

Where Hospitality and Love Meet

# *St. Joseph Catholic Church* *Farmington, Missouri*

November 20, 2016



Join us for  
Our Father's Table  
**TODAY**  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm



Please Join us for  
Thanksgiving Day Mass  
9:00 am



## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe





# Closing the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Our Journey to Holy Doors during this Year...



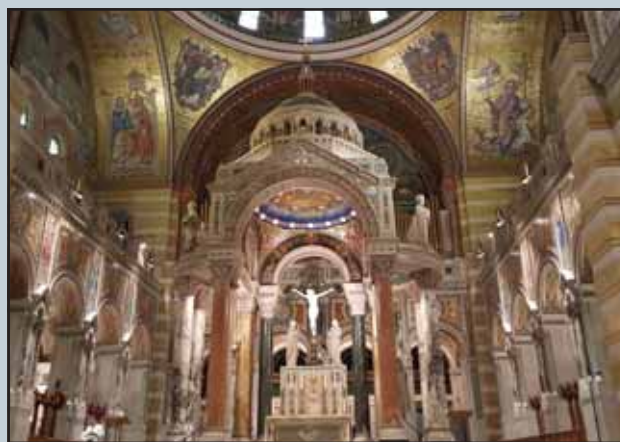
March for Life Pilgrims visit the Holy Door of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle (Left) and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Right) Washington D.C. • January 21

*Dear Fathers and Parishioners,  
Thank you very, very much for your lovely hospitality I was completely overwhelmed by your generosity. I enjoyed myself in all the places we visited; churches, eating places and also the beautiful sceneries I saw through the window on our way to the pilgrimage. May God bless each one of you abundantly and every day  
With much love and prayer,  
Sr. Agnes Yomamoto*

Thank you from Sr. Agnes, one of our now "adopted" Sisters of the Good Shepherd, after the September 7 Pilgrimage



Students in grades 5 - 8 visit the Holy Doors at the Passionist Nuns, Cathedral Basilica, Old Cathedral, and the Pink Sisters • February



Yesterday's Kid's Pilgrimage to the Passionist Nuns, Cathedral Basilica, Old Cathedral and the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters (Pink Sisters) Holy Doors • April 27



**Women of Mary Retreat Day to the Association of the Miraculous Medal, Perryville, MO Before the Holy Door visit, the Women of Mary celebrated Mass at Apple Creek, MO May 4**



**Yesterday's Kid's Pilgrimage to Carmel of St. Joseph, Contemplative Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Monastery of St. Clare and the Redemptoristine Nuns of Liguori Holy Doors • August 9**

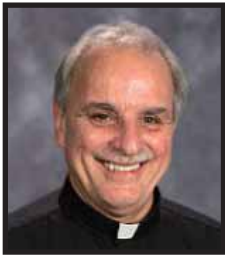


**Sisters of the Good Shepherd Holy Door Pilgrimage with Yesterday's Kids to the Association of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO... (with a quick stop at Dairy Queen!) • September 7**



**Women of Mary Mystery Day to the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Annunciation in Cape Girardeau (Left) after a visit to the Holy Door we visited Old St. Vincent Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau (Right) October 5**





## From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

### Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Mercy Closes Today

With the start of a new liturgical year, the official end of Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Mercy will come to an end today, **Sunday, November 20**. When the Holy Year of Mercy began, Pope Francis stated, **"I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its center the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: 'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful'.**

The purpose of this Holy Year of Mercy has been to highlight the importance of being merciful to one another, as God is to us. Jesus said, **"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy"**. The Holy Year of Mercy presented a wonderful opportunity to all of us... a time to focus on and practice the virtue of mercy in our daily lives. **Mercy is caring for the needs of people's minds, hearts, and lives. It means to share in God's forgiveness and love.** As Catholics we are always called to be merciful as God is merciful. The Holy Year of Mercy has presented a special opportunity to learn about and practice mercy in our own lives, homes, classrooms, and communities.

**How blessed we were here at St. Joseph's to experience so many opportunities through the year to visit so many Holy Doors.** A wonderful blessing for us, was meeting the **Contemplative Sisters of the Good Shepherd** when visiting their Holy Door, and who are now our adoptive little sister community. **Each day they are praying for us and we for them!** From our grade school children to our Yesterday's Kids pilgrimages we made to numerous visits to Holy Doors... but we as Catholics are called to keep the doors of mercy open, the doors of our minds and hearts and homes. I pray that we continue to keep our hearts open to receive God's mercy and to continue the spirit of the Holy Year of Mercy as the Jubilee comes to a close.



## Today We Say Thanks and Farewell to our 10:30 Guitar Choir



Today at our 10:30 mass, we will be blessed with the guitar choir leading us in song for the last time. This longtime ministry has decided to retire after many years of service to our community. **Denis Moore**, the lead guitarist and leader of the choir, began involvement in 1988. He and his wife, Patricia are looking forward to being able to travel more to see his children and grandchildren. The longest member, **Rita Boyd** began her ministry with the choir in 1972. For almost 45 years she has been singing in the guitar choir. She stated that she is so looking forward to finally being able to sit with Charlie and her family at the 10:30 mass on Sunday mornings!

**After the 10:30 mass today, please join us for a reception to express our parish's gratitude and heartfelt thanks to each of these wonderful and talented individuals for their ministry of leading us in song for so many years!**

I know many are asking, what now? Who will replace them? At this time **Jane Ramos**, our school music teacher, will be stepping up to lead a Jr. High Youth Choir bi-monthly during the 10:30 am Mass and **Dan Stott**, our longtime choir director, will be leading an Adult Choir. Thus, if you are interested in joining our 10:30 choir, please let Jane or Dan know! **We need you!!!!**

## We End our Liturgical Year Today on this Feast of Christ the King

Today we close our liturgical year as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Next week we begin the new Liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a season of waiting, a season of hope.

This time of ending and beginning is a good opportunity for me to thank all of our liturgical ministers, our choir, our liturgy committee and those who faithfully clean the church each week. Our parish truly appreciates the gifts of your time and talent.

**As you make your plans for  
Thanksgiving Day,  
Please Join Us for Mass at 9:00 am  
with our Tradition of Sending Home with  
You Blessed Loaves of Bread**

As you make family plans for Thanksgiving Day, please consider joining us for the **9:00 am mass to give the ultimate gift of gratitude of Thanksgiving, the Holy Eucharist.**

For the past ten years, we have had the tradition of the blessing of loaves of homemade bread to be taken home and shared at your family's Thanksgiving meal. During the offertory collection, I will again invite you to bring can goods or monetary gifts for the poor to the altar. These items will be blessed at the end of the mass followed by the blessing of the bread.

Our sincere thanks to **Dolores Eddleman** and her family who will be baking the loaves of homemade bread for this special St. Joseph's Thanksgiving Day tradition.

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

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

**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 are hoping to have some Christmas presents available for them and for their children in early December. 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.

**Remember Your Loved One  
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 18 bulletin. The printer's deadline for this bulletin is **Tuesday, December 13**. Hopefully we will have a complete list. However, any gifts received after the deadline will be listed in the December 25 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.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
A Holy Day of Obligation**

On **Thursday, December 8** we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This day is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. **The Mass schedule for this holy day will be 7:00 am, 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.** Mary, under the title of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is the patroness of the United States.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation  
to be Offered All Day Long  
Friday, December 9**

On **Friday, December 9** we will offer an entire day from **8:00 am until 6:00 pm** for the reception of the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*. During Advent, families will clean and decorate their homes and plan for visits from relatives and friends. This invitation is about spiritual preparation of our hearts in order to welcome Christ. A schedule will be published in next weekend's bulletin that outlines the time each priest will hear confessions.

**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**

## Our Pastoral Team

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### Parish Business Office Hours

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

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What if you woke up this morning  
with only what you thanked  
God for yesterday?



## Spanish Mass TODAY

3:00 pm • Church

A Potluck Reception to follow in  
the Parish Center at 4:00 pm

## Sacramental Life

Daily Mass Monday thru Friday ..... 7:00 am

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

Sunday Mass 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 the parish office.

### The Sacrament of Marriage

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



## Happy Birthday



November 20  
**Kenda Hopkins**  
**Vanessa Trokey**

November 24  
**Mike Koppeis**  
**Robert Schmidt**

November 26  
**Kathy Dziewa**  
**Luci Knight**

November 21  
**Jessica DeBold**  
**Timothy Johnson**

November 25  
**Gary Beck**

**Jenny Mattina**  
**James Neville**  
**Danielle Turner**

November 22  
**Whitney**  
**Busenbark**

**Jodie Berkbigler**  
**Agnes Hinkebein**  
**Joel Hommelson**  
**Neil Jannin**

**Keith Wade**  
**Louise Wieland**  
**Jim Willis**

November 23  
**Shirley Martka**

**Mary Ann McCann**  
**Thelma McManus**  
**Raymond Morrow**

**Mary Jane**  
**Wulfers**

## Happy Anniversary

November 21, 1992  
**John & Michelle**  
**England**

**10 Years!** November 25, 2006  
**John & Amy**  
**Martin**

November 23, 1990  
**Joe & Esther Blum**

**20 Years!** November 25, 1996  
**Howard & Shirley**  
**Shelton**

**20 Years!** November 23, 1996  
**KJ & Carletta**  
**Genenbacher**

**50 Years!** November 26, 1966  
**Bob & Betty Medley**



## Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of November 21 - 27

- Monday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 Readings: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4  
 7:00 am: **Deacon Al Gegg**
- Tuesday: St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr**  
 Readings: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11  
 7:00 am: **James Spengler**
- Wednesday: Weekday**  
 Readings: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19  
 7:00 am: **Tom & Adelaide Herrell**
- Thursday: St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest**  
 Readings: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19  
 7:00 am: **Rose Walters**
- Friday: Weekday**  
 Readings: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33  
 7:00 am: **Brown & Scherer Families**

### First Sunday of Advent

Sunday Readings: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

**Saturday:**  
 5:00 pm: **Dolores Fitzgerald**

**Sunday:**  
 7:30 am: **Sr. Clara Burke, CSJ**  
 9:00 am: **Jerry Bush**  
 10:30 am: **Parishioners**

## Ministers of the Liturgy



### Saturday, November 26

#### 5:00 pm Mass

- Priest:** Fr. John Schneider  
**Deacon:** Deacon Mark Byington  
**Lector:** Charlotte Vander Bol  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Kevin Boatright, Ronald Brooks, Sandi Brooks, John Crouch  
**Ushers:** Buddy Bordewick, Mark Kellogg, Dylan Kelso, Don Trokey  
**Servers:** E. Anderson, K. Gerwitz, K. Halter

### Sunday, November 27

#### 7:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. John Schneider  
**Deacon:** Deacon Mark Byington  
**Lector:** Jennifer Rhodus  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Dotty Bach, Charlie Dill, Marge Dill, Joe Rhodus  
**Ushers:** Ed Brown, Bill Jokerst, Dale Jones, Phil Roth  
**Servers:** A. Crawford, J. Hulsey

#### 9:00 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganiosa  
**Lector:** Jami AuBuchon  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Adam Barnhouse, Jana Dore, Risha Gaines, Rob Grindel, Jane Allen  
**Ushers:** Mike Backer, John England, Jerry Morris, Mike Turner  
**Servers:** T. Benoist, A. Coleman, L. Gaines  
**Cantor:** Michelle Podolak

#### 10:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganiosa  
**Lector:** Helen Thurman  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Maggie Carr, Phyllis LaPlant, Jill Patton, John Thurman, Charlie Boyd  
**Ushers:** Bob Bone, Roy Henson, Bryan Hubbard, Travis Trolinger  
**Servers:** C. Cassimatis, E. O'Hara, M. Williams  
**Cantor:** Judy Colligan

## St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Mission Statement

*We are called by our Lord Jesus Christ, to be His church and live His gospel. We strive to fulfill our baptismal calling by prayer, worship, teaching and in sharing our faith and serving others.*

*Guided by the Holy Spirit and through our patron St. Joseph, we commit ourselves to the responsible stewardship of all God's gifts.*

## Monday, November 21, 2016

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| <u>Sacristans</u>                                    | <u>Money Counters</u>  |
| Pat Beussink, Jana Doré,<br>Jo Rustemeyer, Judy Alig | Donna Black, Mary Brady,<br>Sue Brown, Kathy Neiner,<br>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:*

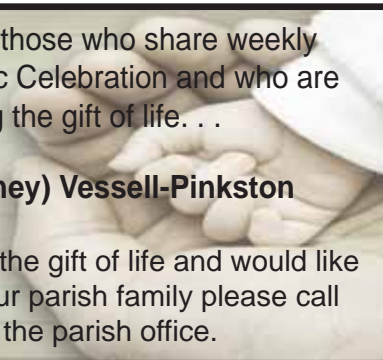


“In Thanksgiving for our many blessings.”

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

**Lauren (Rodney) Vessell-Pinkston**

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



**Meet our BeOne Partners...**



**St. Catherine of Alexandria**  
Coffman, MO



**Our Adopted School in...**  
Cebu, Phillipines



**Contemplative Sisters of the Good Shepherd**  
St. Louis, MO

**Your Gifts to God and Parish**  
Sunday, November 13, 2016

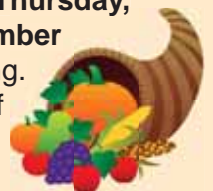
Adult Envelopes	\$10,119.00
Loose	\$543.58
All Saints Day	\$110.00
Children's Envelopes	\$1.00
Electronic Deposit	<u>\$465.00</u>
	<b>\$11,238.58</b>

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$11,238.58	\$248,486.99
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$11,350.00</u>	<u>\$227,000.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(111.42)	<b>\$21,486.99</b>

Partners in Education	\$152.00
Maintenance and Repair	\$112.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$262.00
Retired Religious	\$285.00
All Souls	\$105.00
Mission Sunday	\$5.00
Human Development	\$65.00
Permanent Diaconate	\$5.00
Help the Hungry Bakesale	\$5.00
Military Services	<u>\$3.00</u>
Total for Specials	<b>\$999.00</b>

**Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!**

The Parish Office will be closed **Wednesday, November 23 at 12:00 pm, Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25** in observance of Thanksgiving. We will resume normal hours of 8:00 am until 3:30 pm on **Monday, November 28.**



**Attention Adorers:**

There will be **NO Eucharistic Adoration** Thursday due to Thanksgiving day.



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

Please pray for: Charles Govreau, Gerard Zurbruggen, Ray May, **Ben Schlager**, Madeline Marler, Heather Tibbs, **Mary Carter**, Ruthie Black, Dennis Hedgecorth, Eloise O'Connor, Mary Bohley, **John Jones**, Ellen Marquart, Ron Elkens, Jim Granich, Jackie Bley, **Pat Curtis**, **Joel Hommelson**, John Miller, David Yahnke, **Jeanie Gegg**, **Mary Lou Schuler**, Maggie Reiter, **Clinton Heberlie**, Karen Smith, Keith Skelton, Jane Barton, **Tom Hill**, Laura McFarland, **Wilma Whitworth**, Eldon and Marie Carron, Dolores Kellogg, Nancy Eck, **Irene Eck**, **Weldon Sullivan**, Mark Huels, **Verna Springs**, **Marie Hermann** and **Renee Parmley**.

To add someone to the prayer list contact Pat Boatright at [boat.pab75@gmail.com](mailto:boat.pab75@gmail.com) or 756-4169.



## A Message from Fr. Abe...

### One Heart With Christ The King

By: Fr. Abe Arganiosa



Through the grace of God we are now celebrating the **Solemnity of Christ the King** as we're closing the liturgical calendar. This is a special day because Jesus is our King of kings.

In the First Reading, David was anointed the king of Israel after Saul died. This is important in History of Salvation because from David will come forth the Messiah-King. As King David was shepherd and king, Jesus is our Shepherd and King forever. Unfortunately sometimes, we forget this truth of faith. Many people forget God and they want to be the king. Instead they became dictators, tyrants or heartless leaders. They became abusers and prideful. **The True King instead suffered and died for us to teach us that the path to greatness is love, sacrifice and humility.** That's why when our parents, presidents or managers are humble and caring, we love them more; because by sacrifice we see in them the image of Christ.

This Feast reminds us that the Church is The Kingdom of God, our home. Wherever the king is, there is the Kingdom. Jesus is present in the Church through the Holy Eucharist and the Gospel. The Responsorial Psalm declares: *"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord"*. We live with Christ in his House... the Holy Church. We must then love our Church. In the Second Reading St. Paul invites us to rejoice in the Church: "Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the saints in light." By Baptism we become Children of God and sharers in the heavenly inheritance, i.e., eternal life. We also become members of the Communion of Saints....Now, let us get to know our King much closer....

St. Paul teaches us that Jesus is the image of the invisible God. It means Jesus is God. When Jesus incarnated through Mary, the invisible God became visible. Many saints in the past wanted to see God but they never did. **We're so blessed because now we behold Jesus in the Eucharist.**

In our Gospel, the unbelievers were insulting Jesus on the Cross but He was silent as a Lamb. He experienced our pain. He knew how it feels to be rejected. From the Cross Jesus speaks: "Do not be afraid! I am with you when you're abandoned, rejected, insulted and weak." Jesus also became an outcast and victim of injustice.

Finally, the case of the Repentant Thief demonstrates that our King is full of mercy [Eph 2:4]. His love is greater than our sins [Rom 5:20]. However, we need to confess our sins and proclaim Jesus. Let us then worship Him with humility. Let's unite our hearts with His heart that as we share His passion we shall also share His glory.



### A Message from your Knights of Columbus...

Grand Knight, Mike Ward  
Council #12332

#### Knights of Columbus Meeting:

**Wednesday, December 7**

7:00 pm • Parish Center

#### Breakfast with Santa:

**Sunday, December 11**

After 7:30 & 9:00 am Masses  
Cafeteria and Gym



"....giving thanks to the  
Father, who has made  
you fit to share in the  
inheritance of the  
holy ones in light."

Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things". Try putting God first in all things instead.

# Advent Begins Next Sunday. . .

## What is Advent?

Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year for the Roman Catholic Church. On the first day of Advent, which begins next **Sunday on November 27**, the Church celebrates its New Year's Day. The date for the beginning of Advent falls each year on the Sunday closest to November 30 - the feast day of Saint Andrew the Apostle.



## Is Advent the same as Christmas?

Sometimes people make the mistake of thinking that Advent is part of the Christmas celebration. In fact, Advent is a separate time of preparation all its own. For the Catholic Church, Christmas doesn't begin until the first Mass is celebrated on Christmas Eve and it continues until the "Octave of the Epiphany" on January 8.

Advent is given to us as a time to prepare our souls for the coming of the Lord. This season is very similar to Lent which helps us to prepare for Easter. In modern times we are tempted to skip over the penitential aspects of Advent and focus on the joy of Christmas. This is a great tragedy. Focusing only on the joy denies the truth: the Christ Child is our Lord and Savior Who will suffer and die for our salvation.

## What is the history of Advent?

Originally Advent was celebrated over forty days, just like the Lenten season. This has now been shortened to four weeks, but the symbolism remains. You may notice another similarity to Lent when you attend Mass; although we still sing the Alleluia before the Gospel reading, we no longer sing the song of the angels - the Gloria. We will sing this song anew with the angels on Christmas day - just as they did over 2000 years ago.

The Scripture readings during Mass remind us of all the prophecies that point to the Lord's coming. We are called to keep watch and to leave behind our sinful ways. We also hear the recurring theme of a light shining through darkness. In Isaiah 60:19 we are reminded of this promise: "The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory."

## What is the meaning of the Advent Wreath?

Since circles have no beginning and no end, the circular shape of the Advent Wreath is used to symbolize God the Father and eternal life. The wreath holds four candles which are lit over the four weeks of Advent. The light of the flame is a visual reminder that Christ is "The Light of the World" (John 8:12). There are three violet (purple) candles and one rose candle, each representing 1,000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the Savior.



Violet is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of penance, sacrifice and prayer. During the first, second and the fourth weeks of Advent we light violet candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for Christmas is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the rose candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

Traditionally, each of the four candles on an Advent wreath has their own meaning. The first Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the Prophet's Candle reminding us that Jesus is coming. The second Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the Bethlehem Candle reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The third Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the Shepherd's Candle reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus. The fourth Sunday symbolizes Peace with the Angel's Candle reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

When Advent Wreaths are decorated the materials often have symbolic meaning. The use of evergreens reminds us of our eternal life with Christ, holly represents the crown of thorns from the Passion of Jesus, and pinecones symbolize Christ's Resurrection.

## How do I involve my children with our Advent Wreath?

Advent is a great way to keep children focused on preparing for the coming of the Christ Child instead of on materialistic desires. Each new week of Advent begins at Mass with the lighting of a new candle on the parish Advent Wreath. Our parish family is connected to our personal family when we light our own Advent Wreath at home. Explain to your children the meaning of this week's candle and what they should focus on during the coming week.





## How Well Do You Know JESUS? Priest, Prophet, King

This Advent Season, give yourself the gift of growing in faith and community!



Please join **Deacon Mark Byington** for a presentation of Priest, Prophet, King, a study program prepared by Bishop Barron.

Deacon Mark will lead us as we discover Jesus as the Anointed One--the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. This will be an opportunity to better understand Jesus and ourselves.

Join us in the school cafeteria on **Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm** to prepare our hearts for the Advent Season to experience Hope, Faith, Joy and Love.

Program dates: **November 30, December 7, December 14, January 11, January 18, January 25**  
Please RSVP to Jane Ramos at 756-6312 or [jramos@stjosephfarmington](mailto:jramos@stjosephfarmington) to register.



## New Adult Choir Forming!



Our parish is forming an adult choir to lead our congregation in song at the 10:30 am mass for the alternate weeks that our Youth Choir sings. **Choir begins November 27 with practice on Wednesday evenings.**

To sign up or for more information, contact Jane Ramos at 756-6312 or [jramos@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:jramos@stjosephfarmington.com)

**Look for information next week on the new Youth Choir our parish is forming!!! The Youth Choir (grades 7-12) will lead the congregation of St. Joseph Parish in song at Sunday liturgies and other special events.**



## Our Father's Table TODAY

**November 20  
4:00 pm • Cafeteria**



*Traditional  
Thanksgiving Dinner*



*With Our  
Heartfelt Thanks...*

Our RCIA Leaders, Team and participants would like to thank **Pat Boatright, Geneva Jokerst, Carolyn Rigdon, Julie Sandweg, Mary Ann Sullivan,** for a great meal and dessert last week!!

***This week there will be no class due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.***

Please Join Fr. Abe for a Retreat to  
Prepare us for the Advent Season...

## "AWAITING JESUS THROUGH MARY"

**December 3, 2016**

**1:00-3:30pm • Parish Center**



As we enter into the Advent Season we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus into our life through the Feast of Christmas and his Second Coming. This is a great opportunity for us to open our hearts to meet Jesus through His Nativity and through His presence in our Eucharistic Community.

This Retreat will help us prepare for that special encounter with the Lord through the person, message, examples and virtues of the Blessed Mother who is the leading Biblical individual chosen by God to prepare for the Birth of the Messiah.

Let us then pray with Mary and read the Word of God through her eyes so that we can meet Jesus with joyful spirit and purity of heart.

~Fr. Abe

**\* Followed by Sacrament of Confession for those  
who would like to participate.**



## Women of Mary Giving Tree



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

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

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



## Bell Ringing

**Wednesdays • 10:00 am - 8:00 pm**

**November 23 • November 30**

**December 7 • December 14**

**December 21**

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

## Coming up in our Parish...



**November 21**  
Advent Wreath Night



**November 27**  
Advent by Candlelight



**December 6**  
Yesterday's Kids  
Holiday Brass Concert



**December 13**  
Advent Recital

**“We know that  
Jesus is there in the  
tabernacle: let us  
open our hearts to  
Him, let us rejoice in  
His Sacred Presence.  
That is the  
best prayer.”**



*-St. John Mary Vianney*

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

## This Week in Our Parish...

### Monday • November 21

**Advent Wreath Chili Night**  
6:00 pm • Gym

### Tuesday • November 22

**Paul VI Class**  
7:15 pm

### Wednesday • November 23

**Early Dismissal School**  
11:30 am

**Rosary**  
7:15 pm • Church

### Thursday • November 24

**Thanksgiving Day**

**Thanksgiving Day Mass**  
9:00 am • Church

### Friday • November 25

**No School**

### Sunday • November 27

**Advent by Candlelight**  
6:00 pm • Parish Center



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

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth.

Ask yourself **“What would Jesus Christ do?”** and then put your gift in your St. Vincent de Paul envelope so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.



Thank you St. Joseph for your generosity for the month of October to St. Vincent de Paul, **\$310** was given in our monthly S.V.D.P. envelopes.

**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

***Bless us, O Lord...***

How have you known the grace of God's love?

***...and these thy gifts...***

What gifts have graced your life?

***...which we are about to receive...***

How can be mindful of those whose work and generosity have brought it to your table?

***...from your bounty...***

Pause to consider the abundance that is set before you.

***...through Christ, our Lord...***

In what ways will you reflect the love of Christ during and after the meal you are about to eat?

***Amen***

## Advertiser of the Week...

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# St. Catherine of Alexandria

**Wednesday, November 23**  
**Saturday, November 26**

Your Gifts to God and Parish

**Celebrant**

Nov 23: Fr. Rickey Valleroy  
Nov 26: Fr. John Schneider

**Lector**

Nov 23: Betty Vogt  
Nov 26: Bobby Eck

**Extraordinary Ministers**

Jimmy & Susie Herzog

**Offertory Bearers**

Bobby & Rosie Eck

**Mass Intentions**

Nov 23:  
Malachi McGuire  
Nov 26:  
Vernon Gegg

Saturday, November 5, 2016

Adult Envelopes .....	\$1,025.00
Loose.....	\$49.00
All Saints .....	\$115.00
Retirement Fund.....	\$235.00
World Mission.....	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total.....	<b>\$1,444.00</b>

Saturday, November 12, 2016

Adult Envelopes .....	\$520.00
Loose.....	<u>\$158.00</u>
Total.....	<b>\$678.00</b>

**Saturday 7:30 pm Mass**

Parish Council President:  
Jimmy Herzog

**Happy Birthday**

**Doug Cartee** • November 23  
**Doretta Herzog** • November 24  
**Johnny Adams** • November 24

***A Note from Fr. Rickey . . .***

Thanksgiving Mass will be This  
**Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 pm.**



**Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey**