

Where Hospitality and Love Meet

St. Joseph Catholic Church

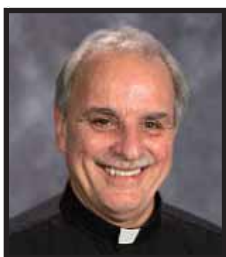
Farmington, Missouri

Hope



November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

Advent... A Season of Waiting A Season of Hope... Preparing our Hearts for Christmas!

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

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

What an awesome response to our seventh annual **Advent by Candlelight** evening that will be held tonight at 6:00 pm in our parish center. We are thrilled with the response of the **170+** women that have rsvp'd and will be attending. My sincere thanks to the 22 women who will serve as hostesses at this very special evening. This year a beautiful "Mother Mary" holy water font will be presented to the table hostess that raises the most money from the evening for our "**Secret Santa**" fund.



Our thanks also go to **Elizabeth Westhoff from the Communications Office of our Archdiocese** who will lead us in this evening of reflection on "**Mary's Yes**" and to our parishioner, **Shirley Bieser** who will give us a meditation.

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

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

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

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

Thank You for Joining Us For Thanksgiving Day Mass

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

Our Sincere Thanks to Dolores Eddleman

For the wonderful Thanksgiving bread!!!!

Our heartfelt thanks goes to **Dolores Eddleman** and her family for the generous gift of their time and talent in making **120** loaves of homemade bread for our Thanksgiving Day celebration. The homemade loaves were blessed at Mass and given to the parishioners and their families to enjoy at their Thanksgiving meal.

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.

Thanks to everyone for your support to our holiday giving tree each year. As always, you are so generous to those in need from our local community. May God bless your generous hearts.

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

Again this year, I invite you to join me in helping some of our own parishioners who need extra help this Christmas. These are families or individuals that are registered in our parish and for various reasons are experiencing difficult times. They may have not requested help from our St. Vincent de Paul Society but they have confided in me about their struggle to make ends meet. “**Secret Santa**” is a way to respond to their needs. Last year we assisted **38 families or individuals**. Some examples of folks who benefited are:

- A family that needed assistance with an electric bill
- Assisted a family with their moving expenses
- Assisted a family with funeral expenses after a loss in their family
- An elderly couple with their hospital expenses

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

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

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

If you would like to participate in this “**quiet holiness**”, please use the envelope found in your December monthly offering package.

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

As is our custom, you can remember your loved ones by donating flowers to decorate the altar area for our Christmas season. An envelope is included in your December packet of offering envelopes. The names of those who are especially remembered in this way will be listed in our December 18 bulletin. The printer’s deadline for this bulletin is **Tuesday, December 13**. Please note that the extra funds collected are placed in a restricted flower fund and are used for decorating our Sacred Space year round.

Confirmation Class Will be Collecting For Their “Adopted” Family

Our Confirmation Class will again be “adopting” a family this year. The eighth grade will collect donations from our parish family to join with their own contributions after all masses **NEXT** weekend.

The Confirmation class is doing a great job of sharing their time, talent and treasure while striving to help make a difference in the lives of others. Please help support our Confirmation class and the families in need by giving a donation during this special holiday collection.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception is 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.**

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. Please see page 6 for the schedule that outlines the time each priest will hear confessions.

And Finally...

Mark your calendars to bring your children and grandchildren to **Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 11**. Santa is so awesome with our children and indeed makes each one feel so special.

“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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10 North Long Street • Farmington, MO 63640

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 Anniversary

November 27, 2010

Kenneth & Kay Pratte

December 1, 2007

Nathan & Megan Allen

November 30, 1974

Jim & Maudie Kelly

December 3, 1971

Greg & Patti Vargo



Holiday Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

December 8 • 7, 8 am & 7 pm

Christmas Eve

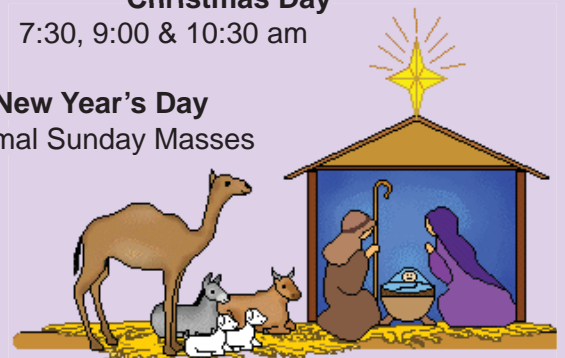
5 pm & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

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

New Year's Day

Normal Sunday Masses



Happy Birthday



November 27

**Michael Backer
Gina Sharp
Ed Wooldridge**

November 30

**Pam Bauer
Amy Greif
James C. Johnson
Sandi Kracke**

December 2

**Darrin Bauer
Hadley Dowell
Nesta Vessell**

November 28

Joshua Zaricor

December 3

**Rob Greif
Calvin Howard
Chase Medley
Paulette Nichols
Lucie Trokey**

November 29

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

December 1

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



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of November 28 - December 4

- Monday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
7:00 am: **Charles & Peggy Baumgartner**
- Tuesday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24
7:00 am: **Niedert Families**
- Wednesday: St. Andrew, Apostle**
Readings: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
7:00 am: **Sherry Sales**
- Thursday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27
7:00 am: **Katy Flynn**
- Friday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
7:00 am: **Edgar Brown**
8:00 am: **David Keaven**

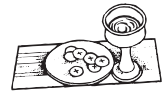
Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday Readings: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,
17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

- Saturday:**
5:00 pm: **Kreitler & Delassus Families**
- Sunday:**
7:30 am: **Mary Franklin**
9:00 am: **Christopher Schwent**
10:30 am: **Parishioners**

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

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, December 3

5:00 pm Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganiosa
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Vanessa Trokey
Extraordinary Ministers:
Adam Barnhouse, Kevin Boatright, Donna
Conklin, John Crouch
Ushers: Buddy Bordewick, Mark Kellogg, Gary
Harris, Don Trokey
Servers: E. Barnhouse, M. Harness, E. Anderson
Cantor: Tom Berkbigler

Sunday, December 4

7:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganiosa
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Jim Eaton
Extraordinary Ministers:
Dotty Bach, Jerry Bach, Steve Forsythe,
Brenda Donze
Ushers: Tom Donze, Bill Jokerst, Dale Jones,
Jack Neiner
Servers: K. Busenbark, C. Watson

9:00 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Helen Thurman
Extraordinary Ministers:
Cindy Kelso, Mike Kelso, Ron Brooks,
Sandi Brooks, John Thurman
Ushers: Dylan Kelso, Gerald Hulsey, Dan Combs,
Jerry Morris
Servers: Z. Kelso, J. Hulsey, T. Benoist
Cantor: Dawn Fuemmeler

10:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Jennifer Rhodus
Extraordinary Ministers:
Jane Allen, Shirley Bieser, Deanna
Dickerson, Joe Rhodus, Theresa Aubuchon
Ushers: John Bieser, Bob Bone, Bryan Hubbard,
Chuck Koppeis
Servers: A. Werner, G. Werner, K. Werner
Cantor: Rita Boyd

St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Mission Statement

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

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

Monday, November 28, 2016

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

Money Counters
Beulah Carrow, Jackie
Maloney, Nancy Ott,
Carolyn Rigdon

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



Our petition for this week will be:

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

Congratulations!



***Congratulation
Rodney & Lauren
Vessell - Pinkston
on the arrival of
Mackenzie Michelle
on November 10, 2016***

Welcome...

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

Lonnie and Linda Klump

For those needing to plan ahead...



Confirmation

Tuesday, April 4, 2017



First Communion

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Due to the holiday printing deadline we could not include the offerings for November 20 in this issue. They will be published in next week's bulletin.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

**For Advent to be Offered all Day Long
Friday, December 9**

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

10:00 am - noon.....**Fr. James Dyer**

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

2:00 - 4:00 pm.....**Fr. John Schneider**

4:00 - 6:00 pm**Fr. Abe Arganiosa**

Advent Prayer

**Father in heaven,
our hearts desire the warmth of your love
and our minds are searching
for the light of your Word.
Increase our longing for
Christ our Savior
and give us the strength to grow in love,
that the dawn of his coming
may find us rejoicing in his presence
and welcoming the light of his truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.**

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

Please pray for: John Jones, Carter Rustemeyer, **Ronnie Jones**, Suzi Latorre, Doug Cartee, **Charmaine McFarland**, George Bennett, **Clinton Heberlie**, **Jeanie Gegg**, **Steve Paroski**, 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**, David Yahnke, **Mary Lou Schuler**, Maggie Reiter, **Wilma Whitworth**, **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** or 756-4169.

A Message from Fr. Abe...

Be Prepared to Meet Jesus

By: Fr. Abe Arganiosa



Through the grace of God we are now in the Advent Season which prepares us for the feast of Jesus' Nativity. The Church invites us to reflect on the manner by which the people of the Old Covenant prepared to welcome the coming Messiah and our own preparations for His Second Coming.

In the First Reading [Is 2:1-5], Isaiah gave us one of the most beautiful messianic expectations: Jerusalem shall be the mother of all nations, the channel of divine instruction and through her universal peace shall be attained. This was fulfilled in the Church – the new Jerusalem – which is universal [Rev 21:9-11] and the pillar and ground of truth [cf. 1 Tim 3:15]. All the baptized from all nations of the world are in communion with this one Church – the Mother and Teacher of faith and morals. The Responsorial Psalm [Ps 122] gives the same message and is inviting us to rejoice in the Church – the house of the Lord.

In contrast, our Gospel [Mt 24:37-44] is giving a warning rather than rejoicing. The Lord speaks of insensitivity of people on the things of God. Many don't care at all about their relationship with God. They are preoccupied by what to eat and drink, to enjoy the desires of the flesh and to waste time in revelry. Jesus reminds that destruction unexpectedly came to such people during Noah's time and his second coming will be the same for those who forget God. Jesus speaks of farming and housework. It means that He comes to save us in the simplicity and ordinary ways of life. **To be saved we don't need special position but only to answer the call of Jesus in ordinary events of life.**

In the Second Reading [Rom 13:11-14] St. Paul gives the reason for the Lord's warning. It was not a threat but an invitation to wake up from slumber and meet Jesus every day even in simple things. **Every day is an opportunity to change, living each day as if it is our last.** Jesus calls us to genuine happiness but it can only be attained by cleansing our souls from sins and evil deeds. Our flesh is weak and prone to sin but if we accept Jesus within we can be greater than our weakness through His Holy Spirit working in us. Salvation comes to those who hope in the Lord.



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



**"For you do not know
on which day your
Lord will come."
Matthew 24:42**

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

An Update from our "Adopted School in the Philippines"

Dear Fr. Rickey,

I am happy to give my report. Thank you for all your support!

The teachers of the day care centers of Barangay Apas, Cebu City got handwriting resources. Since most of us in Bright Start are occupational therapists, we find it necessary to do consultations and help teachers on the proper way to promote good handwriting skills. Through your donation, we were able to give them the TV Teacher Videos. These are educational videos that make it fun and easy to teach children how to write uppercase and lowercase letters. It was done by an OT in Georgia and a mom with special needs.

Also, I am glad to report that we had an additional event for our friends at Langub Elementary School. All students (350) got writing materials.

Thank you very much Fr. Rickey!

Sincerely, Ging



Thank you Fr. Rickey
and St. Joseph Catholic
Church (Farmington,
Missouri)



Langub Elementary School
Kinatarcan Island, Sta. Fe, Cebu



25 Inquirers will be seeking the *RITE OF ACCEPTANCE* into our Faith Community

During the year, particularly around the beginning of Advent, parishes celebrate a special ceremony called the **Rite of Acceptance**. Those who have expressed a desire for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation in the Roman Catholic Church declare their intentions before the assembly and the community officially accepts their request. These inquirers, through regular gatherings each Thursday, have already begun their journey by sharing with other members of the Catholic Christian community and are now received as **catechumens** and **candidates**. From this time on they are embraced as part of our family-in-faith.

On December 4 at the 9:00 am Mass it is with great joy that we will welcome the following CATECHUMENS who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Adult Catechumens

Cassie Black Linda Hicks Tabatha Hickson Whitney Hutson
Cody King Kevin Jennings Janel Egan

Children over 7 to be Baptized

Rose Army Chavez Lane Tyler Aiden Vaughn

The following **CANDIDATES** already share our Christian Faith through Baptism. They will celebrate the "**Rite of Welcoming**" as they mark this moment of following God's call to live their Christian faith and complete their initiation within the Catholic community.

Elizabeth Garcia Jamie Henson Jonathon Hickson Connie Hulsey
Corey Hulsey Madison Kowalski Kim Tyler Nick Tyler
Jessica Vaughn Patti Whitener

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

Dakotah Bender Joey Bender Wyatt Bender
Isabella Sigafos Robert Sigafos

Rite of Baptism for Children of Candidates under the age of 7

Benjamin Egan Samuel Egan Mia Garcia Bentley Hickson
Carson Hickson Mia Hutson Beau Hutson



Our Parish is Forming a Youth Choir!



"What do you want of me Lord? Where do you want me to serve You?"

The Youth Choir is a group of middle school and high school students (grades 7-12) who lead the congregation of St. Joseph Parish in song at Sunday liturgies and other special events.

Schedule:

We will rehearse from 5:00-5:45 pm on certain Wednesdays of the month. We will lead the congregation in song at 10:30 am Mass 1-2 times each month.

Our first practice will be **Wednesday, December 14**. Our first mass will be **December 18 at 10:30 am**. Students must attend practice to sing in the choir on Sunday. Students may opt to participate in some or all of the Youth Choir liturgies for the rest of the school year.

* Prerequisite: Students must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph Parish or currently enrolled in St. Joseph Catholic School. Students must be in grades 7-12.

To register or for more information, contact Jane Ramos at 756-6312 or jramos@stjosephfarmington.com

Please join us!



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


Special Advent Concert Performed by our School Children

Tuesday, December 13, at 6:00 pm, all parishioners are invited to attend a special Advent/Christmas musical performed by our school children in our gym. Our sincere thanks to **Jane Ramos**, our music teacher, for her many hours of labor in preparing for this special evening.



Knights of Columbus Council #12332

The **Knights of Columbus** will still have apple butter and apple sauce on sale. Just call **Mike Ward** at 760-8800

Copper Kettle & Wood Fired 

Apple Butter

\$7.00

Apple Sauce

\$5.00

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



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

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

*Mary,
May I wait with you
in joy and in patience
and in hope.*





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 to register.



Women of Mary Giving Tree

The Women of Mary are again happy to sponsor 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 plenty of great 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!!

Merry Christmas!

Women of Mary Meeting Christmas Party & Meeting Monday, December 5 6:00 pm • Parish Center



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

We will have a soup and salad potluck. Soup will be provided. Last names beginning with A-L, please bring a salad and M-Z, a desert. Please join us even if you can not bring a dish!! Plan to have fun... We will enjoy some activities and games and share some Christmas spirit!



Thank You from the Respect Life Committee...



Thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets from the Respect Life Committee for the **\$100 Schnuck's gift card.** Father Abe drew the winning ticket and the lucky winner is our parishioner, **Lauren Stein.** Congratulations, Lauren!



St. Joseph's Yesterday's Kids Holiday Brass Concert Tuesday, December 6

\$65

Dinner at Our Lady of the
Snows Shrine and the
Way of Lights

- 11:30 am • leave St. Joseph
- 2:15 pm • Holiday Brass Concert
- 5:00 pm • arrive at Our Lady of Snows
- 5:30 pm • Eat a delicious dinner at Our Lady of the Snows Restaurant view Christmas trees of the world and shop the gift shop
- 7:00 pm • board bus for the Way of Lights
- 7:30 pm • leave for Farmington

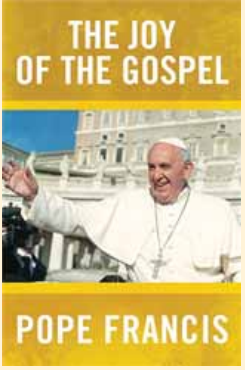


Parish Missionary Disciples

Let us pray and call upon Him today...

Jesus wants Evangelizers who proclaim the good news not only with words, but above all by a life transfigured by God's presence.

~Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel (259)



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...



December 6
Yesterday's Kids
Holiday Brass
Concert



December 11
Breakfast with Santa



December 13
Advent Recital



January 24 - 29
DC Pilgrimage



February 3
Young Couples
Evening

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



**Visit our Newborn King during
Eucharistic Adoration**

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...

Wednesday • November 29

PSR
6:00 pm • School

Rosary
7:15 pm • Church

Thursday • November 30

Eucharistic Adoration
7:30 am • Church

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

Friday • December 2

Eucharistic Adoration
9:15 am • Church

Saturday • December 3

Advent Retreat with Fr. Abe
1:00 - 3:30 pm • Parish Center

Sunday • December 4

Doughnut Sunday
Following Sunday Masses
Parish Center

Rite of Acceptance
9:00 am • Church

Advertiser of the Week...

This week we would like to thank....

**Ladies First OB/GYN
and Family Medicine**
Dr. John Grechus,
Dr. Danielle Carron (Parishioner),
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**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



Don't Forget...
First Friday Adoration
Friday, December 2
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Your Gifts to God and Parish

Due to the holiday printing deadline we could not include the offerings for November 19 in this issue. They will be published in next week's bulletin.

A Note from Fr. Rickey . . .

Our next Parish Council Meeting will be This **Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 pm.**

Mark your calendars for our **Annual Country Christmas and Cinnamon Roll Queen Contest Saturday, January 7 following 5:00 pm Mass** ... Gather your best recipe and get ready for some of the best cinnamon rolls and entertainment around!!



Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey