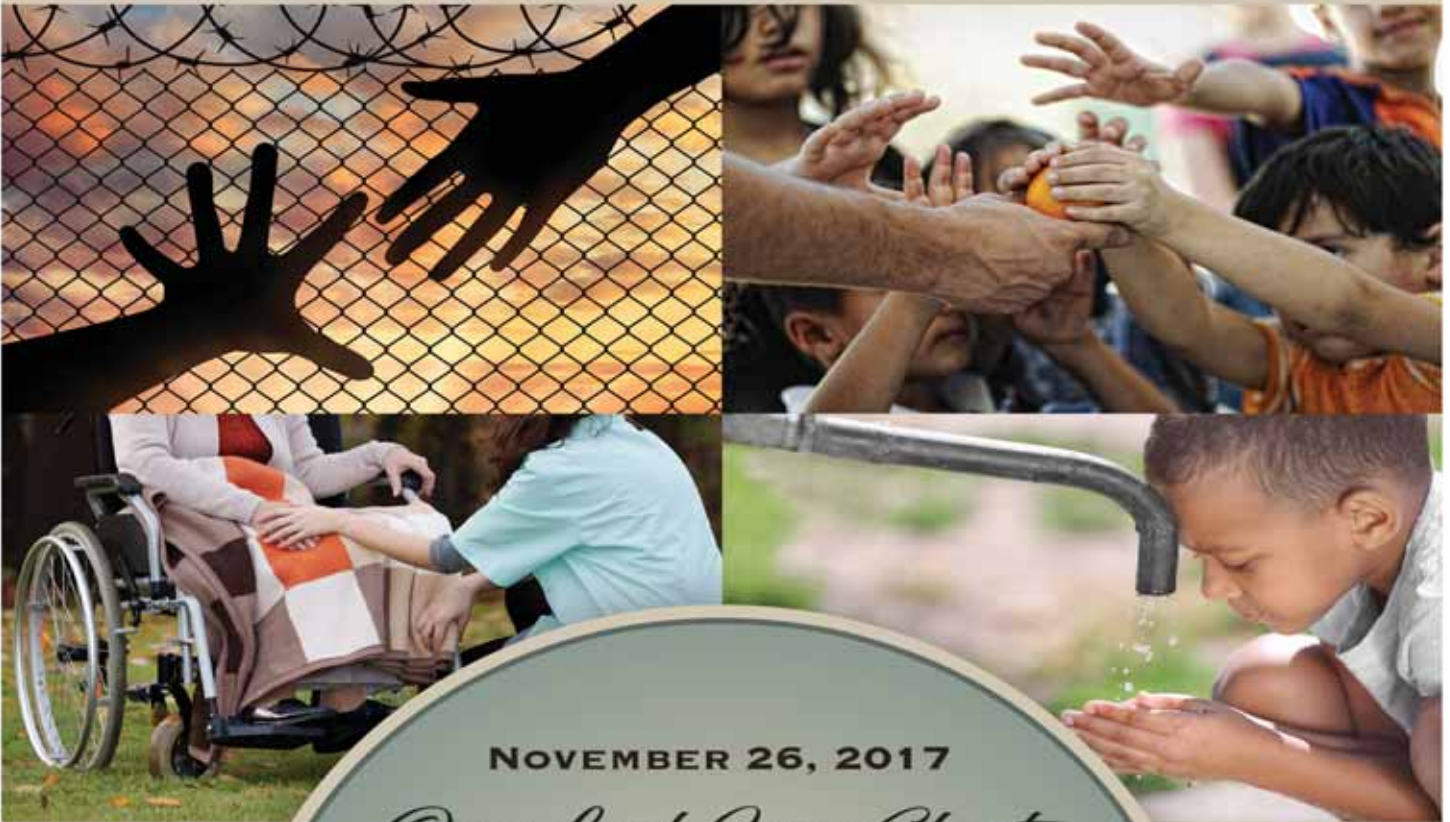


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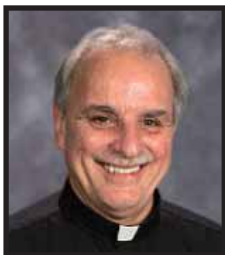


NOVEMBER 26, 2017

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*

I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD,
I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK,
A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME,
NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME,
ILL AND YOU CARED FOR ME,
IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME.

MATTHEW 25:35-36



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

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.

Our Holiday "Giving Tree" is up and ready for you to pick an ornament to help those visiting St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Our **Women of Mary** are again sponsoring a Holiday "Giving Tree" to benefit our St. Vincent de Paul organization. Since 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. 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 **150** 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.

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.

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 24 bulletin. The printer's deadline for this bulletin is **Tuesday, December 19**. Hopefully we will have a complete list. However, any gifts received after the deadline will be listed in the December 31 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.

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 **35 families**. Some examples of folks who benefited are:

- An elderly widow who needed help with water bill
- An individual who needed help with an electric bill
- An elderly couple that needed financial assistance for medical bills because of the loss of a job
- An individual that needed new clothes for a job interview
- A family that needed help with rent

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.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception A Holy Day of Obligation

On **Friday, 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, 8:50 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 8

On **Friday, December 8** we will offer an entire day from **9:00 am until 7:00 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.

Breakfast with Santa

Mark your calendars to bring your children and grandchildren to **Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 10**. Santa is so awesome with our children and indeed makes each one feel so special.

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.

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

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Mike Ward Knights of Columbus

Parish Business Office Hours

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Phone (573)756-4250 • Fax (573)756-6938

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 Birthday



&



Happy Anniversary



To All Our Parishioners Celebrating This Weeek!!!



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: _____





Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of November 27 - December 3

- Monday: Weekday**
Readings: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
7:00 am: **Dolores Fitzgerald**
- Tuesday: Weekday**
Readings: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
7:00 am: **David Keeven**
- Wednesday: Weekday**
Readings: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
7:00 am: **Dollinger & Johnson Families**
- Thursday: Saint Andre, Apostle**
Readings: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
7:00 am: **Sherry Sales**
- Friday: Weekday**
Readings: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
7:00 am: **Katy Flynn**

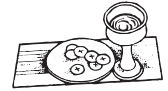
First Sunday of Advent

Sunday Readings: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Mk 13:33-37

- Saturday:**
5:00 pm: **Edgar Brown**
- 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 2

5:00 pm Mass

- Priest:** Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Sandi Brooks
Extraordinary Ministers:
Kevin Boatright, Ronald Brooks, Donna
Conklin, Mark Halter, Rosetta Halter
Ushers: John Denkler, Mark Kellogg, Dylan Kelso,
Don Trokey
Servers: A. Burcham, L. Burcham, A. Coleman
Cantor: As Scheduled

Sunday, December 3

7:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Jim Eaton
Extraordinary Ministers:
Charlie Dill, Marge Dill, Gail Dunn,
Chuck Hayden, Rose Hayden
Ushers: Ed Brown, Tom Donze, Corey Hulsey,
Ed Weidenbrenner
Servers: P. Borrego, L. Brockland

9:00 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganosa
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Mitch Fuemmeler
Extraordinary Ministers:
Rob Grindel, Doak Holloway,
Vanessa Trokey, Charlotte Vander Bol
Ushers: Mike Backer, Dan Combs, John Podolak,
Dale Springs
Servers: C. Brown, K. Wade, K. Wade
Cantor: As Scheduled

10:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganosa
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Chad Speakar
Extraordinary Ministers:
Phyllis LaPlant, Jill Patton, Jennifer Rhodus,
Joe Rhodus
Ushers: Bob Bone, Frankie Hulsey, Chuck Koppeis,
Chris McTearden
Servers: G. Bone, P. Borrego, C. Sandweg
Cantor: As Scheduled

Special Ministries

Monday, November 27, 2017

Sacristans

Pat Boatright, Rita Boyd,
Charlotte Vander Bol,
Ann Lutsch

Money Counters

Lori King, Ethel Backer,
Anne Crawford, Carol 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:

**“For all those who have doubts in the real
presence of our Lord and King of the Universe.”**

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration



Thursdays • 7:30 am - 7:30 pm

First Friday

Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday of the Month • 7:30 am - 2:15 pm

**The Lord is always waiting to help us.
Bring your sorrows and joys to the One
Who loves us most.**

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

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

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!

** This does not include our budgeted
Holy Day offerings*

Welcome...

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

Emelina Lara

**Megan Sidebottom
and her daughter Finnley**

Rose Wiseman

Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve • 5 pm & midnight masses

Christmas Day • 7:30, 9 & 10:30 am masses

Feast of the Holy Family • Saturday, 5 pm

Sunday, Dec 31: 7:30, 9, & 10:30 am masses

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

Please pray for: **Cathy Barron**, Sharon Clark, 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**, Tom Moyers, Stephanie Bauerle, Jon Pruiett, Amber & Kit Menjolet, **Floyd McFarland**

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

A Message from Fr. Abe...

THE FINAL JUDGMENT OF THE KING

By Fr. Abe Arganiosa



Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of Christ the King**. At the end of the liturgical calendar the Church proclaims that at the ultimate end God shall conquer all [cf. 1 Cor 15:28]. The Creator is also the Final Destiny of humanity and the cosmos; He is the *Alpha and Omega* [Rev 22:13].

The Gospel [Mt 25:31-46] reveals important tenets of our Catholic Faith: (1) ***There is a Last Judgment***; (2) ***Christ will truly come again***; (3) ***Christ will reward our good works and punish evil deeds***; (4) ***There will be Eternal Life for the blessed and Eternal Damnation for the sinful***. Thus those who claim that there's no Hell, since God is good, are teaching contrary to the divine revelation attested by Jesus and the Apostles. God is good but He also rules with justice. The mercy of God is incontestable. Yet He wants us to be loving and merciful as well. It is our choices and actions that will bring punishment or glory on our souls. It is not God who is being judged but our persons and to each of us He asks: *How did you love Me in the persons of your brothers and sisters in need?* The King will test our faith through fire to determine if it is genuinely filled with love.

If Jesus is coming to execute Final Judgment today, right now, **are we ready?** Am I worthy to face Him saying: *Here I am Lord, I've done Your will*. Or instead, shall we hide in shame because we only focused on personal interest most of our lives. Have we fed the hungry by our own hands? Did we give drink to the thirsty in person? Have we visited Jesus when he was confined to the hospital and spent time with Him?

Every day we behold the lovely face of Jesus on the cross and through icons; we find closeness on His sweet images of the Sacred Heart or Divine Mercy. However, the image of the Lord that will bring us to salvation is that of the poor, the sick, the prisoners and the marginalized. Only through the eyes of faith nourished with love can we see the presence of Jesus in the form of the downtrodden. **May the Holy Spirit open our eyes to see Him in the needy and response with generous heart.**



"...whatever you did for
one of the least of my
brothers, you did for me" -
MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

"God's mercy meets us in
the here and now and leads
to everlasting life."

CURTIS MARTIN
Taken from *Beautiful Mercy*

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 December 3**, 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 7.

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.





Give Thanks for God's Blessings

Choose Life!

This Month's Respect Life Billboard Features The Grandson of Tom and Brenda Donze

Mercy

**Fertility
Services**

The Holidays: You Can Handle Them!

The Holidays can be hard to navigate sometimes, especially when coping with infertility challenges. Let's get together to talk about some of the mixed feelings that this time of the year brings. Whether you anticipate spending time with other families & their children, facing inevitable questions from loved ones, scrolling through seemingly endless social media posts of cute kids, or feeling a hole in your heart because you just want a child. Join us to share and gather ideas to make it through the holidays peacefully.

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

Mercy Fertility Care Center
11700 Studt Ave.
Suite C
St. Louis, MO 63141

RSVP Appreciated - (314) 991-0327



St. Joseph's Women of Mary

Christmas Party & Meeting

Monday, December 4

6:30 pm in the parish center

We cordially invite all women 18 yrs and older to our Christmas potluck. Please feel welcome to come as this is an evening meeting to allow those who are unable to attend the day meeting.

A-M brings an appetizer

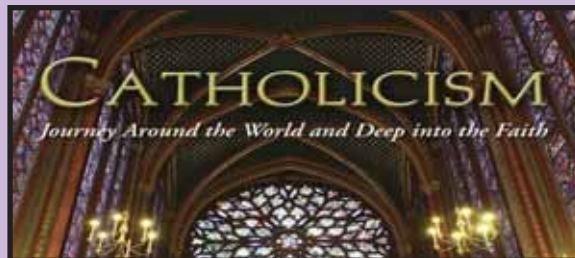
N-Z brings a dessert

If you are unable to bring a food item please come anyway as there is always plenty. Use the guideline as a suggestion for the food item only. If you have a favorite food that you enjoy to bring to potlucks, please feel free to bring that. We will have activities, games and food. Come and enjoy some laughs and get to know some of the wonderful ladies in our parish!

If you need a ride please contact Linda at 756-6010.



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. They 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.

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>



United
Way



Bell Ringing

Wednesdays:

**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 are 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/adopteerightsact.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


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




Will be visiting your Parish!

December 16-17, 2017

St. Joseph's Church
We will be present after
Masses with books and
media materials.
Saturday 5pm
& Sunday Masses.



Visit Our Bookcenter:
5804 Watson Road
St. Louis, MO 63126
PH: 314-965-3512



@PBMSTL
www.pauline.org

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

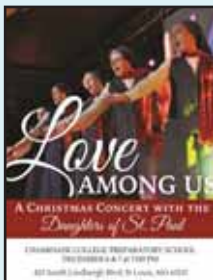
Dec. 2nd

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

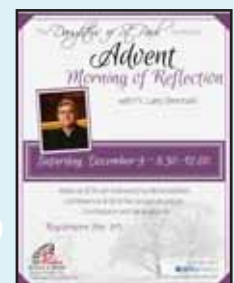
Advent Morning of Reflection

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).



Coming up in our Parish...



November 28
Advent Wreath & Chili Night



December 3
Advent by Candlelight



December 5
Advent Study of Catholicism



December 8
All Day Reconciliation



December 12
Advent Recital



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

Clarification to be made from error in previous bulletin!

Our food pantry does not accept any items other than food - no furniture, clothes or household items. Apologies for any confusion!

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.

This Week in Our Parish...

Tuesday • November 28

Advent Wreath & Chili Night
6:00 pm • School Gym

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 • Parish Center

Friday • December 1

Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 am • Church

Sunday • December 3

Advent by Candlelight
6:00 pm • Parish Center

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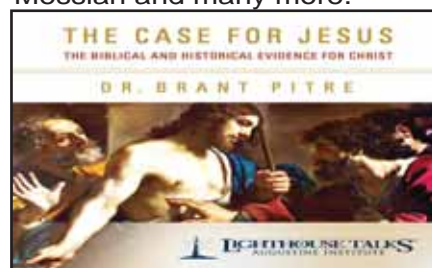


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With Our Heartfelt Thanks...

Our RCIA Leaders, Team and participants would like to thank **Corey and Connie Hulsey, Richard & Deb Black, Charlotte VanderBol and Jackie Beck** for their gifts of food the past couple of weeks!!

Next Weeks Topic:
Season of Advent
How to Make it Holy.



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



St. Catherine of Alexandria

Saturday, December 2

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Celebrant

Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector

Rosie Eck

Extraordinary Ministers

Helen McDaniel

Joyce Heberlie

Offertory Bearers

Stan & Joyce Heberlie

Mass Intention

Members of
Elliot McDaniel Family

Due to the Thanksgiving Day printing deadline we could not include the offerings for November 18 in this issue. They will be published in next week's bulletin.

Thank You For Your Faithfulness

A Note from Fr. Rickey . . .

Our next Parish Council Meeting will be
Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m.

“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

Saturday 7:30 pm Mass

Parish Council President:
Jimmy Herzog

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