

St. Joseph Catholic Church *Farmington, Missouri*

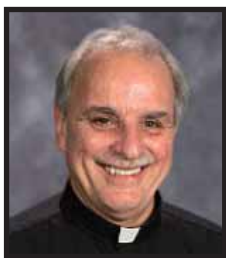
Fourth Sunday of Advent • December 20, 2015



LOVE

*As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you:
continue ye in my love.*

JOHN 15:9



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 **Fourth 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!

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

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.

Christmas Masses Traditional Christmas Carols will be sung before Midnight Mass

We warmly welcome **Daryl Buchheit** who will be our guest musician at the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass.

Again this year we will have traditional Christmas carols sung during the half hour preceding Midnight mass by our choir led by **Dan Stott**.

Our parish owes a tremendous amount of gratitude to our choir members for their unending dedication to our liturgical celebrations.

A Special Christmas Gift for You Upon Leaving Christmas Mass

Thanks to a very generous donor, everyone attending our Christmas masses will be leaving with a beautifully wrapped gift this year.

My sincere thanks to our **ACTS** community, who together wrapped and tied with ribbon the 600 presents that will be personally handed to each family for Christmas.

Thanks for Helping Secret "Santa" Together we will help some of our own Parish family members have a Merry Christmas

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the "**Secret Santa**" to help some of our faithful parishioners! I can't begin to express to you how grateful I am for your generosity! Your gifts have made Christmas much brighter for some of our parish family members.

It was very joyful experience this past week to distribute the gifts. We were able to help 34 individuals/families of our parish family. Each recipient is a registered, active and contributing parishioner(s). We were able to help to make much needed house payments, pay utility bills directly, provided several gifts certificates, provided groceries for a family, provided funds for car payment, and to some giving a simple gift of cash to help ease the pain of several months of unemployment.

For Those Who Mourn This Christmas... A Special Section in Our Bulletin for You...

I thought it might be helpful for those who have lost loved ones this past year to read an often requested article that was presented a couple of years ago at our "Bit of Comfort" dinner by **Sue Wilker, RN**, who gave such an inspirational and heartfelt presentation.

I am sure we each know someone who is mourning the loss of a loved one this Christmas. If you know someone outside our parish who is mourning this Christmas season, you might consider sending them the article found on pages 8 and 9 of this bulletin.

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

Today, 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.

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.

And Finally...

As we come close to Christmas, I sincerely thank you for being such an awesome parish family!!! Your love and generosity to the poor and needy of our area has been extraordinary this Christmas season and throughout the year!

As you notice each week in the weekly "Gifts to God and our Parish", your faithful stewardship of your treasures the past six months of this fiscal year has been admirable.

The Holy Spirit is doing some great things here at St. Joseph's through you!!! While many of our parishes in the Archdiocese are struggling to meet their budgets, we are currently right on target! I am honored and proud to be your pastor!

"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 Advent Peace...Fr. Rickey

Office Closed

Our office will close at
1:00 pm on Thursday, December 24

Office Closed

**Friday, December 25
for Christmas**

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 at St. Joe 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.

Welcome to Our Guests. . . Welcome Home to Others. . .

We warmly welcome all of our visitors this Christmas weekend!!! If you are new to the area and visiting us for the first time, we sincerely welcome you to our faith community! Or if you have been away from the Church for a while, we sincerely welcome you **HOME** this Christmas! If you are looking for a faith community to join, please give us a call at the parish office. Please join us on Christmas Day and be sure to take home a Christmas gift from our Parish family to yours.

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Ed Brown Cemetery Association

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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

(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 20
Gloria Bruce
Jonathon Finney
Parker Mattina

December 23
Mary Berblinger
Walter Gregory
Keith Rariden

December 25 cont.
Holly Smith
Ronald
Vander Bol

December 21
Maria Uy

December 25
Jim Kelly
Mark Klein

December 26
Joe Blum
Bev Bryant
Agnes Davis
Keith Huck

December 22
Jim McNeill

Russ Randall
Dottie Reeves



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 21, 1985
Mitch & Dawn Fuemmeler

December 24, 1999
Bob & Cassie Bone

December 23, 1983
Joe & Lisa Arnold

December 26, 1981
Kevin & Chris Engler

December 23, 2006
Scott & Corey Schrum

December 27, 2000
Dwayne & Karen Perkins

December 27, 2008
Jeff & Jennifer Swinarski



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of Dec 21 - Dec 27

- Monday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;
Lk 1: 39-45
7:00 am: **John "Bud" Hertrich**
- Tuesday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Sm 2:1, 4-8d; Lk 1: 46-56
7:00 am: **Darrin Young**
- Wednesday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66
7:00 am: **Beverly Byington**
- Thursday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: 2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Ps 89:2-5, 27,29; Lk 1:67-79
7:00 am: **Todd Jokerst**

Nativity of the Lord Christmas

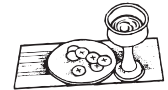
- Thursday:**
Readings: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25
5:00 pm: **James & Eric Baechle**
Readings: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14
12:00 am: **Ralph & Lori Wozniak**
- Friday:**
7:30 am: **Virginia Webster**
9:00 am: **Perry and Cecilia Trokey**
10:30 am: **Harold Rustemeyer**
Readings: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- Sunday Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6;
21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5
- Saturday:**
5:00 pm: **Kathleen Mattingly**
- Sunday:**
7:30 am: **Parishioners**
9:00 am: **Living and Deceased Members of
Holy Family Parish**
10:30 am: **Joan & Jack Manley**

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

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, December 26

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

- Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Jami AuBuchon
Extraordinary Ministers:
Adam Barnhouse, Kevin Boatright,
Sandi Brooks, John Denkler, Rosetta Halter
Ushers: Gary Harris, John Jones, Mark Kellogg,
Buddy Bordewick
Servers: B. Harness, C. Harness, M. Harness
Cantor: Dawn Fuemmeler

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sunday, December 27

7:30 am Mass

- Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Stephen Hunter
Extraordinary Ministers:
Brenda Donze, Tom Donze, Steve
Forsythe, Jack Neiner, Kathy Neiner
Ushers: Ed Brown, Dale Jones, Scott Watson,
Ed Weidenbenner
Servers: A. Crawford, J. Hulsey

9:00 am Mass

- Priest: Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Brian McNamara
Extraordinary Ministers:
Paul Gaines, Rob Grindel, Doak Holloway,
George Kracke, Charlotte Vander Bol
Ushers: Dan Combs, John England, Jerry Morris,
Don Trokey
Servers: T. Benoist, N. Berkbigler, C. Brown
Cantor: Tom Berkbigler

10:30 am Mass

- Priest: Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Phyllis LaPlant
Extraordinary Ministers:
Theresa Aubuchon, Shirley Bieser, Charles
Boyd, Jana Dore, Katie Rhodes
Ushers: Roy Henson, James Cissell, Chuck
Koppeis, Travis Trolinger
Servers: O. Rastorfer, A. Werner, G. Werner
Cantor: Judy Colligan

Monday, December 21, 2015

Sacristans

Pat Beussink, Jana Dore',
Marie Hermann, Jo Rustemeyer, Sandi Brooks

Money Counters

Marilyn Currington, Kathy Miller,
Bob & Mary Lou Govreau



There will be **NO Rosary**
this Wednesday...

Merry Christmas



Wedding Banns



Bann III

Cody Antonic & Kate Weidenbenner

December 22, 2015

Bann I

Sarah Hayden & Peter Williams

January 15, 2016

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

We pray for the repose of the souls of

Nathan Schrum

brother of Scott (Corey) Schrum

A.J. Vessel

husband of Nesta Vessel

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

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.

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, December 13, 2015

Adult Envelopes	\$12,943.00
Loose	\$369.27
Children's Envelopes	\$2.00
Immaculate Conception	\$1,242.12
Solemnity of Mary	\$95.00
Electronic Envelopes	<u>\$430.00</u>
	\$15,081.39

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$15,081.39	\$286,336.43
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$11,050.00</u>	<u>\$265,200.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	\$4,031.39	\$21,136.43

Christmas	\$200.00
Christmas Flowers	\$1,175.00
Partners in Education	\$377.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$112.00
Respect Life	\$200.00
Human Development	\$50.00
Secret Santa	\$796.00
Seminaries	\$85.00
St. Vincent de Paul	<u>\$300.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$3,295.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!

Welcome

We warmly welcome to our Parish Community
the following Parishioners...

Sara Renshaw

Lucretia Greaux

Michael Czarnecki

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

Please pray for: **Joe Sansoucie**, **Loretta Brundege**, Wanda Pulley, Brian Barth, **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.



Archdiocese of St. Louis Office of the Archbishop



Christmas 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Rejoice! The weeks of Advent waiting are over, and Christ is born!

We rejoice in our Savior's birth remembering the great gift of faith He has given us through the mystery of His incarnation and the saving power of His death and resurrection.

Each year, the people of our archdiocese have been asked to make a special gift on Christmas Day to support our seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. The men of our seminary, who have responded to Christ's call to follow Him, are truly a gift to the Church and to the Archdiocese of St. Louis. It is these men who will bring the faith given to us by Christ 2000 years ago to future generations here in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

I ask you, once again, to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas Day collection, which helps pay the day-to-day expenses and maintenance of our seminary.

Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas. May the Lord of life come into your hearts and homes in a special way during this holy time of year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis



Fourth Sunday of Advent

"O, Little Town of Bethlehem." A Philadelphia clergyman named Phillips Brooks penned these popular words back in the mid-1800s, but the prophet Micah could have used them first. Micah knew that from small packages great treasures come. Here, he knew that from tiny Bethlehem would come the Lord.

The writer in Hebrews explains that Christ came to us to do the will of God by establishing a new way and by becoming our perfect sacrifice. And Luke tells us that Elizabeth and John, the infant in her womb, understand that great and wondrous things are at hand with the coming of the Lord.

It's a pretty humbling question that Elizabeth asks herself when Mary comes to call: "[H]ow does this happen to me," she mused, "that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:43). Paraphrasing it, we can all ask it of ourselves as well. Indeed, how does it happen that my Lord, the Christ, should come to me? Or to any or all of us? It's difficult to remove ourselves from the events of the moment, but when we look beyond all of the commercial trappings of this great holiday to consider what it is that we are really celebrating this week—the holy day, the commemoration of the word made flesh—it can take our breath away.

"Blessed are you among women" (Luke 1:42), Elizabeth said, and certainly blessed are all of us at the coming of our Lord and Savior. In looking for joyful imagery, we need look no further than the infant John stirring in his mother's womb at the sound of Mary's voice. Was he doing the rhumba? Was he high-fiving the world? Who can say? But it's fun to picture the scene, and when was the last time we leapt for joy that Jesus is our God? From the mouths of babes there is much to learn. So, too, sometimes, from the babe waiting to be born.

Micah tells us that the Lord God is Peace, and so we have come to believe. Hebrews tells us that we have been consecrated in Jesus—once for all—and so we have come to believe. And the Luke passage concludes with Elizabeth's words to Mary, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled" (Luke 1:45). Firm in our belief, let us celebrate this day, and let us claim that blessing as our own.

Today's Readings: Mi 5:1–4a; Ps 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19; Heb 10:5–10; Lk 1:39–45

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Helping Yourself Through the Holidays



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There are so many holidays or "special days," such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, weddings, Easter, Thanksgiving, to name a few. These are all difficult days for the bereaved, but for many, the most difficult holiday of the year is Christmas. This time of year, more than any other, means "Family Together." They are synonymous and it is at this time we are so acutely aware of the void in our life. For many the wish is to just go from December 15 to January 3! We continually hear Christmas carols and people wishing everyone "Merry Christmas." We see the perfect gift for our loved one who has died and suddenly realize they will not be here to enjoy it. Eventually the Christmas season will not be so difficult. This statement may not seem possible to those newly bereaved, but grief will soften and you will begin to enjoy life again, including Christmas.

The Christmas message is that "God is with us." He came to become one of us in Jesus Christ. In this season, we celebrate the fact and the faith that God loved us so much that he was born among of us. And yet, even at the first Christmas, there was a reminder of death. One of the gifts that the wise men brought to the baby Jesus was the gift of myrrh, a perfume that was used to prepare a dead body for burial. Part of the plan of God from the very beginning was that this baby born in Bethlehem would eventually show his love through death. It is through this birth, death, and resurrection of this Jesus that we celebrate life even in the midst of death. May the love that was born in Bethlehem in Jesus the Christ be born in you today.

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see_ I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."
Luke 2:10-11*

Be open to the blessings and good experiences that the holidays may bring. Live in the present.

Remember, past holidays weren't always perfect!

The Following Are Some Ideas That May Help You Get Through This Time...

Not all of them will fit your circumstance and needs, but take a moment to go over them and consider incorporating one or a even a few into this holiday season.

• **Set limitations.** Realize that it isn't going to be easy. Do the things that are very special and/or important to you. Just do the best you can. Once you have made the decision on how you and your family will handle the holidays, let relatives and friends know.

• Consider all those "**Holiday Musts**" ... sending cards, baking cookies, going to parties, decorating the inside and outside of your home, decorating the tree, preparing special holiday foods, shopping, wrapping packages, "traditional whatevers".

If these chores are enjoyable, go ahead, but not to the point that it is tiring.

Look at each of these "Musts" and decide:

- 1) would Christmas be Christmas without it
- 2) is this something I can do differently this year
- 3) do I do this out of habit, tradition, free choice or obligation
- 4) do I like doing this
- 5) can someone else do it.

After weighing the options, act accordingly!

If you always cut down your own tree, consider buying it already cut this year... or perhaps this is the year to switch to an artificial one or no tree at all! Perhaps just a small tabletop tree. Let children, friends, family help with the decoration. Perhaps this is the year to cut down on all the decorating and place special emphasis on only the things that are most important.

If you send out Christmas cards, insert a memorial card in it to let those who may not have heard of your loved one's death to let them know. Perhaps instead of Christmas cards send them out at Epiphany, or send out Happy New Years cards.

• **Shop Early.** Shopping may be extremely upsetting. It may help to shop through a catalog, on the Internet or make plans to shop with an understanding, supportive friend or family member. Plan to relax over lunch or a cup of coffee. Friends or relatives might be willing to shop for you if they realize that just the thought of shopping is bothering you.

• **There is no right or wrong way to handle the day.** Don't avoid long-standing traditions. Children often find comfort in them. On the other hand, new traditions say you are still a family. It may help to do things a little differently this year. What you choose the first year you don't have to do the next. Be careful of "SHOULD'S" – it is better to do what is

most helpful for you and your family. If a situation looks especially difficult over the holidays, try not to get involved. If you do decide to keep to some traditions, decide who will take over the role traditionally assigned to the person who died, for example: carving the turkey or ham.

• **Keep in mind the feelings of children or family members.** Try to make the holiday season as joyous as possible for them. Children especially need a sense of normalcy, even in the midst of grief. If a tradition is especially important for the children, consider keeping it, this will give them a sense of security when things around them are changing. Provide your children with extra amounts of attention, praise, and emotional support.

• **Family Get-Togethers** may be extremely difficult. Be honest with each other about your feelings. Sit down with your family and decide what you want to do for the holiday season. Don't set expectations too high for yourself or the day. If you wish things to be the same, you are going to be disappointed... the holidays this year are NOT going to be the same! Undertake what each family member is able to handle comfortably.

• **The holidays are by their nature exhausting...** emotionally, physically and psychologically. This year won't be any different and they most likely will be worse. **Make sure you get enough rest.** Be extremely careful with alcohol it is a natural depressant and can actually make things worse.

• Perhaps you want to **make things totally different this year.** One possibility for the first year may be to visit relatives, friends, or even go away on a vacation. Planning, packing, etc. keeps your mind somewhat off the holiday and you share the time in a different and hopefully less painful setting.

Or maybe you would want to consider **smaller changes:**

- Try attending Christmas Mass at a different time and/or church.
- If you are accustomed to having dinner at your home, change and go to relatives or a restaurant; or change the time - instead of 2:00 pm make it 6:00 pm. Serve buffet style and/or eat in a different room may help. Change the entire menu!
- If you always gather on Christmas Eve, change it to Christmas morning for brunch.

- Do something for someone else. Reaching out to someone else who is in need can help with your feelings of helplessness and hopelessness. Give food to the needy. Helping out at a Christmas meal for the homeless. Visit a shut-in from the parish.
- Invite someone else who is alone to join in the holiday meal and to share the day with your family.

• Some people fear **crying in public**, especially at Mass. It is usually better not to push the tears down. You should be gentle with yourself and not expect so much of yourself. Worrying about crying is an additional burden. If you let go and cry you probably will feel better. It should not ruin the day for other family members but will provide them with the same freedom. Children imitate behavior. If they see you are crying and expressing your sadness at the death of your loved one, they will know they have the freedom to do the same.

• **Share your concerns**, feelings, apprehensions as the holiday approaches with a relative or friend. Tell them that this is a difficult time for you. Accept their help. You will appreciate their love and support at this time and they will feel less helpless with being asked to help.

• **Holidays often magnify feelings of loss of a loved one.** It is important and natural to experience the sadness that comes. To block such feelings is unhealthy. Keep the positive memory of your loved one alive. Take time and share memories with your family of the loved one who died.

- light a candle in honor of her or him
- set out a picture and tell stories of her or his life
- watch a home video together
- look through a photo album together or make a family memory book
- Give a donation in memory of your loved one.

• Often **after the first year** the people in your life may expect you to be "over it". We are never "over it", but the experience of many bereaved is that eventually they enjoy the holidays again. Hold on to HOPE. Know that our loving Father will never abandon you and always holds you in His loving arms.

Remember: Be easy on your self, anticipation of any holiday is so much worse than the actual holiday!



May you and your loved ones have a blessed Christmas.
Remember that God loves you
and is always with you.

~Sue



Thank you for your loving Christmas Memorials in memory of the following loved ones...



In memory of.....from

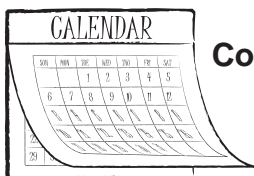
- Hildegard and Glennon Smith and Fred and Jean Bach Jerry & Dotty Bach
- Owen Michael Backer Michael and Ethel Backer
- Eva Kohut, Leonard Pinson, Ruby Kincaid and Ted and Sally Barnhouse..... Joe and Kelly Barnhouse
- Max Bellamy..... Sophie Bellamy
- John Keith Tom and Tammy Benoist
- Beussink Family, Koehler Family and Erard Family Pat Beussink
- Vincent and Jewell Blunt David Blunt
- Klinkhardt & Brady families Elroy & Mary Lou Brady
- Don Burns, David Price and Catherine Johnston Mary Ann Burns
- Jerry Bush and Dr. W.R. Sheets..... Diane Bush
- Orval Carrow Family and Ed Huber Family..... Francis and Beulah Carrow
- Dolores Fitzgerald, Mary and Jim Franklin, Deceased Family Members of Frank Santoyo and Emma Mayberry, Bill Craft and Helen Gregory Fran Craft
- Wulfers Family and Teresa Kiser..... Anne Crawford
- Dr. F.R. Crouch and Edward Frystak..... John & Kathy Crouch
- Bob and Mutsie Greif and Sam Hulsey Harold and Jenny Davault
- Darrel James Shoemake, Jr., Bill Dunaway Rosemary Dunaway
- Carol Agostini, Mary Moss and Charles Moss..... Milton and Gail Dunn
- Raymond Edgar Marie Edgar
- Fritz and Agnes Fortman, Joseph L. Vander Bol Paul & Joann Fortman
- Tom Freeman Bonnie Freeman
- Guadalupe and Jesus Galvan Rosie and Josephine Galvan Carmen Hall & Tommi Burton
- Charles and Josephine Govreau, Mary Huber, Ben and Eleanora Striebel, Bern Striebel and Betty Smith..... Bob and Mary Lou Govreau
- Bob and Mutsie Greif and Sam Hulsey Sarah Greif
- Lillian Olivia Hale, John Matthew Forsythe, Myranda Starkey, Barbara Schuh and Janet Forsythe..... Kevin and Emily Hale
- Biran Heberlie, Heberlie Family and Vogt Family..... Clinton and Mary Heberlie
- Virginia King, Ralph and Bernice Hommelson..... Joel and Karen Hommelson
- Bill Martin and Elba Martin Dale and Arlene Jones
- William and Rita Kramek and Earl Jones Gary and Joni Jones
- Anna Herbst Steve Kaba
- George and Nellie Kracke, Martin and Michael Kracke, Jesse, Dorothy and Kenneth Gandy George and Sandi Kracke
- Edward and Lucy Lober and Richard and Mabel Stretch..... Norman and Rosemary Lober
- Mary Lou Lodholz..... Warren Lodholz
- Joe Maloney, Christopher Schwent and Philomena Schwent Jackie Maloney

James McNamara and Dorothy Miles Arlene McNamara
 Corinne Dolence, Russell and Fay Miller, Rev. Oscar Lukefahr
 and Cornelia Schindler Gary and Kathy Miller
 Andy & Dorothy Paule and Tack Montgomery Judy Montgomery
 Charlotte Ann Morris and Rebecca Lynn Morris Jerry Morris
 Dr. & Mrs. Kotting and James & Rose Neville James and Mary Neville
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 Charles and Matilda Ganninger, Mike and Cecelia Ott and Agnes Warden Chester and Nancy Ott
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 and Louis Schnurbusch and Laura and Felix Moore Ralph Schnurbusch
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 and Billy Bourisaw Howard and Shirley Shelton
 Joe and Eugene Smith Rose Smith
 Adam Sullivan Weldon and Mary Ann
 Edgar and Thelma Hermann and Terri and Greg Urbantke Gary and Ruth Urbantke
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 and Marc Boardman Jim and Annette Willis
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 Valleroy and Geringer Families Fr. Rickey Valleroy
 A.J. Vessel Nesta Vessel & Fr. Rickey Valleroy
 William Zolman, Margaret DeMand, John DeMand Sr.,
 John DeMand Jr., Jacob DeMand Frances Zolman

In honor of.....from
 Jean Vander Bol Paul & Joann Fortman
 Mary Moll Gary and Joni Jones

Due to the publishing deadline, more memorials will be published in next week's bulletin.

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Coming up in our Parish...



December 25
Christmas Day



January 19-24
DC Pilgrimage



February 2
First Reconciliation



February 5
Couple's Evening



February 9
Men's Lenten Night

"Hail Holy Mother!
The Child to Whom
you gave birth is
the King of heaven
and earth forever!"



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

For more information contact
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756-2383 • ctboyd@sbcglobal.net

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

This Week in Our Parish...

Monday • December 21

Parish Staff
Christmas Lunch
12:00 pm • Parish Center

Wednesday • December 23

NO PSR
NO Rosary

Thursday • December 24

NO Eucharistic Adoration
NO RCIA

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night of the year when
darkness is the longest. The
Savior of the world comes for
the people in dark places. The
real, lasting, and deep joy is
that the Light shines there.

Through your gift to St. Vincent
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bringing real, lasting and deep
joy to the hearts of the poor
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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



**Our Father's
Table
TODAY**

**4:00 - 6:00
Cafeteria**

*Christmas Ham
Dinner*

*The Parish Family of St. Joseph
would like to wish all those
Serving in our Military
a Safe and Joyous Christmas*



Sergeant Jacob Steven Baechle

Stationed at Fort Brag
grandson of Ginger Baechle and Dale & Jane Meyer

Captain David Brewer

Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer in
Salt Lake City, Utah • son of Louise Brewer

GySgt Matthew Carman

Marines at Okinawa, Japan
son-in-law of Mary & Gary Berblinger

Lieutenant Commander Thomas Conklin

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington
son of Rick & Donna Conklin

Specialist Gregory T. Corcoran

with the 1138 National Guard
grandson of Romana Corcoran

CPT Kevin Costello

Army, Ft. Sam Houston
son of Cris Costello

CPT Joseph Costello

Army, Ft. Sam Houston
son of Cris Costello

MAJ Genevieve Costello

Army, stationed in Afghanistan
daughter of Cris Costello

2nd LT Christopher Hafner

with 278 ACR Knoxville, Tennessee National
Guard • grandson of Richard & Mary Hafner

Sergeant Gerald Hafner

with the 205 ASMC Kansas City National
Guard • son of Richard & Mary Hafner

Master Sergeant James Howey

Air Force in Wright Patterson AFB Dayton, OH
son-in-law of Mary & Gary Berblinger

Private Corey Jones

Army in Ft. Leonard Wood
son of Dale and Arlene Jones

1LT Olivia M. Klinkhardt

Physician's Assistant at San Antonio, Texas
Niece of MaryLou Brady

Captain Tessa J. Klinkhardt, MD

stationed at Madigan Hospital at Ft. Lewis, WA
niece of MaryLou Brady

Sergeant Timothy Masters

Army National Guard • Tim, his
wife Nikki, and their daughters are parishioners

1st LT Becky (Nekula) Mohan

Stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington
daughter of Pat Nekula

Captain Jeffrey R. Morris

US Air Force, stationed in Shreveport, LA
grandson of Thelma Chambers

Brandon Paroski

US Army stationed in Virginia
nephew of Steve and Cynthia Paroski

Lt Cmdr. Catherine (Wolo) Perez

US Navy serving in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
daughter of Mike and Jo Anne Wolo

PSgt Chris Perkuhn

Air Force Stationed in Brandon Suffolk, U.K.
son-in-law of Jay (Shelly) Ellis

ET2 Josh Rustemeyer

US Coast Guard in Kodiak, Alaska
grandson of Jo Rustemeyer

Seamen E3 Savannah Shelton

US Navy stationed at Norfolk Naval Base, VA
daughter-in-law of Howard & Shirley Shelton

Jeffrey Smith

Stationed in Ft. Leonard Wood, MO
son of Tom & Linda Smith of Coffman, nephew of
Dotty & Jerry Bach, and Pat & Kevin Boatright

BJ Waltz

US Navy stationed in Florida
nephew of Steve and Cynthia Paroski

Sareant George F. Wilson

Stationed in Oson base, Korea
grandson of Madgie Winch

CW3 Nicholas Andrew Rice

Army Reserves Stationed in Afghanistan
Son of Nick and Margaret Rice



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



Old Fashioned Country Christmas

Saturday, January 2, 2016

5:00 pm Mass

celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord
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,
Peggy Adams, 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

Happy Birthday
Glenna Adams • Dec 23
Klarissa Heberlie • Dec 27

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Celebrant
Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lectors
December 24
Joyce Heberlie
December 26
Agnes Herzog

Extraordinary Ministers

December 24 & 26
Helen McDaniel
& Joyce Heberlie

Offertory Bearers
Curt & Lynette Heberlie

Mass Intentions
December 24
Edna Webery
December 26
Leonard Gegg

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Saturday, December 5, 2015

Adult Envelopes	\$593.00
Loose.....	\$114.00
Total.....	\$707.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$110.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness

A Note from Fr. Rickey. . .



Christmas Mass will be on **Christmas Eve at 7:30 pm**. New Year's Mass- The Solemnity of Mary will be on **Thursday, Dec. 31 at 7:00 pm**.

Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord will be at **5:00 pm Saturday, January 2** followed by our wonderful **Old Fashioned Country Christmas**. The highlight of the evening will be the crowning of the 2015 Cinnamon Roll Queen of Coffman County!

Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey