



Sts. Joachim & Ann Parish

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*Parish Website: www.stsja.org *Archdiocesan Website: www.archstl.org

Parish 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 6:30am; 8:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00am Tuesday until 7:15pm 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

Birthingright - 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

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
Associate Pastor	Rev. James L. Gahan	441.7503
Deacon	Deacon Tim Schultz	441.7503
Deacon	Deacon Jack Lipin	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	Mrs. Shannon Schultz	314.651.7114
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	Mrs. Miriam Mahan	441.1302
Cub Scouts	Mr. Michael Woodruff	314.482.5629
Donut Sunday	Mr. Roger Worner	447.6792
Eucharistic Adoration	Mrs. Kathy Rodamaker	636.352.9341
Eucharist for the Homebound	Mrs. Jayne Gilfoil	922.4466
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	Mrs. Jeanette Gray	939.4550
Groundskeeping Committee	Mr. & Mrs. Dave Hoban	636.244.0302
Girl Scouts	Mrs. Patty Hough	636.697.6489
JASSS	Mrs. Betty Lickenbrock	936.0308
Knights of Columbus	Mr. Deaton Ellis	636.579.9052
Ladies' Club	Mrs. Helen Vernier	922.7573
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. John Hoelscher	928.0650
Money Counters	Mrs. Mary Ann Grahn	441.3362
Music Ministries	Mr. Orin Johnson	636.980.6255
Nursing Home Min.	Mrs. Norma Hitt	970.2052
Parish Pastoral Council	Ms. Jane Muich	922.1315
Parish Picnic	Mr. Phil Dukeman	314.397.0411
Prayer Chain	Mr. Rich Rodamaker	636.578.7202
Pro-Life Apostolate	Mrs. Mary Auer	939.4953
PTO	Mrs. Maggie Brewer	314.602.7044
Sacristan Ministry	Mr. Steve Yallaly	447.1475
Safe Environment	Mrs. JoAnne Van Acker	441.7503
School Board	Mr. Tim Wheeler	314.619.3331
Servers	Rev. James Gahan	441.7503
Social Justice in Action Committee	Mrs. Miriam Mahan	441.1302, X-230
Sunday Morning Nursery	Mrs. Rose Wieschhaus	926.0021
Sunday Preschool	Mrs. Dee Yust	928.6642
St. Patrick Casseroles	Mrs. Mary Lopez	397.4815
Stitches for Life	Mrs. Molly Rudy	447.7566
Technology Committee	Mr. Mike Oberhill	441.3815
Technology Committee	Mr. Patrick Swackhammer	636.336.2345
Ushers & Ministers of Hospitality	Mrs. Adeline Callahan	636.447.7565
Youth Ministry	Rectory Office	441.7503

A Pastor's Perspective...A continuation of the Papal Bull of Indiction of the Holy Year**THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY**

+ FRANCIS

In Sacred Scripture, mercy is a key word that indicates God's action toward us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviors that are shown in daily living. The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. He feels responsible; that is, he desires our well-being and he wants to see us happy, full of joy, and peaceful. This is the path which the merciful love of Christians must also travel. As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other.

10. Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All her pastoral activity should be caught up on the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love. The Church "has an endless desire to show mercy." Perhaps we have long since forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy. The temptation, on the one hand, to focus exclusively on justice made us forget that this is only the first, albeit necessary and indispensable step. But the Church needs to go beyond and strive for a higher and more important goal. On the other hand, said to say, we must admit that the practice of mercy is waning in the wider culture. In some cases the word seems to have dropped out of use. However, without a witness to mercy, life becomes fruitless and sterile, as if sequestered in a barren desert. The time has come to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.

11. Let us not forget the great teaching offered by Saint John Paul II in his second Encyclical, *Dives in Misericordia*, which at the time came unexpectedly, its theme catching many by surprise. There are two passages in particular to which I would like to draw attention. First, Saint John Paul II highlighted the fact that we had forgotten the theme of mercy in today's cultural milieu: "The present-day mentality, more perhaps than that of people in the past, seems opposed to a God of mercy, and in fact tends to exclude from life and to remove from the human heart the very idea of mercy. The word and the concept of mercy seem to cause uneasiness in man, who thanks to the enormous development of science and technology, never before known in history, has become the master of the earth and has subdued and dominated it (Gen 1:28). This dominion seems to have no room for mercy...and this is why, in the situation of the Church and the world today, many individuals and groups guided by a lively sense of faith are turning, I would say almost spontaneously, to the mercy of God."

Furthermore, Saint John Paul II pushed for a more urgent proclamation and witness to mercy in the contemporary world: "It is dictated by love for man, for all that is human and which, according to the intuitions of many of our contemporaries, is threatened by an immense danger. The mystery of Christ...obliges me to proclaim mercy as God's merciful love, revealed in that same mystery of Christ. It likewise obliges me to have recourse to that mercy and to beg for it at this difficult, critical phase of the history of the Church and of the world." This teaching is more pertinent than ever and deserves to be taken up once again in this Holy Year. Let us listen to his words once more: "The Church lives an authentic life when she professes and proclaims mercy – the most stupendous attribute of the Creator and of the Redeemer – and when she brings people close to the source of the Savior's mercy, of which she is the trustee and dispenser."

12. The Church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel, which in its own way must penetrate the heart and mind of every person. The Spouse of Christ must pattern her behavior after the Son of God who went out to everyone without exception. In the present day, as the Church is charged with the task of the new evangelization, the theme of mercy needs to be proposed again and again

with new enthusiasm and renewed pastoral action. It is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her language and her gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them once more to find the road that leads to the Father.

The Church's first truth is the love of Christ. The Church makes herself a servant of this love and mediates it to all people: a love that forgives and expresses itself in the gift of oneself. Consequently, wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy.

13. We want to live this Jubilee Year in light of the Lord's words: Merciful like the Father. The Evangelist reminds us of the teaching of Jesus who says, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36). It is a program of life as demanding as it is rich with joy and peace. Jesus' command is directed to anyone willing to listen to his voice (Lk 6:27). In order to be capable of mercy, therefore, we must first of all dispose ourselves to listen to the Word of God. This means rediscovering the value of silence in order to meditate on the Word that comes to us. In this way, it will be possible to contemplate God's mercy and adopt it as our lifestyle.

14. The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life. Life itself is a pilgrimage, and the human being is a pilgrim travelling along the road, making his way to the desired destination. Similarly, to reach the Holy Door in Rome or in any other place in the world, everyone, each according to his or her ability, will have to make a pilgrimage. This will be a sign that mercy is also a goal to reach and requires dedication and sacrifice. May pilgrimage be an impetus to conversion: by crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God's mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us.

The Lord Jesus shows us the steps of the pilgrimage to attain our goal: "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Lk 6: 37-38). The Lord asks us above all not to judge and not to condemn. If anyone wishes to avoid God's judgment, he should not make himself the judge of his brother or sister. Human beings, whenever they judge, look no farther than the surface, whereas the Father looks into the very depths of the soul. How much harm words do when they are motivated by feelings of jealousy and envy! To speak ill of others puts them in a bad light, undermines their reputation and leaves them prey to the whims of gossip. **To refrain from judgment and condemnation means, in a positive sense, to know how to accept the good in every person and to spare him any suffering that might be caused by our partial judgment, our presumption to know everything about him. But this is still not sufficient to express mercy. Jesus also asks us to forgive and to give.** To be instruments of mercy because it was we who first received mercy from God. To be generous with others, knowing that God showers his goodness upon us with immense generosity.

Merciful like the Father, therefore, is the "motto" of this Holy Year. In mercy, we find proof of how God loves us. He gives his entire self, always, freely, asking nothing in return. He comes to our aid whenever we call upon him. What a beautiful thing that the Church begins her daily prayer with the words, "O God, come to my assistance. O Lord, make haste to help me" (Ps 70:2)! The assistance we ask for is already the first step of God's mercy toward us. He comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate toward others.

...More to come...May the celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family become an intensified opportunity for us to put into practice the mercy to which we are called. Sometimes family is the context in which we become laziest about the genuine effort that mercy and compassion require. Let us redouble our efforts on this Feast of the Holy Family to put into practice the truth that Love (mercy) is first learned at home!

...Blessings to you and your families for joyful and love-filled ongoing Christmastide!

† Mass Schedule

Monday, December 28, The Holy Innocents

6:30am All Souls
8:00am Donna Oliver

Tuesday, Dec. 29, 5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity

6:30am Pearl Vanderwall
8:00am Ann Austin

Wed., Dec. 30, 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity

6:30am Rich Wroblewski
8:00am Claire Belden

Thursday, Dec. 31, 7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity

6:30am Rev. Theodore H. Burghoff
8:00am John Terrana
5:30pm Charles Free

Friday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

9:00am Special Intention - Mass of Thanksgiving

Sat., Sun., January 2/3, The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00pm Richard Lowell Hilleren
7:30am People of the Parish
9:30am Marie Kloepfel
11:30am Mary Ann Schmidt

December 31, Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary

Lectors

5:30 TJ Tavares, Jerry Trolinger

Servers

5:30pm Tony Mathew, Joshua Paskiewicz, Aiden Mylenbusch

January 1, 2016 - Solemnity of Mary

Lectors

9:00am Ruby Karolczak, Tim Wheeler

Servers

9:00am Joe Hartz

January 2/3, 2016

Lectors

5:00pm Cindy Wilson, Carolyn Wolf
7:30am Diane Distl, Mary Jane Daum
9:30am David Artz, Joe Wooldridge
11:30am Jackie Zoll, Anna Davis

Servers

5:00pm Matt Mauchenheimer, Cory & Noah Free
7:30am Michaela Erling, Evan & Logan Auer
9:30am Joseph Deluvia, Caymen Magill, Tyler Mikkelsen
11:30am Zachary & Connor Nave, Joshua Kroc

The Week Ahead

Thurs., Dec. 31 Vigil Mass - Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God Mass at 5:30pm

Fri., January 1 Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God Mass at 9:00am

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Eucharistic Adoration

We have Eucharistic Adoration from Tuesday 8:30am until Wednesday 6:30PM and Saturday 6:00pm until Sunday 6:00am. We have two Adorers in each hour except Tuesday 2:00pm and 3:00pm and Wednesday 1:00am and 3:00am. Come spend an hour with Our Lord.

We are in need of an additional adorers on Tuesday at 2pm & 3pm and Wednesday at 1am & 3am. Call or text Kathy Rodamaker at 636-352-9341 or email kathy_rodamaker@yahoo.com.



Stewardship of Our Treasure

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

Sunday, 13 December 2015

Envelopes	\$ 15,866.00	
On-line giving	\$ 4,287.13	
Loose	\$ 744.38	
Youth	\$ 8.00	\$ 20,905.51
Budget vs Actual for this Sunday		\$ (3,822.49)

Fiscal Year-to-date Sunday Offering Goal	\$ 593,472.00
Fiscal year-to-date Actual Offertory	\$ 555,918.66
Budget vs. Actual Fiscal Year-to-date	\$ (37,553.34)

Care Service	1,252.50
Immaculate Conception	1,347.80
Seminary	35.00
Christmas Offering	10.00

Christmas Club for Major Needs

5 to 10 Year Plan Goal for Christmas Club 2016	\$ 180,000.00
Yr to Date	\$ 81,198.51
Budget vs Actual for Fiscal Y-to-date	\$ (98,801.49)

Parish Construction Debt

Loan Balance as of 11-5-2015	\$ 604,476.32
Payment 12-4-2015 Principal	\$ 21,952.78
Interest	\$ 1,622.48
	\$ 23,575.26

Current Loan Balance \$ 582,523.54

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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



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

We have a fantastic school for your children and grandchildren! Please keep us in mind as you are considering your year-end charitable contributions.

In addition to the potential tax benefits for yourself, our students will also receive invaluable gains from your generosity. Please be aware that many local employers will make matching gift contributions to educational institutions when their current or retired employees make a qualifying donation.

Please contact Kathy Mueller or Tammy Lyons in the Rectory office at 636-441-7503 for more information.

Parish School of Religion News

Alive in Love, Alive in God!

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength." Mark 12:30-31

Upcoming Events

- Dec 28 No PSR
- Jan 4 PSR Class, Parent Meeting for RCIC in Adult Ed Room
- Jan 9 Fr Brockland's 25th Anniversary celebration Mass and reception
- Jan 11 PSR Class
- Jan 12 First Reconciliation for 2nd grade and RCIC 7{M in Church
- Jan 18 No PSR
- Jan 25 PSR Class, Partners in Prayer for Parents, Adult Ed Room 6:30PM
- Feb 1 PSR Class
- Feb 6 2nd grade Parent Meeting & Parent/Child Retreat Day, 9am-12pm, Church

JASSS - Sts. Joachim & Ann Senior Service & Social Club Seniors 55 & Older New members welcome!

Monday, January 4 - Board meeting, 1:00pm in the Care Service. Please come & help us plan our lunches & events!

Tuesday, January 26 - General meeting, 12:00pm in the Care Service. See a Movie & BYO lunch, beverages provided! Pay our annual dues at this meeting. Pot O'Gold & birthday prizes!

Have a safe & Happy New year!



The That Man is You program second semester will be starting on Saturday morning Jan 9th. Breakfast at 0630, presentation at 0700, and concluding at 0800. Please join the 50 or so men already enrolled in the program. semester # 1 is NOT a prerequisite for semester #2. Call Joe Wooldridge at 636-922-4761 to get registered.

December 27, 2015



Jubilee Year of Mercy

The Latin word for mercy is "misericordia", which is derived from the two words "miserere" (pity or misery) and cor (heart). When we ask for God's mercy, we are essentially asking him to relieve us of a heart that is in misery...and, every time we go to Mass and say, "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy," we know that the God who is relieving us of a heart of misery is also empowering us by his Holy Spirit to go and do the same for others.

Jackie Francois-Angel

Sunday Morning Nursery

Babysitting services will not be available on Sunday, December 27, 2015 or Sunday, January 3, 2016. The normal schedule will resume on Sunday, January 10, 2016 with babysitting services offered during the 9:30am Mass.

Shop For Our Schools

Happy New Years from the Shop for our Schools Volunteers! Thank you for your support in 2014. As you saw in the bulletin last month, our school/parish depends on this fundraiser. If you have any questions about how it works, please call the school office. We look forward to serving you in 2016. **Hours** Saturday: After 5:pm Mass; Sunday: after 7:30am Mass (1st & 3rd Sundays), after 9:30am Mass and before 11:30am Mass. During the week: Orders received for IN-STOCK items by 8:30am will be filled and sent home with a student as requested or can be picked up in the school office after 2:00pm

Teen Ministry Events

Come join us for the following events.

Wednesdays in the Youth Ministry Room - from 7-9pm

- January 6 - Adoration - Epiphany Party
- 13 - The Ultimate Gift - Movie
- 20 - Bible Study - Prayer Night
- 27 - Game Night

Sundays in the Cafeteria - from 7-9pm

- January 17 - Steubenville Kickoff Night
- February 14 - Valentine's Day Party

For more information, contact Phillip Uro, 314-614-4901.

12th Annual Boys & Girls J & A 2nd Grade Basketball Camp

Begins Saturday, January 9, 2016. Four weeks (Saturday evenings) for \$20. Register by Jan. 2, 2016 on the Sts. Joachim and Ann website under the Athletics tab. This provides a great way to introduce the girls & boys to basketball in a non-competitive way to see if they will enjoy the game. The goal is to introduce the girls/boys to basketball and some of the basic fundamentals (dribbling, passing, shooting) in a fun environment Parents are welcome to assist in 'station' activity during camp **providing they are compliant with the Safe Environment Program.** If any questions about the camp, please email basketball@stsja.org or call Beth Versheldon @ 314-220-7982. If you have questions regarding your status in the Safe Environment Program, contact JoAnne Van Acker, 636-441-7503 or jvanacker@stsja.org

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 27, 2015

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK

Especially those in our parish:

Tim Goedeke	Tricia Woods	Bette Chant
Jacob Burnett	Jillian Litton	Joanna Schneider
Christine Chapman	Daniel Palms	Lisa Phillips
Lori Mayo	Lenore Kelly	Pat Knickmeyer
Tariq Eddington	Debbie Ilges	Jeff Coleman
Christopher Gwin	Chakita Fields	Bob Ruzensky
Kathy Cartwright	Regis Blutas (son)	Juanita Fernandez
Bob Boland	Tony Winkler	Loretta Schleeper
Michael Gasper	Becky Fretz	Chris Wooldridge
Mike Fischer	Ronald Williams	Frank Schmersahl
Debbie Shaw	Bill Rogers	Ed Leith
Kelly A. Smith	Bessie Gavura	Edith Layton
Jessica Thomas	DJ Heiger	Gerry Moore
John Kientzel	Jo Schaeffering	Luke Kahrhoff
Angie Terry	Chelsi Hauser	Brett Haubrich
Dennis Christensen	Barton Lehr	Tasha Herbig
George Nugent	Tracy Sherman	Sarah Mahler
Maggie Brown	Kurt Heist	Arnold Meyer
Sue Behrends	Ralph Ponzar	Kit Flor
Tony Kavadas	Margaret Priest	Dan Meyer
Marian Irwin	Mary Long	Marissa Wanninger
Eleanor Monolo	Dorothy Pelletier	Diane Dorn
Dan Schaefering	Richard Hendel	Rich Neuner
Nancy Conover	Ronnie Stockmann	Edward Ruethling
Angie Merton	Mary Ann Mills	Henrietta Buchheit
Mara Berry	Francesca Taullo	Mariah Tarin
James Beck	Shawn Criscione	

Catholic Book Club During the month of December we will not meet but everyone is invited to read the booklet *Pondering In Your Heart*, Advent Reflections by Rita McDonald, SSND. A few copies are available for \$2 if you are interested please contact Rose at wieschhausr@stsja.org or 636 926-0021. For the month of January we will be reading the book *Smart Martha's Catholic Guide for Busy Mom's* by Tami Kiser. Motherhood is so demanding, it's easy to become a Martha always worried about the next thing we have to do and rarely choosing the better part, as Martha's sister Mary did. Tami Kiser understands. She's a busy mom of nine who juggles teaching at her children's parish school, volunteering at her parish, running a household, and many other responsibilities. Her Smart Martha seminars have helped thousands of women learn to set their priorities so that they still have ample time for Jesus throughout the day. This is the book that can help any frazzled Martha become more spiritually focused, more holistically fulfilled, and more mentally prepared than ever before. Discover practical tips that will help save time and your sanity. Any adult in the parish is welcome to purchase and read the book ahead of time and then join us on January 26 at 7PM in Room 100 for discussion.

Food Pantry Tax Credits Available for 2015

The State of Missouri is once again offering the **Food Pantry Tax Credit**. Monetary donations and donations of food (with a receipt) to Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service Food Pantry, up to \$5,000 and made by December 31, 2015, are eligible for a 50% tax credit (up to \$2,500) on your Missouri tax return. If you are married, filing a combined Missouri income tax return, you can double your tax credit up to \$5,000 with a \$10,000 donation. To find out more, please contact your personal tax professional, call our Finance office at (636) 441-1302, ext. 260 or contact the Missouri Department of Revenue at: <http://dor.mo.gov/taxcredit/fpt.php> (website), income@dor.mo.gov (email) or by telephone at (573) 526-8733 (individual); (573) 751-4541 (corporation). Please pass on this information to your friends, neighbors, and contacts in support of our mission, "to serve those in crisis and to prevent homelessness and hunger."

Ladies of J & A Parish - The St. Ann Ladies' Club will be having their Holiday Party on Sunday, January 3, at 6pm in the upper room of the Ministries Building (former care service building). All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Come find out what we're all about and provide input to help plan next year's events. If interested in participating in a gift exchange, please bring a \$10 gift. Any questions, please call Laura Free at 314-369-7631.

Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

If you have changes to your membership record, please complete the form below and return it to the rectory so that the information in the Guide Book and Directory is correct.

PLEASE PRINT

Family Name: _____

Family Members: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

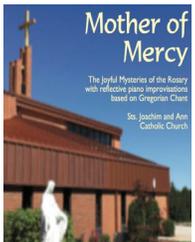
Phone: _____

____ Do not include family phone number in the directory

____ Do not include family in the directory at all

Please make the following changes: _____

*New parishioners will automatically be listed in the Guide Book & Directory unless stated otherwise on registration form.



Music Ministry Notes

NEW CD! J&A music ministry is excited to let you know of a new CD! A CD to assist you in praying the rosary along with contemplative piano music by our Director of Music Ministries.

This CD will be offered for a \$10 donation (and a few remaining copies of our previous CD will be available for a reduced price as well)!

Lost!

Gold crucifix necklace with the figure of Jesus in white gold. The Cross was very different, larger than most - and of great sentimental value. If found, please contact Jeanne at dclowns@att.net or take it to the rectory office. Thank you!

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Solemnity of Mary 9:00am Mass	2
3	4 PSR 6-7:30pm PSR 7-8:30pm	5	6 Choir Festival 7pm Church	7 Parish Pastoral Council 7pm RMR	8	9 Fr. Brockland's Silver Anniversary Celebration beginning with 5pm Mass, followed by Reception PC
10 Remove Christmas Decorations	11 PSR 6-7:30pm PSR 7-8:30pm Parish Finance Council 7pm RMR	12 First Reconciliation 7pm Church	13	14	15	16
17 Youth Ministry 7-9pm Cafeteria	18 Rectory Office Closed FT School & PSR not in Session Athletic Association 6:30-9:30pm PCMR	19 Social Justice in Action 7pm CS Liturgy Committee 7pm RMR	20	21	22	23
24 Blood Drive 8:30am- 1pm Cafeteria	25 PSR 6-7:30pm PSR 7-8:30pm School Board 7pm RMR	26	27	28	29	30 Pauline Books Book Fair Cafeteria & Gathering Space
31 School Open House 9am-Noon Pauline Books Book Fair Cafeteria & Gathering Space						

Guide Book & Directory

Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call Kris Preuss with Guide Book Publishing at 314-477-8740.

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