

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Farmington, Missouri

February 21, 2016 • Second Sunday of Lent

What are we doing this Lenten Season?

During this...



EXTRAORDINARY
JUBILEE OF MERCY



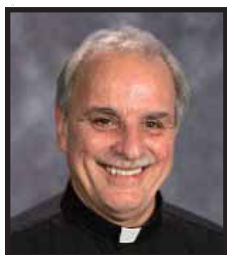
CORPORAL ACTS OF MERCY:

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

SPIRITUAL ACTS 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





From the Pastor's Pen

Lenten Fish Fry Update...

We served 952 meals at our First Lenten Fish Fry

Wow, the attendance at our first Fish Fry of the Lenten season was amazing despite the bitter cold. We served 952 meals.

Our special gratitude goes to our School and Preschool Families, School & Preschool Faculty, School Board, Parish Council Members who did an excellent job serving as our hosts for our first fish fry of the season. **The warm hospitality shown to our guests is the hallmark of our faith community!** Thank you to the many parishioners who pitched in and helped out where needed! You will find a report on our fish fries on page 13 of this bulletin.

The poor of our community were remembered with the proceeds of our 50/50 profit of **\$296.00** which will be given to the **"Help the Hungry Bakesale"**. Congratulations to **Jim Eaton** who was the winner of the 50/50 drawing last week!

Fish Fry Meals Available to be Delivered to Our Homebound

If you are homebound, registered in our parish, are on our communion call list and would like a fish fry meal brought to your home, please contact our **Parish Health Minister, Agnes Hinkebein**. Due to dietary restrictions, we are asked not to deliver to nursing homes.

Helping with the Spirit of Hospitality at our Fish Fry ... Giving our guests closer parking...

Parking is always at a premium for our parish Fish Fries. **In keeping with our Lenten spirit and our continued focus on our spirit of hospitality, if you are working at the fish fry, would you consider parking in the SVDP building parking lot to give our guests a chance for closer parking?**

Not only would you be offering this small action for the greater good of our parish, but you could also eat a bit more at the fish fry knowing that you will be walking off a few of the calories by walking to your car!!! 😊

Easter Flower Memorials

A beautiful way to remember those who now share in the resurrection of Christ in Eternal Life...

If you would like to remember a loved one with a special memorial this Easter Season, you can do so by donating to the Easter flowers that will adorn our sacred space this Easter season. You will find a memorial envelope in your monthly offering envelopes or you may bring your memorial by the parish office by **Friday, March 25. This is an especially prayerful way to remember those who loved St. Joseph's parish and have gone before us!** We will publish all memorials in our Easter Sunday bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Offered Friday, March 4 & All Day Saturday, March 5

As we continue our Lenten journey to the promises of Easter, let us recall our Ash Wednesday reminder: **"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."**

On **Friday, March 4** St. Joseph's will celebrate Reconciliation from 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm and **Saturday, March 5** from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. I hope you will join us this Lenten Season in quiet prayer for all those who are seeking to reconcile with God and the Church.

Confession times and schedule of priests will be as follows:

Friday, March 4

- 4:00 - 6:00 pm** Fr. John Schneider
- 6:00 - 7:30 pm** Fr. Bill Baier
- 7:30 - 9:00 pm** Fr. Mark Ebert

Saturday, March 5

- 9:00 - 10:00 am**.....Fr. James Dyer
- 10:00 - 12:00 pm**Msgr. Jim Hanson
- 12:00 - 2:00 pm** Fr. Bill Baier
- 2:00 - 3:00 pm**Fr. James Dyer

May the grace of Reconciliation bring lasting peace to our hearts, homes and communities this Lenten season.

A Special Evening of Lenten Prayer "Mary's Way of the Cross"

St. Joseph's Parish will be having a special Stations of the Cross, **Mary's Way of the Cross**, on **Wednesday, March 9 at 7:15 pm** in church. What a beautiful way for us to meditate on Mary, the Mother of God as she watched her Son give His life for us.

Remembering Those Serving our Country this Easter Season

We would like to remember the members of our families who are currently on active duty serving our country this Easter season by having a page dedicated to them in our Easter bulletin. If you have an immediate member of your family currently serving our country, please contact Jessi in the parish office to let her know.

Are You Using Your Lenten Rice Bowls? Please Return Them at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday

We hope your Lenten Rice Bowl is a center of your dining room table this Lenten season. You will be asked **at the offertory at the Mass of the Lord's Supper** to place your boxes or offerings in the basket at the altar. This long time tradition has been the center of many Catholic kitchen tables during the Lenten season as we remember our brothers and sisters who hunger throughout the world.

An Old Fashion Bake Sale Sponsored by Our Women of Mary to be Held March 19 - 20

The Women of Mary bakesale is just right around the corner. It is a weekend that many of us look forward to each year... It is time for our annual **Women of Mary** bake sale that will be held **after all the masses the weekend of March 19 - 20 in the parish center**. All proceeds from the bake sale go to support the activities of our **Women of Mary** such as new altar linens, our funeral luncheons, and cleaning supplies for our church. **If you enjoy the desserts at our fish fries, you won't want to miss this opportunity!**

A Special Mission Week at St. Joseph's with the Fr. Ron Hoye, C.M.

Last year, we had the privilege to have **Fr. Ron Hoye, C.M.** as our presenter for our Spring Mission. There was not an open seat in the church all three nights! The week of **May 8 - 10** our parish will be honored to welcome him back and I look forward to his mixture of humor and inspiration that appeals to all ages. I promise it will be a week you will not want to miss.

You Should Have Received Your Tax Statement & Parish Directory

If you are a contributing parishioner you should have received your tax statement along with our 2016 Parish Directory in the mail in the past few weeks. The bulk rate we receive makes this very affordable and assures that everyone receives their tax statements along with a new directory. **Non contributing parishioners may pick up their directories at the parish office.**

Lenten Program to Deepen Your Prayer Life Beginning March 3

You won't want to miss this opportunity beginning **Thursday, March 3 at 9:00 am!** **Abe AuBuchon** will be leading this 6 week program that will spotlight **Dr. Tim Gray** as he uses the discipline of **Lectio Divina** to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. Cost of the program is \$5.00. Please call Abe in the parish office to sign up!

Just a Reminder about Our School Gym...

We have had some misunderstanding about why we can not rent out our school gym for non-school functions. The reason behind that is not our new gym floors, it is the implementation of Protecting God's Children and that we can not monitor the individuals that will be entering our premises and if they have attended a Protecting God's children workshop and had a background check. **We are striving to keep children safe on our property at all times.**

And Finally...

Thank you to the gentlemen that offered to shovel snow last Sunday morning. The snow was coming in fast and your gesture was greatly appreciated!!

"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 Lenten Peace...Fr. Rickey



Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2016



“I desire mercy, and not sacrifice” (Mt 9:13).

The works of mercy on the road of the Jubilee

1. Mary, the image of a Church which evangelizes because she is evangelized

In the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, I asked that “the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 17). By calling for an attentive listening to the word of God and encouraging the initiative “24 Hours for the Lord”, I sought to stress the primacy of prayerful listening to God’s word, especially his prophetic word. The mercy of God is a proclamation made to the world, a proclamation which each Christian is called to experience at first hand. For this reason, during the season of Lent I will send out Missionaries of Mercy as a concrete sign to everyone of God’s closeness and forgiveness.

After receiving the Good News told to her by the Archangel Gabriel, Mary, in her Magnificat, prophetically sings of the mercy whereby God chose her. The Virgin of Nazareth, betrothed to Joseph, thus becomes the perfect icon of the Church which evangelizes, for she was, and continues to be, evangelized by the Holy Spirit, who made her virginal womb fruitful. In the prophetic tradition, mercy is strictly related – even on the etymological level – to the maternal womb (*rahamim*) and to a generous, faithful and compassionate goodness (*hesed*) shown within marriage and family relationships.

2. God’s covenant with humanity: a history of mercy

The mystery of divine mercy is revealed in the history of the covenant between God and his people Israel. God shows himself ever rich in mercy, ever ready to treat his people with deep tenderness and compassion, especially at those tragic moments when infidelity ruptures the bond of the covenant, which then needs to be ratified more firmly in justice and truth. Here is a true love story, in which God plays the role of the betrayed father and husband, while Israel plays the unfaithful child and bride. These domestic images – as in the case of Hosea (cf. Hos 1-2) – show to what extent God wishes to bind himself to his people.

This love story culminates in the incarnation of God’s Son. In Christ, the Father pours forth his boundless mercy even to making him “mercy incarnate” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 8). As a man, Jesus of Nazareth is a true son of Israel; he embodies that perfect hearing required of every Jew by the Shema, which today too is the heart of God’s covenant with Israel: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might” (Dt 6:4-5). As the Son of God, he is the Bridegroom who does everything to win over the love of his bride, to whom he is bound by an unconditional love which becomes visible in the eternal wedding feast.

This is the very heart of the apostolic kerygma, in which divine mercy holds a central and fundamental place. It is “the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 36), that first proclamation which “we must hear again and again in different ways, the one which we must announce one way or another throughout the process of catechesis, at every level and moment” (*ibid.*, 164). Mercy “expresses God’s way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 21), thus restoring his relationship with him. In Jesus crucified, God shows his desire to draw near to sinners, however far they may have strayed from him. In this way he hopes to soften the hardened heart of his Bride.

3. *The Works of mercy*

God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbour and to devote ourselves to what the Church's tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These works remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbours in body and spirit: by feeding, visiting, comforting and instructing them. On such things will we be judged. For this reason, I expressed my hope that "the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy; this will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty, and to enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy" (ibid., 15). For in the poor, the flesh of Christ "becomes visible in the flesh of the tortured, the crushed, the scourged, the malnourished, and the exiled... to be acknowledged, touched, and cared for by us" (ibid.). It is the unprecedented and scandalous mystery of the extension in time of the suffering of the Innocent Lamb, the burning bush of gratuitous love. Before this love, we can, like Moses, take off our sandals (cf. Ex 3:5), especially when the poor are our brothers or sisters in Christ who are suffering for their faith.

In the light of this love, which is strong as death (cf. Song 8:6), the real poor are revealed as those who refuse to see themselves as such. They consider themselves rich, but they are actually the poorest of the poor. This is because they are slaves to sin, which leads them to use wealth and power not for the service of God and others, but to stifle within their hearts the profound sense that they too are only poor beggars. The greater their power and wealth, the more this blindness and deception can grow. It can even reach the point of being blind to Lazarus begging at their doorstep (cf. Lk 16:20-21). Lazarus, the poor man, is a figure of Christ, who through the poor pleads for our conversion. As such, he represents the possibility of conversion which God offers us and which we may well fail to see. Such blindness is often accompanied by the proud illusion of our own omnipotence, which reflects in a sinister way the diabolical "you will be like God" (Gen 3:5) which is the root of all sin. This illusion can likewise take social and political forms, as shown by the totalitarian systems of the twentieth century, and, in our own day, by the ideologies of monopolizing thought and technoscience, which would make God irrelevant and reduce man to raw material to be exploited. This illusion can also be seen in the sinful structures linked to a model of false development based on the idolatry of money, which leads to lack of concern for the fate of the poor on the part of wealthier individuals and societies; they close their doors, refusing even to see the poor.

For all of us, then, the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year is a favourable time to overcome our existential alienation by listening to God's word and by practising the works of mercy. In the corporal works of mercy we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, visited; in the spiritual works of mercy – counsel, instruction, forgiveness, admonishment and prayer – we touch more directly our own sinfulness. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy must never be separated. By touching the flesh of the crucified Jesus in the suffering, sinners can receive the gift of realizing that they too are poor and in need. By taking this path, the "proud", the "powerful" and the "wealthy" spoken of in the Magnificat can also be embraced and undeservedly loved by the crucified Lord who died and rose for them. This love alone is the answer to that yearning for infinite happiness and love that we think we can satisfy with the idols of knowledge, power and riches. Yet the danger always remains that by a constant refusal to open the doors of their hearts to Christ who knocks on them in the poor, the proud, rich and powerful will end up condemning themselves and plunging into the eternal abyss of solitude which is Hell. The pointed words of Abraham apply to them and to all of us: "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them" (Lk 16:29). Such attentive listening will best prepare us to celebrate the final victory over sin and death of the Bridegroom, now risen, who desires to purify his Betrothed in expectation of his coming.

Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favourable a time for conversion! We ask this through the 4 maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, who, encountering the greatness of God's mercy freely bestowed upon her, was the first to acknowledge her lowliness (cf. Lk 1:48) and to call herself the Lord's humble servant (cf. Lk 1:38).

A Special Lenten Evening of Reflection for the Men of St. Joseph's Parish

CROSS FIT:

Lenten Spiritual Exercises for building up the Body of Christ.



Gift for the host of the table with the most raised!



A total of **\$9,205** was raised to be divided between **Help the Hungry Bakesale** for the poor in our community; and **our adopted St. Joseph School in the Philippines**.

A Special Thank You To...
Deacon Mark Byington
Jake Whitener, presenter
Daryl Buchheit, musician



Thank you also to the hosts for the evening:

- Jerry Hulsey**
- Ryan Dowell**
- Rob Grindel**
- Tom Hill**
- Mike Kelso**
- Kevin Hale**
- Lee Schwent**
- Dan Stott**
- John Crouch**
- Brock Busenbark**
- Jimmy Herzog**
- Dave Werner**
- Brad Howard**
- Steve Forsythe**



*"We offer you, Lord,
the Bread of life
and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have
held us worthy
to be in your presence
and minister to you."*

Eucharistic Prayer II

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Jim Eaton..... Financial Commission

Ed Brown Cemetery Association

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



February 21

**Kristin Baechle
Fred Manning
Hollie McCoy
Gary Urbantke**

February 23

**Diane Bush
Michelle Koppeis
Hau Phan**

February 25

**Michael Jung
Arleen
McNamara
Grace Tucker**

February 22

**Stephen Forsythe
LaDonna Kite
Rachel Neumeier
Ethan Turner**

February 24

**Liam Brown
David Danieley
Tyler Wolff**

February 27

**Addison
Hubbard
Joseph Hulsey**



Happy Anniversary



February 23, 1991

Greg & Susan Rudroff

February 25, 1974

John & Mary Dugan

February 26, 2013

Nicholas & Kelsea Hulsey



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: _____



Spanish Mass TODAY • 3:00 pm

Potluck Reception Following
in the Parish Center



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of Feb 22 - 28

Monday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Readings: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3,4-6; Mt 16:13-19
7:00 am: **Robert McManus**

Tuesday: Lenten Weekday
Readings: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23;
Mt 23:1-12
7:00 am: **Sherry Sales**

Wednesday: Lenten Weekday
Readings: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6,14-16;
Mt 20:17-28
7:00 am: **Betty Russell**

Thursday: Lenten Weekday
Readings: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 16:19-31
7:00 am: **Busalaki Family**

Friday: Lenten Weekday
Readings: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13,17-28; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43,45-46
7:00 am: **Paula Karl**

Third Sunday of Lent

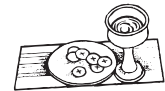
Sunday Readings: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4,6-8,11;
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Saturday:
5:00 pm: **William J. Valleroy**

Sunday:
7:30 am: **Vel Schnurbusch**
9:00 am: **Parishioners**
10:30 am: **Dr. Jack & Cecilia Gallagher**

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

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, February 27

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Charlotte Vander Bol
Extraordinary Ministers:
Adam Barnhouse, Kevin Boatright, Ronald
Brooks, Sandi Brooks, Laura Denkler
Ushers: Buddy Bordewick, Gary Harris, Mark
Kellogg, John Denkler
Servers: B. Harness, C. Harness, M. Harness
Cantor: Judy Colligan

Sunday, February 28

7:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Stephen Hunter
Extraordinary Ministers:
Brenda Donze, Tom Donze, Jim Eaton,
Chuck Hayden, Rose Hayden
Ushers: Jack Neiner, Chester Ott, Phil Roth, Ed
Weidenbenner
Servers: K. Busenbark, A. Crawford

9:00 am Mass

Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Helen Thurman
Extraordinary Ministers:
Sandi Brooks, Dawn Fuemmeler, Mitch
Fuemmeler, John Thurman
Ushers: John England, Don Trokey, Mike Ward,
Scott Watson
Servers: T. Benoist, A. England, C. Watson
Cantor: Terry Guiley

10:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Chad Speakar
Extraordinary Ministers:
Theresa AuBuchon, Shirley Bieser, Charles
Boyd, Jana Dore, Katie Rhodes
Ushers: Bob Bone, James Cissell, Roy Henson,
Chuck Koppeis
Servers: P. Borrego, A. Roney, S. Zaricor
Cantor: Susan McMann

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, February 22, 2016

Sacristans

Pat Boatright, Rita Boyd,
Jerri Johnson, Charlotte Vander Bol

Money Counters

Donna Black, Mary Brady,
Sue Brown, Kathy Neiner, Debbie Thomure

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 our Elect as they prepare for the Easter Sacraments”



In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

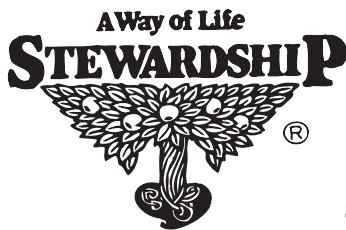
We pray for the repose of the soul of



Caroline Chastain

mother of Katie Rhodes & Charlie Chastain

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



“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.”
(Genesis 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our earthly home?

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, February 14, 2016

Adult Envelopes	\$10,064.00
Loose	\$429.01
First Offering	\$5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1,308.45
Electronic Envelopes	<u>\$435.00</u>
	\$12,241.46

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$12,241.46	\$387,906.34
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$11,050.00</u>	<u>\$364,650.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	\$1,191.46	\$23,256.34

Partners in Education	\$95.00
Maintenance and Repair	\$70.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$70.00
St. Louis Review	\$60.00
Our Father's Table	\$385.00
Women of Mary	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$690.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!

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.

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

Please pray for: James Macklin, Ed Hampton, Rita Wofford, Anna Murro, **Caroline Chastain**, Richard Gebhardt, Jr, David Calbreath, Robert Calbreath, Mary Truman, Gary Huit, Brenda, **Vicky Cunningham**, Harold White, Katy, Carol Rowe, Julie Shields, Cathy, Elaine George, Gary Ward, Terry Edgar, Bill Allen, Michelle Brown, Megan Brown, Jake Zerht, Rick Smith, William Silvey, Lindis Sitzes, **Frances Zolman**, Jeremy, **Cathy Barron**, **Jeanie Gegg**, **Joe Sansoucie**, **Sandi Kracke** and Helen Naeger.

To add someone to the prayer list contact Pat Boatright at boat.pab75@gmail.com or 756-4169.

Please Join Us...

Lectio - Prayer
Finding Intimacy
with God

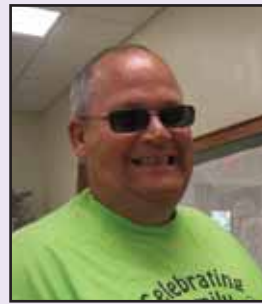


6 week program
Thursdays • 9:00 - 10:30 am
Beginning March 3

Join us for a 6 week journey as **Dr. Tim Gray** masterfully uses the discipline of **Lectio Divina** to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. This program will be led by **Abe AuBuchon** in the **Parish Center** beginning Thursday, **March 3** with completion on Thursday **April 14**. Included in this session is a comprehensive study guide to deepen your journey into prayer. Cost of the program is \$5.00.

To assist in the preparation, please RSVP to Abe AuBuchon at [aubuchon@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:aaubuchon@stjosephfarmington.com) or call 756-4250 x 317.

Thank You, Mike Ward!



At the beginning of this year, our Maintenance Supervisor decided to 'really' retire. Mike Ward is retired from the Coast Guard and lovingly gave the last 10 years to serve our parish. We would like to extend our great appreciation for his service and send him our prayers and best wishes on any future endeavors. Thanks, Mike, your dedication, hard work and warm smile have been a blessing to our parish!!

Welcome, Brian Wade!

When we heard Mike was leaving, we prayed that someone would come along that would put the same time, care and pride into this parish the way that he did. Parishioner, Brian Wade has stepped into the position and is doing a tremendous job!!



Brian and his wife are both very active in parish life and have four children that attend St. Joseph School. Thank you, Brian, you are an answer to our prayers.

St. Joe's Yesterday's Kids
Upcoming Events!!

\$45

Fabulous Fox
Theatre



April 14

Lunch on own

\$45

Holy Door
Pilgrimage



Pink Sisters

April 27

Lunch at Hodak's

\$25

Holy Door
Pilgrimage



August 9

Lunch on own

\$220

Eureka Springs
Great Passion Play
Overnight Trip



September 12-14

Double Occupancy

Call the office today... They are filling up fast!!

A Special Evening of Lenten Prayer



Mary's Way of the Cross

Wednesday, March 9
7:15 pm

What a beautiful way for us to meditate on Mary, the Mother of God as she watched her Son give His life for us. Our thanks to the women who will be leading us in the stations and prayer on this evening.

We hope that you will all be able to join us for this prayerful evening.

Attention ALL St. Joseph Parishioners

Pies and cakes are needed in the gym on **Fridays after 1:00 pm** for our annual Lenten Fish Fries. ALL parish families are asked to bring a dessert and the Women of Mary will cut and plate them. If you would like your dishes returned please be sure to put your name on them. It would be helpful if you could label what your dessert is as well. Thank you.



Journey Through Grief

Did you know in times of sorrow and loss, you are not alone? There is a non-denominational support group called "**Healing Hearts Ministry**" in your Community that meets twice a year (spring and fall). This Ministry has helped so many in the past 9 years, if you have lost a loved one, be it a spouse, child, parent or even through a divorce, help with your grief is waiting for you at the St. Agnes Parish Rectory. This spring session begins on **Monday, March 7, 2016.**

It is amazing how helpful talking with and hearing how others are coping with their loss helps everyone. For more information and to let him know you coming just call **Wayne F. Basler** at 573-483-2574 or 314-570-5494.

Thank you and God bless.

Second Sunday of Lent

The Clouds

There was a time when I used to enjoy a good, ripping thunderstorm. But since the times that storms flooded our basement and brought down large tree branches that took out the fence and barely missed the house, I find myself in dread whenever clouds begin to darken the sky. Imagine the fear of Abram when the birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses and a dark cloud enveloped him, and he fell into a trance. Also think about the fear of Peter, James, and John when a cloud came over them on the mountain, and a voice came out of the cloud. Peter babbled on, not knowing what he was saying.

The Promise

These clouds, unlike the thunderclouds, preceded a promise. Abram received from the Lord a covenant: a promise that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars, and that the land that he saw would be for him and his descendants forever. We, too, are recipients of the promise. In the Transfiguration on the mountaintop, Jesus was revealed as the Exodus to be accomplished in Jerusalem; in other words, Jesus' death and resurrection would begin a new covenant with all people and with the Earth.

"We await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:30), who will come again. We need not fear the clouds any more, for in the words of Psalm 27, "I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD."



Today's Readings: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 -- 4:1 [3:20 -- 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

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Host Parish Organizations Fish Fry Dates

“Offering the best hospitality in St. Francois County”

THIS FRIDAY • February 26

St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers, Finance Board, ACTS community, Respect Life Committee, Our Father’s Table



March 4

School and Preschool Families, School & Preschool Faculty, School Board, Parish Council Members



March 11

PSR Families, PSR Faculty, Knights of Columbus, 5:00, 9:00 & 10:30 Choirs, YACHT Club



March 18

RCIA Team, Candidates and Catechumens, St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers, Finance Board, ACTS community, Respect Life Committee, Our Father’s Table, All Parishioners invited to host!

Ticket Collectors and Money Counters

Ed and Sue Brown, Chairs, and our Money Counter teams

Desserts each week provided by Women of Mary

50/50 Raffle worked by Youth Group

Drink Table worked by Confirmation Class and Parish Staff

Beer Booth operated by Knights of Columbus

Quilt Booth operated by Quilters



Adults \$8.00, Children (6-12) \$4.00, Children 5 and under FREE

All second shift workers are asked to stay until 7:30 to help take down tables and chairs.

Lenten Fish Fry Update

As we continue our Lenten journey, we remember our Corporal works of mercy for the poor by sponsoring a 50/50 drawing at each of our Lenten Fish Fries. The proceeds of the 50/50 will go to **“Help the Hungry”**. This past week’s winner of the 50/50 drawing was **Jim Eaton** who won **\$296.00**.

<u>Fish Fry</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meals Served</u>	<u>Net Profit</u>
1	2/12	952	3,552.74

God has truly blessed our efforts and to date we have raised \$3,552.74 for our parish!!!!

Women of Mary wish to thank everyone of the parish who have been baking desserts for the Fish Fries and ask your continued support for the remaining dinners. Thank you.

Coming up in our Parish...



February 27
St. Joseph School
Trivia Night



March 19
Feast of St. Joseph



March 25-27
The Sacred Triduum



April 2
First Communion

Advertiser of the Week...

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Our Father's Table
Next Sunday



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

Surprising Things That Happen When You Go To Adoration...



Grace Enters Your Life.

It's amazing how a simple act of committing to even a short time of regular Adoration makes such a huge difference to the rest of your life. You can carry that moment of being in His presence with you long after you've left the church or chapel. **His grace sustains you in every moment, especially in those moments of temptation.** Temptation becomes easier to resist when you're spending more time in Adoration. Sometimes, it really is that straightforward.

Eucharistic Adoration
Thursdays • 7:30 am - 7:30 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



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

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the 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.

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.

This Week in Our Parish...

Monday • February 22

Parent Confirmation Meeting
6:00 pm • Parish Center

Tuesday • February 23

Paul VI Class
7:00 pm • Parish Center

Wednesday • February 24

PSR
6:00 pm • School & Cafeteria

Rosary
7:15 pm • Church

Thursday • February 25

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

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

Friday • February 26

Vocation Day
7th & 8th Grade School & PSR Trip

Stations of the Cross
2:00 pm & 7:00 pm • Church

Fish Fry
4:00 pm- 7:00 pm • School Gym

Saturday • February 27

Trivia Night
6:00 pm • Doors Open
7:00 pm • Event Begins • Gym

Sunday • February 28

RCIA First Scrutiny
9:00 am • Church

Our Father's Table
4:00 pm • Cafeteria



St. Catherine of Alexandria

Celebrant

Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector

John Adams

Extraordinary Ministers

Linda Smith &
Cindy Coffelt

Offertory Bearers

Jimmy & Susie Herzog

Mass Intentions

February 20 - Susie Calvin
February 27 - Ronnie Hahn Sr.

Happy Birthday

Lynette Heberlie • Feb 22
Tom Taylor • Feb 25

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Saturday, February 13, 2016

Adult Envelopes	\$300.00
Loose.....	<u>\$80.00</u>
Total.....	\$380.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness

A Note from Fr. Rickey . .

Mark your calendars:

Stations of the Cross will be **Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 pm** (confessions and adoration will be for an hour following) and on **Good Friday, March 25 at 1:00 pm.**

Easter Mass will be **Sunday, March 27 at 11:00 am.**

Blessings of Lenten Peace...Fr. Rickey

Saturday 7:30 pm Mass

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