

Where Hospitality and Love Meet

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Farmington, Missouri

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



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2017

Please join us for
Thanksgiving Day
Mass
9:00 am

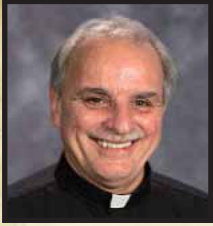


*All of you are children of the light
and children of the day.*



**WE ARE NOT OF THE NIGHT OR OF DARKNESS.
THEREFORE, LET US NOT SLEEP AS THE REST DO,
BUT LET US STAY ALERT AND SOBER.**

- 1 THESSALONIANS 5:15-6



From the Pastor's Pen

An Expression of My Deep Gratitude During this Season of Thanksgiving...

Dear Parish Family of St. Joseph's,

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving Day this week, please know that your prayerful support for me and my family this past year was one of the greatest blessings of my lifetime and I will offer my Thanksgiving Day Eucharist in gratitude for your kindness.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Paul tells us, **"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."** Without a doubt, it has been a difficult year for me, but my heart overflows with gratitude this Thanksgiving. This past year was one that has forever changed my heart and soul! Just to be able to sit down and write this holiday note after having a failed brain procedure, two strokes and a stent placed in my femoral artery, really is nothing short of a miracle. I survived it all for a reason... and my faith and trust in God has been strengthened, renewed and refreshed...

It felt so good to be back with you last week and to lead you in prayer at the Anointing Mass and the Sunday 9:00 am mass. Having the 7:30 pm mass at St. Catherine's just simply made my heart smile again!

As I celebrate Thanksgiving Day mass this week with you, followed by dinner with my family at the farm, my heart will truly be overflowing with gratitude.

My deepest and heartfelt thanks to my family, especially to my twin brother **Randy**, and the rest of my siblings who spent so many hours with me this summer.... Either sitting in the ICU for a week, in the ER for a night or staying overnight at the farm so that I would not be alone. **Their presence and love was a reflection of God's own Presence!** I am so blessed to have such a loving and nurturing family. Mom and dad taught us well what it means to be a family and to take care of one another!

My thanks to the amazing and dedicated doctors that I had through it all... from my primary doctor, **Dr. Michael Gilmore** who finally discovered the blocked artery and the aneurysm, to the surgeons, nurses and my physical therapist.

A deep and heartfelt thanks to our **Archbishop Robert Carlson** and our **Vicar General, Mike Boehm** who opened their home to me for a week so that I would be near Barnes in case of another emergency. My thanks to **Sr. Marie Josepha, RSM (RN)** and **Sr. Marie Paul, RSM (Ph.D.)** who extended to me their kindness and hospitality for the week stay Archbishop's residence. My thanks to many of my brother priests for their numerous prayers and phone calls.

Mere words can never express my gratitude to my **High School Classmates of the class of SVHS 1976** in Perryville. Each evening for weeks, a different one was there with a great home cooked meal and front porch visit.

My thanks to all of my parishioners throughout the years who visited me while in the hospital, or at the farm for recovery. My thanks to them for the gift of their time and presence.

My thanks to you, my parish family of St. Joseph's. Thanks for the numerous cards, for the notes left on CaringBridge.org, the meals, the visits and above all the prayers. I was totally impressed with how some families took the time to write family letters or make family get well cards. Trust me, that whatever you did, it was noticed and deeply appreciated! **I am so blessed to be your pastor!!!**

What did I discover... that healing does not always come from medicine. A huge part of healing comes from peace of mind, peace in the heart and peace of the soul. It comes from laughter and love. It comes from the caring hearts of others! It comes from our Sacramental lives lived in Christ!

Because in God's own way, I was blessed with a mini-sabbatical as I approach my 25th anniversary of my ordination. I was able to see the soybeans planted this year and literally got to watch them grow and even harvested. It was beautiful. **First time in my life that I received a time to watch the beans grow with God...** I loved the quiet time on the front porch. It was an awesome blessing! **Illness can be such a blessing in life to re-evaluate one's priorities.**

My sincere thanks again to **Father Abe, Father John Schneider and Father Jim Dyer** for so lovingly filling in for me. To our **Awesome Pastoral Staff** who continued to keep things going in the parish without missing a heartbeat. My heartfelt thanks to my family and friends, and especially to you, the faith community of St. Joseph's. If this had to happen on my life's journey, I am so thankful that it happened while I was your pastor. I was right where God wanted me to be, in the caring heart of St. Joseph's Parish Community.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day Mass this week, I truly give God thanks for the tough medical issues that I experienced this past year, it is right to give Him thanks and praise for all things!

I leave you with the same meditation as I do every week in this column. **"As long as we keep the Eucharist the center of our lives, everything else will fall in place"**. I continue to place all of my trust in the Eucharist, for I know that it was the Eucharist that sanctifies God's holy people that truly becomes the Bread of Life. St. John Paul II always referred to us as **Eucharistic People...** we live and we become the Mystery we celebrate!

As we prepare for Advent and Christmas, wow, what a different experience it will be for me to truly focus and prayerfully meditate on the Incarnation. **I have seen the Incarnation through you first-hand literally and daily throughout this past year in God's most own unique way, in my suffering.**

May your generosity of heart return to you a hundredfold during the coming Advent and Christmas season.

Blessings of peace...
Fr. Rickey

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Parish Business Office Hours

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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



&

Happy Anniversary

To all our parishioners celebrating this week!!!



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: _____



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



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of November 20 - 26

- Monday: Weekday**
 Readings: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
 7:00 am: **Dollinger and Johnson Families**
- Tuesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Mary**
 Readings: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
 7:00 am: **Maria and Benjamin Mendivil**
- Wednesday: Saint Cecelia, Virgin, Martyr**
 Readings: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
 7:00 am: **P. Johnson Family**
- Thursday: Weekday**
 Readings: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
 7:00 am: **Vel Schnurbusch**
- Friday: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary**
 Readings: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12, Lk 19:45-48
 7:00 am: **Rose Walters**

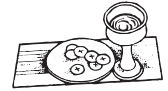
Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Sunday Readings: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

- Saturday:**
 5:00 pm: **Brown and Scherer Families**
- Sunday:**
 7:30 am: **Sr. Clare Burke CSJ**
 9:00 am: **Tom and Adelaide Herrell**
 10:30 am: **Parishioners**

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

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, November 25

5:00 pm Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganiosa
Lector: Sandi Brooks
Extraordinary Ministers: Laura Denkler, Deanna Dickerson, Mark Halter, Rosetta Halter, Jill Patton
Ushers: Buddy Bordewick, Gary Harris, Mark Kellogg, Don Trokey
Servers: B. Armes, B. Harness, M. Harness
Cantor: As Scheduled

Sunday, November 26

7:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganiosa
Lector: Vicky Damba
Extraordinary Ministers: Dotty Bach, Jerry Bach, Chuck Hayden, Rose Hayden, Dottie Reeves
Ushers: Jerry Bieser, Bill Jokerst, Dale Jones, Phil Roth
Servers: A. Crawford, C. Crawford

9:00 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Brian McNamara
Extraordinary Ministers: Jane Allen, Jami AuBuchon, Jana Dore, Dawn Fuemmeler, Mitch Feummeler
Ushers: Mike Backer, John England, Jerry Morris, Mike Ward
Servers: M. AuBuchon, M. Williams, M. Williams
Cantor: Michelle Podolak

10:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Jennifer Rhodus
Extraordinary Ministers: Theresa AuBuchon, Shirley Bieser, Charles Boyd, Phyllis LaPlant, Katie Rhodes
Ushers: John Bieser, James Cissell, Chuck Koppeis, Travis Trollinger
Servers: G. Bone, P. Borrego, C. Sandweg
Cantor: Rita Boyd

Special Ministries

Monday, November 20, 2017

Sacristans

Pat Beussink, Jana Doré,
 Jo Rustemeyer, Judy Alig

Money Counters

Beulah Carrow,
 Jackie Maloney,
 Nancy Ott, Carolyn Rigdon

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.

**Opportunities for spiritual growth
this week in our parish...**

Wednesday Reconciliation

To help you upon your journey...

A priest will be
available for Reconciliation

Wednesdays
6:30 - 7:00 pm



Wednesday Rosary



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

Our petition for this week will be:

**“Thanksgiving of abundance, of reverence,
of mercy and the tender care of those
who are most in need”**

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration



Attention Adorers:

There will be
NO Eucharistic Adoration
this Thursday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



**Who is the Holy Eucharist?
The Holy Eucharist is the Real
Presence of Jesus Christ.**

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

Mandy (Jake) Whitener

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

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Adult Envelopes	\$11,667.10
Loose	\$505.74
All Saint's Day	\$90.00
Children's Envelopes	\$11.00
Electronic Deposit	<u>\$420.00</u>
	\$12,693.84

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$12,693.84	\$248,391.60
*Budgeted Amount	<u>\$12,125.00</u>	<u>\$242,500.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(\$568.84)	\$5,891.60

Partners in Education	\$248.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$573.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$329.00
All Souls	\$6.00
Retired Religious	\$87.00
Human Development	\$30.00
Cemetery	\$25.00
Our Father's Table	<u>\$150.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$1,448.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!

* This does not include our budgeted Holy Day offerings

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

We pray for the repose of the soul of

Erma Hopkins

mother of Mark (Kenda) Hopkins

Joel Brown

father of Sam (Brian) Wade

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

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

Please pray for: Jim Dotson, **John Crouch**, Karen Abney, Jamie Bruenderman, Richard Gebhardt Jr., **Charles Hafner**, **Beulah Carrow**, **Tim Evans**, **Rita Boyd**, Robin Wessling, **Helen Mell**, Chris Herrell, Patricia Reed Finch, **Bev Bryant**, Tom Hunting, **Jessica Asher**, Stacy Harris, Bob Salzman, Eric Freeburg, Jeff Boyer, Margarite Crown, **Lesley Hughes**, Neil Parrot, Francis Howard, Trent Podolak, **Louise & Jim Wieland**, Cathy Reichert, **Ralph Trepasso**, Simon Antonio Rodriguez, June Stacy, Sue Arnold, **Nick & Kelsea Hulsey**, **Maria Adams**, Becky Mabery, Doris Schneider, **Tim Kingdon**, **Beulah Carrow**, Tom Moyers, Stephanie Bauerle, Jon Pruiett, Amber & Kit Menjolet, **Floyd McFarland**, Mark Huels, Baby E.

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

A Message from Fr. Abe...

PUTTING GOD'S GIFTS TO GOOD USE

By Fr. Abe Arganiosa



Our Gospel [Mt 25:14-30] once again presents God as a rich feudal lord with great properties and a lot of servants. **Indeed, God is the owner of the world; the Creator is the Lord of Lords; the true Master of the Universe.** What is striking, however, is the *generosity* of the Master. The Earth itself is a manifestation of the goodness of God who gave us food and everything we need season after season [Ps 65:9-13]... "*The earth is full of the loving kindness of the Lord*" [Ps 33:5].

The Gospel reveals to us the benevolent heart of God. The Lord's goodness shines by being generous to His servants, that is, to each one of us on whom He handed gifts according to one's talents and capabilities. Moreover, the Gospel presents God respecting our *freedom* through absolute *trust* on each of us. *The Master went away giving us the full freedom and discretion on how to use His blessings.* A good manager or administrator doesn't only hire workers but also utilizes their talents with freedom to exercise them with confidence and trust. Otherwise there will be no room for growth, instead they will be mere puppets or robots limited by what they are programmed to do. **God is not an absolute ruler addicted to control, but one that brings out the best from us... in our own way and within our own pace.**

On our part, the **Gospel admonishes us to respond to God's grace** with genuine effort in life. We are the recipient of God's love and graces. We are the stewards of creation. We are the most intelligent of earthly beings. Being the possessors of God's greatest gift, all blessings of nature and grace which God has given us should yield a profit. It doesn't matter how many gifts or talents we have received; what is important is our generosity in putting them to good use. In this case we return the goodness of God with our own generosity: love for love. The Lord gave us life and one of the characteristics of life is being *fruitful*. We cannot be barren or fruitless because of laziness or selfishness. **Our life must bear fruit by the works of our hands and sweat of our brows.** Doing so, we too can give life to others and be living images of the Benevolent Lord.



"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."
- MATTHEW 25:21

God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us..



New Cost \$10.00!



The St. Joseph Home and School Association would like to invite you to the annual

Advent Wreath & Chili Night

Tuesday, November 28th

6:00 – 7:30 pm in the gym

St. Joseph Catholic School cordially invites you to join us for a Chili Dinner and to make an Advent Wreath for the upcoming Advent Season.

It will be a wonderful way to start the Holiday Season!



In an attempt to order adequate supplies for the advent wreaths and preparing enough chili we are asking that all families planning on attending please RSVP no later than **Monday, November 20**. The supplies for each wreath costs **\$10.00**. We are asking that you enclose payment along with your RSVP in a sealed envelope addressed to *HASA – Advent Wreath Night*. Your RSVP can be dropped off at the parish or school office.

Family's Name _____ Number of Family members attending: _____
(Please bring some holiday cookies to share)

Will your Family be making an Advent wreath? Yes No
(If yes, please enclose **\$10.00** for your supplies. Make checks payable to St. Joseph's.)

WRAP Presents & BE PRESENT

Dynamic Catholic invites you to have your



The weeks leading up to Christmas are filled with holiday songs, seasonal sales, decorations, lights, and lots of Advent wreaths and candles. *Why? What is it that we're celebrating? What is Advent?*

This Advent, we want to help you prepare for Christmas in a new way. We prepare for everything important in life, and that includes Christmas. We shop for gifts, bake cookies, decorate our trees, and visit family and friends until we're ready to drop.

This year, slow down and focus on what matters most. **Join Dynamic Catholic for our free email program Best Advent Ever: Rediscover Christmas.** You'll receive . . .



Short Inspirational Videos



Practical Videos



Real-Life Stories

Sign-up at <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>

Anointing of the Sick

Mass & Luncheon Wednesday, November 8



The Anointing of the Sick Catechism of the Catholic Church

1499 "By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them. And indeed she exhorts them to contribute to the good of the People of God by freely uniting themselves to the Passion and death of Christ."

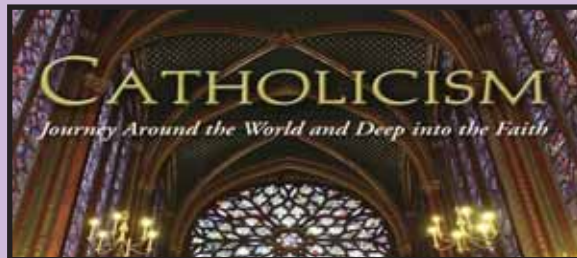


Our sincere thanks to our
Parish Health Minister,
Agnes Hinkebein,
for organizing a special morning for those
seeking the Sacrament of Healing.





THE CATHOLIC FAITH AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE.



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

Please join **Fr. Abe Arganiosa** and **Deacon Mark Byington** for a presentation of Catholicism a study program prepared by Bishop Barron. Join us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child this Advent. We will be covering the following three episodes:

Dec. 5th - The Ineffable Mystery of God: *That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought*

Dec. 12th - Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: *Mary, the Mother of God*

Dec. 19th - Amazed and Afraid: *The Revelation of God Become Man*

Two meeting options:

Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:30 am in parish center - led by Fr. Abe Arganiosa

Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm in parish center - led by Deacon Mark Byington

Program dates: **December 5, December 12, December 19**

Please RSVP to Abe AuBuchon at 756-4250 or aubuchon@stjosephfarmington.com to register.

St. Michael the Archangel Church Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, December 2nd - 8-2pm

Bake sale, lunch, quilts, candles, jewelry, aprons furniture, stepping stones, home decor, Christmas decorations, Mrs. Santa & Elves, Birthright raffle.



St. Michael the Archangel Parish
304 West Main St., Fredericktown



Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 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 am mass** to give the ultimate gift of gratitude of Thanksgiving, the Holy Eucharist.



The Holidays: You Can Handle Them!

The Holidays can be hard to navigate sometimes, especially when coping with infertility challenges. Join us to share and gather ideas to make it through the holidays peacefully.

Wednesday, December 6th: 6:30-8:00pm

RSVP APPRECIATED - (314) 991-0327

The Parish Office will be closed **Thursday, November 23** and **Friday, November 24** in observance of Thanksgiving. We will resume normal hours of 8:00 am until 4:00 pm on **Monday, November 27**.



Daughter's of St. Paul are Coming to St. Joseph's!

The Daughters of St. Paul from Pauline Books & Media in St. Louis will be visiting St. Joseph's on **Sat. & Sun. Dec. 16-17.**

The Daughters of St. Paul are religious Sisters whose mission is to communicate the Gospel with the media, in the spirit of St. Paul. Their publications of **Catholic books, music, and DVDs --both for children and adults--** will be available for perusal and purchase after the weekend masses. This is a great opportunity to obtain some Advent and Christmas reading!

For more information or special requests call Sr. Laura at 314-965-3512.

Daughter's of St. Paul 2017 Advent Events

Dec. 2nd

Annual Birthday Party for Baby Jesus

at Pauline Books and Media,
Saturday, December 2 from 10am to 3pm (free admission).

Some of the festivities will include:

- * Picture taking with Baby Jesus in front of a hand-painted mural back drop. (costumes provided / bring your own camera)
- * Birthday cake
- * Visit from St. Nicholas
- * Nativity story telling
- * Crafts...and more!



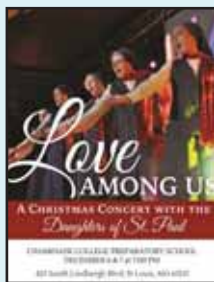
Love Among Us: A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul

Dec. 6 & Dec. 7, 7 pm at Chaminade College Preparatory School,
425 South Lindberg Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131-2129.

Dec. 6th-7th

Be taken up into the spirit of Christmas with the Sisters' unique renditions of Christmas favorites as well as contemporary inspirational songs in their annual family concert celebrating Christ's Birth. Come, and be filled with hope, joy, and peace with the sounds of the Daughters of St Paul Choir!

Tickets \$15 per person; Information: call 314-965-6935



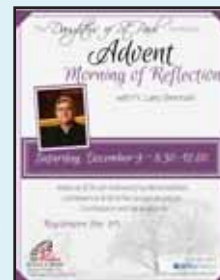
Advent Morning of Reflection

The Daughters of St. Paul are hosting an Advent Morning of Reflection with Fr. Larry Brennan at Pauline Books and Media, **Saturday, Dec. 9, 8:30 am until noon.**

The morning will begin with Mass at 8:30 am in the sisters' chapel followed by a lite breakfast. Fr. Brennan will give a conference on an Advent theme there will be time for personal prayer and Confession.

Dec. 9th

Call 314-965-3512 for information and to register (\$15 fee).





Bell Ringing

Wednesdays:

November 22 • November 29

December 6 • December 13

December 20

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 Lisa 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!



Missouri ADOPTION



ATTENTION: MISSOURI BIRTH PARENTS AND ADOPTEES:

Missouri adoption law is changing!

On **January 1st, 2018**, adult adoptees (ages 18 and older) will be granted access to their original birth certificate. Birth parents have the right to protect their confidentiality under the new law, but they *must act before January 1st*.

For more information, **contact the Missouri Bureau of Vital Records by phone at (573) 751-6387 OR by email at vitalrecordsinfo@health.mo.gov**. Visit the Bureau's website at www.health.mo.gov/data/vitalrecords/adopterightsact.php for more detailed information about the new law.

YOUTH choir

The **Youth Choir** is a group of students (grades 4 - 12) who lead the congregation of St. Joseph Parish in song at Sunday liturgies and other special events.

Choir Practice Dates:

5:00 - 5:45 pm in the church
December 13

Mass Dates: 10:30 am
December 17



Students must attend the Wednesday practice to sing in the choir on the following Sunday. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Ramos.



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.



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St. Joseph Catholic Parish/School

A Letter from our Seventh Grade Teacher Mrs. Linda Ferguson



Hello! I am Mrs. Ferguson. I am teaching social studies this year. It has been an adjustment, but it is a work in progress.

Seventh grade is my homeroom. They are a great bunch of students. They are finishing up on Africa. Mrs. Williams and I have the students working on a cross-curricular project. They are making African masks. Then fifth through eighth grade are taking a field trip to the Science Center and Art Museum. Seventh grade can look at African art.

Sixth graders are finishing up on Egypt. Their mummies will be on display in the hallway. Be sure to come and take a look. On the field trip we will be able to see the King Tut exhibit, and at the Art Museum all the Egyptian art.

Eighth grade is studying about the thirteen colonies and the American Revolution. When they are finished they should be great citizens. They will be able to look at colonial art on the field trip.

Fifth grade has also been learning about the thirteen colonies. Each student worked on a slideshow of a colony, and one student did the lost colony of Roanoke. They have done a fantastic job. They will get to look at colonial art too.

It looks like it is going to be a fantastic year!



Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Update

**T H A N K
Y O U !**

Our pantry is blessed each and every week by numerous, generous donations! Many of the donors we know by name. Some of the donors wish to remain anonymous. We would like to thank ALL of our donors, known and unknown, for the charity and generosity shown to our pantry. All donations, financial or commodity, are used for and distributed directly to our clients here at St Vince de Paul. Any donation received stays right here in our party to help those we serve. Jesus told Peter, "Feed my sheep," (John 21:17). That is our goal at the St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Thank you to ALL and God bless you all!

Jennifer & Joe Rhodus (Co-Presidents)

Coming up in our Parish...



November 19
Spanish Mass



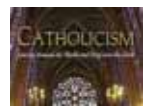
November 19
Our Father's Table



November 28
Advent Wreath & Chili Night



December 3
Advent by Candlelight



December 5
Advent Study of Catholicism



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

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

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.

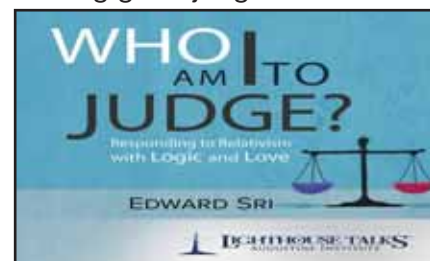
Our Gifts to St. Vincent de Paul



Thank you St. Joseph for your generosity for the month of October to St. Vincent de Paul, **\$115.00** was given in our monthly S.V.D.P. envelopes.



Discussing moral issues with family and friends can be a challenge in a culture that strongly promotes the idea that there is no objective truth. Speaker author and theologian Dr. Edward Sri provides 5 "keys" to enable Christians to oppose with logic and love what Pope Benedict XVI called the "dictatorship of relativism." He also clarifies the proper understanding of what it means to judge, and the importance of making good judgments.



This Week in Our Parish...

Tuesday • November 21

Preschool Thanksgiving Lunch
11:00 am • Parish Center

Wednesday • November 22

Prayer Shawl
9:00 am • Parish Center

Early Out School
11:30 am

Rosary
7:15 pm • Church

Thursday • November 23

Thanksgiving Mass
9:00 am • Church

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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

Our Father's Table TODAY

4:00 - 6:00 Cafeteria



Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner



No Classes this Thursday November 23rd due to Thanksgiving



St. Catherine of Alexandria

Saturday, November 25

Celebrant

Fr. John Schneider

Lector

22 - Peggy Adams
25 - Joyce Heberlie

Extraordinary Ministers

Jimmy & Susie Herzog

Offertory Bearers

Curt & Lynette Heberlie

Mass Intention

22 - Malachi McGuire
25 - John "Honzy" Fisher

Saturday 7:30 pm Mass

Parish Council President:
Jimmy Herzog

Happy Birthday

November 23

November 24

November 24

Doug Cartee

Doretta Herzog

Johnny Adams

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Saturday, November 11

Adult Collection.....	\$500.00
Priest Retirement.....	\$30.00
Loose.....	\$179.00
Total.....	\$709.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness

A Note from Fr. Rickey . . .

Thanksgiving Day Mass

7:00pm, Wednesday,
November 22



"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