm, Church
**MON:**  Parish Council mtg., Music Rm., 7pm
**TUES:**
**WED:**

St. John’s is looking for someone to clean our church on a weekly basis. This would be a paid position. Duties would include but not limited to dusting, vacuuming, as well as mopping the floor. A complete list would be provided. Please call the rectory if interested. 636-583-2488

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**Upcoming Parish Events**

July 19  First Communion, 1pm
July 19  Men’s Adoration Society 7pm
July 23  Confirmation, 7pm
Aug 9  Women’s Adoration Society 7pm
Aug 10  Preschool Playdate 9-11am
Aug 17  Pre-K –8th Open House 5-6:30pm
Aug 19  First Day of School
Oct 5-9  Marian Pilgrimage on the Katy Trail with Fr. Foy

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**St John’s Parish** website is now up and running although still a work in progress. We also have new web addresses:

sjg-parish.org

sjg-psr.org

Sunday bulletins are accessible through both.

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**Annual Catholic Appeal**

Please make your donation by July 19, 2020.

Prayerfully consider donating to the ACA. The ACA assists people in need all over the diocese along with programs in which we benefit. There are multiple ways to donate:

- If you received a card in the mail you can either drop it in the mail or bring it by the rectory.
- If you did not receive a card in the mail or if you are a new parishioner please contact us so we can get you a card
- Donate through the Archdiocese website: archstl.org/aca
- OSV On-line Giving website: www.osvonlinegiving.com/4878
- Access On-line Giving with the myParish App by clicking on the “Give to Annual Catholic Appeal” link on the Homepage
- Or through the online giving link on sjg-psr.org

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**Church Finances**

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**July 12, 2020**

Envelopes $4,835.00
Loose $605.00
Helping Hands $677.70
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**SAINT JOHN’S REGISTRATION FORM**

If you have not registered, please join our parish by filling out this registration form and dropping it off in either the collection basket or the parish office. If you have any questions about how you can participate in the spiritual or sacramental life of our Church, please call Father Foy.

Name
Address
City______ State______ Zip______
Phone______ Email______

These organizations/ministries are available, if interested:

- Altar Linen
- Eucharistic Minister
- Ladies Sodality
- Musician & Choir
- Parish Youth Aide
- Helping Hands Outreach to the Poor
- Young Adult Rosary Group
- Altar Server
- Lector
- Knights of Columbus
- Men’s Club
- Parish Religious Ed. (PSR)
- RCIA Team or Sponsor
- Usher

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“For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20
Readings for the week of July 12, 2020

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday: Mt 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mt 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28

Parish School of Religion (PSR):

PSR is in need of teachers for Kindergarten, 4th & 5th grades and substitutes. If you are interested, please contact Adam Weber at awpsr@stjohn@aol.com or call/text 314-330-0599. PSR is on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 beginning August 26th. The only requirement is you have to completed “Protecting God’s Children” offered free by the Archdiocese.

PSR registration has begun. You may find the forms online at: sjgpsr.org. Or, you can even register online. Payments may be made by check mailed to the rectory at: 5567 Gildea Road, Villa Ridge, MO 63089 or paid online via clicking the “Online Giving” link at sjgpsr.org or through the “Online Giving” app by Our Sunday Visitor available for both Apple and Android.

Sacramental preparation is a 2 year process at St. John’s. So, for 2nd grade sacraments, you must attend 1st grade, too. For Confirmation in 8th grade, you must attend 7th grade. If you missed last year or just became a St. John’s parishioner, contact Adam Weber at awpsr@stjohn@aol.com or 314-330-0599.

SUMMER FLOWER WATERING

As in past summers, we are looking for parishioners to volunteer through the months of July-October to water flowers around church, the rectory and behind church by school. The sign-up sheets are in the church vestibule with more information. Please help keep our church grounds looking beautiful! We have made it easy. It will take a little of your time, but at your convenience. THANK YOU to all who have signed up in the past. Please call Pat Gephardt for more info 636-239-7518.

Ready to sign up? Just go to www.osvonlinegiving.com/4878. It’s quick & easy! Or, go thru myParish App and click on “Giving”.

SICK IN THE PARISH: Bernice Straatmann, Debbie O’Malley, Andy Tobben, Bob Hayden Sr., Betty Brautigam, Willie Kessler, Rosie Spahnhorst, Allen Gephardt, Vernon Brinker, Rich Skiljan. We ask the Lord to bless all those who are sick or injured in our community, those who are in a nursing home, and those homebound.

HOMEBOUND/SHUT-IN: Please keep in mind if you or someone you know is convalescing or returning from the hospital and would like Communion at home, please call the rectory.

PRAYER CHAIN: Don’t forget to get help from our Prayer Chain. It’s been around for a while now, so it’s easy to take it for granted and overlook the POWER of united prayer. When you have a pressing need, please don’t forget to make use of this resource of people who care and want to be there in prayer with you. Call Laverne Schwoeppe at 636-742-5754 or 636-288-6382. She will get the Prayer Chain members to pray with you. You do not have to be a member of this Prayer Chain to make a prayer request.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Come enjoy Holy Family - Port Hudson’s delicious fried chicken! We are hosting a Drive-thru Fried Chicken dinner with all the fixings on Sunday, July 19, 2020 from 11:30-4:30. $12 per plate includes: fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, slaw, cucumber salad and dessert with curbside service. Hope to see you there!
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are quickly moving into what has been described as the “dog days of summer.” Hopefully, you are keeping cool and hydrating properly so that you can make it through. On the positive side of things, baseball is supposed to start up this Thursday. That may be just the thing to help people lighten up on all sides.

Congratulations to our 2nd graders (really they are 3rd graders at this point, but hopefully you understand) for their First Holy Communion this Sunday afternoon (July 19). It is always so awesome to see children excited to receive our Lord. May all of us be inspired by their initiation into the fullness of Christ’s Eucharistic Presence. In the words of St. Augustine, “Recognize in this bread what hung on the cross and in the chalice what flowed from his side.”

Congratulations to the graduating 8th grade class. They are moving on, but for many of them will return this coming Thursday for Confirmation. Again, another powerful witness to the rest of us. May they have the confidence and love of Christ that they may promote and defend the faith.

The Women’s Adoration Society is off to a great start. They met last Sunday for a Holy Hour and had a time for fellowship afterwards. Next up: August 9th at 7pm. The men have their second Holy Hour this Sunday (7-19) at 7pm. There will not be a men’s Holy Hour on the 26th.

Please keep praying for peace in St. Louis and the preservation of the iconic statue down by the Art Museum. There has been an average of about 85 to 100 people praying the rosary there every night since June 21st. This past Sunday there was somewhere between 300 -500 people keeping vigil in the face of a meeting of the opposition later that night. Thanks be to God everything was peaceful and the statue continues to stand. My hope is that this ongoing novena of rosaries (which you can join from home) can be a great spiritual bouquet to our incoming spiritual father, Archbishop - Elect Rozanski who will be installed on the Feast of St. Louis this August 25th.

This coming Wednesday (the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene) I celebrate the 2nd anniversary of my installation as pastor here at St. John’s. It has been a rewarding time and I thank you for your continued prayers and support!

I will be out of town on the days of Aug 3 – 7 for a trip with a brother priest to the Rockies. I should be back in time for all of the weekend liturgies.

May God bless you and be your strength,

Father Foy

From a homily on the Gospels by Gregory the Great, pope

*She longed for Christ, though she thought he had been taken away*

When Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and did not find the Lord’s body, she thought it had been taken away and so informed the disciples. After they came and saw the tomb, they too believed what Mary had told them. The text then says: *The disciples went back home*, and it adds: *but Mary wept and remained standing outside the tomb.*

We should reflect on Mary’s attitude and the great love she felt for Christ; for though the disciples had left the tomb, she remained. She was still seeking the one she had not found, and while she sought she wept; burning with the fire of love, she longed for him who she thought had been taken away. And so it happened that the woman who stayed behind to seek Christ was the only one to see him. For perseverance is essential to any good deed, as the voice of truth tells us: *Whoever perseveres to the end will be saved.*

At first she sought but did not find, but when she persevered it happened that she found what she was looking for. When our desires are not satisfied, they grow stronger, and becoming stronger they take hold of their object. Holy desires likewise grow with anticipation, and if they do not grow they are not really desires. Anyone who succeeds in attaining the truth has burned with such a great love. As David says: *My soul has thirsted for the living God; when shall I come and appear before the face of God?* And so also in the Song of Songs the Church says: *I was wounded by love; and again: My soul is melted with love.*

*Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?* She is asked why she is sorrowing so that her desire might be strengthened; for when she mentions whom she is seeking, her love is kindled all the more ardently.

*Jesus says to her: Mary.* Jesus is not recognized when he calls her “woman”; so he calls her by name, as though he were saying: Recognize me as I recognize you; for I do not know you as I know others; I know you as yourself. And so Mary, once addressed by name, recognizes who is speaking. She immediately calls him *rabboni*, that is to say, *teacher*, because the one whom she sought outwardly was the one who inwardly taught her to keep on searching.
Monday, Aug 3, 7 pm Monthly business meeting outside on the east side of church. Please bring your own lawn chair. In the event of rain, we will hold in the parish hall or music room.

Mark your calendar for the tractor cruse. Sunday September 13th. For more information, please contact Ed Jasper at 636-390-3315

For all first degree members, it's now easier than ever to get your second and third degree and can be done from the comfort of your own home. For the time being, this is being held online at select times and takes approximately 45 minutes. Please contact Jon Derner at the number below if you are interested.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Jon Derner at 314-808-2400.

Confession is readily available for anyone wishing to receive this Sacrament!

Sat. 5:00-5:45pm,
Sunday 6:15-6:45am & 9:50-10:15am
Monday thru Thursday  7:00-7:30 am  
Tuesday 6:00-6:30pm

Or call Fr. Foy to set up an appointment 636-583-2488

Silver & Gold Wedding Jubilee Mass

Register today!

Sunday, October 11, 2020
Mass Celebrant: Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski

2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108

Are you celebrating 25, 50, or over 50 years of marriage during 2020?

Couples registered by September 11th will have their names and wedding date printed in the Mass Program. For details, or to register, visit archstl.org/jubilee or call 314.792.7598

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Flowers in Memoriam
You can donate fresh flowers for the altar any Sunday for $50. They can be for a special occasion, in memory of someone, or anonymous. Just drop a note in the collection basket with your requested date along with the donation.

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