

**Sts. Joachim & Ann
Catholic Church**
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Rectory Office Closed
Dear Friends,
For the duration of this strange set of circumstances our Parish Office staff will be working from home and the Parish Office will be closed. Email and phone messages will be picked up and we will try to meet your needs as "normally" as possible.
~Blessings, Fr. Brockland

Eucharistic Schedule - ALL public worship, including the celebration of Eucharist even on Sundays, is suspended. There is a current hope to resume public worship April 6th, but that remains uncertain as things continue to evolve.

Eucharistic Adoration - Eucharistic Adoration times at Sts. Joachim & Ann are suspended throughout the duration of the suspension of public worship. All parishioners are welcome to come to church INDIVIDUALLY to pray and to access church via the side door. Call the Parish Office for the combination

Sacrament of Penance If there is an urgent need for the Sacrament of Penance, please call the Rectory Office. Likewise, regarding the Anointing of the Sick

Sacrament of Baptism Parents must be registered parishioners and practicing Catholics who have participated in the Baptismal Preparation Program. Contact the Parish Office for details.

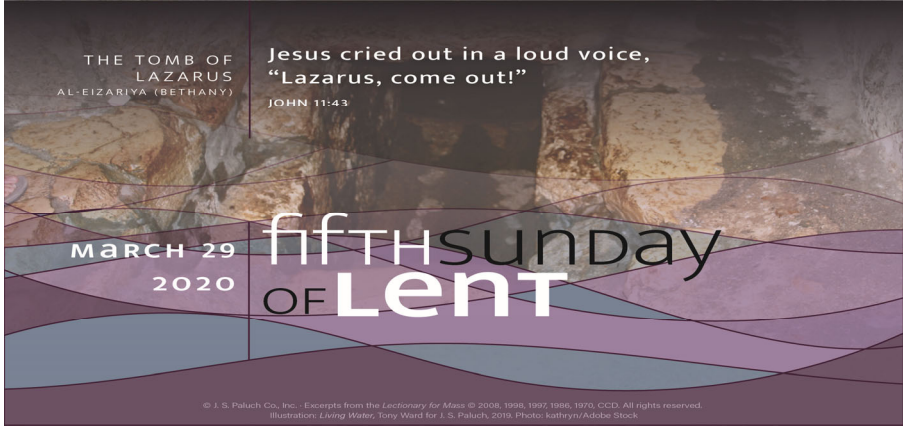
Sacrament of Matrimony At least one party of the couple must be a registered parishioner and a fully initiated practicing Catholic. Contact the parish priest of your choice at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date to arrange for marriage preparation.

Holy Orders & Consecrated Life
Those discerning a vocation to priesthood or consecrated life are encouraged to contact one of the parish priests for information and referral to the Archdiocesan Vocation Office.

Eucharist for the Homebound Contact the parish office to arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to your home during a period of infirmity.

Crisis Pregnancy Assistance
Birthright - St. Charles 636-724-1200
Pregnancy Resource Center 636-278-1212
Project Rachel 314-792-7565
Priests for Life 1-888-PFL-3448
Mary Queen of Angels 636-379-5070

Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service
Serving those in crisis and preventing homelessness and hunger in St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren Counties since 1981 **636.441.1302**



Pastor	Very Rev. John A. Brockland, JCL, JV	441.7503
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Altar Society	Mrs. Julie Huber	441.9667
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Boy Scouts	Mr. Mike Venegoni	venegoni1910@gmail.com
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Eucharistic Adoration	Mrs. Kathy Rodamaker	636.352.9341
Eucharist for the Homebound	Mrs. Jayne Gilfoil	314.283.5391
Evangelization	Mrs. Jackie Zoll	636.734.4653
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Finance Council	Mrs. Jan Difatta	244.0122
Funeral Luncheons	Rectory Office	441.7503
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Girl Scouts	Mrs. Anna Davis	314.540.6383
JASSS/Mrs. Norma Hitt	normahitt@icloud.com	636.970.2052
Knights of Columbus	Mr. Mike Thomas	H 936.1646, C 314.518.7279
Ladies' Club	Mrs. Mary Simeroth	636.928.6731
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Lectors	Mrs. Pat Maher	314.691.0112
Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	Mrs. Linda Geringer	314.402.3333
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. Don Effertz	636.699.5917
Money Counters	Mrs. Mary Ann Grahn	314.565.3362
Music Ministries	Mr. Orin Johnson	636.980.6255
Nursing Home Ministry	Mrs. Norma Hitt	970.2052
Parish Pastoral Council	Mrs. Kathleen McIntosh	636-233-1376
Parish Picnic	Mr. Phil Dukeman	314.397.0411
Prayer Chain/Mr. Rich Rodamaker	rlrodam7202@gmail.com	636.578.7202
Pro-Life Apostolate	Mrs. Rene Theby	314.221.2313
PTO	Mrs. Katherine Oberhill	636.248.2081
Quilters	Mrs. Marilyn Amorine	573.826.8543
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)	Rev. James Gahan	441.7503
Sacristan Ministry	Mr. Steve Yallaly	447.1475
Safe Environment	Mrs. JoAnne Van Acker	441.7503
School Board	Mrs. Kristen Kladiva	314.398.5647
Servers	Rev. James Gahan	441.7503
Social Justice in Action Committee	Mrs. Miriam Mahan	441.1302, X-350
Sunday Preschool	Mrs. Rose Wieschhaus	926.0021
St. Patrick Casseroles	Mrs. Jan Hooker	441.1302, X-262
Stitches for Life	Mrs. Molly Rudy	447.7566
Technology Committee	Mr. Mike Oberhill	441.3815
Technology Committee	Mr. Patrick Swackhammer	314.452.8590
That Man Is You	Mr. Joe Wooldridge	314.566.4411
Ushers & Ministers of Hospitality	Mrs. Adeline Callahan	636.447.7565
Venture Crew	Mr. Paul Rowland	venturecrewsja35@gmail.com
Youth Ministry/Mr. Wayne Burbach	https://impactym.org	314.398.0861

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE...

...Some sage advice from some experts I respect...I have long admired, trusted and relied upon the professional expertise of the folks at West County Psychological Associates. I have referred many people to them over the years and we rely on them for Tony Tremelli's presence in our school two days a week as a Counselor. Here's some healthy advice about crises and normalcy from one of their therapists.

**Seeking Normalcy Amid COVID-19**

By Lynette Dixon, PhD, LPC, NCC, CRAADC

We are living through uncharted times. We have not faced anything quite like what we are experiencing with COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is encouraging us to stay in our homes, and recommending that no more than 10 people gather together at one time. In an effort to decrease the number of people who will contract COVID-19, drastic measures are being taken. Stores are closing, dental offices are limiting appointments to emergencies only, and many schools and workplaces are moving to online/work-from-home formats for weeks to come, or even for the remainder of the school year.

A lot of information is being shared regarding how to prevent contracting or spreading COVID-19. It is important to take this information seriously and exercise precaution, but it is also important not to panic and to help maintain a sense of normalcy for ourselves and our children. How can we do this? One of the best ways is to establish routines for everyone. Create structures that will allow for the adults in your household to be productive and actually be able to work from home, and help our children transition to the online learning format that will be new territory for many of them. Here are some ideas to help everyone make these changes as painless as possible:

- First, be open and willing to acknowledge what everyone is feeling. This is not an easy pill for most of us to swallow. Many of us struggle with change, and that is okay. We may feel angry, frustrated, anxious, and isolated. Share those feelings with those close to you, but especially when talking with children, focus on how we will get through this by supporting one another and sticking together.

- Establish new routines. Many of us thrive on

structure, and adjusting to these changes can be difficult. Set up schedules for yourself and for your children with times for school work, times for meals, times for exercise, and times for play. Many classroom teachers post visual schedules for students to follow. Consider doing this for your children as well. For adults, working from home with your children can be especially difficult. Start by having a conversation with your children about how you will need to have certain quiet times to get work done. Set up a home office for yourself and classroom space for them. Use your time wisely by prioritizing what must be done and focusing on that first. If possible, partner with your spouse so that one of you can watch the children while the other works and then switch. Another option is to work after the children are asleep at night or while they take naps during the day.

- While a necessary precaution, social distancing can lead to feelings of isolation for all of us. Take extra time as a family to reconnect. Play games with each other, have a picnic lunch in the backyard or in the family room, build a blanket fort, eat dinner as a family, or go for walks together. Use technology with apps like Facetime so that you can stay connected with friends and family. Use your imagination, and keep your sense of wonder and adventure. Doing so will not only help you but will help your children see this as an opportunity to experience something new. While it may feel like we have lost a lot, we have also been gifted with the chance to demonstrate our ability to come together as families and communities, to demonstrate our strength and resilience, and to take a moment to focus on what is most important.

We are living through a challenging and uncertain time, that is true. We do not need to minimize that, but we also want to remember that these precautions will be temporary. Practice good self-care and reach out to those around you for support. If you do find that anxiety is starting to overwhelm you and weigh you down, we have therapists available and ready to meet with you. We have telehealth options available as well as in-person appointments, as long as no symptoms are present.

Blessings to you and your families for a continued grace-filled Lent! We may be apart, but we are still One Body, One Spirit in Christ!

† Mass Schedule

Let us come together for Sunday Worship [and now also for Holy Week] in the only way we can...online. Please connect to www.stsj.org/stream every Sunday at 9:30 am to pray together as a Parish Family during the suspension of public worship.

The Week Ahead

- ◆ Full-time school and PSR are not in session at this time
- ◆ The remaining Lenten Fish Fries have been cancelled
- ◆ Parish Office is closed
- ◆ ALL other instances of public prayer, Vespers, Stations of the Cross, as well as all Bible Studies and all other parish gatherings and activities no matter how small are to be discontinued.



Sts. Joachim and Ann offers Online Giving for your contributions.

Log into the Parish Website at www.stsj.org. Click the Online Giving Logo at the top of the screen, just above "Welcome to Online Giving" click "Create New Account".

Complete the form that appears. Fields marked with an asterisk are required fields

- Your user ID must be between 6 – 35 characters, which can be alphabetical, numerical, or contain the special characters: !, @, &, or *.
- Your Password must be between 8 – 16 characters, which can be alphabetical, numerical, or contain the special characters: !, @, &, or *.
- After you have entered your personal information, you will enter the unique code shown at the lower left-hand corner of the page.

After you submit your personal information, you will receive an email containing a link which must be verified in order to activate your account. Please log into your email account to access this email to validate your information....now you are ready to set up your Online Giving account.

Repeat steps 1 and 2 above, when the Welcome Screen comes up this time, you can enter your User ID and Password in the boxes under "Existing User Login".

Click "My Payment Methods", here you can add your checking, savings, or credit card information, as it relates to the accounts you wish to use to make contributions. This information is entered into a secure database, which adheres to all banking security standards, and is not visible to parish staff.

Click "Give A New Gift" to view the various funds that are available for contributions. Based on the type of gift that you select you will be able to set up recurring (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, etc.) intervals, or a "one time" gift option, which would be the case with our Special Collections. You will receive email reminders prior to your contributions being withdrawn from your accounts.

Thank you for setting up Online Giving.

Call Kathy @ 636-352-7189 or Tammy @ 636-578-6428 with any questions.

Stewardship of Our Treasure

5 to 10 Year Plan Weekly Sunday Offering Goal \$ 25,000.00

Sunday, 22 March 2020

Envelopes	\$ 7,690.00
Online giving	\$ 10,544.20
Loose	\$ 0.00
Youth	\$ 0.00

\$ 18,234.20

Budget vs Actual for this Sunday \$ (6,765.80)

Fiscal Year-to-date Sunday Offering Goal \$ 950,000.00

Fiscal year-to-date Actual Offertory \$ 879,720.21

Budget vs. Actual Fiscal Year-to-date \$ (70,279.79)

Care Service 280.00

St. Louis Review 30.00

Black & Indian Mission 25.00

Catholic Relief Services 355.00

Regina Cleri 25.00

Christmas Club for Major Needs

5 to 10 Year Plan Goal for Christmas Club 2020 \$ 180,000.00

Yr to Date \$ 97,066.65

Budget vs Actual for Fiscal Year-to-date \$ (82,933.35)

Readings For The Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
[41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21;
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;
Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13;
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66
[27:11-54]

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration times at Sts. Joachim & Ann are suspended throughout the duration of the suspension of public worship -- at this time that is through April 5th. Even though Adoration is a "private devotion," we must avoid any possibility that large numbers of people would want to come to pray and all end up here at the same time.

All parishioners are welcome to come to church INDIVIDUALLY to pray and to access church via the side door with the combination lock. Call the Parish Office for the combination - 636-441-7503.

40 Days for Life Campaign

The prayerful vigil event April 5 at Planned Parenthood on Forest Park has been cancelled.



Extended School Closing

Dear School Families,
We have just received instruction that all parochial schools in the Archdiocese will remain closed and that e-learning will continue for all students through April 24th.

We ask our parents to be in regular contact with your children’s teachers for whatever you need to continue learning and faith formation at home. Teachers will be available via Fast Direct every “school day” from 8:30-930am and from 1:30-2:30pm. Please contact the school office if you have questions, 636-441-4835. We are checking our email and phone messages daily.

SHOP FOR OUR SCHOOL (SFOS) NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

I wanted to take a minute to let you know that you are still able to purchase Shop For Our Schools (SFOS) cards and certificates during this time. Whether you are simply going grocery shopping at Walmart or Dierbergs, supporting one of our local restaurants with take out or ordering from Amazon or another online vendor, please consider purchasing from J&A. Even if you buy out of our yearly requirement, please still consider purchasing as the proceeds help the school’s bottom line.

There are two ways you can order:

1. Online at www.shopwithscrip.com. If you have not ordered online before now is a great time to start. Shopping online gives you access to over 750+ vendors as well as using ScripNow (instantly print certificates) and Reload (put funds on an existing physical card). See information below on how to register. Online pay is easiest with Presto Pay.

2. Text your order to Lisa Walls at 314-517-4237. If you prefer this method see directions below.

Either choice you make will allow you to purchase physical cards and certificates and have them delivered to your front porch. I will process orders daily and make arrangements with you for a safe, convenient and quick drop off on your front porch at a prescheduled time. Either way you place your order you will need to download our order form so you can see what we carry in stock and what is special order (order forms are attached in Word and PDF). Special orders will be placed on Wednesdays and will usually be deliverable on Friday or Saturday of the same week.

ONLINE ORDERS – If you have an account set up order the same as in the past and enter your preferred phone number in the note area so I can contact you for delivery. If you want to register for the first time it is simple and can be done at www.shopwithscrip.com You will be walked through the process online and you will need to enter our school code: 166439DC844. You may also choose to set up a Presto Pa y account for instant payment from your checking account.

TEXTING YOUR ORDER – Its simple! Print out an order form; fill it in with a black or blue pen; take a picture of the front and back of your completed order form; text it to me with your name and preferred telephone number in the body of text message. Send the text with attached pictures of the order form to me at 314-517-4237.

Thank you for your time and support of our Shop For Our Schools Program! Lisa Walls, SFOS Coordinator, wallsl@stsja.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK

Especially those in our parish:

Charles Barnes	Chelsi Hauser	Charlotte Payette
James Beck	Alison Heiman	Fran Peavler
Marcy Benoist	Kurt Heist	Steve Perrone
Mara Berry	Richard Hendel	Shirley Petrosky
Regis Blutas (son)	Barb Hogan	Lisa Phillips
Bob Boland	Jan Hooker	Rose Powell
Sherry Boland	Christian Hunt	Limmie Pulliam
Barb Bradford	Saxon Hunt	Mary Ann Rains
Cheryl Breitenstein	Debbie Ilges	Bill Rogers
Maggie Brown	Marian Irwin	Mary Rone
Jacob Burnett	Betsy Judge	Dorothy Rossi
Linda Callen	Luke Kahrhoff	Mark Rudy
Christine Chapman	Tony Kavadas	Edward Ruethling
Dennis Christensen	John Kientzel	Valerie Ruethling
Lorraine Chrun	Kevin Kilcullin	Bob Ruzensky
Jeff Coleman	Pat Knickmeyer	Dan Schaefering
Shawn Criscione	Greg Kuntz	John Schelich
Dawn Davis	Edith Layton	Loretta Schleeper
Penny Denney	Jim Layton	Frank Schmersahl
James Donovan	Robert Layton	Michael Schmierbach
Diane Dorn	Barton Lehr	Mike Schulte
Helen Doyle	Ed Leith	Debbie Shaw
Tariq Eddington	Jillian Litton	Tracy Sherman
Lorie Ewing	Deacon Jack Lipin	Kelly A. Smith
Juanita Fernandez	Mary Long	Ronnie Stockmann
Chakita Fields	Mitchell Martin	Mariah Tarin
Mike Fischer	Patricia Martin	Francesca Taullo
Kit Flor	Lori Mayo	Carolyn Taylor
David Foust	Angie Merton	Nancy Tebrugge
Becky Fretz	Arnold Meyer	Angie Terry
Jan Gasper	Kristina Mitchell	Jessica Thomas
Michael Gasper	Eleanor Monolo	Kathleen Trolinger
Tim Goedeke	Gerry Moore	Matt Wanninger
Mary Gray	Dorothy Nanna	Tony Winkler
Michael Hassall	Daniel Nolan	Chris Wooldridge
Christopher Gwin	George Nugent	
Shirley Hastings	Daniel Palms	

Lord Jesus,

Hear our pleas, our Good Shepherd, and Divine Physician.

We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease.

Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable. Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless service and never by panic or fear.

Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness.

And may all you have called from this life come to worship you eternally with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners. Amen.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.

Our Sunday Visitor

Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service

As we have for nearly forty years, the Care Service stands ready to serve those in crisis in our community. With so many of our neighbors facing additional challenges because of health concerns, income loss, and more, your support today and in these weeks to come is all the more critical to ensure our work to serve those in crisis and prevent homelessness and hunger continues during, and after this emergency.

You can support our work today by making an online contribution at <https://www.jacares.org/how-to-help/>
 Donate an item on our Amazon wish list

Drop off one of our "most needed" items during regular office hours (Mon-Fri, 8:30 - 4:30) - "Most Needed" items include: hand sanitizer, hand soap, disinfecting wipes, toilet paper, gift cards for gasoline, bottled water, dry goods (boxed/bagged items like rice and potato mixes, helper meals, pancake mix, etc.)

****The current situation is very fluid** with new information available hourly. We will continue to update you with important information along with ways you can help us care for our most vulnerable neighbors. Please watch our website, emails, and Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

Protecting God's Children Workshop

The workshop to be held at Sts. Joachim and Ann on Thursday, April 23, 6:30-9pm has been cancelled. We will reschedule when we are able. Thank you!

Music Ministry Notes

With the current prohibition on public gatherings of more than 50 people, the Saint Louis Chamber Chorus Concert scheduled for Sunday, April 5th, has been cancelled.

JASSS - Senior Men & Women 55 & Older

JASSS welcomes all new members and guests

The April 21 trip to the FOX is cancelled.

The April 6 Board meeting is cancelled.

The April 28 meeting luncheon is still planned but could be cancelled if the Coronavirus is still a threat.

There will be a sign up sheet at the April 28 meeting for the May 12 to Union Station and for June 10 trip to the Space Museum at Bonne Terre, lunch at the Homestead Restaurant and a visit to the Black Madonna Shrine and Grotto. The May 12 trip cost is \$40.00 per person and the June trip cost is \$55.00 per person. Please call Pat McAllister at 636-397-5678 for more information. STSTILL A THRTREAT.

Please be advised that any of the trips scheduled maybe cancelled and we will give you plenty of notice of any trip cancellations.

Thought of the Day: We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.

~George Bernard Shaw

Evangelization Committee

The theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity are infused by God into our souls to make us capable of acting as God's children and of meriting eternal life (CCC 1813). As we approach Holy Week, let us pray for a deeper awareness of these glorious virtues that are present in us when we are in the state of grace. Be an evangelizer today by sharing your love of Christ.

Thank You 2020 Gala Sponsors!

The 2020 Gala committee would like to acknowledge this year's sponsors:

- Aurora Medical Spa
- Brent Tiemeyer – Edward Jones Advisor
- Jones Wealth Management
- PDQ Notary

Please support these businesses! They have offered to give their donations to the Athletic Association despite the cancellation of the Gala Dinner.

Tax Preparation

AARP Foundation tax preparation services have been suspended until further notice



Covid-19 Youth Ministry Update

All Youth Ministry gatherings/events have been cancelled for the foreseeable future.

We have created a new Group Me for IMPACT Discussions:

Please join the group at:

https://groupme.com/join_group/58724362/MhwPmALx

We will be using this new group for content discussions especially for Disciples and will be loading videos, bible study questions on here.

We are working at getting video conferencing up for our weekly Disciples. We will send a link and code once we have that up and working. All 8th graders and High School teens are welcome to join.

We will be putting out weekly content- video with discussion questions. This might take us a week to get going but will send this information out as soon as possible.

7th and 8th grade ROCK- we will also be sending out a video with discussion questions to email closer to the date of the actual ROCK nights. Parents please be looking for this information.