

Where Hospitality and Love Meet

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Farmington, Missouri

FIRST SUNDAY

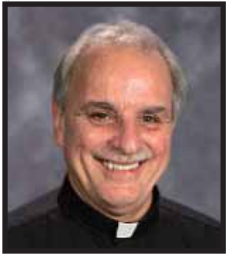
OF
Advent

Watch therefore: you do not know
when the lord of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35



DECEMBER 3, 2017



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 eighth 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 **180+** 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.

Our thanks also go to **Jake Whitener** who will lead us in this evening of reflection on "**Love Came Down: Through the Eyes of Joseph**" and to our parishioner, **Jennifer Rhodus** 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.

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

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 24 bulletin. The printer's deadline for this bulletin is **Tuesday, December 19**. 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 is 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, 8:05 am and 7:00 pm.**

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. Please see page 8 for the schedule that outlines the time each priest will hear confessions.



Holiday Mass Schedule



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, December 8
 Masses at 7:00 a.m., 8:05 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24
 Masses at 5:00 pm and Midnight
 (Traditional Christmas Carols begin at 11:30 pm)
 7:30 pm Mass at Coffman

Christmas Day
Monday, December 25
 Masses at 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 am

Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday, December 31
 Regularly scheduled weekend Masses.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 7
 Regularly scheduled weekend Masses.

And Finally...

“Always remember that as long as we keep the Eucharist the center of our lives, everything else will fall in place...of that I am confident”!!!

Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey

Our Pastoral Team

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Rob Grindel..... Property and Maintenance
Ed Brown..... Cemetery Association
Mike Ward Knights of Columbus

Parish Business Office Hours

Monday thru Friday • 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
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 Week!!!

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds
someone in the U.S.
needs blood.



America Red Cross



Thank you from the
Knights of Columbus!



We had a total of **41** units of blood
donated at last months blood drive.





Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of December 4 - December 10

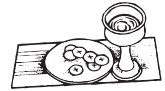
- Monday: Advent Weekday**
 Readings: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 7:00 am: **Doug Johnson**
- Tuesday: Advent Weekday**
 Readings: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
 Lk 10:21-24
 7:00 am: **Herman Niedert**
- Wednesday: Advent Weekday**
 Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 7:00 am: **Angela Wade**
- Thursday: Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor**
 Readings: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
 Mt 7:21, 24-27
 7:00 am: **Francis and Mildred Olmstead**
- Friday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,
 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 7:00 am: **P. Johnson Family**
 8:00 am: **Verna Springs**
 8:00 pm: **Virginia Frystak**

Second Sunday of Advent

- Sunday Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
- Saturday:**
 5:00 pm: **Parishioners**
- Sunday:**
 7:30 am: **Todd Jokerst**
 9:00 am: **Eugene Smith**
 10:30 am: **Jerry Bush**

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

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, December 9

5:00 pm Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Shawn McCarver
Extraordinary Ministers: Kevin Boatright, Charlie Dill, Marge Dill, Mark Halter, Rosetta Halter
Ushers: Buddy Bordewick, Mark Kellogg, Gary Harris, Dylan Kelso
Servers: E. Barnhouse, K. Gerwitz, C. Gillespie
Cantor: Jane Ramos

Sunday, December 10

7:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Stephen Hunter
Extraordinary Ministers: Gail Dunn, Jim Eaton, Chuck Hayden, Rose Hayden, Chris Westrich
Ushers: Jerry Bieser, Bill Jokerst, Phil Roth, Scott Watson
Servers: A. Crawford, C. Crawford

9:00 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganiosa
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Charlotte Vander Bol
Extraordinary Ministers: Paul Gaines, Jennifer Rhodus, Joe Rhodus, Vanessa Trokey
Ushers: Dan Combs, John Podolak, Don Trokey, Mike Ward
Servers: T. J. Benoist, N. Berkbigler, H. Fingerhut
Cantor: Michelle Podolak

10:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganiosa
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Phyllis LaPlant
Extraordinary Ministers: Jane Allen, Theresa AuBuchon, Shirley Bieser, Katie Rhodes
Ushers: Bob Bone, Frankie Hulsey, Chris McTearden, Travis Trolinger
Servers: C. Sandweg, M. Williams, M. Williams
Cantor: As Scheduled

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, December 4, 2017

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| <u>Sacristans</u> | <u>Money Counters</u> |
| Sandi Brooks, | Donna Black, Mary Brady, |
| Connie Grindel, | Sue Brown, Kathy Neiner, |
| Linda Hicks, Paulette Nichols | Debbie Thomure |

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Adult Envelopes	\$7,503.00
Loose	\$434.21
Spanish Mass	\$209.00
Electronic Deposit	<u>\$2,975.00</u>
	\$11,121.21

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$11,121.21	\$259,512.81
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$12,125.00</u>	<u>\$254,625.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	\$1,003.79	\$4,887.81
Partners in Education		\$15.00
Maintenance and Repair		\$45.00
St. Vincent de Paul		\$395.00
Retired Religious		\$75.00
All Souls		\$10.00
Human Development		<u>\$654.00</u>
Total for Specials		\$1,194.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!

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.”

For those needing to plan ahead...



First Communion

Saturday, April 7, 2018



Confirmation

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Adult Envelopes	\$7,291.00
Loose	\$590.23
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00
Electronic Deposit	<u>\$420.00</u>
	\$8,321.23

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$8,321.23	\$267,834.04
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$12,125.00</u>	<u>\$266,750.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(3,803.77)	\$1,084.04
Partners in Education		\$45.00
St. Vincent de Paul		\$296.00
Retired Religious		\$45.00
All Souls		\$110.00
Christmas Flowers		\$225.00
Human Development		<u>\$100.00</u>
Total for Specials		\$761.00



Thanksgiving Day Collection
November 22, 2017
\$504.00

Donated to St. Vincent de Paul
Food Pantry

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

We pray for the repose of the soul of...

Heather Rasmussen
sister of Erin (Jason) Crites

Nancy Eck
mother of Andrew (Ali) Eck
and sister in law of Wilma (Don) McGuire

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: Sharon Partney, **Joyce Wozniak**, Todd Marler, Tom Christman, Paul Calbreath, Roberta Richards, Mildred Bourisaw, Jan Gilliam, **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**, 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.

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

A Message from Fr. Abe...

Hope Shining in the Darkness

By: Fr. Abe Arganiosa



Mostly the news being broadcast today is violence, scandals and misery. The world is covered by darkness and the prevailing atmosphere is despair and uncertainty. Confronted by hovering darkness around the world the Catholic Church starts the Advent Season. We light the **first Candle of Advent – The Candle of Hope** – which reminds that everything is not hopeless because the Savior born by the Virgin long ago shall return to give us life and have it to the full [Jn 10:10].

Every Catholic, then, must not be gloomy. **Despite our trials and problems our hearts must be full of hope.** We look at the world through the eyes of Jesus. We are not people of darkness but of light... the light that darkness never overcomes [Jn 1:5]. Instead, we carry this light, which is Jesus, and through Him we dispel the evil of this world. **We must become a City set on a hill giving inspiration to others through the Person of Christ the Savior** [cf. Mt 5:14-16].

Our Gospel this 1st Sunday of Advent [Mk 13:33-37] compels us to watch. *We must be alert and observant and waiting...for the coming of Jesus in our life and in our world.* Actually, Jesus already came [Jn 1:14]. He was born into this world, unfortunately His own people didn't recognize Him [Jn 1:11]. That is the darkness. **When a person is blind to the presence of God and of his neighbor there is darkness... not because the sun is covered by smoke or our eyes enveloped by cataracts but because our hearts are incapacitated to love and appreciate the presence of another.** God can be with us but we can be blind to His presence.

Jesus is coming back but people are too preoccupied by non-essential things. Much worse, some even become blind to the presence of their parents whom they only remember for money. Some become blind to the presence of their spouse; spending more time for example, deer hunting or watching sporting events, rather than being with their wife. Some are becoming blind to their siblings to the point that they become strangers or enemies. When home is filled with strangers there is darkness over and within us.

May the Lord grant us hope enlightened by love so that we can dispel the darkness by recognizing His presence in the Eucharist and in people with and around us.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Knights of Columbus



Crappie Fish Fry Saturday, Dec. 16th

More details in next weeks bulletin!



"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come."

- MARK 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

For Advent to be Offered all Day Long
Friday, December 8

9:00 - 10:00 am.....**Fr. Rickey & Fr. Abe**
(school children will be present)

10:00 am - noon.....**Msgr. James Hanson**

noon - 2:00 pm.....**Fr. Steve Bauer**

2:00 - 4:00 pm.....**Fr. Abe Arganiosa**

4:00 - 6:00 pm.....**Fr. John Schneider**

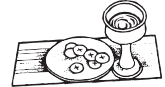
6:00 - 7:00 pm.....**Fr. James Dyer**

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.

Holy Day of Obligation Immaculate Conception Thursday, December 8

Ministers of the Liturgy



Thursday, December 8

7:00 am Mass

Priest: Fr. Abe Arganiosa

Lector: Rita Boyd

Extraordinary Ministers:

Dotty Bach, Jerry Bach, Brenda Donze,
Kathy Neiner, Jayne Wooldridge

Ushers: Tom Donze, Jack Neiner, Chester Ott,
Ed Wooldridge

8:05 am Mass

Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy

St. Joseph School Students and Faculty:

Lector, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers and Servers

7:00 pm Mass

Priest: Fr. Abe Arganiosa

Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington

Lector: Mitch Fuemmeler

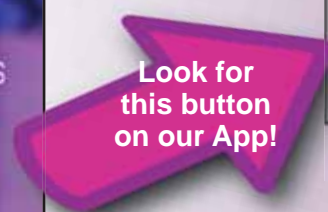
Extraordinary Ministers:

Cindy Kelso, Mike Kelso,
Sandi Kracke, Terri Roney

Ushers: John Denkler, Corey Hulseley, Gerald Hulseley,
George Kracke

Servers: M. AuBuchon, P. Borrego, Z. Kelso

Cantor: Michelle Podolak



Advent

Special Advent Reflections Button

MyParish App is offering spiritual encouragement each day of this holy season. Many of us experience Advent as only four days a year (Sundays). These helpful reflections will aid us in reflecting on the Mass readings each day as we await Christ's coming.



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 10 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

Danyell Sweat Nick Sweat

Children over 7 to be Baptized

Josalyn Sweat



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.

Tiffany Aiello Terry Bates Jamie Conway Bud Davis Phoebe Davis
Lisa Gibson Mary Hafner Neal Hudson Mary Johnson Madison Kowalski
Peyton McMinn Mary Miller Alicia Nichols Colleen Nichols
Katie Nichols Lois Pallo Billy Samfillipo Martha Schwalenberg

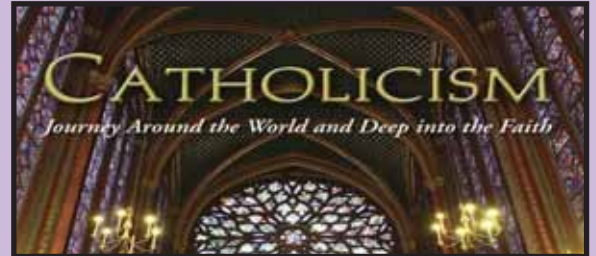
Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

Nathan Conway Maria Johns Sage Kofron
Savannah Kofron Mikayla Nichols





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.

'TIS *(almost)* THE SEASON

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. Join our parish for Best Advent Ever, a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a unique way. Each day you'll receive an email with...

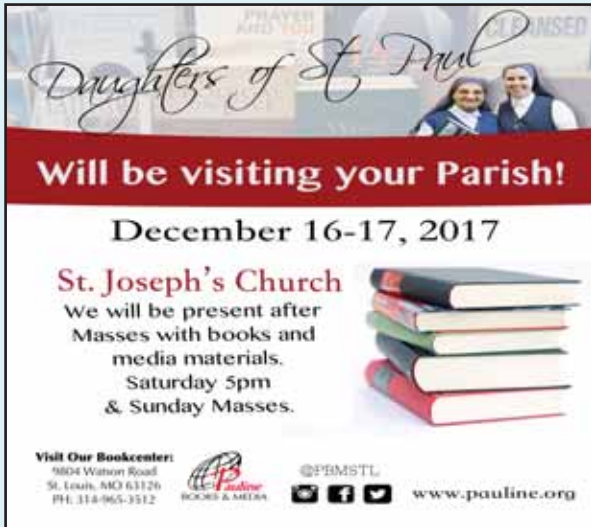
- Short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories of hope

TO SIGN UP, VISIT

BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope

 **Dynamic Catholic**

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




Daughters of St. Paul

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!

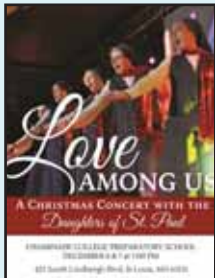
For more information or special requests call Sr. Laura at 314-965-3512.

Daughter's of St. Paul 2017 Advent Events

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.

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

Dec. 9th



Thank You from the Respect Life Committee!!!



Thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets from the Respect Life Committee!
Carol Inman won the **\$100 Schnuck's gift card** and **Judy Boyer** won the **fall arrangement**.
Congratulations, Carol and Judy! We appreciate all of the support from our parishioners!



Spanish Mass Next Sunday December 10

Date
Change

This month's Spanish Mass has been moved
from Dec. 17 to Dec. 10 • 3:00 pm

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



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 plenty of great Christmas presents available for them and their children as soon as possible.

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

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



Bell Ringing

Wednesdays • 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

**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!



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.

**Santa Claus is Coming to Our
"All You Can Eat Breakfast"
December 10!!!**



Bring the children and grandchildren to the Knights of Columbus Breakfast after all 3 Masses

Mark your calendars to bring your children and grandchildren for **Breakfast with Santa** Sunday, December 10 after all 3 masses.

Santa is so awesome with our children and indeed makes each one feel special! Santa has an amazingly warm, gentle and joyful spirit. The kids will love meeting Santa!!!

**Special Advent Concert
Performed by our
School Children**



Tuesday, December 12, 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.



Thank You!!!

This years bake sale raised **\$69,000.00!!!**
Fr. Rickey's cake sold for **\$7,780.00** and with an additional \$345.00 the parish was able to donate a total of **\$8,125.00!!!**

Our parish owes a tremendous amount of gratitude to **Theresa Kellogg** for her unending dedication that made our parish participation in the **Help the Hungry Bake Sale** such a success! Thank you to the many bakers in our parish for the numerous goodies that were brought to our gym for this annual fund raiser. Thank you to everyone involved in our annual events that support this wonderful ministry for our local community!



**Knights of
Columbus
Council #12332**

The **Knights of Columbus** will be selling Apple Butter and Apple sauce at the Knights Breakfast next weekend!

**Copper Kettle &
Wood Fired**



Apple Butter

\$7.00

Apple Sauce

\$5.00



*With Our
Heartfelt Thanks...*

Please continue to keep in your prayers all of those involved with RCIA. The team, sponsors, volunteers and especially our candidates and catechumens. Thank you!

Next Weeks Topic:

The Three C's:

Community, Compassion, Communion



**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. 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.

Coming up in our Parish...



December 3
Advent by Candlelight



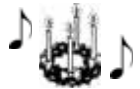
December 5
Advent Study of Catholicism



December 8
All Day Reconciliation



December 10
Breakfast with Santa



December 12
Advent Recital

"A Thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."



-Saint Padre Pio

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



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

This Week in Our Parish...

Monday • December 4

Women of Mary Christmas Party
6:30 pm • Parish Center

Tuesday • December 5

Advent Catholicism Class
10:00 am & 7:00 pm • Parish Center

Wednesday • December 6

Prayer Shawl
9:00 am • Parish Center

PSR
6:00 pm • School
Advent Confessions 6:00-7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting
7:00 pm • Parish Center

Rosary
7:15 pm • Church

Thursday • December 7

Eucharistic Adoration
7:30 am • Church

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

Friday • December 8

Holy Day of Obligation Immaculate Conception
7:00, 8:05 am & 7:00 pm • Church

Sunday • December 10

Knights of Columbus Breakfast & Breakfast with Santa
Following 7:30, 9 & 10 am Masses
Parish Center

RCIA - Rite of Acceptance
9:00 am • Church



We no longer need plastic bottles or caps!



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

As you put your gift in your St. Vincent de Paul envelope, you will be helping the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

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.

Advertiser of the Week...

This week we would like to thank....



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Every Sunday - Kids Eat Free
931 Valley Creek Dr.
760-0026

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St. Catherine of Alexandria



Saturday 7:30 pm Mass
Coffman, Missouri
Founded in 1887
Canonical Parish 1919

Happy Anniversary
December 9
Tom & Linda Smith

Friday, December 8
Saturday, December 9

Celebrant
Dec. 8 Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Dec. 9 Fr. John Schneider

Lector
Dec. 8: Betty Vogt
Dec. 9: Marilyn Gegg

Extraordinary Ministers
Helen McDaniel
& Joyce Heberlie

Offertory Bearers
Stan & Joyce Heberlie

Mass Intentions
Dec. 8: Glenn & Rita Shelton
Dec. 9: Allen & Doris Hagan

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Saturday, November 25, 2017
Adult Envelopes \$920.00
Loose..... \$81.00
Total..... **\$1,001.00**

Saturday, November 18, 2017
Adult Envelopes \$395.00
Loose..... \$209.00
Human Development..... \$10.00
Religious Collection..... \$10.00
Total..... **\$624.00**

Thank You For Your Faithfulness

Happy Birthday
Alex Cummings **Cory Herzog**
December 7 December 10