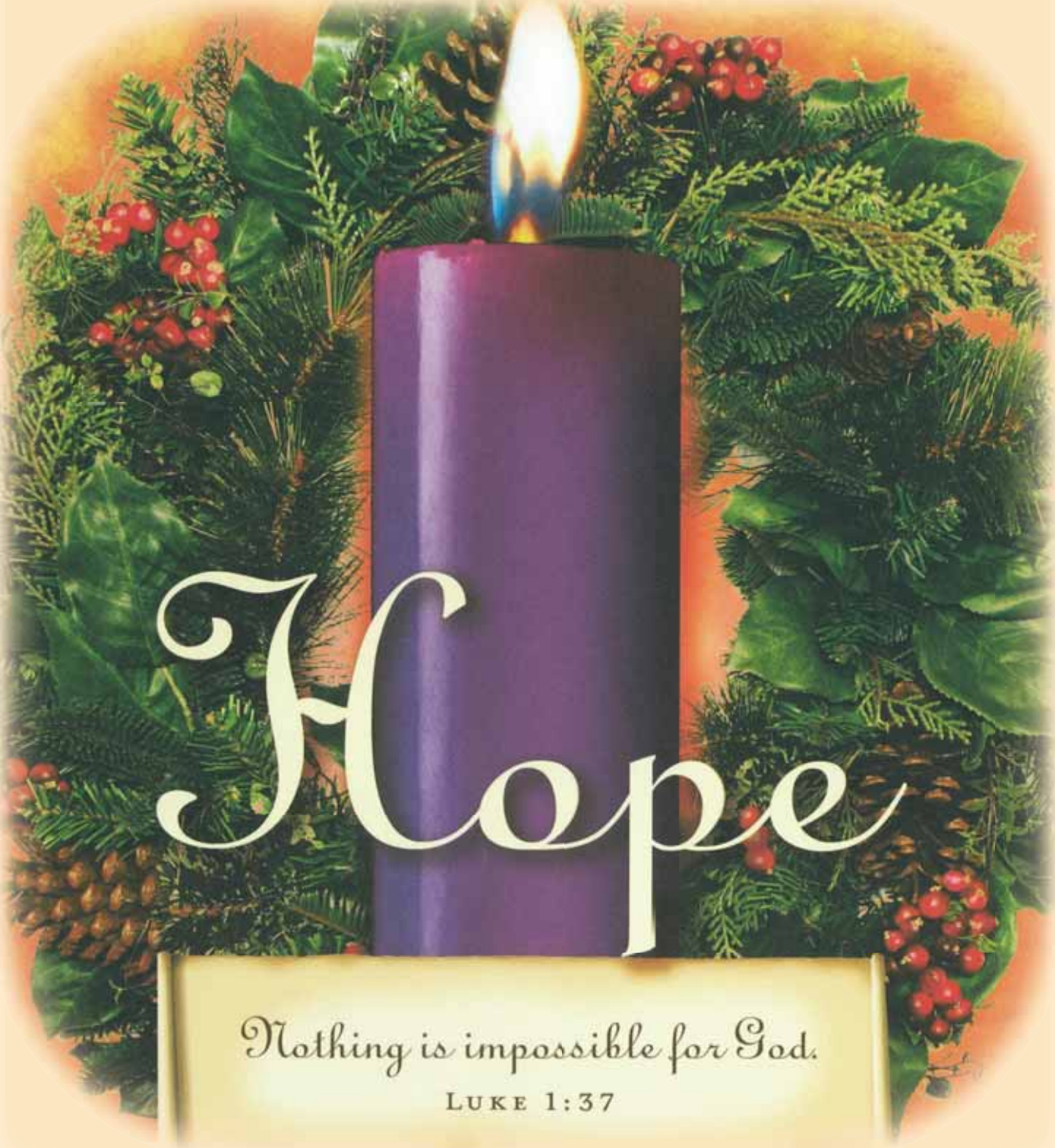


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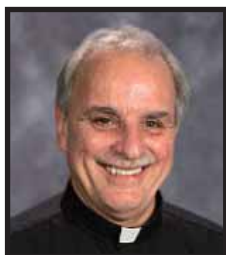
First Sunday of Advent • November 29, 2015

A lit purple candle is the central focus, surrounded by a lush wreath of greenery, including pine needles, holly leaves, and clusters of red berries. The candle's flame is bright and glowing. The entire scene is set against a warm, orange-gold background.

Hope

Nothing is impossible for God.

LUKE 1:37



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph,

Advent... A Season of Waiting A Season of Hope...

Preparing our Hearts for Christmas!

Today we celebrate the **First Sunday of Advent**, a season of waiting... a season of Hope. This beautiful liturgical season is a time for us to prepare our hearts to welcome Christ anew this Christmas! I hope each of us will make time to prepare our hearts well by taking more time to pray, read scripture, reflect and to embrace the chances to be still during this holy season of Advent. It is my prayer that as God's holy people that we take the time this Advent season to prepare our hearts for the sacredness that this season holds.

Advent by Candlelight. . . An Evening for Our Ladies is This Evening at 6:00

What an awesome response to our sixth annual Advent by Candlelight evening that will be held tonight at 6:00 pm in our parish center. We are thrilled with the response of the **170+** women that have rsvp'd and will be attending. My sincere thanks to the 25 women who will serve as hostesses at this very special evening. This year a beautiful statue of the Holy Family by **Tim P. Schmalz**, "**Tranquility**" will be presented to the table hostess that raises the most money from the evening for our "**Secret Santa**" fund.



Our thanks also go to **Sue Wilker, RN** from our **Archdiocese** who will lead us in this evening of reflection titled "**Prepare**" and to our parishioner, **Jami AuBuchon** who will give us a meditation.

This evening is designed to bring our ladies together for a relaxing evening of socialization while providing a faithful reflection on the preparation for Christmas.

This evening is also designed as a fund raiser for our "**Secret Santa**" fund to help parishioners in special need this holiday season.

Take Home an Advent Booklet to help your spiritual preparation. . .

Please be sure to pick up an Advent booklet by **The Word Among Us** to take home with you. These are great spiritual books with daily meditations to aid in spiritual Advent preparation for Christmas. They are available in the back of church.

Thank You for Joining Us For Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thank you to all who attended the Thanksgiving Day celebration of the Eucharist. The **GIVING** of canned food and money for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry was a beautiful way to express **THANKS** to God for our own blessings.

Our Sincere Thanks to Dolores Eddleman

For the wonderful Thanksgiving bread!!!!

Our heartfelt thanks goes to **Dolores Eddleman** and her family for the generous gift of their time and talent in making **150** loaves of homemade bread for our Thanksgiving Day celebration. The homemade loaves were blessed at Mass and given to the parishioners and their families to enjoy at their Thanksgiving meal.

Remember Your Loved One by the Gift of a Christmas Poinsettia Memorials will be published in our bulletin

As is our custom, you can remember your loved ones by donating flowers to decorate the altar area for our Christmas season. An envelope is included in your December packet of offering envelopes. The names of those who are especially remembered in this way will be listed in our December 20 bulletin. The printer's deadline for this bulletin is **Thursday, December 10**. Hopefully we will have a complete list. However, any gifts received after the deadline will be listed in the December 27 bulletin. Please note that the extra funds collected are placed in a restricted flower fund and are used for decorating our Sacred Space year round.

And Finally...

Just a reminder to our Yesterday's Kids, the bus will be leaving at **11:30 am this Tuesday, December 1** for the Christmas Concert and dinner at Our Lady of the Snows.

Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey

A Letter from Father Dyer....

St. Joseph Catholic Church

10 North Long Street • Farmington, MO 63640
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Dear St. Joseph parishioners,

As I prepare to celebrate my last Thanksgiving and Christmas season with you as your Associate Pastor, I want to take a moment to express my sincere thanks to each of you. In this season when we pause to give thanks, I thank you for being such a faith-filled community and truly inspiring my own spiritual journey as one of God's priests.

On my fiftieth birthday, 25 years ago, I made a promise to God that, in thanksgiving for all that God had given to me in my first fifty years of life, that I would dedicate my second half of life to service to Him in His Church. For the past 13 years my life has been so blessed by being your Associate Pastor and being a part of your spiritual journey. Thank you for your constant love, support and daily witness of your faith and all that you do for our parish.

As my days come closer to the time of enjoying my retirement years, I look back at the joy of being a priest. In each of my priestly assignments, St. Angela Merici, St. Clare of Assisi and here at St. Joseph's, my life has been blessed by serving in these parishes with schools. I firmly believe in Catholic Schools and the sound spiritual formation and education that our children receive. I also have seen just how much our St. Vincent de Paul ministry of feeding God's most loved, the poor, has grown since I was first assigned here to St. Joseph's.

As I prepare for my retirement, I would like to ask you for one last prayerful consideration. **Would you please consider making a pledge to our Beyond Sunday campaign.** I fully believe in and support this campaign for the future of St. Joseph's grade school and the outstanding education and spiritual formation that the next generation will also receive. Further, by building a new St. Vincent de Paul building, we can serve the poor with even greater dignity, for loving the poor is the heart of living the Joy of the Gospel message!

The hearts of St. Joseph's parishioners have always been open to meet any need of our community. Whenever there is a challenge, you have always come to the rescue by your faith and sacrificial giving. **Thus, if you wish to say thank you to me upon my retirement, I ask not for any personal monetary gifts of appreciation but instead it is my sincere wish that you make a pledge to the Beyond Sunday campaign.** This will help our school in the future and also help us to serve those in need with even greater dignity.

This would mean much more to me than any other personal gift, for it would be a living testament that will touch the lives of thousands in the years to come here St. Joseph's. Reaching our goal of **\$700,000** for our Beyond Sunday Campaign is my hope and my prayer and I know you will respond with gracious and loving concern because of your love for our parish and our school.

In His name,

Fr. Jim Dyer

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Rob Grindel Knights of Columbus

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Sacramental Life

Monday thru Friday 7:00 am

Friday (All School Mass Aug-May)..... 8:05 am

Sunday Observance

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 10:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation..... 7 am, 8 am and 7 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4 pm, Sundays 7 am or by appointment

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month after the 10:30 am Mass. Baptismal preparation class required. Contact Abe AuBuchon.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Celebrated after meeting the bride and groom and beginning preparation six months before the wedding, in accordance with Archdiocesan Wedding Policy.



Happy Birthday



November 29

**Nicholas Baechle
Sharlota Ballard
Jackson Bauer
Emily Greif
Abigael Heberlie**

December 1

**Libby Abel
Lilly Abel
Jerry Morris
Jordan Roney**

December 3 cont.

**Maggie Kehoe
Chase Medley
Paulette Nichols
Lucie Trokey**

December 2

**Darrin Bauer
Hadley Dowell
Nesta Vessell
James C. Johnson
Sandi Kracke**

December 4

**Nicole Dowell
Doug Johnson
Dolores Neumeier
Mary Neville**

December 3

**Rob Greif
Calvin Howard**

December 5

Julie Nicholson



Happy Anniversary



November 30, 1974

Jim & Maudie Kelly

December 3, 1971

Greg & Patti Vargo

December 1, 2007

Nathan & Megan Allen

December 4, 1999

Sterling & Julie Pfeifer



How can we help you?

- I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- I would like to return to full participation in the sacraments.
- I am interested in joining your parish community.
- I am in need of sacramental support.
- I would appreciate a call by the pastor.

Name: _____

Number: _____

Email: _____

For those needing to plan ahead...

First Communion Confirmation
Saturday, April 2, 2016 Tuesday, April 12, 2016



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of Nov. 30- Dec. 4, 2015

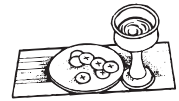
- Monday: St. Andrew, Apostle**
 Readings: Rom 10: 9-18; Ps 19: 8-11; Mt 4: 18-22
 7:00 am: Sherry Sales
- Tuesday: Advent Weekday**
 Readings: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17;
 Lk 10:21-24
 7:00 am: Katy Flynn
- Wednesday: Advent Weekday**
 Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 7:00 am: Edgar Brown
- Thursday: St. Francis Xavier**
 Readings: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
 Mt 7:21, 24-27
 9:00 am: Marie Niedert
- Friday: Advent Weekday**
 Readings: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
 Mt 9:27-31
 7:00 am Charles & Alice Seitz
 8:05 am Evelyn Amistoso

Second Sunday of Advent

- Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
- Saturday:**
 5:00 pm: George Boyd
- Sunday:**
 7:30 am: Angela Wade
 9:00 am: Christopher Schwent
 10:30 am: Parishioners

visit www.stjosephfarmington.com and click on
 "daily mass readings" for easy reference.

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, December 5

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

- Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy
 Lector: Shawn McCarver
 Extraordinary Ministers:
 Ron Brooks, Sandi Brooks, Rosetta Halter,
 Donna Conklin, Adam Barnhouse
 Ushers: Ralph Trepasso, Buddy Bordewick, John
 Denkler, Gary Harris
 Servers: K. Ramos, K. Ramos, K. Ramos

Sunday, December 6

7:30 am Mass

- Priest: Fr. James Dyer
 Lector: Vicky Damba
 Extraordinary Ministers:
 Dotty Bach, Jerry Bach, Jim Eaton, Jack
 Neiner, Kathy Neiner
 Ushers: Ed Brown, Tom Donze, Phil Roth,
 Chester Ott
 Servers: A. Crawford, K. Busenbark

9:00 am Mass

- Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy
 Lector: Phyllis Laplant
 Extraordinary Ministers:
 Mitch Fuemmeler, Sandi Brooks, Vanessa
 Trokey, Dawn Fuemmeler, Rob Grindel
 Ushers: Scott Watson, Dan Combs, John Jones
 Don Trokey
 Servers: C. Watson, J. Hulsey, L. Combs

10:30 am Mass

- Priest: Fr. James Dyer
 Lector: Chad Speakar
 Extraordinary Ministers:
 Theresa Aubuchon, Shirley Bieser, Charles
 Boyd, Helen Thurman, John Thurman
 Ushers: James Cissell, Roy Henson, Chuck
 Koppeis, Travis Trolinger
 Servers: M. Williams, C. Cassimatis, Y. Rizo

St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Mission Statement

*We are called by our Lord Jesus Christ,
 to be His church and live His gospel.
 We strive to fulfill our baptismal calling
 by prayer, worship, teaching and in
 sharing our faith and serving others.
 Guided by the Holy Spirit and
 through our patron St. Joseph, we
 commit ourselves to the responsible
 stewardship of all God's gifts.*

Monday, November 30, 2015

Sacristans

Sue Brown, Jayne Wooldridge,
 Barb Doss, Geneva Jokerst

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Money Counters

Marilyn Currington, Kathy Miller,
 Bob & Mary Lou Govreau

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Due to the holiday printing deadline we could not include the offerings for November 22 in this issue. They will be published in next week's bulletin.

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!

Come join us for our weekly Parish Rosary to be offered this Wednesday at 7:15 pm

Our petition for this week will be:

“For all parishioners that we may prepare our hearts well this Advent Season to welcome the Christ Child this Christmas.”



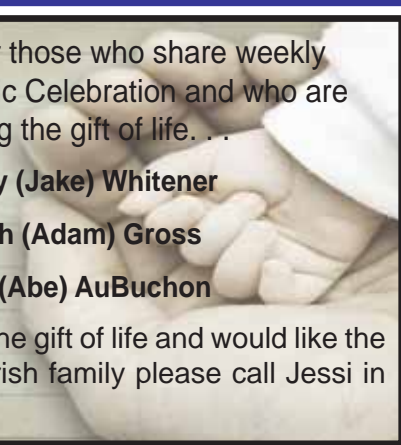
Let us pray for those who share weekly in our Eucharistic Celebration and who are carrying the gift of life. . .

Mandy (Jake) Whitener

Sarah (Adam) Gross

Jami (Abe) AuBuchon

If you are carrying the gift of life and would like the prayers of your parish family please call Jessi in the parish office.



Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the **\$100 Schnuck's gift card**. The lucky winner was our parishioner **Emily Damba**.

Congratulations, Emily!



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

For Advent to be Offered all Day Long Friday, December 11

8:00 - 10:00 am.....**Fr. Rickey & Fr. James**
(school children will be present)

10:00 am - noon.....**Msgr. James Hanson**

noon - 2:00 pm.....**Fr. Mark Ebert**

2:00 - 4:00 pm.....**Fr. William Baier**

4:00 - 6:00 pm**Fr. James Dyer**

Advent Meditation

They watch for Christ who are sensitive, eager, attentive in mind, who are awake, alive, quick-sighted, zealous in honoring him, who look for him in all that happens, and who would not be surprised, who would not be over agitated or overwhelmed if they found that he was coming at once. . .

This then is to watch: to be detached from what is present, and to live in what is unseen; to live in the thought of Christ as he came once, and as he will come again; to desire his second coming, from our affectionate and grateful remembrance of his first.

Cardinal Newman

Together we pray for those who are sick. (Parishioners names are in bold.)

Please pray for: **Russ Buescher**, Gary Odle, Spencer Vincent, Agnes Herzog, **Helen Naeger**, Kimberly Allen, **Loretta Brundege**, **Paula Karl**, Jacob Foley, **Charles Govreau**, Terry Edgar, Glenda Edwards, Jeremy, **Arlene Jones**, Joan Marler, **Lesley Hughes**, **Steve Paroski**, Randy Harrington, Nancy, Barbara Ashby, Mark Huels, **Cathy Barron**, Mari Stout, Garrett Aubuchon, Sherma McCarty, Remi Blum, Stacy (Justice's mom), Bob Cook, Tina Tharp, **Wilma Kernan**, **Karen Hommelson**, Colleen Harris, Jessie, Ashley, **Gloria Bruce**, Tracy Beussink, Grace Gilliam, Mercedes Grass, Barbara Jackson, and **Rose Petinga**.

To add someone to the prayer list contact Pat Boatright at pandkboat@gmail.com or 756-4169.

First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah could see it coming—the kingship of Jesus and the restoration of Jerusalem. But was anybody listening? Is anybody listening now? It must have been tough being a prophet, but Jeremiah was persistent in his message because he knew that it needed to be heard.

Also persistent in his message is Paul as he encourages the Thessalonians—and all of us—to live in accordance with the kingship of which Jeremiah foretold. He encourages us to conduct ourselves in ways of holiness so that we may be well prepared for the king's coming. Finally, Jesus himself tells us to be ever diligent in such ways that we may gain favor before our God and King.

Jeremiah could see the kingship of Jesus coming. As we begin the season of Advent, Paul and Jesus tell us not only how to prepare for the Kingdom, but how to live it day to day.

Looking For Signs

“Lord, give me a sign.” How many times have we spoken these words—or something like them—to ourselves in hopes that our prayers have been heard, or that we have chosen the right path? Such signs, perhaps, aren't hard to come by, only difficult to recognize for what they are. Jesus speaks of ominous signs preceding the coming of the Son of Man. Still, his is not a gloomy announcement. Instead, he tells us to stand tall and to raise our heads. We can almost hear the joy in his voice.

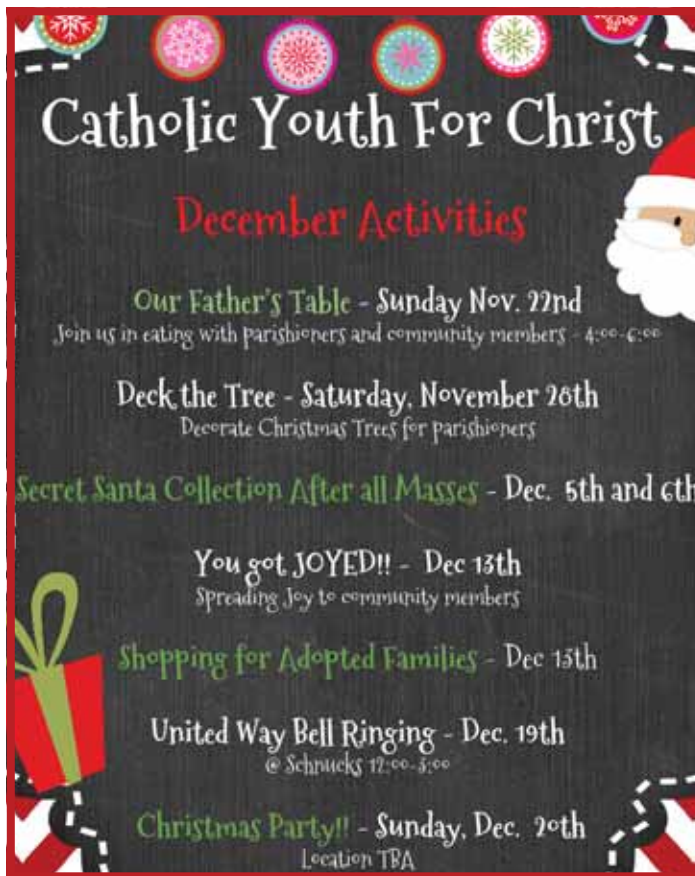


Finding Our Way

There's a catch, though. Isn't there always? But this catch is something that we can handle. It calls us to grow in the ways of Christ, to ready ourselves in prayer and action for his coming—some day as the world's judge and redeemer, and every day into our individual hearts as our own personal savior. Advent helps us to remember this. We have long been told that this is a season of preparation that can bring us to Christmas morning a changed people. As with any period of preparation, though, we will get out of it only what we put into it. Trite? Maybe. True? Definitely.

Many of us have already put up our Christmas lights. So many of us have already drafted our lists and have begun our holiday shopping. Indeed, some of us have even started to wrap our purchases in preparation for the big day. But let us not forget that we have more important things for which to prepare. Jeremiah's "just shoot" is being raised up before us. Now is the time to listen to Paul's exhortations. Now is the time to live in a way pleasing to God. For in so doing, we will become our own sign to the world—not one of darkness but one of hope and light, a sign that the Lord's kingdom is already upon us.

Today's Readings: Jer 33:14–16; Ps 25:4–5, 8–10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25–28, 34–36



Catholic Youth For Christ
December Activities

Our Father's Table - Sunday Nov. 22nd
 Join us in eating with parishioners and community members - 4:00-6:00

Deck the Tree - Saturday, November 26th
 Decorate Christmas Trees for parishioners

Secret Santa Collection After all Masses - Dec. 5th and 6th

You got JOYED!! - Dec 13th
 Spreading Joy to community members

Shopping for Adopted Families - Dec 15th

United Way Bell Ringing - Dec. 19th
 @ Schnucks 12:00-3:00

Christmas Party!! - Sunday, Dec. 20th
 Location TBA

**Santa Claus is Coming to Our
 "All You Can Eat Breakfast"
 December 13!!!**

Bring the children and grandchildren to the Knights of Columbus Breakfast after all 3 Masses



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Mark your calendars to bring your children and grandchildren for **Breakfast with Santa** Sunday, December 13 after all 3 masses.

Santa is so awesome with our children and indeed makes each one feel special! Santa has an amazingly warm, gentle and joyful spirit. The kids will love meeting Santa!!!



Women of Mary Meeting

Monday, December 7
6:30 pm • Parish Center

Change →

Women of Mary would like to invite all women of the parish, 18 years and older, to our first meeting of the year on **December 7 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.**

As Women of Mary, our goal is to create a warm and loving environment in which we share in a spiritual journey that is dedicated to Mary, our Mother, and service to our parish and community.

Through Women of Mary, we build lasting friendships with each other and those we serve. Come and spend time with the ladies of our parish to help develop the Dynamic Catholic in you!

Special Advent Concert
Performed by our School Children

Tuesday, December 15, at 6:00 pm, all parishioners are invited to attend a special Advent/Christmas musical performed by our school children in our gym.

Our sincere thanks to **Jane Ramos**, for her many hours of labor in preparing for this special evening.



Prayer requests to Our Lady of the Rosary

Petitions are placed before the image of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Shrine is located at 7762 Richardson Road, Bonne Terre, 63628. It is open each day from 9:00 A.M until 5:00 P.M. The Rosary is recited daily at 12 noon. Call 573-366-1824 or email at rosaryshrinemo@gmail.com



“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”

(Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It’s never too late.

Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!*



What is Advent?

While our society often equates Advent with the Christmas shopping season, it is, of course, much more! In the season of Advent, which begins the fourth Sunday before Christmas, we relive the long period of expectancy between the promise of a Messiah and the Incarnation of Christ. “Christmas is not an event within history but is rather the invasion of time by eternity” (Hans Urs von Balthasar). How are you preparing for the coming of the Lord?

IS *Advent* ON YOUR LIST THIS CHRISTMAS?

Join Matthew Kelly and six other influential Catholic voices of our time on a life-changing journey through Best Advent Ever *Rediscover Mercy*. Each day you will receive an inspirational email with simple tools that will help you rediscover God’s great mercy so you can be an instrument of mercy to others.

This program is simple and free! Let mercy transform your relationships, work and ability to embrace and experience all of life

To sign up, visit BestAdventEver.com



A Message From Our Pastoral Associate, Abe AuBuchon...



Jubilee of Mercy - “Merciful Like the Father”

The Works of Mercy

The works of mercy are the practical ways we live out mercy. **They are how we show loving kindness, compassion, and self-restraint to the people around us, both physically and spiritually.** According to the Catechism, “The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities” (No. 2447). While the exact list has varied slightly throughout the history of the Church, there are 14 consistently recognized works of mercy.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY



- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Harbour the harbourless
- Visit the sick
- Ransom the captive
- Bury the dead

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY



- Instruct the ignorant
- Counsel the doubtful
- Admonish sinners
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive offenses willingly
- Comfort the afflicted
- Pray for the living and the dead

“He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food must do likewise.” Lk 3:11. What will you do **differently** in this Jubilee Year of Mercy?

Next week...more information on the Jubilee of Mercy - “Merciful Like the Father”



Advent Wreath & Chili Night

Advent Wreath Making and Chili Night on November 16. Parish families gathered for an evening of community, prayer, and delicious food. The evening began with prayer and delicious chili with peanut butter sandwiches. After dinner the students in preschool through fifth grade entertained the families by singing "The Advent Song". Families then made their Advent wreaths. The evening concluded with a blessing of the wreaths.

Thank you to **Amy Williams** for coordinating the evening, **the Werner family**, for making the chili, and the many families who helped set up and tear down! Thank you to our parish and school families for participating.



"We are growing as Disciples of Jesus."



Paul VI Institute

College Course

to be Offered Here at St. Joseph's
This Spring

**Catholic Sacramental &
Liturgical Theology**
(Theology of the 7 Sacraments)

Instructor: Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Class Begins: February 16

Class Ends: May 3

Tuesday Nights • Parish Center

7:00 pm - 9:15 pm

*Sign up online date is open or call
Abe AuBuchon in the parish office.

*2 hours of college credit

Course Description:

A study of the theology of the seven sacraments as revealed by their origin, development and liturgical celebration as described in Part II of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

We will look at the seven Sacraments, the sacramental symbols and signs, and an understanding of how Christ bestows the Sacrament.

The instructor's hands-on teaching approach will renew your faith and deepen your devotion to the Sacraments that are the heart of the faith of the Catholic Church.

There is no charge for this course for registered, active parishioners. Since our parish participates in the Comprehensive Catechetical Program with Paul VI institute. Non parishioner cost is \$240 for this class.

Our Beyond Sunday Campaign

57%
of our goal!

\$700,000

\$399,110



We are Half Way There!!!

We've received a total of 90 pledges making the average pledge \$4,434. We need your help so that we can reach our goal, a new St. Vincent de Paul building, additional parking and most of all, financial security for the future of our school.



Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

5 pm & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, Dec 26: 5:00 pm

Sunday, Dec 27: 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 am

New Year's Day (Holy Day)

8:00 am and 7:00 pm

Nora was the Lucky Winner of St. Joseph School's Annual Dinner Auction "Birthday Package"



Pizza Party!



Happy Birthday on the School Marquis



Happy Birthday on the Bulletin Cover




Nora is ready to play!



Mr. Gaines, Mrs. Bieser and Mrs. Carr joining in the fun!






The Giving Tree

Women of Mary Giving Tree

The Women of Mary are again sponsoring a "Giving Tree" to benefit our St. Vincent de Paul organization. Since the clients who visit our St. Vincent de Paul come only once a month, we are hoping to have some Christmas presents available for them and their children before the end of November.

The tree is located in the entry of the Parish Center. **You may take an ornament from the tree, purchase the item on the label, and then place the unwrapped item under the tree.** The volunteers from St. Vincent de Paul will pick up the items and distribute them to their clients before Christmas.

Thanks to everyone for your support; each year you are so generous to those in need from our local community.



Bell Ringing

Wednesdays:
December 2 • December 9
December 16

St. Joseph Parish will once again be participating in the **United Way Bell Ringing** at Walmart in Farmington. There will be sign up sheets in the back of church on the windows. We will be ringing at the west door (pharmacy side). Please call Jessi in the Parish Office (756-4250) if you would like to sign up for a time slot, if you cannot make your time, or if you have questions. Dress warm if it's cold, and thank you for your participation!



Liturgical Ministry Training

Through our Parish Missionary Disciple survey and training as well as our Parish Planning and Viability Study (completed during our Parish Leadership Day), God's people of St. Joseph Parish have indicated the importance of vibrant liturgies. Lay ministers must participate in spiritual growth and frequent training in order to fulfill the instruction and example of Jesus Christ.

Liturgical ministry is an excellent opportunity to fulfill your baptismal call of service to one another. Our liturgies utilize the talents and gifts that God has given this community to the fullest extent. Our parish has scheduled the following training sessions:

January 5 • Cantors

January 13 • Eucharistic Ministers

January 20 • Lectors

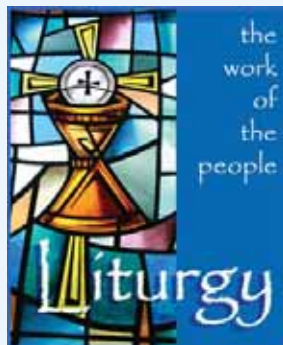
(Date to be Determined) • Ushers

(All trainings will be held from 6:30 - 8:30 pm)

These training sessions will be held in the church and led by Penny Arslanian, Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Gerard Majella Parish.

All Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors are required to attend their respective training session. Please RSVP to Jane Ramos at jramos@stjosephfarmington.com

If you would like to participate in the ministries of cantor, lector, or usher, please contact Jane Ramos at jramos@stjosephfarmington.com



"The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the church is directed; at the same time it is the fount from which all the church's power flows."
~Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (CSL), 10

Coming up in our Parish...



November 29
Advent by Candlelight



December 1
Yesterday's Kids Trip
Holiday Brass & Way of Lights



December 13
Breakfast with Santa



December 15
Advent Recital

When we go into the Chapel for Eucharistic Adoration, we do not find a relic or a memory, we find Jesus Himself. He is all-powerful, all-loving, all-perfect and anxiously waiting for us to visit.



Eucharistic Adoration :
Thursdays • 7:30 am - 5:15 pm
First Friday of the month
9:00 am - 2:15 pm

For more information contact
Charlie and Rita Boyd at
756-2383 • ctboyd@sbcglobal.net

We are currently in need of someone to fill a time slot: 10:30-11:30.

This Week in Our Parish...

Monday • November 30

Priest, Prophet, King Class
1:00 pm & 6:30 pm • Parish Center

Tuesday • December 1

Yesterday's Kids Trip
Holiday Brass & Way of Lights
11:30 am • Leaving St. Joe

Wednesday • December 2

Knights of Columbus Meeting
7:00 pm • Parish Center

Rosary
7:15 pm • Church

Thursday • December 3

Eucharistic Adoration
7:30 am- 5:15 pm • Church

RCIA
6:00 pm • Meet, Eat and Greet
6:30 pm • Class begins

Friday • December 4

Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 am- 2:15 pm • Church

Saturday • December 5

Youth Group
Secret Santa Collection
Following 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday • December 6

Youth Group
Secret Santa Collection
Following All Masses

RCIA Rite of Acceptance Mass
9:00 am Mass

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St. Joseph Parish's St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

Open Tuesday and Friday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
For assistance call 756-0997

Our food pantry serves people in the St. Francois county regardless of race, sex, national origin, religion, or age.



A Note from our Pastoral Health Care Minister,

Agnes Hinkebein, RN

If you are currently homebound or are hospitalized or know of a parishioner who is, please contact me at 756-4250 or email me at: healthminister@stjosephfarmington.com



Saturday 7:30 pm Mass

Coffman, Missouri
 Founded in 1887
 Canonical Parish 1919

Parish Council President:
 Jimmy Herzog

St. Catherine of Alexandria

December 5, 2015

Celebrant

Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector

John Adams

Extraordinary Ministers

Helen McDaniel
 & Joyce Heberlie

Offertory Bearers

Curt & Lynette Heberlie

Mass Intentions

Nov 28 - John "Honsey" Fischer
 Dec 5 - Gladys Gegg

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Due to the holiday printing deadline we could not include the offerings for November 21 in this issue. They will be published in next week's bulletin.

Our Mass for the Feast of the **Immaculate Conception** will be on **Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 pm**. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Advent Confessions will be **Wednesday, December 16** from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

Please remember to sign up for our **Christmas party** on **Sunday, December 13 at 5:30 pm**.

Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey