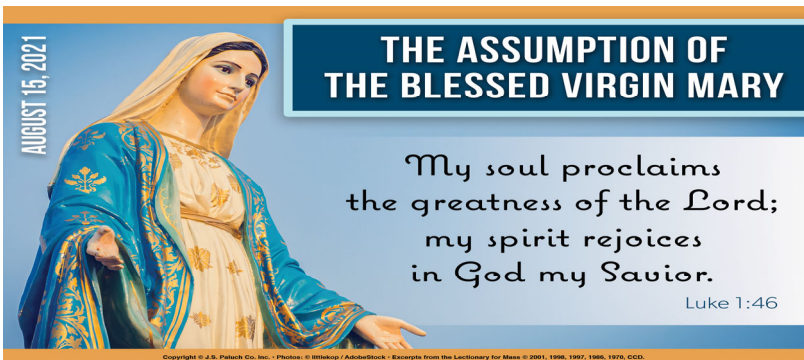


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Catholic Church**
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St. Charles, MO 63304
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Fax 636.441.6574
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Rectory Office Hours

Office Hours -Mon through Fri from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.; with a lunch hour from 12:00-12:45pm. All who come to the Parish Office who are not fully vaccinated will be required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing in respect of the well-being of our Office Staff.

Eucharistic Schedule

Eve of Sunday 5:00pm
Sundays 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Daily (Mon.-Fri.) 6:30am, 8:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00am Tuesday until 6:30pm Wednesday
6:00pm Saturday until 7:00am Sunday
All who come for adoration must bring hand sanitizer and sanitary wipes and are to wipe down the pew where you have sat or knelt before you leave. A mask must be worn at all times while inside the Church for those not fully vaccinated.

Sacrament of Penance Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45pm or by appointment. The Sacrament is to be celebrated anonymously, behind the screen only. A mask must be worn at all times while inside the Church for those not fully vaccinated.

Sacrament of Baptism The celebration of infant Baptism will be scheduled individually with each family having a child to be baptized. Parents will be expected to participate in a Baptismal Preparation session. Prep classes are held the third Monday of each month at 7 pm. Contact the Parish Office to reserve your spot.

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

Ministries and Services

Pastor	Very Rev. John A. Brockland, JCL, JV	441.7503
In Residence	Rev. James L. Gahan	441.7503
Deacon	Deacon Jack Lipin	441.7503
Deacon	Deacon Timothy Schultz	441.7503
Deacon	Deacon Bill Scarry	441.7503
Deacon	Deacon Vince Baker	441.7503
School Principal	Mrs. Sue Schutz	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	Mr. Bruce Jones	314.239.0985
Bereavement Ministry	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Potts	939.3428
Bereavement Ministry	Mrs. Pat Bennett	636.544.4600
Bl. Teresa Outreach	Rectory Office	636.441.7503
Boy Scouts	Mr. Walter Schnurr	636.851.9598
Care Service	Mrs. Pam Struckhoff	441.1302, X-230
COGS	Mrs. Helen Vernier	636.922.7573
Cub Scouts	Mr. Matt Lawrence	636.346.6367
Donut Sunday	Mr. Mark Alvey	314.795.4670
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
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	Rectory Office	441.7503
Groundskeeping Committee	Rectory Office	636.441.7503
Girl Scouts	Mrs. Anna Davis	314.540.6383
JASSS/Mrs. Norma Hitt	normahitt@icloud.com	636.970.2052
Knights of Columbus	Mr. John Wilson	636.290.1200
Ladies' Club	Mrs. Mary Simeroth	636.928.6731
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. Betty Gravlin	314.839.8190
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	Rectory Office	441.7503
School Board	Mrs. Sue Schutz	636.441.4835
Servers	Rev. James Gahan	441.7503
Social Justice in Action	Mrs. Flora Fazio	441.1302, X-350
Sunday Preschool	Mrs. Rose Wieschhaus	926.0021
St. Patrick Casseroles	Care Service	441.1302, X-269
Stitches for Life	Mrs. Molly Rudy	636.219.5854
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/Ms. Marie Owen	marie.owen930@gmail.com	314.489.7619

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE...



Save the Date!

The 40th Anniversary of the founding of Sts. Joachim & Ann Parish,
the Rededication of our newly completed Parish Church,
and the Pastoral Visit of Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski

22 August 2021

Mass at 11:30 am with outdoor reception and entertainment following.

NEXT SUNDAY!!!

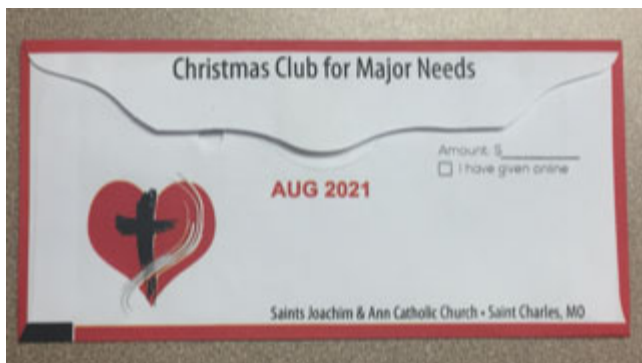
Rededication Mass on 8/22 at 11:30 am.

Help us be assured that our church will be filled to capacity for this landmark celebration!

In order to adequately prepare things prior to this celebration, there will be no 9:30 Mass next Sunday.

Ongoing good stewardship...Please don't forget about our *Christmas Club for Major Needs!!!*

As I hope you are aware, since 2007 we have accomplished a great deal and made Herculean financial strides as a parish without having need for our own capital campaign at any point in time. In case you've forgotten, here's a snapshot.



- the elimination of \$2.6million in construction debt from 2007 until February 2018.
- the replacement of the roof on the junior high building, the roof on the elementary school building, and finally also the roof on the church in the aggregate amount of \$1.5million
- the re-grading, landscaping, and completion of our parish frontage, the repaving of the entirety of our parking lots, and the replacement of the railroad tie retaining wall on the northwest corner of the rectory with a versa-lock stone wall in the aggregate amount of over \$600,000
- the increase of our parish subsidy to our parish school from \$100,000 a year to now \$490,000 a year in order to keep tuition as affordable as possible
- now, the completion of the interior of our church in the amount of \$1.4million without borrowing one cent or creating any new debt
- and, finally, reaching the point of having 4.8 months' worth of operating expenses in the bank in unrestricted parish savings

(\$965,000) ...getting closer and closer to achieving best practice standards of having at least six months' worth of operating expenses in savings.

All of this has been made possible by your support of our *Christmas Club for Major Needs* in addition to your support of the weekly Sunday Offering. It is the *Christmas Club for Major Needs* which has funded all of the debt reduction we have accomplished and all of the capital improvements and repairs we have made. That has allowed our operating budget, which is primarily funded by the Sunday Offering, to increase our support of our school and continue to make possible the wide range of Ministries and Services which comprise parish life.

Now that the church interior project is complete, please do not take this as an occasion to think that our *Christmas Club for Major Needs* is no longer necessary or no longer needs everyone's support. Much to the contrary!

As a first example, this summer the HVAC units which serve the western addition to our church have broken and need to be replaced. Their replacement will cost \$35,000. Though we still likely think of the additions to church and the parish center as "new," having been built in 2005-2006 they are now approaching 16 years old. All of the HVAC for those structures is likewise that old. The same applies, too, to all of the rooftop HVAC units on our junior high and elementary school. They were all added and installed during that same construction project and are nearing the end of their life expectancy. The anticipated cost of eventually replacement them all will exceed \$250,000. It will only be our continued, steady, little by little, ongoing support of the *Christmas Club for Major Needs* that will make it possible for us to continue to accomplish great things and to cover great costs without ever needing to conduct a capital campaign which would entail a one-time huge sacrificial ask. As you know, I believe that a little bit at a time is a much more feasible avenue of approach to saving and covering costs.

The goal for the *Christmas Club for Major Needs* remains the same. In the ideal it is an average \$50/month or \$600/year from every household in addition to your Sunday Offering. Some people take care of this at tax return time. Some do it when they get an annual bonus at work. Some do it month by month or even week by week so that they don't end up spending the money on something else. Whatever works for you, works for us. The biggest thing is that we are *each* doing what we can so that the responsibility is one shared by us all.

If you haven't been supportive of the Christmas Club for Major Needs lately, I respectfully ask that you give your support of it your renewed prayerful consideration and that you be as generously supportive as you are able.

Thanks a million for all you do to make parish life possible. Remember our Stewardship Prayer: *My parish is comprised of people like me. I help make it what it is...So I commit myself to being all things that I want my parish to be!*

...Blessings to you and your family for a great week!

† Mass Schedule

Monday, August 16, Weekday

6:30am Rev. Donald Molitor
8:00am William & Ann Juelich

Tuesday, August 17, Weekday

6:30am Communion Service *Laverne Schneider to 12/29/21
8:00am George & Norma Kerbel

Wednesday, August 18, Weekday

6:30am Communion Service *Jill Harnetz to 10/5/21
8:00am Susan Watson

Thursday, August 19, Weekday

6:30am Communion Service * Glenn Wilcox to 12/16/21
8:00am Madeline Gravatt

Friday, August 20, St. Bernard

6:30am Laurie Breneman
8:00am Communion Service *Souls in Purgatory to 12/14/21 6:30

Sat./Sun., August 21/22, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Dorothy Stone
7:30am People of the Parish
9:30am **No 9:30 Mass this weekend**
11:30am Wilma Tappel Rededication Mass

Readings for The Week

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44;
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10;
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5;
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21;
Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

The Week Ahead

Mon., Aug 16 Quilters 7-9pm St. John Bosco Room
PSR Catechist meeting 6:30pm Cafeteria
Tues., Aug 17 Quilters 9am-2pm St. John Bosco Room
First day of School-Noon dismissal
Men's CRHP 6:30pm Church Meeting Room
Wed., Aug 18 IMPACT Youth Ministry 6:30pm at SEAS
Thurs., Aug 19 COGs 11:30am Upper Ministry Bldg
Sat., Aug 21 Men's Bible Study 7-9am Ministry Bldg
Sun., Aug 22 40th Anniversary & Rededication of our newly completed Parish Church at 11:30am Mass followed by an outdoor reception

Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service

Our Mission: *Serve Those in Crisis and to Prevent Homelessness and Hunger.*

The current Food Pantry hours are Tuesdays 10am - 12pm and Thursdays 4:30pm - 6:30pm. Call 636-441-1302 if you are in need of food and are not a currently registered Food Pantry client. This will allow us to assist you quickly and have the correct amount of food ready for distribution.

August 21/22, 2021 LECTORS

5:00pm Bob Shive, Cindy Wilson
7:30am Dottie Morelli, Barb Russo
9:30am No 9:30am Mass this weekend
11:30am Pat Maher, Jim Rau

Stewardship of Our Treasure

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

Sunday, 8 August 2021

Envelopes	\$	8,721.00
Online giving	\$	21,060.00
Loose	\$	70.00
Youth	\$	2.00

\$ 29,853.80

Budget vs Actual for this Sunday

\$ 4,853.00

Fiscal Year-to-date Sunday Offering Goal

\$ 150,000.00

Fiscal year-to-date Actual Offertory

\$ 136,995.80

Budget vs. Actual Fiscal Year-to-date

\$ (13,004.20)

Care Service	828.00
Mission Co-op	85.00
Assumption	135.00
Catholic University	0.00

Annual Catholic Appeal

112,600.00

Christmas Club for Major Needs

5 to 10 Year Plan Goal for Christmas Club 2022	\$ 180,000.00
Yr to Date	\$ 18,073.85
Budget vs Actual for Fiscal Year-to-date	\$ (161,926.15)



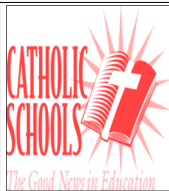
Online Giving

Join the over 400 families/individuals already participating—you'll be glad you did!

Benefits of Online Giving:

- Convenient anytime, anywhere access through the internet
- Secure and confidential
- Flexible—stop, start, change your contributions anytime
- Simple—enter your info, amount and frequency
- No more writing checks and searching for your envelopes
- No additional charge to you for using your credit card

To create an online giving account, log into the Parish Website at www.stsj.org. Click the Online Giving Logo on the homepage, click "Create New Account". Complete the form that appears. Fields marked with an asterisk are required fields. Call Kathy or Tammy @ 636.441.7503 with any questions. Thank you for setting up Online Giving!



Sts. Joachim & Ann School

A new school year is just around the corner and we have a few important dates for you to add to your calendar.

Important Dates:

Sunday, August 15th- Packet Pickup in the cafeteria 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m.

Tuesday, August 17th – First Day (7:45am-12:00p.m.) with noon dismissal

Wednesday, August 18th – Begin regular schedule for Grades JK-8 (7:45a.m.-3:00p.m.)

Monday, August 23rd – School Board Meeting; 7:00p.m.

Wednesday, August 25 – Picture Day

Thursday, August 26 – JK-8 Back to School Night for parents: 6:30PM

School Uniform:

Before you go shopping for uniform clothing, please be sure to review the uniform section of the Family Handbook which is posted on our Parish website (www.stsja.org) and on the Links tab in Fast Direct.

Thank You: Thanks to the parish facilities committee and our maintenance crew, who have helped brighten up our buildings and classrooms throughout the summer.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Parish School of Religion

Upcoming Events:

8/16 - PSR Catechist Meeting 6:30-9pm in Adult Ed Room

8/22 - Help us celebrate Sts Joachim and Ann's 40th anniversary and re-dedication of our church with Archbishop Rozanski at the 11:30am Mass followed by an outdoor reception.

8/24 - New PSR Family Orientation, 6:30pm in the Adult Ed Room

8/28 - Faith Alive for Toddlers 9am in the cafeteria, registration required

8/29 - Family Catechesis 10:45-12noon

8/30 - PSR Family Prayer Service 6:15pm



Parish School of Religion

J & A Quilters

The Quilting group meets on Monday evenings from 7-9pm and Tuesday mornings from 9am-2pm in the St. John Bosco (Youth Ministry) Room. For more info, call Marilyn at 573-826-8543.



Scripture and the Rosary

Beginning September 4th, the Saturday morning men's Scripture and Prayer group will be starting a 30+ week reflection of Sacred Scripture as it relates to the Holy Rosary. All men of the parish are encouraged to join us each week, as you are able, to participate with us as we break open the Word of God and pray with each other. We are currently meeting in the upper room of the Ministries Building every Saturday at 7:30 am. For more information contact Phillip Uro at uropj@yahoo.com or call 314-614-4901.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK

Especially those in our parish:

Charles Barnes	Richard Hendel	Rose Powell
James Beck	Jan Hooker	Limmie Pulliam
Marcy Benoist	Christian Hunt	Mary Ann Rains
Mara Berry	Saxon Hunt	Bill Rogers
Regis Blutas (son)	Jenni Jonas	Mary Rone
Barb Bradford	Betsy Judge	Mark Rudy
Jacob Burnett	Luke Kahrhoff	Edward Ruethling
Linda Callen	Tony Kavadas	Valerie Ruethling
Christine Chapman	John Kientzel	Bob Ruzensky
Dennis Christensen	Kevin Kilcullin	Deacon Bill Scarry
Jeff Coleman	Pat Knickmeyer	Dan Schaefering
Sue Cornejo	Edith Layton	John Schelich
Shawn Criscione	Jim Layton	Loretta Schleeper
Dawn Davis	Robert Layton	Frank Schmersahl
Penny Denney	Barton Lehr	Michael Schmierbach
Jack Dickens	Ed Leith	Jacqueline Foust- Schuk
John Dobbins	Betty Lickenbrock	Mike Schulte
Virginia Dobbins	Jillian Litton	Debbie Shaw
James Donovan	Deacon Jack Lipin	Tracy Sherman
Diane Dorn	Mitchell Martin	Jim Siebenmorgen
Helen Doyle	Patricia Martin	Kelly A. Smith
Tariq Eddington	Lori Mayo	Ronnie Stockmann
Lorie Ewing	Angie Merton	Rose Stotko
Chakita Fields	Arnold Meyer	Mariah Tarin
Mike Fischer	Debbie Meyer	Francesca Taullo
Kit Flor	Kristina Mitchell	Carolyn Taylor
Becky Fretz	Eleanor Monolo	Nancy Tebrugge
Jan Gasper	Dorothy Nanna	Angie Terry
Michael Gasper	Daniel Nolan	Jessica Thomas
Tim Goedeke	George Nugent	Rick Tilton
Mary Gray	Jude O'Daniel	Jason Tribout
Christopher Gwin	Daniel Palms	Kathleen Trolinger
Bob & Lucy Hall	Charlotte Payette	Tony Winkler
Michael Hassall	Fran Peavler	Chris Wooldridge
Shirley Hastings	Shirley Petrosky	
Chelsi Hauser	Lisa Phillips	
Kurt Heist	Mary Lou Pope	

Safe Environment Requirements

Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are **required to register in the system.** In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, employees and volunteers will:

- Register for an updated background screening.
- View two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct.
- Agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct.

Please go to preventandprotectstl.org. Click on Register. Enter Passcode/Organization Code: **stlprotect**. Select Parish or Parish School for Location Category, scroll down to the bottom of the Parish/Location drop down menu and select Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish and School. Enter your personal information.

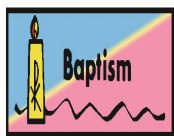
There will be in person Protecting God's Children Workshops at St. Joseph Parish in Cottleville on 9/8/21 and 10/6/21.

Registration is required.

Visit www.preventandprotectstl.org/s/stlouis/pgc.htm to register. Please contact Dana in the rectory with any questions – pucketttd@stsja.org

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15, 2021



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On Saturday, August 7 2021,
Charlotte Marie Johnson
received the Sacrament of Baptism.

We congratulate her family and welcome
her into our family of Faith.

I) There is a promise of Marriage between
Jordan Henderson and Elyssa Cappaert on
Friday, September 3, 2021



Parish School of Religion 2021-2022 REGISTRATION

A late fee of \$25 will be added to registrations received
after July 31, 2021.

An online PSR Registration form is available at
stsja.org/psr.

PSR classes are offered in grades Kindergarten through 8th
grade for children who attend a public school or who are
homeschooled. Classes meet from the end of August through
the beginning of May. Classes are offered during the
following times:

- Weekly Monday night classes from 6:15-7:30pm for
Kindergarten - 8th grade
- Weekly Online classes are only offered for children with
health issues and may be at the same time as PSR Monday
classes.
- Weekly Sunday evening 8th grade class - 6-7:15pm
- Monthly Family Catechesis - Sunday 10:45am-12noon

PSR Tuition Information

1 child - \$30 reg fee + \$195 = \$225

2 children \$30 reg fee + \$275 = \$305

3 or more \$30 reg fee + \$340 = \$370

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PSR

Families needing financial assistance for PSR tuition can
complete the financial assistance form online at stsja.org/psr. No child will be turned away from PSR because
of financial hardship.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 AT 7PM

A meeting for parents of 2nd graders preparing for their First
Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday, September 7 at 7PM in
the Church. This meeting is for parents only and is necessary
if you plan for your child to receive the sacrament this year. If
you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Rose
Wieschhaus at 636-926-0021 or wieschhausr@stsja.org.

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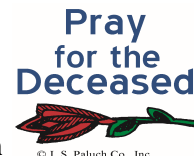
At our Board Meeting on Aug 2, plans were
made for our next General Meeting on Aug 24
at noon. We will have pizza, salad & dessert
for lunch at the usual cost of \$5. Our
entertainment will be BINGO! It was decided
that we will collect \$5 dues for the remainder
of 2021; then the normal Annual Dues of \$15 will be due in
Jan. 2022. Looking forward to seeing everyone back at the
Care Service again. We welcome your input for future
meetings!

~Norma Hitt, President



We are asked to pray for those who have died:

- Ron Grahn, husband of Mary Ann
Grahn, father & father-in-law of Mandy
& Brian Emberton, grandfather of Alex,
Lindsey, Olivia & Tucker Emberton
- Marian Irwin, mother of Julia Roberson
- Dennis Faulkenberry, brother-in-law
of Joyce Ternetz



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Sunday Morning Pre-School Teacher/ Coordinator Needed

Our Sunday morning Pre-School Program is in need of a
Coordinator/Teacher for our 3, 4, and 5 year olds this
fall. The class is held during the 9:30am Mass each Sunday
during the school year. If you have experience working with
young children and would like to be considered for this
position, please contact Rose Wieschhaus
at wieschhausr@stsja.org or
636-926-0021. All adults must be in compliance with the
Safe Environment program.

PICNIC NEWS!!!

Our parish picnic is only a little over a
month away and we need lots of adult and
teen volunteers to help make it a
success! All parishioners are asked to
help in some way, whether it is to
volunteer your time at a booth, make a
dessert, help in the kitchen, donate to the silent auction or
purchase and sell raffle tickets. Here is the link to sign up to
help the weekend of Sept. 17 & 18: [https://
www.signupgenius.com/go/picnic-security](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/picnic-security)



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The picnic is need of donations for the Wheelbarrow of
Booze give-a-way. They are also in need of gift cards,
complete baskets, and new unopened donations for the
Silent Auction.

Donations will be accepted at the Parish Office until
September 10th. Your generosity is appreciated!

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based
religious formation program for children, and we are pleased to
now offer it at Sts. Joachim and Ann. Our program is being
made available to children ages 3-9. It offers a hands-on space
for children called an "atrium", in which both the children and
catechists can hear and work with the most essential mysteries
of our faith as revealed in the Scriptures and Liturgy.
Registration began August 1 and will be on a first-come first-
serve basis. Our first sessions will begin September 12. We can
accommodate up to twenty children aged 3-6 ("Level I") and up
to twenty children aged 6-9 ("Level II"). Level I children will be
meeting from 9:25-10:45 Sunday mornings 2-3x/month
(depending upon enrollment). Level II children will be meeting
from 4:30-6:30 on Thursdays, 2-4x/ month (depending on
enrollment). To learn more about CGS, visit You Tube "3
Minute CGS Video - We Long for Joy" or the website at
cgsusa.org. To register please follow this link: [https://
forms.gle/qNpmjHm3K8rLNfmw5](https://forms.gle/qNpmjHm3K8rLNfmw5) or contact Sue Velders
@314-691-5048 for more information.

New Email Address for Bulletin Submissions

Please send all bulletin submission requests to bulletin@stsja.org

Information must be received on **Tuesday by NOON.**
Thank you!

Sacramental Preparation

Children who will be entering 2nd grade in the fall need to have completed a year of religious instruction in the 1st grade through PSR, day school or home schooling in order to be placed in the sacramental class to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Children presently in the 1st grade who have not been in any formal religious education program will need to complete a religious textbook by the end of August or they will be placed in the 1st grade class in the fall. Incoming 8th grade students who have missed a year or more of religious instruction will need to meet with me to determine if they are ready to be placed in the class for Confirmation instruction or placed in an RCIC class. Please contact Rose Wieschhaus at wieschhausr@stsja.org or 636-926-0021.



MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

Return of Children's Choir!

Here is some early information regarding the return of Children's Choir this fall! The choir is open to any J&A child presently in 3rd to 8th grade, whether at J&A, or any public or home school. Barring any COVID etc. concerns, the J&A Children's Choir will

be back in action, beginning Aug. 26 and Sept. 2 with informational meetings and rehearsals. One parent/guardian must arrive with your child one of these two dates to take care of necessary paperwork. That paperwork and the fall schedule is online at: <https://stsja.org/childrens-choir> - Please note, those who have done the choir previously, that this fall at least we will try singing at the 11:30 mass on certain Sundays.

Upcoming Concerts!

Save the dates for two upcoming concerts this fall! August 31 at 7pm in the church, Cathedral Chamber Concerts returns presenting a string quartet from the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, and on October 12, Tom Keesecker will present a program of piano arrangements of beloved hymns, along with storytelling and prayer. Both are open to the public and free! More concerts will be scheduled soon too, including an organ dedication recital and much more. Stay tuned!

St. Ann's Ladies Club News

All Ladies 21+ have us add your email to our email distribution list. Let's keep connected! Learn more of what is going on in our St. Ann's Ladies Club. Those who are on our email list, Mary would also like to know you are receiving them. Contact Mary: 636-928-6731, mesimeroth@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed for the 40th Anniversary & Rededication Party

We need your help to make our parish celebration a success on August 22nd. Please consider signing up for a 1.5 or 2 hour shift to help with food or set up/tear down on Sign Up Genius by taking a pic of QR code with your smartphone. For questions please reach out to Sheila DeLong at 314-640-4348 or Lisa Turnbull at 636-634-7681.



Clever Old Gals Widows' Support Group (COGS)

The widow support group, Clever Old Gals, was formed to assist women who have experienced the death of their spouse. We can gain energy and purpose from others in similar circumstances. Our next meeting will be for barbecue lunch at **J&A ministry building upper room on August 19 at 11:30am**. For more info call Helen at 636-922-7573.

Welcome!

A special opportunity for the women of our parish!

Does your life feel overwhelming? Do you sometimes feel like you are facing the craziness alone? *Welcome* will change that. *Welcome* is an incredible experience that will help you make sense of life, help you develop lasting friendships with other women in the parish, and fill you with newfound energy and purpose. It is held right here at Sts. Joachim & Ann Parish and it is entirely FREE.

Saturday, Sept. 25 – Sunday, Sept. 26

8 AM Saturday – 4 PM Sunday

Sts. Joachim & Ann Parish | 4112 McClay Road | St. Peters, MO

Space is limited! The deadline for registering is Monday, August 30, 2021.

If you are interested in receiving additional information, or would like to sign up, please contact Gina Wheeler at g.wheeler723@gmail.com or 314-494-3253 or Carolyn White at cwhite@irtc.net or 217-371-0879. Blessings, Sts. Joachim & Ann Women's Welcome Team

Adult Bible Study

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

An 8 week adult bible study - Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will begin, Thursday, September 9 from 7-9pm in the Church meeting room. Study guides are \$27 each. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pat Bennett at 636-544-4600 or pattiben061344@yahoo.com.

Faith Alive Program for Toddlers

We are excited to begin a new monthly program for parents and **children ages 15 months – 3 years**.

These free sessions would consist of music, a bible story and craft and give parents support and guidance for fostering the spiritual growth of their children. **The first group session will begin on Saturday, August 28 at 9am. If you are interested, please use this link to register: <https://forms.gle/dV7REYB6Spqapzis5>.** Space will be limited, so parents will need to register. Once registered, you will receive an email with details about what to bring. If you have questions about the program please contact Rose Wieschhaus at wieschhausr@stsja.org or 636-926-0021.