

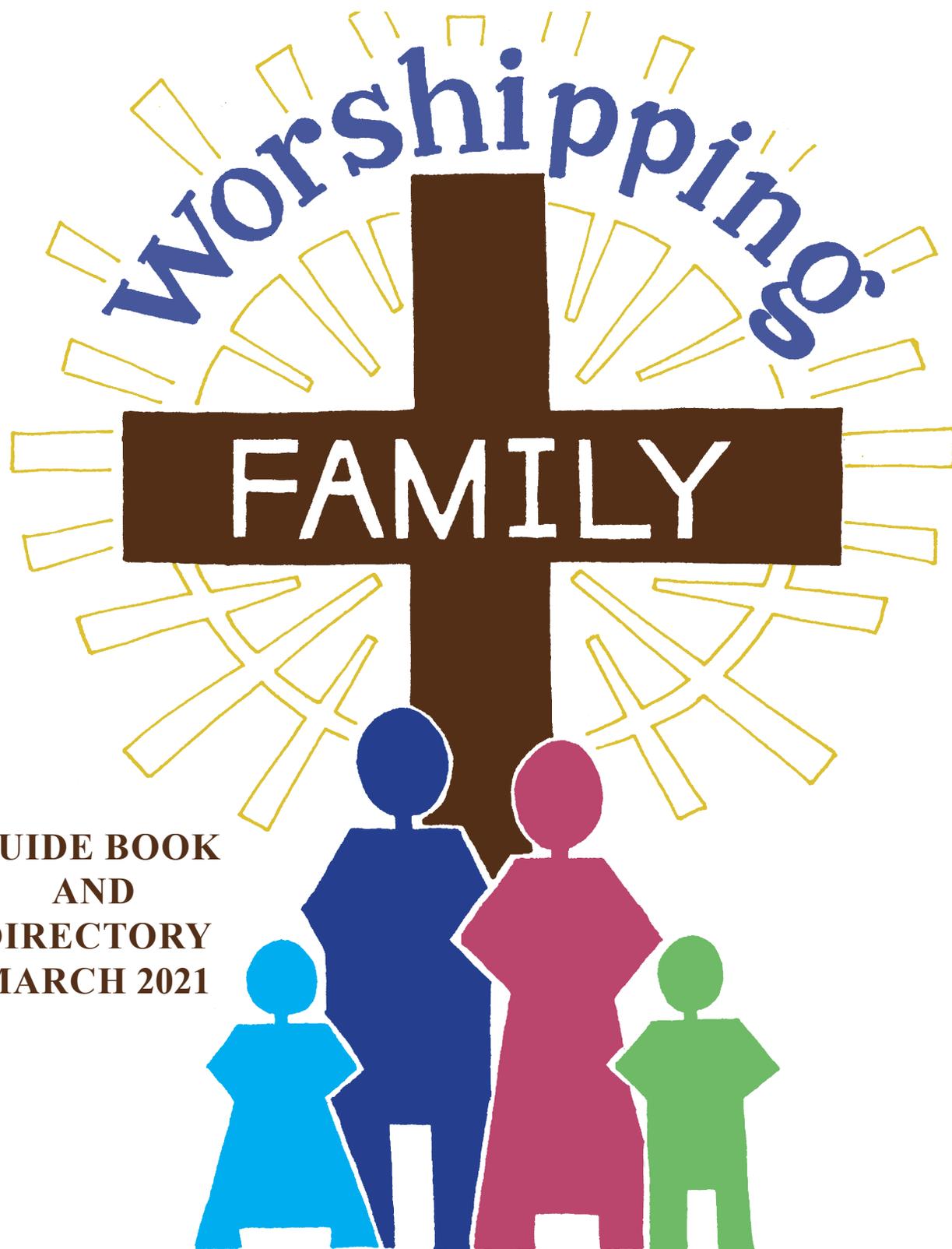
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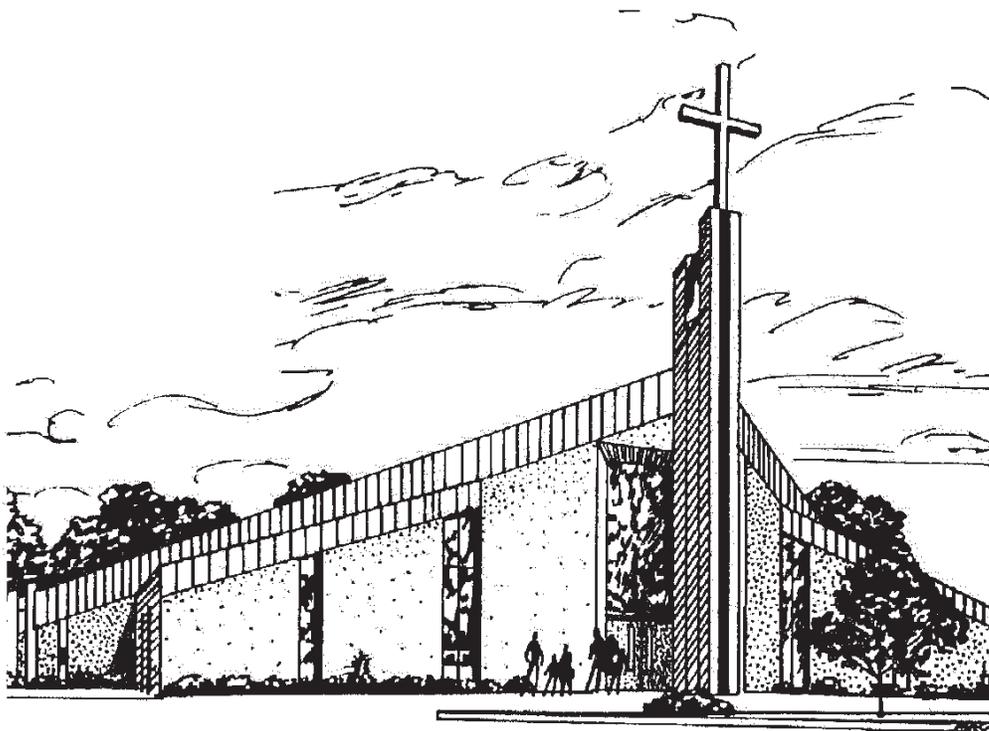
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**GUIDE BOOK
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish family of Sts. Joachim and Ann, a worshipping community, have as our foundation the teachings of Jesus Christ. Through spiritual and educational growth, we find it our joy and responsibility to call forth and share our gifts. We compassionately support the Ministries which build up our community and the Kingdom of God.



Saints Joachim & Ann Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

It is our hope that you will find this parish Guide Book and Directory to be a helpful source of information for making contact with your fellow parishioners and for discerning how you may be called to participate in the life of our Parish through our many Ministries & Services.

Each of the *Parish's Ministries & Services* is listed in the forward portion of this *Guide Book and Directory*. There is a brief description of the nature of each group's activities and contact information should you be interested in contributing your time and talent to Parish life in that way. We sincerely hope that you will!

In the latter half of the *Guide Book and Directory* you will find listed the names, addresses, and phone numbers of all of our registered Parishioners except those who have specifically asked that their personal information not be published. If you or someone you know is not listed and has not asked for your information to remain unpublished, please accept our sincere apology and please contact the Parish Office so that we can make necessary corrections for next year's edition. Likewise, please accept our sincere apology and let us know if there are any errors in your information.

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Blessings to you and your families and may God bless our Parish in 2021 as we continue to do what He has called us to do for the sake of the Gospel!

Sincerely,

Very Rev. John A. Brockland, JCL, JV
Pastor

History of Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish

We are the third youngest parish in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Our Parish was established by Archbishop John L. May in June of 1981. Father Robert Leibrecht was appointed the founding Pastor. He began building the new parish community with some 800 families, mostly from the parishes of St. Joseph in Cottleville and All Saints in Saint Peters. Approximately 100 of the founding families came from St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. The new Parish's first meeting was held at the Fairmount School cafeteria on 20 July 1981 and was attended by over 500 people. At that meeting the new parishioners voiced their determination to have a permanent church in which to worship, a school, and a good-sized parish hall in which to assemble for fellowship.

After learning that they were to choose the Patron Saint(s) for the new parish, the founding parishioners made various suggestions. Saints Joachim and Ann, the parents of Mary, were chosen by an overwhelming majority vote at the Parish's first Celebration of Eucharist on July 26, 1981. Unknown to those voting parishioners at the time was the fact that July 26th, the day on which they had made the decision, is the Memorial of Sts. Joachim and Ann on the Church's liturgical calendar!

At the outset, parishioners gathered for worship in the cafeteria of Fairmount School. Founding parishioners still fondly remember the days of "St. Fairmount!" A Parish School of Religion (PSR) program was quickly established for the religious education of children and those classes were also held at Fairmount School on Sunday mornings. The Parish's parochial school children continued to attend neighboring parochial schools.

A Parish Pastoral Council was established very soon after the first celebration of Sunday Eucharist. The former parishioners of St. Joseph and of All Saints each elected five members to the new Parish Pastoral Council. The former St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners each elected one member. Thus, the new Parish Pastoral Council began its efforts with a total of twelve members. The St. Joachim Men's Club, the St. Ann Ladies' Club, and the Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service were established before the end of 1981. The temporary parish office and rectory were located in the basement of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish rectory for the first year and a half. We owe Father Clyde McClain and the people of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish a huge debt of gratitude for putting up with us for that length of time.

Sts. Joachim and Ann Rectory was completed in December of 1982. In September 1983, a 13-room school building and cafeteria were completed. Sts. Joachim and Ann School opened with an enrollment of 350 students. The following June, construction was completed on our Church and we gladly moved our Sunday worship from Fairmount School to our own spiritual home. We owe a profound debt of gratitude to the Francis Howell School District and to the staff of Fairmount School who went out of their way to accommodate us for those first three years. In 1986, a first school addition of five classrooms and a faculty lounge was completed. As the St. Charles area was blossoming with new population, so the enrollment at Sts. Joachim and Ann School increased rapidly. This made necessary a second addition to the school - consisting of eight classrooms, and adult education room, and a youth office - which was completed in 1989.

This addition is a freestanding building and was designed so that it could be converted into a gym should the school enrollment eventually decrease. Shortly thereafter, our Athletic Association built our concession stand. With the help of many local laborers, the Care Service, too, eventually built their own building out of which they continued to grow their ministries of service to the needy in our area.

Over the course of the past eight years, we completed construction on a new freestanding Parish Center — including a gymnasium with theatrical stage, a full-service kitchen, a meeting room and a youth ministry office. We also undertook an expansion to our Church, increasing seating capacity to 900 and providing our community a beautiful and welcoming gathering space for our coming and going from worship. We look forward at some point, once the current construction debt has been eliminated, to the privilege of completing the interior of our Church in such a way that it will be the most artistically noble house of prayer we can provide for the honor and glory of our God.

Any telling of the history of Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish would be gravely lacking if it did not afford a special word of note to the Care Service. From the first day of the Parish's existence, Fr. Bob Leibrecht and his new parishioners made a commitment to see to it that Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish would provide for those in need in our area. They set out to raise \$5000 as start-up funding to get the new Parish off the ground. Indicative of this commitment to the needy, 10% of those start-up funds were put into a shoebox to serve those in need. With that shoebox and its contents in hand, parishioners began their outreach to the needy in the garages and kitchens of five parish families. Twenty-six years later, the history of the growth of the Care Service is truly a miracle story. Indeed, the Care Service continues to grow. Its ministries and services have multiplied exponentially and its outreach now serves three counties: St. Charles, Lincoln, and Warren. The Care Service is currently located in the former Methodist Church of the Shepherd campus directly south of our parish. It is the first Tri-County Outreach Center of its kind in the State of Missouri.

Through it all, the building of buildings has not been the real accomplishment! The real accomplishment has been in the building and growth of faith at Sts. Joachim and Ann — faith which finds vibrant expression in worship and faith which takes shape in a spectrum of Ministries & Services which we strive to continue to expand for the sake of the Gospel and for the service of God's people.

Parish Staff and Directory

Parish Office and Rectory	636-441-7503
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Parish Web Site	www.stsja.org
Very Reverend John A. Brockland, JCL, JV	Pastor
Reverend James L. Gahan	In Residence
Deacon Jack Lipin	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Timothy Schultz	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Vince Baker	Permanent Deacon
Deacon William Scarry	Permanent Deacon
Parish Office and Rectory	
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JoAnne Van Acker	Office Assistant
Sts. Joachim and Ann School 636-441-4835 or 636-447-2805	
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Rose Wieschhaus	DRE for Children's Programs
Dana Puckett	Office Assistant
Parish School of Religion (PSR)	
Rose Wieschhaus	Principal
Dana Puckett	Office Assistant
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Orin Johnson	Director of Music
IMPACT Youth Ministry	
Wayne Burbach	314-398-0861
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Facilities	
Mr. Tim Goedeke	Maintenance

Worship and Sacramental Life

The Eucharist

Observance of Sunday - As God's Commandments direct us to *keep holy the Lord's Day*, we gather to Celebrate Eucharist each weekend in observance of Sunday. On Saturdays, the Eve of Sunday, Eucharist is celebrated at 5:00pm. On Sundays, Eucharist is celebrated at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am.

Weekdays - We also celebrate Eucharist daily, Monday through Friday, at 6:30 and 8:00am.

We encourage anyone who may feel called and who has an interest in participating actively in a Liturgical Ministry as a choir member, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Minister of Hospitality or Usher, Altar Server, Sacristan, or Altar Society member to please contact the coordinator listed for that particular Ministry in the *Liturgical Ministries* section of this *Guide Book*.

The Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Penance is regularly celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 4:00 until 4:45pm. The Sacrament can also be celebrated at any time by appointment with one of the Parish Priests. Communal celebrations of the Rite of Penance with individual confession are scheduled during the seasons of Advent and Lent and at other times throughout the year. Consult the Sunday bulletin for specific information.

Sacramental Initiation for Children

Infant Baptism

By God's grace, in the Sacrament of Baptism the Blessed Trinity takes up life in the soul. The Catholic faith tradition has long had the practice of admitting infants to the Sacrament of Baptism so that God's gift of His own Divine Life and the power of His Spirit may be at work in them at the earliest age.

The faith and the guiding influence of parents becomes crucial in assuring that the Divine Life which God gives a child in Baptism is kept safe and nourished. It is primarily through the faith and commitment of parents that the Church finds assurance that what God begins in a child through Baptism will be nurtured to fulfillment through religious education and worship as the child grows and matures.

Therefore, it is expected that parents of children to be baptized are actively practicing their Christian faith, are participating regularly with the community in Sunday worship, have established a formal relationship with the Parish through registration, and share in our collective responsibility for supporting Parish ministry through generous stewardship.

A Baptismal Preparation Session is provided on the third Monday evening of each month for parents of children to be baptized. Parents should register for participation in this session in advance by contacting the Parish Office. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated regularly on the first Sunday afternoon of each month. Specific dates for Baptism are scheduled during the *Baptismal Preparation Session*.

The Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance

Children enrolled in our full-time School and PSR are generally admitted to Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance during the 2nd grade. Contact the Director of Religious Education for Children's Programs for specific information.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Our youth generally complete their initiation into the Catholic faith in the Sacrament of Confirmation during their 8th grade year in both the full-time School and the Parish School of Religion (PSR). Contact the Director of Religious Education for Children's Programs for specific information.

Sacramental Initiation for Adults

Adults seeking to be baptized, those seeking to convert to the Catholic faith from other faith traditions, as well as those who have already been baptized in the Catholic faith but who, for whatever reason, have not had opportunity to receive Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*. Please contact one of the Parish Priests for specific information.

The Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament is not only for those who are in danger of death. The Sacrament of God's Gift of Healing is provided for all who are seriously ill, all who are preparing for surgery or a medical procedure which involves substantial risk, as well as those who suffer the debilitating effects of advanced age. Please contact one of the Parish Priests to arrange for the celebration of this Sacrament. Communal celebrations of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick are scheduled periodically throughout the year. Consult the Sunday bulletin for specific details.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

In the Catholic tradition, marriage is not a private matter or simply a legal contract with the State. In the context of faith in the Catholic tradition, exchanging marital consent involves a publicly professed vow to God to take upon oneself in the midst of the Church the responsibilities of a married person for the wellbeing of the Christian Community — the responsibility of living the conjugal life in fidelity and permanence as a mirror of Christ’s love for us, His People; the responsibility of sharing a partnership of the whole of life for each other’s mutual up-building; and the responsibility of accepting children lovingly from God and forming them according to the Gospel. For this reason, so that there is integrity about what is being celebrated on a couple’s wedding day, at least one person of each couple who seek to exchange marital consent in the Catholic Church must be a fully-initiated and practicing Catholic. The proper place for celebration of Marriage is the Parish church of either the bride or the groom.

Because the responsibilities of Christian Marriage are so weighty and the expectations so lofty, the Church provides a substantial experience of Marriage Preparation for couples who are recently engaged. Those who desire to exchange marital consent at Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish are asked to contact one of the Parish Priests or Deacons at least 6 months in advance of any intended wedding date. Definitive plans for any wedding date cannot be assured until the couple has met with the Priest and the process of marriage preparation is underway.

Administrative Ministries

The Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council assists the Pastor in the responsibility of providing pastoral care to the people of our Parish so that the Gospel may be brought forth and a truly Catholic Christian Community may be built. In this Council, which is presided over by the Pastor, Christ’s faithful, together with those who by virtue of their office are engaged in assisting with pastoral care in the Parish, give their help in fostering pastoral activity.

The Council

- is a consultative body to the Pastor;
- assists in formulating a vision and plan for the future direction of Parish life;
- serves as a channel of communication for the Pastor, parishioners and Parish staff;
- assists the Pastor in providing leadership and direction in pursuit of the goals of the Parish’s mission;
- fosters cooperative interaction among the many *Parish Ministries & Services*;
- assists the Pastor in an ongoing assessment of the spiritual and temporal needs of the individuals, families, and
- organizations that comprise our community; provides counsel to the Pastor in setting priorities and developing and
- implementing programs aimed at meeting those needs.

In the vast expanse of human life and Parish life there are a multitude of places, persons, and experiences which will only be touched by the Gospel if it is carried there by the Lay Faithful. Especially with regard to these aspects of life, the Pastor must depend on the Parish Pastoral Council for its wisdom and its ministerial assistance, for they best can identify and articulate needs in this regard and they best will have insight into what means of approach will be most effective for ministry. The Council sometimes functions, therefore, as a “think tank,” an extra set of eyes, ears, and hands to keep a thumb on the pulse of the community and brainstorm, discern, and respond to the needs of the Parish. It is a liaison between the Parish community and our pastoral leadership. The Parish Pastoral Council can identify ministry needs and recommend solutions, but does not allocate financial resources to accommodate specific needs. The Pastor bears accountability for Parish financial management with the consultative assistance of the Parish Finance Council.

The Parish Pastoral Council is grateful for and humbled by the opportunity to serve you. We are humbly aware of the enormous opportunity and responsibility we have to serve the needs of our Parish.

2021 Pastoral Council Members are Sheila DeLong, Brian Kelly, Travis McClintock, CW McCreary, Ken Poston, Sue Roederer, Paula Schwartz, Lisa Turnbull, and four new members to be selected prior to the April meeting.

The Parish Finance Council

According to the norms of Canon Law, the Parish Finance Council assists and advises the Pastor, who alone acts in the person of Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish in accordance with the law for all juridical and financial matters. The Council is comprised of members of Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish and are appointed by the Pastor in a way that adequately reflects the diversity of the Parish population. The Parish Finance Council meets quarterly. Its function is to assist the Pastor in the following:

- reviewing Parish income and expense statements and annual reports;
- assuring that archdiocesan policies regarding fiscal and accounting procedures are being followed;
- communicating an annual financial report to all parishioners concerning the material well-being of the Parish;
- monitoring parish contribution trends;
- eliciting contributions sufficient for the ongoing well-being of the Parish;
- formulating and implementing plans for the long-term financial stability of the Parish;
- monitoring the ongoing viability of parish services and ministries;
- overseeing the ongoing care and maintenance of all Parish facilities.

MEMBERS 2021: Joyce Deluvia, Jan DiFatta (President), Don Hart, Jack House, Kathy Mueller (ex officio), Sandy Beck, Mike Pulliam

FACILITIES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE - serves primarily as an advisory subcommittee of the Parish Finance Council concerning the maintenance, repair, and ongoing improvement or enhancement of the Parish campus. Membership is voluntary and is open to parishioners with backgrounds in construction and maintenance. Committee is responsible for formulating a special schedule of capital maintenance projects for the wellbeing of all Parish buildings and property. Contact: Del Zerjav, 441-4461.



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MONEY COUNTERS - are parishioners, organized in rotating teams, who volunteer to count the Sunday offering each week, prepare the bank deposit, and develop a summary report for the Parish bookkeeper. Contact: Mary Ann Grahn, 441-3362.

STEWARDSHIP - At Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish, our principal source of sustenance is the weekly Sunday offering of our Parishioners. We use the Christian principles of Stewardship, giving to God the first-fruits of our labors, as a sign of our gratitude for His goodness to us. Our emphasis in this Stewardship is thoroughgoing. We support the *Ministries & Services* of our Parish with gifts of *Time, Talent, and Treasure*. Envelopes for use in making the Sunday offering are mailed to parishioners every other month. There is also the option of providing material support of the parish through online giving. Information is available from the Parish Office. We also have undertaken an important annual endeavor to accelerate the reduction of our remaining Parish construction debt of \$1.13 million, to fund the replacements of original roofs, and to begin saving for the eventual completion of the interior of the Church. This endeavor is called the *Christmas Club for Major Needs*. Every family in the Parish is asked to set aside an additional sum of money per month in savings for the Parish over and above the Sunday offering. This can be given monthly or at year's end in a lump sum at Christmas. Widespread participation in this endeavor is necessary for us to achieve the goals of our *Five to Ten Year Plan*. Please be generous in supporting your Parish!

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE - The Parish website is www.stsja.org. Given the increasingly popular and important means of communication which the Internet has become, all parish organizations or ministries are encouraged to make the best possible use of the Parish website and to identify one of their members as their website page contact person. It is hoped that a Parish Technology Committee can formally be established during 2010 to coordinate our Parish's growing Information Technology (IT) concerns and other related needs. If you have the expertise and are interested in volunteering for such a committee or for helping to continue to enhance the appearance and usability of the parish website, please contact Fr. Brockland (441-7503). If you have user issues or need technical information about using the website at present, Contact: Mike Oberhill, 636-248-2083 or Patrick Swackhammer, 314-452-8590.

Liturgical Ministries

LITURGY COMMITTEE - plans and coordinates the liturgical life of our parish. The liturgy is the public prayer and worship of our faith community, and the Sunday Eucharistic celebration of the Mass is the summit of our liturgical prayer. The Liturgy Committee consists of leaders and volunteers from the various liturgical ministries. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month. Those interested are always welcome. Contact: Fr. James Gahan, 441-7503.

ALTAR SOCIETY - is a working organization consisting of five teams of three to four persons per team. Teams rotate cleaning the Church on Friday mornings: dusting, changing the Holy Water, straightening books, cleaning glass doors and replacing candles. Altar Society Linens-a separate list of individuals wash and iron the purificators and hand towels used at the Masses. Contact: Julie Huber, 441-9667.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - share in the ministry of distributing Holy Communion at all our Eucharistic celebrations on Sundays and weekdays. They also bring Holy Communion to the homebound and to those in nursing facilities. Contact: Fr. James Gahan, 441-7503.

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY AND USHERS - represent our spirit of openness to all and extend a greeting of welcome to all who join us for Eucharist. We are always ready to assist anyone with special needs during the celebration. Contact: Adeline Callahan, 447-7565.

LECTORS -are charged with the responsibility of proclaiming the Word of the Lord at Eucharist and bringing it to life, leading the Prayers of the Faithful in the absence of a Deacon, and reading announcements at the conclusion of parish liturgies. Contact: Pat Maher, 314-691-0112.

MUSIC MINISTERS - serve as song leaders, cantors, psalmists, instrumentalists, and choir members. Two adult choirs, a children's choir (for public school, parish school, and home school children in grades 3-8), a contemporary choir for youth and adults, and a family choir provide music ministry for weekend celebrations of the Eucharist, holy days, and other special liturgies. A School Choir formed from the homeroom which is planning a liturgy ministers on weekday mornings whenever our parish school students gather for Mass. A Resurrection Choir provides music for Masses of Christian Burial. Contact: Orin Johnson, 636-980-6255.

ART & ENVIRONMENT - prepares and adorns the interior of the Church with seasonally appropriate art and décor throughout the liturgical year, including seasonal and devotional shrines and commemorative displays. Contact the Rectory Office, 636-441-7503.

ALTAR SERVERS - children and youth of the parish, beginning in 6th grade, who perform the important liturgical service of assisting at Altar during the celebration of Eucharist and other liturgies. Parental permission is required. Contact: Fr. James Gahan, 636-441-7503.

SACRISTANS - the ministry of Sacristan assures that everything necessary for each liturgical celebration, daily and on Sundays, has been made ready and that everything used in each liturgical celebration has been properly cleaned and stored afterward. Sacristans see to it that the Parish's liturgical vessels, vestments, worship space, vesting areas, gathering space, Church interior, and indoor plants and flowers are properly attended to and cared for. Contact: Steve Yallaly, 636-447-1475.

Christian Formation Ministries

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION -

Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish strives to provide opportunities for the adults of our parish to grow in faith and in knowledge of their beliefs and Catholic way of life. We offer opportunities in small faith-sharing group settings that meet regularly, as well in larger group settings which meet regularly or for one-time events. Opportunities include Scripture Study groups, Renew groups, Small Church Communities, ongoing Christ Renews His Parish (ChRP) formation groups, Adult Catechism study groups, Familia formation groups, and other seasonal group activities. Contact: Fr. James Gahan, 636-441-7503, Rose Wieschhaus, wieschhaus@stsja.org or 636-926-0021, Mrs. Pat Bennett, 636-544-4600.



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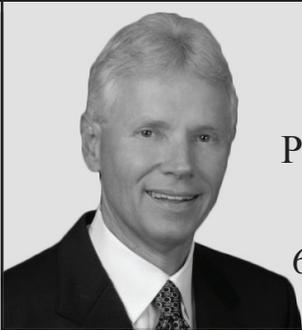
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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) - Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish offers religious instruction along with experiences of prayer for children who attend neighborhood public schools. Our Parish School of Religion (PSR) has an enrollment of over 300 children, ages 5 through 14. Sessions are offered on Monday evening. Contact: Rose Wieschhaus, DRE and PSR Principal, 926-0021.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) PARENT BOARD

- The PSR Parent Board serves in an advisory capacity to the PSR Coordinator. Board members are volunteers selected from parents of registered PSR students. They serve two-year terms and meet twice a year. The Board has up to twelve members, with at least one being a teacher. Some of the functions of the Board are: organizing special PSR activities; assisting in the organization of volunteers; helping build a positive relationship among all those involved with PSR; serving as a liaison between teachers and students; and assisting with fundraising. Contact: Rose Wieschhaus, DRE and PSR Principal, 636-926-0021.

STS. JOACHIM AND ANN FULL - TIME SCHOOL -
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At Sts. Joachim and Ann Catholic School we strive to continually model the nurturing example of our Patron Saints, St. Joachim and St. Ann, the grandparents of Jesus Christ. We celebrate and develop the unique gifts and talents of each child and provide a loving, family atmosphere wherein all are encouraged to discover their full potential spiritually, academically, physically, and socially. The school program emphasizes the education of a child of faith, a child of service, a child of wonder, embraced in community and empowered for life.

Our school is a member of the St. Louis Archdiocesan School System and follows archdiocesan policies with regard to admission and standards of education. We are committed to teaching the message of Jesus Christ. Our curriculum of religious education assists parents in the development of Christian values and attitudes in their children and provides instruction in Catholic doctrine. Academic requirements emphasize basic subjects in a core curriculum as a central part of the educational process. Contact: Mrs. Sue Schutz, Principal, 636-441-4835.

IMPACT YOUTH MINISTRY – Our parish offers Youth Ministry that reaches the needs of our youth from 8th grade through High School and young adults. Led by a core team of adults, programs are designed for spiritual formation and emotional growth. The ministry offers social activities, opportunities to serve the community, and events that invite our youth to take an active part in the life of the parish, and the Church as a whole. Our main goal is to build a foundation on Catholic Christian values and teachings. The goal is achieved by bi-weekly meetings, usually held at 7:00pm on Sundays and Wednesdays, where teens gather in an accepting environment of their peers to find support and encouragement. Gatherings are informal and have a wide range of topics. There are no dues to belong, nor do teens have to attend everything that is offered. The only requirement is a willingness to be open, and to be supportive to everyone in the group. For more information, check us out at <http://impactym.org> or contact the youth minister at ym@impactym.org.

SCHOOL BOARD - a nine-member board which advises the Pastor in determining the general policies and plans for the Parish full-time school. Additionally, the School Board assists the Pastor and Principal in formulating philosophy, objectives, and long-range plans for the full-time school, interpreting and applying the policies of the Archdiocesan Board of Education, preparing the annual school operating budget, tuition rates, and fees as necessary. Most School Board members are elected through a parish-wide nomination and election process conducted in the spring each year and serve 3-year terms. The School Board meets on the fourth Monday evening of the month. Contact: the school office, 636-441-4835.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS ORGANIZATION (PTO) -

The PTO has as its mission the development and maintenance of effective communication among the parents, administration, and faculty of the parish full-time school. Through its membership and elected officers, the PTO provides a forum for the exchange of ideas between parents and the school staff at its monthly meetings held throughout the school year. With the collection of the annual PTO assessment and the sponsorship of many fundraising events, the PTO finances curricular and extracurricular activities designed to enhance the social and learning atmosphere within the school. All parents of the parish full-time school are members of the PTO. Contact the School Office, 636-441-4835.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE PRESCHOOL - This program is offered during the 9:30am Mass each Sunday for children aged 3-5 years not enrolled in Kindergarten. Sessions are held from late September to the beginning of May. This children’s ministry consists of Bible stories, learning about the love of God, prayer, singing, appropriate movies, games, activities, and special events. Registrations and fees are coordinated annually through the Sunday bulletin. Contact: Rose Wieschhaus, DRE for Children’s Programs, wieschhausr@stsja.org 926-0021.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Every summer children in the Parish are invited to participate in a Vacation Bible School experience of Bible stories, arts and crafts, music, games, and snacks. Children are provided a fun and exciting way to learn more about God and our Catholic faith. Dates and other details are published annually in the bulletin. Contact: Rose Wieschhaus, DRE for Children’s Programs, wieschhausr@stsja.org or 636-926-0021.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN - The Liturgy of the Word for Children takes place during the 9:30am Mass each Sunday from September through May. It is designed for all interested children, K through 3rd grade. No registration is required. Children younger than kindergarten should attend our Sunday morning Pre-school program. The children are dismissed from Mass after the Opening Prayer for their own Liturgy of the Word where they hear the Scriptures, sing songs, receive a teaching on the readings, sing the Profession of Faith, and offer prayers of petition. The children really enjoy this special opportunity to become increasingly familiar with this part of the Mass and to learn all the assembly responses. They rejoin their families at Mass during the Preparation of Gifts. Parent and teen help is most welcome during the 9:30am Mass. Contact: Kathy Bendyk, 441-5336.



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CHERISH Homeschooling Ministry - strives to provide community and support for Catholic families who educate their children at home. CHERISH stands for Catholic Home Educators Resting In the Sacred Heart. Our ministry is founded with the teachings and traditions of the Catholic church in mind, principally the designation of parents as the primary and principal educators in the faith. The group seeks to supply information and fellowship for both novice and veteran homeschoolers. We gather for social and educational events throughout the year and welcome anyone interested in learning more to contact Elaine Swackhammer at 314-276-6801 or elaine@swackhammer.net

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP - We are a gathering of Catholic men and women who have chosen to worship God the father, the son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit through the Charismatic Gifts. At our prayer meetings, we strive to praise, worship, and honor God. We also build up the Body of Christ by giving thanks to God for what he has done for us and to ask Him to help us with our prayer needs. We have become a family of believers who care for each other and the Catholic Church. A teaching that is based on scriptures or Catholic doctrine is usually presented.

Join us whenever you would like. There is no prerequisite. Everyone is welcome. We would love to help you with your spiritual journey. Meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Adult Ed Room. Contact, Linda Geringer at 314-402-3333.

LIBRARY - our Parish has a collection of books, videotapes, and audiocassettes available for the religious education needs of adults and children. The library is located in the Adult Education Room in the Junior High Building. Contact Rose Wieschhaus at wieschhausr@stsja.org or 636-926-0021.

Evangelization Ministries

ADULTS - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a process of instruction and formation for adults who are considering conversion from another faith to the Catholic faith tradition as well as for adults who were baptized in the Catholic tradition but who, for whatever reason, never completed their initiation in faith through Eucharist and/or Confirmation. RCIA is a process of conversion and a coming to faith which begins each autumn with a Period of Inquiry. Though the RCIA process aims to prepare Candidates to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter, each Candidate's reception into the Church takes place when the Candidate, Sponsor and Parish Priest believe the Candidate is ready. Contact: Fr. Brockland, 441-7503.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE - the Adult Faith Formation Committee assists the Parish Priests in planning programs of Scripture study, spiritual renewal, spiritual formation, and growth in faith throughout the year. Contact: Fr. James Gahan, 441-7503 Rose Wieschhaus, wieschhausr@stsja.org, 636-926-0021 or Pat Bennett, 636-544-4600.

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE - Guided by the Holy Spirit, we inspire and invite by sharing our Catholic beliefs and planting the seeds of our Catholic faith within our community. As members of Sts. Joachim and Ann, we visit inactive Catholics and others inviting them to live a deeper faith in Jesus Christ in accordance with the Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church. We provide CDs and literature for faith enhancement which are available in our Church gathering space. We also seek to provide a smooth transition for newly registered families and individuals into our parish family. New parishioners receive a friendly phone call from one of the members welcoming them to the parish, sharing a little about herself/himself, asking a few noninvasive questions in order to find out what their needs and interests might be, leaving a phone number with them should they have any questions. We help provide a Ministry of Hospitality by greeting those who arrive for Sunday Masses, send letters inviting new parishioners to our monthly Welcome Donut Sunday Masses. We are always looking for new members and new ideas. Contact Jackie Zoll, 636-734-4653.

CHILDREN AND TEENS - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) is a two year process of instruction and formation for children and teens whose parents may be converting to Catholicism or for children and teens who may have been baptized in the Catholic faith but who, for any reason, have never been prepared for or admitted to Eucharist and Confirmation and are now beyond the usual age for the reception of these Sacraments. Contact: Rose Wieschhaus, DRE for Children's Programs, wieschhausr@stsja.org or 636-926-0021.

PAMPHLET RACK - located in the Gathering Space of Church, the Parish pamphlet rack makes summary written materials and Audio CD's available on a variety of topics on an ongoing basis. Materials are available for input and referral concerning various needs: personal or family problems; educational or spiritual growth issues, etc. Help yourself. All are welcome. The information which is made available is reviewed by the Adult Faith Formation Commission. Contact: Fr. James Gahan, 636-441-7503.

PRAYER CHAIN - a ministry of prayer for various personal requests and needs. Facilitated through email notification, parishioners join together in this endeavor to support each other, and each other's friends, families, colleagues, and associates, by committing themselves to each other in prayer and support for each other and each other's needs. Contact: Rich Rodamaker, 636-578-7202 or rlrodam7202@gmail.com. Prayer requests may also be sent through My Parish App.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - A ministry of adoration of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament through one-hour personal prayer vigils. Adoration hours are Saturday from 6:00pm to Sunday morning at 6:00am, Tuesday 8:30am to 6:00am Wednesday morning and 8:30am Wednesday until 7:15pm Wednesday. Consider committing to an hour with Our Lord. And when he returned to His disciples, He found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?" MATT 26:40 Contact: Kathy Rodamaker 636-352-9341, kathy_rodamaker@yahoo.com.



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DONUT SUNDAY (Coffee and Donuts) - Donut Sunday is a great opportunity for parishioners to get together and chat after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses. It is generally held the first Sunday of the month in the school cafeteria. Please join us as we enjoy donuts, coffee, and fruit drink served by the Donut Sunday committee. Contact: Mark Alvey 314-795-4670, msalvey718618@gmail.com.

Family Life Ministries

STS. JOACHIM & ANN SENIORS, SOCIALIZING AND SERVING (The JASSS) - The JASSS Club welcomes all persons 55 years of age and over. The purpose of this organization is to recognize aging as a modern social achievement, to be concerned with the physical and social needs relating to mature persons and to stimulate interest in and to provide a common bond for social, spiritual and service activities for those people in and around our parish. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Care Service building at 12:00pm. Dues are \$15 per year. Come join us to meet and make new friends and have a good time. Contact: Dede Warhol, ewaw2202000@charter.net, or 314-713-1298.

PARISH PICNIC - the Parish Picnic is an annual two-day event, held in September. There were over 800 volunteers involved in making last year's picnic a huge success. Food, rides, games, raffles, and a Silent Auction provide proceeds, which go toward the financial support of the Parish and the Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service. Picnic committee meetings are held once a month beginning in February and are advertised in the Sunday bulletin. Contact: Phil Dukeman, 314-397-0411.

ST. ANN LADIES' CLUB - St. Ann was an ordinary woman of faith. She represents down-to-earth, common virtues and holiness through love for family and neighbors. We strive to follow her example and provide for the spiritual and physical needs of the women of the parish by offering a variety of social, spiritual, and service activities. Our Ladies Club usually meets once a month in the Adult Education Room in the Junior High Building (behind the Parish Center). As we welcome all ladies of the parish, ages 21 and up, we start with a short meeting, followed by a planned activity. In addition, we sometimes offer other activities on the weekends. Past activities include: paint night, mini retreats, bunco, bingo, dominoes, pie making demo, "For the Love of Mary" luncheon, assembling Alleluia Easter baskets, making quilts for the homeless, and hosting the annual Advent Tea. In 2020, we were able to host a quilt social/bingo will was our main fundraiser. Our most recent fundraisers include selling mums, selling Daniels Farm & Greenhouse gift cards, and selling Parish embroidered shirts, with a portion of the profits going to the Parish School of Religion, the Full-time School, Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service, and occasionally other parish needs. We are a fun group, eager to welcome new members any time of year. We need the wisdom of older women, the enthusiasm of younger women and the dedication of all women. See the bulletin for current events. We hope to see you at our next event! For more information call Mary Simeroth at 636-928-6731.

STS. JOACHIM AND ANN QUILTERS - The Quilting group gathers to make quilts to raffle at our annual Parish Picnic and Quilt Bingo Social. We meet on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm and Tuesday from 9:00am-2:00pm in the St. John Bosco (Youth Ministry) Room. If you can quilt or would like to learn, please join us. Contact: Marilyn Amorine, 573-826-8543.

ST. JOACHIM MEN'S CLUB - The Men's Club prides itself on responding to many diverse Parish needs. The Men's Club provides manpower for the Parish Picnic and the annual Parish Lenten Fish Fry's. We raise money through fundraisers, such as an annual golf outing and our chicken dinners and donate those funds annually to worthy Parish causes, such as the full-time school, the PSR, the Care Service, the Teen Ministry, and Parish beautification projects. The Men's Club plans frequent social events to promote fellowship such as Sports Night, a golf outing, trips to River City Rascal's baseball games and fishing trips. In addition, activities follow every meeting which include cards, horseshoes, darts, bowling, wiffle ball, volleyball, and demolition ball. The Men's Club meets on the second Monday each month at 7:30pm in the cafeteria. Contact: Don Effertz, 636-699-5917, Don.effertz@gmail.com.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION - Our purpose is to provide as many team sports as possible for the children and youth of the parish. Our philosophy is to teach fair play, good sportsmanship, and all the basic skills needed to generate good competition. Sports offered for boys and girls are baseball/softball in grades Pre-K (4 years old) through 8, soccer in grades Pre-K (4 years old) through 8, basketball in grades 3 through 12, volleyball in grades 3 through 8, and Golf for grades 1-8. Contact: Bruce Jones, 314-239-0985.

BOY SCOUTS - Our Boy Scout Troop 35 of the Greater St. Louis Area Council is composed of boys 11 years old or who have completed the 5th grade through 18 years of age. The Troop and the Scouting program in Saint Louis provide countless opportunities for fun and adventure all year while at the same time developing duty to God, character, citizenship, service to others, personal fitness and leadership. In addition, Scouts have the opportunity to explore a wide range of lifelong interests and career opportunities through the Scouting program, Merit Badges and adult mentorship, including the many badges that focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). The Troop meets Tuesday evenings starting at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. Contact: Walter Schnurr, 636-851-9598.

VENTURE CREW - Venture Crew 35, a division within the Boy Scouts of America and the Greater St. Louis Area Council, is the next step in your son or daughter's scouting adventure. Venture Scouting is a Co-Educational program serving young men and women from ages 14 through 21 years of age. It is a fun filled, youth organized and youth led program designed to provide Crew members the opportunity to develop life and leadership skills – such as communication, organization, goal setting and event planning through planning and experiencing high adventure outings and activities. This program provides continuous, youth-led adventure all year around while exploring areas of interest designed to assist the Crew member's personal growth. Each activity planned gives your son or daughter the opportunity shine and learn more about themselves and the world around them all while having FUN! The core of Venturing is the practice of the ALPS model. The ALPS model standards for Adventure, Leadership, Personal Growth and Service. This framework guides the Crew on how to get the most out of the program all while having FUN! The Venture Motto is "Lead the Adventure". If you or your child would like more information on this program, please contact Paul Rowland at venturecrewsja35@gmail.com.

CUB SCOUTS - Cub Scouting is a program for boys in grades 1 through 5, the purpose of which is to develop character, citizenship, and fitness. Tiger Cubs, the 1st grade program for boys and family members, is organized in a natural group of eight to ten with the goals of searching out new activities, discovering new things, and sharing ideas and time together. Cub Scouts, for boys in grades 2 through 5, is organized in natural groups called dens and is led by competent trained adult den leaders with activities aimed at achievement against standards outlined in handbooks developed for each age level. All members of Cub Scout Pack #35 usually meet once a month on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon in a location conducive to the planned activity. Dens meet at times convenient to them. Contact: Matt Lawrence, 636-346-6367.

GIRL SCOUTS - There is a large and active Girl Scout program in our Parish serving girls from K through 8th grade. With the help of many adult volunteers, the girls do service projects, have lots of fun, and learn about the community. Contact Anna Davis, 314-540-6383.

GROUNDSKEEPING COMMITTEE - This volunteer effort seeks to coordinate, oversee, and maintain the beauty and curb appeal of our Parish campus in a way that is visually pleasing, inviting and neighborly. Expected time commitment per member is 3-4 hours per week during the growing season. If you have a green thumb, enjoy gardening and grounds-keeping, or have access to resources for landscaping, Contact The Rectory Office. 636-441-7503.

Service Ministries

STS. JOACHIM AND ANN CARE SERVICE - Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service is a nonprofit, independent group agency under the Archdiocese of St. Louis and a social ministry of Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish. Our mission is to serve those in crisis and to prevent homelessness and hunger. We assist low-income households in St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren counties and work with a purpose to protect families — especially children, the elderly, and disabled — regardless of race, age, gender, or religion from the despair, hopelessness, and social injustice caused by poverty. To discuss further the mission of the Care Service, please contact Pam Struckhoff at 636-441-1302, ext. 230.

Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service is nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation and is the largest comprehensive social support agency in our tri-county area of St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren counties addressing the housing needs of those in crisis. Over 5,000 people a year are served through our integrated programs, which are designed to strengthen the family as well as the community. As opposed to only providing a warm meal and a place to stay for the night, the Care Service provides comprehensive case management, advocacy, tools and connections to many community partners to help stabilize those in need and move them toward sustainability. Our hope for our clients is to achieve systemic change in their lives and break the cycle of poverty.

We encourage community-wide collaboration and participation which starts with our volunteer staff, who so generously contribute over 100,000 volunteer hours each year to help us carry out our mission. A variety of rewarding volunteer opportunities are available on a weekly basis in areas such as case management, pantry, development and administration; one-time opportunities are also available during the year. Whether you would like to volunteer to help with internal support, lead an external fundraising activity in your neighborhood, or you are able to offer a professional service in your own area of expertise, we welcome your help with open arms! Please contact us at 441-1302, ext. 225.

You are always welcome to visit us for a tour and to see for yourself what an impact we are making together. To schedule a time, please call us at 636-441-1302, ext. 300. Our programs include:

HOUSING ASSISTANCE - Provides financial assistance to help individuals and families remain or become housed.

- Rent, mortgage and utility assistance
- Permanent housing
- Home repairs for homeowners
- Essential case management
- Referrals and resources
- Service planning

CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT - Provides services and tools for families with children (18 and under) who are homeless or in crisis, in order to help them remain housed and become self-sufficient.

- Comprehensive case management
- Emergency shelter/permanent housing
- Full assessment of needs - physical, mental, emotional
- Goal planning with the family
- Advocacy and support services, including special needs and disabilities support
- Assistance and referrals for clothing, household goods, beds, and more
- School supplies, coats, and shoes for children, when available
- Employment Preparation (assistance and coaching)

FOOD PANTRY – Client choice food pantry provides weekly assistance to families/ individuals who are suffering from food insecurity.

- Personal hygiene items as available
- Household cleaning supplies as available
- School supplies at the start of the school year
- Easter baskets for children under 12
- No Hunger Holiday (Thanksgiving meal)
- Other items as available

If you are interested in planting your own garden for our Food Pantry, or helping us maintain our garden, please contact us at info@jacares.org.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY - Christmas program, providing meals and gifts for families and individuals through direct community involvement.

STREET OUTREACH - Focuses on providing tangible basic survival supplies, case management, housing options, and access to health care for literally homeless individuals

- Individual Assessments
- Information and Referrals
- Crisis Intervention
- Prevention and education
- Emergency shelter resources
- Follow up support
- Survival aid (food, clothes, hygiene items)

DISASTER RECOVERY - The Care Service acts as first-responder in times of disaster and is frequently called upon to assist in the immediate and long-term coordination of community-wide disaster efforts and is a member of the Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC).

Our services include:

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION COMMITTEE (SJAC) - is a ministry of the Parish in connection to Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service. The committee seeks to foster awareness about situations that arise which endanger human dignity and render people vulnerable to mistreatment. The committee addresses social injustices which effect the general population. In every age the Catholic Church has felt itself responsible to announce Gospel values which apply to human life in society and to responsibly take its place in public dialogue and public action when situations arise that bring harm to others. The Social Justice in Action Committee of Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish, through Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service, seeks to foster awareness of injustice in the public eye through educational and legislative presentations. All parishioners and community residents are encouraged to participate in addressing existing issues and to become educated about the onset of any new social issues which may ultimately have drastic effects upon the lives of individuals, families, and children in our Tri-County area and beyond.

As a committee of Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service, we welcome all parishes, people of all faiths and denominations within the region to be a part of our efforts. We believe it is the responsibility of all Christians and people of faith to be witnesses and agents of Peace and Justice. For upcoming events sponsored by the Sts. Joachim & Ann, watch the bulletin, website, and St. Louis Review for upcoming events.

Contact: Flora Fazio at 636-441-1302, Ext. 350.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY - St. Paul tells the Church that when one member suffers all the members suffer. Bereavement caregivers are companions who walk with grieving people through the difficulty of bidding farewell after the death of a loved one. We work to reach out to those who experience loss, so they will feel the healing comfort of God through this faith community. Members provide events throughout the year that enable those who are grieving to get through difficult times. If interested in helping or if you or anyone you know would like to be contacted by a member of this ministry for assistance, Contact: Jim & Jeanne Potts, 939-3428, Pat Bennett, 636-544-4600 or Jackie Zoll, 636-734-4653.

ST. PATRICK CASSEROLES - St. Patrick's Center is a Catholic Charities agency that serves low-income and homeless people in north St. Louis City. Local grocers provide 9x13 foil casserole containers which we use to prepare and distribute food. Volunteers are provided a hands-on experience of giving to those in need. Casseroles can be dropped off at the Care Service or in the containers in the main hallway of the school. Contact: Jan Hooker 636-441-1302, X-262

All of the services described above fall under the umbrella of Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service as social service ministry of Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish.

PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE - We exist to speak the truth about the dignity of human life from conception until natural death, to urge protection for the baby who is at risk from the prospect of abortion, to reach out in love and compassion to mothers and fathers who have lost a child in an abortion or who may be in need due to an unexpected pregnancy. Our approach to respecting human life includes recognizing and advocating for the human dignity of the disabled, the ill, the imprisoned, those on death row, and the elderly so that there will be a tomorrow when all of life is held sacred and every person is recognized for the special blessing they are from God our Father. We do our work through advocacy, peaceful demonstration, and prayer. We invite all to join us in our efforts. Contact: Rene Theby, 314-221-2313.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY - (dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary) - Our Nursing Home ministry provides a weekly Communion Service, the distribution of Holy Communion, and the praying of the Rosary each Friday at 9:30am at St. Peters Manor Care Center. Eucharist is celebrated by the Parish Priests at the Nursing Home on the first Friday each month at 10:00am. Contact: Norma Hitt, 970-2052.

STITCHES FOR LIFE - Our mission is to provide warmth and comfort for the poor and elderly one stitch at a time. We sew, knit, crochet and craft for the newborn to the elderly and provide lap blankets, afghans, quilts, booties, bibs, caps, slippers and many other items. We also provide various sports, baby, Italian, and cooking baskets to various charities to auction for their needs. Some of our many recipients are Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service, St. Augustine Christmas Appeal, Birthright, Wings of Hope, Dirk's Rescue, Timmy's Mountain, Because We Care, Mary Queen of Angels, Our Lady's Inn, and many more. There are no meetings to attend – you work from your own home and we provide the materials. You can use your patterns or ours. If you have any questions, please call Molly Rudy, 636-219-5854 or Tammy Lyons, 1-636-578-6428.

**While the following are
not specifically Parish
Ministries, these groups are
available to parishioners.**

**Knights of Columbus,
Harvester Council 9625**

Though it traces its roots to Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish, the Harvester Council of the Knights of Columbus serves the wider Harvester area. The Knights of Columbus is the largest organization of Catholic men in the world and is based on four principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. The Harvester Council does many charitable and community service activities such as blood drives, Tootsie Roll fund-raiser for the mentally disabled, the Roses-For-Life campaign, and Care Service lawn care and facility maintenance. The Knights of Columbus meet the third Monday each month at 7:30pm at the Care Service. Contact: Deaton Ellis, 636-579-9052.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experiences, strength, and hope with each other that they may address their common problem and help others enter a life of recovery from alcohol addiction. The only requirement for membership is the desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership. We are self-supporting through our own contributions. Alcoholics Anonymous is not aligned with any sect, denomination, political persuasion, organization, or institution, does not wish to engage in any controversy, and neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. AA meetings are held every Wednesday at 9:30am at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church, and on Tuesday evenings at 8:00pm at the Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service Contact: St. Charles AA Office, 946-1560, or the AA 24-Help-Line, 800-711-6375.