

St. Joseph Catholic Church *Farmington, Missouri*

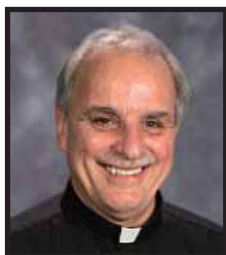
Third Sunday of Advent • December 13, 2015



JOY



*When they saw the star, they rejoiced with
exceeding great joy.*



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 **Third 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! Today marks the half way point!

We light the rose colored candle on our Advent wreath and Fr. James and I will be wearing Rose colored vestments as we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent. It is traditionally known as *Gaudete Sunday*. Gaudete, which translated means "to Rejoice" is taken from the Latin translation of Phil 4: 4-5 and sets a tone of joyful expectation for the Lord's birth and Second Coming.

May the gift of this Advent Season help us to prepare well for the ultimate gift of Christmas, the gift of a peaceful heart!

Santa Claus Will Be at Our Knights Breakfast TODAY!!!

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

Breakfast with Santa is **TODAY, Sunday**, 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!!!

Our **Knights of Columbus** will be taking pictures of the children with Santa and you will be able to pick them up the following weekend at mass.

Year End Contributions

Rejoice! This is the time of the year to recognize our many blessings and reflect on the special gifts in our lives. . .family, friends, talents and treasures. This is a great time to reflect on the past year and to count your blessings! Making a gift to St. Joseph parish or school is one way to show your gratitude for the many blessings received throughout the year! Contribution statements for tax purposes will be mailed in late January!

Preparing for the Upcoming Holiday Season

As you and your family prepare for the Holiday Season, please note our holiday mass schedule that can be found on page 12 of this bulletin.

Decorating our Church for Christmas We could use your help Next Sunday after the 10:30 Mass

Next Sunday after the 10:30 mass we could use some extra help to decorate our church for the Christmas season. Among the many other things that need to be done; setting up the nativity, decorating the trees and hanging the garland outside. If you could help, we would really appreciate your time. All you need to do is to show up and **Agnes Hinkebein** or **Connie Grindel** will direct you to what needs to be done. What a neat way to prepare for the holidays by offering our time and talents to prepare our sacred and holy worship space for our Savior.

Remember Your Loved Ones at Christmas 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. Any gifts received after the deadline (Dec 10) 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.

A Christmas Tradition. . . Bringing a Gift to Baby Jesus

Our parish has the wonderful tradition of giving gifts to Baby Jesus before all of the Christmas Masses. Children from ages "two to ninety-two" are invited to place a gift for Baby Jesus near the crib. This is an awesome way for parents to teach their children the true meaning of Christmas.

The tender gesture of placing a wrapped baby gift near the crib is a moving witness to us all. Our **Respect Life Committee** will distribute the donated items to local hospitals and the Pregnancy Center.

Secret Santa. . . Together we can help some of our own Parish Families to have a Merry Christmas

Again this year, I invite you to join me in helping some of our own parishioners who need extra help this Christmas. These are families or individuals that are registered in our parish and for various reasons are experiencing difficult times. They may have not requested help from our St. Vincent de Paul Society but they have confided in me about their struggle to make ends meet. "**Secret Santa**" is a way to respond to their needs. Last year we assisted **22 families**. Some examples of folks who benefited are:

- An elderly widow who needed help with water bill
- An individual who needed help with an electric bill
- A family that needed financial assistance for a house payment because of the loss of a job

If you know of a registered active parishioner that needs a visit from Secret Santa, please let me know! They **must** meet the following requirements:

- Registered active parishioner
- Attends mass regularly
- Contributes their time, talents and treasure to the parish

Sorry, but because of the need this year, we will not be able to help any family members of parishioners who are not registered in our parish.

All requests are previewed, without names, by our Finance Committee and are discreetly delivered personally by someone on our parish staff. If you would like to participate in this "**quiet holiness**", please use the envelope found in your December monthly offering package.

Remembering Those Serving in Our Military This Christmas. . .

In our Christmas issue of our bulletin we would like to remember those who are currently serving in our Military.

Please call Jessi at the parish office if you know of a parishioner or have an immediate family member serving in our military to have their name listed in this special section. We would also like to keep their rank and duty location up to date, so if these have changed, please let us know.

Our Holiday "Giving Tree" is up and ready for you to pick an ornament to help those visiting St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

Our **Women of Mary** are again sponsoring a holiday "**Giving Tree**" to benefit our St. Vincent de Paul organization. Since many of our clients who visit our St. Vincent de Paul come only once a month, **we would like to receive any last minute gifts by Tuesday, December 22.** 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 to our holiday giving tree each year. As always, you are so generous to those in need from our local community. May God bless your generous hearts.

Our Next Yesterday's Kids Event Is Going to be a Blast!!

On **Friday, January 29 at 1:00 pm** we have a very special event planned for all of Yesterday's Kids... You got it, BINGO!! Not just any Bingo, this fun-filled evening will be hosted by Today's Kids... your Parish Staff. You will not want to miss this event filled with laughter, joy and some incredible gifts. We will have refreshments, snacks and play until the prizes are gone! Another great perk, the evening is free! Please call or stop by the parish office and get signed up.

Thank you for our Refurbished Outdoor Advent Wreath

Our outdoor Advent Wreath was set up and refurbished by the **LaMartina family** this week. Thank you to **Candi** for coordinating this project. Thanks also to **Stacey Cassimatis** who assisted in setting it up and adding the greenery. What a statement about the importance of Advent as we wait and hope for the arrival of our Savior!

And Finally...

"Always remember that as long as we keep the Eucharist the center of our lives, everything else will fall in place...of that I am confident"!!!

Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey

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Parish Business Office Hours

Monday thru Friday • 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Phone (573)756-4250 • Fax (573)756-6938

10 North Long Street • Farmington, MO 63640

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

(Except New Year's Day)

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



December 13

MarySue McKay

**James Pikey, III
Lesla Villmer**

December 14

Cameron Brown

December 15

**Howard Shelton
Greg Smith**

December 16

**Seery Saurage
Shirley Shelton**

December 17

**Chase Busenbark
Romana Corcoran**

Rich Dore'

Peggy Harris

Timothy Masters

Tim McMann

Emily O'Hara

Mary Teder

December 18

**Theresa Aubuchon
Ducky Bordewick**

Ashton King

Angelica Lappe

Jim Wieland

Kate Williams

December 19

Dotty Bach

Terry Hennes

Steve Williams



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: _____



Happy Anniversary



December 13, 1996

Dave & Cynthia Werner

December 16, 1995

Greg & Gayle Fedele

December 16, 2000

Rob & Amy Greif

December 20, 1984

George & Sandra Kracke

For those needing to plan ahead...

First Communion
Saturday, April 2, 2016

Confirmation
Tuesday, April 12, 2016



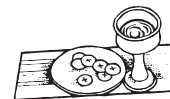
Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of Dec 14 - Dec 20

- Monday: St. John of the Cross**
Readings: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25: 4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
7:00 am: St. Joseph (All Souls)
- Tuesday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: Zep 3: 1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-19,23; Mt 21:28-32
7:00 am: Chester Dziewa
- Wednesday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85: 9ab, 10-14; Lk 7: 18b-23
7:00 am: Mary Mather
- Thursday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: Gn 49:2,8-10; Ps 72:1-4b, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
9:00 am: Jerry Bush
- Friday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72 1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1: 18-25
7:00 am Cynthia Marler
- Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Readings: Mi 5: 1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
- Saturday:**
5:00 pm: Parishioners
- Sunday:**
7:30 am: Joe & Eugene Smith
9:00 am: Ralph Wozniak
10:30 am: Mary Lou Lodholz

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Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, December 19

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

- Priest: Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Sandi Brooks
Extraordinary Ministers:
Kevin Boatright, Donna Conklin, John Crouch, Laura Denkler, Charlotte Vander Bol
Ushers: Gary Harris, John Jones, Mark Kellogg, Ralph Trepasso
Servers: E. Barnhouse, K. Gerwitz, Z. Kelso
Cantor: Terry Guiley

Sunday, December 20

7:30 am Mass

- Priest: Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Melissa Mitchell
Extraordinary Ministers:
Brenda Donze, Tom Donze, Jim Eaton, Jack Neiner, Kathy Neiner
Ushers: Ed Brown, Chester Ott, Phil Roth, Scott Watson
Servers: E. Cummings, S. Heberlie

9:00 am Mass

- Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Vanessa Trokey
Extraordinary Ministers:
Abe AuBuchon, Mitch Fuemmeler, Risha Gaines, George Kracke, Sandi Kracke
Ushers: John Podolak, Dale Springs, Mike Turner, Mike Ward
Servers: L. Combs, O. Combs, A. Le
Cantor: Dawn Fuemmeler

10:30 am Mass

- Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Helen Thurman
Extraordinary Ministers:
Theresa Aubuchon, Shirley Bieser, Charles Boyd, Phyllis LaPlant, John Thurman
Ushers: Bob Bone, James Cissell, Chuck Koppeis, Travis Trolinger
Servers: O. Rastorfer, Y. Rizo, M. Williams
Cantor: Rita Boyd

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, December 14, 2015

Sacristans

Brenda Donze, Linda Gillespie,
Karen Jones, Jo Rustemeyer

Money Counters

Beulah Carrow, Jackie Maloney,
Nancy Ott, Carolyn Rigdon

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 those who mourn for a loved one
 this holiday season”**



Wedding Banns

Bann II

Cody Antonic & Kate Weidenbenner
 December 22, 2015



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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

We pray for the repose of the souls of

Paula Karl

wife of Tom Karl

June Hall

mother of Kent (Jennifer) Hall

May God welcome them home, fill them with peace, and bless those who will miss them.

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, December 6, 2015

Adult Envelopes	\$11,983.10
Loose	\$530.19
Children's Envelopes	\$7.00
Immaculate Conception	\$115.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$35.00
Electronic Envelopes	<u>\$1,515.00</u>
	\$14,185.29

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$14,185.29	\$271,255.04
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$11,050.00</u>	<u>\$243,100.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(\$3,135.29)	\$17,105.04

Christmas	\$90.00
Christmas Flowers	\$669.00
Partners in Education	\$331.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$204.00
Retired Religious	\$10.00
Human Development	\$35.00
Secret Santa	\$1,521.00
Seminaries	\$135.00
Our Father's Table	\$50.00
St. Vincent de Paul	<u>\$70.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$1,578.50

Childrens Envelopes

Emma - I helped my daddy paint our old table and chairs to make them look pretty again.

Chase - I gave \$5.00 to a homeless man Saturday and said Merry Christmas.

Shelbie - Practicing my prayers to talk to God and singing my favorite Jesus songs.

Scarlette - Helping my sister learn the Our Father prayer and singing church songs.

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

Please pray for: **Carol Vuichard**, Cathy, Janet Hoene, **John Thurman**, Dallas Tiller, Seth Brown, Mike Simmons, Joan Arnold, **Sandi Kracke**, Rick Kinney, **Russ Buescher**, Gary Odle, Spencer Vincent, Agnes Herzog, Helen Naeger, Kimberly Allen, **Loretta Brundege**, Jacob Foley, **Charles Govreau**, Terry Edgar, Glenda Edwards, Joan Marler, Randy Harrington, Nancy, Garret Aubuchon, Jeremy, **Arlene Jones**, **Steve Paroski**, **Karen Hommelson**, Mark Huels, Colleen Harris, Jessie, Ashley, **Gloria Bruce** and Tracy Beussink.

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

Third Sunday of Advent

“Celebrate. Celebrate. Dance to the music. “So go the lyrics to an old song from the early 70s. So also, in a way, goes the message of Zephaniah. For in telling the people of Israel that God is with them he puts a song in their hearts. And surely, he sets their feet to dancing.

Paul stays right in step, again playing the cheerleader and again telling the Philippians—and all of us—to set aside anxiety, to rejoice in the Lord. And in Luke’s Gospel, John the Baptist speaks of ways to ready ourselves for the coming of the Christ so that our rejoicing in Jesus may be complete.

Welcome to the Third Sunday of Advent. Zephaniah, Paul, and the Baptist are already rejoicing. It seems like a good time to join them.

Two Coats

Speaking of the 70s, let’s not forget President Nixon’s well-used opening line about making things perfectly clear. John the Baptist could have begun his remarks in precisely the same way. We have enough generalities, don’t we? But what we need more times than not are the specifics. As in, what exactly are we supposed to do? We may not be tax collectors. We may not be soldiers. But we may very well have two coats in our closet—or two loaves of bread in our pantry, or a few extra coins in our pocket—and John couldn’t make our course of action any clearer.



One Light

The Baptizer needed to be clear on another point as well—that he was not the Messiah, that he was not the One to come, that he was not his people’s salvation. As the holidays approach, perhaps we all have to be wary about following the wrong lead. Of course, we know that Jesus is our Light, but there are a lot of other lights that can get in the way this time of year. We’ve got the overall glitter of the season, not to mention the shopping, the wrapping, the baking, the cleaning, and all of those holiday parties. None of these are bad things, but if we let them, they can cause us to lose our focus on the Lord. It’s kind of like driving a car at night—when the interior lights are on, it’s harder to see where we’re going.

But we don’t have to lose our way—not now, not ever. Not with the likes of Zephaniah, Paul, and John the Baptist to keep us focused on our true north. John’s good news to the people is our good news now—fully two thousand years later, just as it was in the early 70s. Christmas is only twelve days away. Let’s all celebrate and dance to the music.

Today’s Readings: Zep 3:14–18a; Is 12:2–6; Phil 4:4–7; Lk 3:10–18



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER

CALENDAR OF ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

March 2016

Friday & Saturday, March 4 & 5, 2016

III Week of Lent

"24 Hours With the Lord"

Archdiocesan Reconciliation Weekend

Archdiocesan parishes

April 2016

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Divine Mercy Sunday

Day of Prayer

Archdiocesan parishes

May 2016

Sunday, May 29, 2016

Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Jubilee for Deacons

Mass and Procession

Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis 5:00

June 2016

Friday, June 3, 2016

Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Jubilee for Priests

Mass and Luncheon

Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis 12:05 PM

Sunday, June 12, 2016

XI Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jubilee for Those Who Are Ill

Anointing of the Sick Mass

Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis 12:00 PM

July 2016

Saturday & Sunday, July 9 & 10, 2016

XV Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jubilee for Young People

Steubenville Conferences--

Archbishop Carlson

Saturday & Sunday, July 16 & 17, 2016

XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jubilee for Young People

Steubenville Conferences--Bishop Rice

November 2016

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Solemnity of All Saints

Mass for the Faithful Departed

Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis 12:05 PM

Sunday, November 20, 2016

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mass for the Conclusion for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis 10:00 AM



Archdiocese of St. Louis



“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!*



Looking Ahead to 2016

Looking Ahead to 2016 According to Matthew Kelly, Dynamic Catholics spend, on average, fourteen minutes a day learning more about the faith. In the year of study, we challenge you to make significant strides in your knowledge of the faith. Matthew Kelly asks, “How would your life be different one year from now, five years from now, ten years from now if you read five pages of a great Catholic book each day?” (The Four Signs, 106). Strive to create a great cathedral of the mind!

A Special Thank You,

We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to our family of St. Joseph. A very special thank you to **Father Rickey, Father James, Agnes Hinkebein, the Women of Mary, Sandi Brooks, Jo Rustemeyer** and **everyone that extended prayers** to us during this difficult time. God bless you all.

With our love and thanks,
The Family of
Marilyn Trokey



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



beOne - bold vision for Catholic St. Louis

What does it mean to be a Catholic in the Archdiocese to St. Louis? **It means we are called to encounter Jesus more fully in our diversity and courageously respond to His call to be ONE in mission.**

"..so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you...that the world may believe..." - John 17:20-21

As a culmination of several initiatives rolled out in the Archdiocese of St. Louis in the six years of Archbishop Carlson's episcopacy, **beONE is not a new program, rather a framework for how to live our lives as Catholics.**

Archbishop Carlson gives us an insight on what beOne could be:

“Humans have more than 200 bones and more than 70 organs. Each has a different role, yet all together they act as one body. **What would happen if 184 parishes did that? What would happen if 500,000 Catholics did that? What would happen if each person and every person was one with the Lord, one with each other, one in what we believe on Sunday and how we act on Monday?...**Something powerful would happen...”

I agree...something powerful would happen!

There are four areas this framework will encompass:

- Fostering Missionary Discipleship
- Promoting Human Dignity & Social Responsibility
- Embracing a Culture of Leadership
- Securing the Future of Catholic Education

We are the body of Christ.



Learn more at beone.archstl.org.

Each of these areas will be looked at more in depth each of the next 4 weeks.



You Are Invited to a Special Advent Concert Performed by our School Students



Join us for our Advent Recital on **Tuesday, December 15 at 6 :00 pm**. Our students in preschool - 8th grade will entertain you with traditional hymns, winter songs, and dancing! Our students in grades 4 - 8 will perform the musical ***We Three Spies***, a group of covert spies who secretly bring Christmas cheer to the needy. HASA will provide refreshments after all performances. Join our students, faculty, and staff as we journey through the Advent Season! **All parishioners are invited to attend a special Advent/Christmas musical performed by our school children in our gym. See you there!!**



The Little Saints Corner St. Joseph's Little Saints Preschool

Our preparation for Christmas isn't just about material gifts. We are preparing for the most special gift of all, the birth of our Savior! During God's Time we will be reading all about The First Christmas. I pray that we are all preparing our hearts this Advent season. The anticipation of the birth of our Lord is always humbling.

Merry Christmas - Miss Marsha & Miss Misti



Making
Gingerbread
Houses



Look who visited...
The Three Wise Men!



Our Beautifully Refurbished Outdoor Advent Wreath



Our thanks to the **LaMartina family** and **Stacey Cassimatis** for lovingly restoring and setting up our Outdoor Advent Wreath that professes our Catholic Faith to our community and helps us prepare for the coming of Christ.



Edith Stein Project Conference at Notre Dame

2 day conference

Free Love: The Liberating Power of Charity
February 5 & 6, 2016

The costs vary depending on participation.

Thank You For Your Generosity!!

Thank you for supporting our efforts in collecting money for the Secret Santa Fund after masses the weekend of December 5 - 6.



Through your generosity,
we collected **\$581.25!!**

- St. Joseph Youth Group



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: April 19

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.

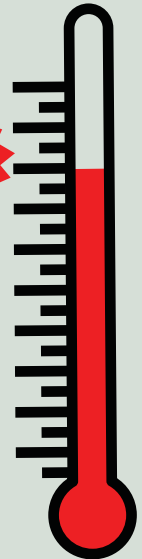
There is no charge for this course for registered, active parishioners. Since our parish participates in the Comprehensive Catechetical Program with Paul VI institute. Non parishioner cost is \$240 for this class.

Beyond Sunday Campaign

\$700,000

\$483,770

69%
of our goal!



Just Look at the Thermometer Rise!

We've received a total of 137 pledges making the average pledge \$3,531. 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.



Our Future St. Vincent de Paul Building



Our Father's Table Next Sunday

4:00 - 6:00 • Cafeteria

Christmas Ham Dinner



Holiday Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24

Masses at 5:00 pm and Midnight
(Traditional Christmas Carols begin at 11:30 pm)
7:30 pm Mass at Coffman

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25

Masses at 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 am

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 27

Regularly scheduled weekend Masses.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 1 - New Year's Day

Thursday, December 31 - New Year's Eve:
Vigil at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm at Coffman
Friday, January 1: 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 3

Regularly scheduled weekend Masses.

Baby Items For Christmas

The Christmas season is a time to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. In the spirit of giving, the Respect Life Committee is asking families to bring baby items to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and place them at the manger. These items will be distributed to our local hospital and to the Parkland Pregnancy Resource Center. They in turn will give the items to needy families. Items particularly needed are: newborn girl and boy outfits, sleepers, newborn mittens (so babies won't scratch themselves), onesies, undershirts, receiving blankets and heavier blankets. If you would like, the gift may be wrapped.



Thank you for your support!



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Women of Mary Giving Tree

The Women of Mary are again sponsoring a "Giving Tree" to benefit our St. Vincent de Paul organization.

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.

**Please turn in any gifts by
Tuesday, December 22!!**



Our Heartfelt Thanks,

We would like to extend our thanks to
Richard and Deborah Black

for their generous donation of poinsettias. These flowers will decorate our parish center for the Christmas season.

What a beautiful addition to our
Christmas Gatherings!!

Thanks

Coming up in our Parish...



December 13
Breakfast with Santa



December 15
Advent Recital



December 25
Christmas Day



January 19-24
DC Pilgrimage



February 2
First Reconciliation

“My heart sings for joy, and overflows with gladness, for the Lord my Savior is born!”



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

**There will be NO
Eucharistic Adoration
December 24, December 31
or Friday, January 1.**

This Week in Our Parish...

Monday • December 14

**Pastoral Council
Christmas Gathering**
6:00 pm • Parish Center

Tuesday • December 15

**4th Degree
Knights of Columbus
Christmas Party**
6:00 pm • Parish Center

Advent Recital
6:00 pm • School Gym

Wednesday • December 16

**Quilter's
Christmas Gathering**
9:00 am • Rectory

**St. Vincent de Paul
Christmas Gathering**
12:30 pm • Parish Center

PSR
6:00 pm • School & Cafeteria

Rosary
7:15 pm • Church

Thursday • December 17

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

**Parish Staff & School Faculty
Christmas Gathering**
6:00 pm • Parish Center

Sunday • December 20

Spanish Mass
3:00 pm • Church
4:00 pm • Parish Center Reception

Our Father's Table
4:00 pm • Cafeteria

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

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..."

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have food can share in the blessings of 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



St. Catherine's in Coffman, Missouri
invites you to an



Old Fashioned Country Christmas

Saturday, January 2, 2016

5:00 pm Mass

celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family
with Fr. Rickey J. Valleroy, celebrant
and music by Daryl Buchheit



After Mass please join us for some country fun

- **"All-You-Can-Eat"** warm homemade cinnamon rolls,
hot chocolate, milk or coffee in the church hall
- Traditional Christmas Songs with Daryl Buchheit
- *The Nativity Story* by the children of St. Catherine's
- All the way from the North Pole . . . a visit from Santa
 - Coffman's Biggest Buck Contest
 - The men will be Coon Trapping on stage
 - **NEW this year:** Aiming for the Stag!!!
 - An Old Fashioned Country Bingo
come join us and win some great give-aways
(free for all to enjoy)



The Retiring Queen of the 2014 Coffman County Cinnamon Roll Queen
Marilyn Gegg taking her final walk before passing her crown to the new winner

**The Crowning of the 2015 Cinnamon Roll Queen
of Coffman County**



Saturday 7:30 pm Mass

Coffman, Missouri
Founded in 1887
Canonical Parish 1919

Parish Council President:
Jimmy Herzog

St. Catherine of Alexandria

December 19, 2015

Celebrant

Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector

Bobby Eck

Extraordinary Ministers

Helen McDaniel
& Joyce Heberlie

Offertory Bearers

Curt & Lynette Heberlie

Mass Intentions

Dec 12 - James Herzog
Dec 19 - Susie Calvin

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Saturday, December 5, 2015

Adult Envelopes	\$755.00
Loose.....	\$20.00
Total.....	\$775.00
Christmas.....	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$10.00
Seminary.....	\$10.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness

Hope to see everyone this evening at our Christmas party starting at 5:30 pm.

Advent Confessions will be THIS wednesday, December 16 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

“Always remember that as long as we keep the Eucharist the center of our lives, everything else will fall in place...of that I am confident”!!!

Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey