

Where Hospitality and Love Meet  
*St. Joseph Catholic Church*  
*Farmington, Missouri*

The Ascension of the Lord  
May 17, 2015



Katherine Baechle



Natasja Haffner



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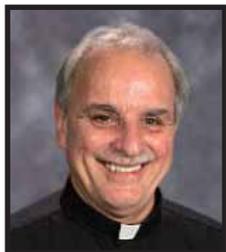


Allison Layton



Jamie O'Hara

*Congratulations to St. Joseph's 8th Grade Graduates!!*



## From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

### Congratulations to our 8th Grade Students who Completed Their Days at St. Joseph's Grade School this Past Tuesday Evening

This past Tuesday, nine young adults completed their grade school days here at St. Joseph's and a special mass was celebrated at 7:00 pm to mark this important milestone of their journey. Congratulations to our 8th graders who graduated this past Tuesday. Our best wishes go to:

**Katherine Baechle**  
**Natasja Haffner**  
**Maria Harris**  
**Andrew Heberlie**  
**Tyler Herzog**  
**Zachary Kelso**  
**Luke Landreneau**  
**Allison Layton**  
**Jamie O'Hara**

### Thank You to Our 7th Grade Parents

Thank you to our 7th grade parents who turned our parish center into a "Luau" of fun for the reception for our eighth grade graduates on May 12. The Parish Center looked awesome and was very much appreciated by the graduates and their parents!

### Congratulations to Natasja Haffner Winner of the American Citizenship Award

Congratulations goes to **Natasja Haffner**, daughter of **Richard and Pamela Haffner**, for receiving the prestigious American Citizenship Award. This award is sponsored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The recipient of this award is chosen by the entire St. Joseph School faculty and staff and is given to a student who: participates in school and/or community services; shows a positive attitude towards classmates, school, and community; displays an understanding and appreciation of civic responsibilities; and possesses strength of character and courage to do what is right.

### Congratulations to Jamie O'Hara Recipient of the 2015 St. Joseph School Annual Christian Service Award

Several awards were presented after the mass this past Tuesday evening at the 8th grade ceremony. This year, the **St. Joseph School Annual Christian Service Award** and **\$200 College Scholarship** given by our **Knights of Columbus** was presented to **Jamie O'Hara**.

This award is voted upon by the faculty, 7th and 8th grade students, and pastoral staff for the student they feel best exemplified Christian values, morals and service to their parish during their time in grade school. The guidelines request that the recipient be a student **"who recognized the value of his/her Catholic education and has used each opportunity through the years to give in charity of his/her time to those in need around him/her. He/she was active in the Sacramental life of the Church"**.

Jamie was presented with a \$200 check from our Grand Knight, **Rob Grindel**. Jamie's name will be added to the permanent plaque hanging in the hallway of St. Joseph School displaying all of the honored past recipients of this special award. She is the daughter of **Tom and Debbie O'Hara**.

### Our PSR Family Picnic Was a Wonderful Time for All Held at Engler Park

Our Parish School of Religion had its last class by celebrating with a picnic at Engler Park. We sincerely thank all of our teachers, aides, parents and students for another outstanding year of religious education for our children. The evening was very well attended.

Our sincere thanks to **Terri Roney** for organizing the evening and to **Dolores Eddleman** for being the chef of the grill.

### Plants for the Greenhouse at Our Annual Parish Picnic!

We will again have our **St. Joseph Greenhouse** this year. This is where you can donate houseplants, bulbs, seedlings, anything from your garden that can be planted. **Do your lilies, hydrangeas, irises, flowers need thinning? If so, we would love to have them to sell at our greenhouse!**

## Our Parish Picnic is Only 6 Weeks Away...

Our parish picnic is just 6 weeks away!!! **TODAY after all masses we will have worker sign ups in the Parish Center Hall.** We need everyone to be involved so that we can make this year's picnic one of the best ever for our parish! Please mark your calendars now for the weekend of **June 27 - 28** to be present to help with the major fundraising event of our parish. We really need everyone's help!!! Please sign up to work and give of your time and talents for our parish picnic, see page 13.

## Summer is Almost Here. . . Our Children's Liturgy of the Word, Eucharistic Adoration and Coffee and Doughnuts. . .

Just a reminder that during the months of June, July, and August we will not have ***Our Children's Liturgy of the Word*** during the 10:30 mass.

The last day for our **Thursday Eucharistic Adoration** will be May 21 but we will continue to have our **First Friday Adoration** throughout the summer months. We will resume Adoration on **Thursday, September 10.**

There will be no **Coffee and Doughnut Sundays** during the months of June, July and August. Our next Coffee and Doughnut Sunday will be **September 6.**

## Parish Leadership Positions... Is God calling you to serve our Parish Pastoral Council?

It is that time of the year when new positions will open up for some leadership positions in our parish. Our Parish Council will have four openings this spring.

I hope that you will take some time to prayerfully reflect if God is calling you to serve our parish in one of these leadership roles. **We need individuals who want to serve...those who hold a vision for the future.** These key roles are for people of prayer and for individuals who are willing to become considerably involved in the parish, in its life and activities.

These positions require a greater commitment in time and energy than just attending monthly meetings. **Is God calling you to serve your parish?** Please give it some prayerful discernment!

## PSR Registration Due Soon for 2015-2016 School Year

Registration for the upcoming 2015-2016 PSR school year is due on or before **THIS Wednesday, May 20.** If you are enrolling a child for the first time and your child was not baptized at St. Joseph's, a copy of their Baptismal Certificate is required at the time of registration. The fee for the classes, which helps to cover the cost of the textbooks and a small stipend for the catechists, is as follows: 1 child: \$75.00, 2 children: \$125.00, 3 or more children: \$150.00. If enrollment does not take place on or before May 20 the fee will increase by \$10.00. Please contact Lisa in the Parish Office at 756-4250.

## Our Thanks to Maggie Carr Who Will Lead Our Vacation Bible School

Our thanks to **Maggie Carr**, our First Grade Teacher, who has volunteered to lead our Vacation Bible School. Our vacation bible school is held the second week of July and is a very established tradition of our parish's spiritual life. If you would like to volunteer for this special week please call the parish office to leave your name so that Maggie may contact you when the first planning meeting has been set.

## Our Annual Cemetery Appeal

Each year we have an envelope in our **May** package for our cemetery, **Calvary Cemetery**, located on H Highway. This special collection is used for the year round maintenance of our cemetery as well as the summer mowing and clean up. Please be generous to this special collection, for our cemetery is truly a sacred and consecrated space that holds the bodies of our loved ones awaiting resurrection day.

## And Finally...

A note to our Yesterday's Kids, Our Church Tour outing to be held on **Thursday, May 28 is full!** Thank you to all who RSVP'd!

My heartfelt thanks for the continued prayers for my mom and my family.

**"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"!!!**

## Our Pastoral Team

Very Rev. Rickey J. Valleroy, V.F. .... Pastor  
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Mike Ward ..... Maintenance Supervisor

Paul Gaines ..... Pastoral Council

Jim Eaton ..... Financial Commission

Ed Brown ..... Cemetery Association

Rob Grindel ..... Knights of Columbus

### Parish Business Office Hours

Monday thru Friday • 8:00 am to 3:30 pm  
 Phone (573)756-4250 • Fax (573)756-6938  
 10 North Long Street • Farmington, MO 63640



## Welcome to St. Joseph Parish

Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish. If you are a regular visitor and would like to join our parish, please return this form in next week's collection basket or stop by the Parish Office at 10 North Long Street.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Mass Schedule

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

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

Sunday 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 Abe AuBuchon.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration  
 Thursdays 7:30 am through Closing Prayer Service at 5:15 pm. First Fridays of the month from 9 am through Closing Prayer Service at 2:15 pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Society  
 Open Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 For assistance call 756-0997



## Happy Birthday



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| <u>May 17</u><br><b>Marie Aubuchon</b><br><b>Cathy Barron</b><br><b>Anne Crawford</b><br><b>Emily Damba</b><br><b>Trent Sparr</b><br><b>Gracie Trokey</b><br><b>Sam Trokey</b><br><b>Chris Westrich</b> | <u>May 19</u><br><b>Jeff Swinarski</b><br><b>Gregory Thome</b>                                                                                         | <u>May 22</u><br><b>Isaac Aseniero</b><br><b>Tom Burcham III</b><br><b>Lauren Francis</b><br><b>Paul Lodge</b><br><b>Tallulah Lyons-Jahn</b><br><b>Donna Ratliff</b> |
| <u>May 18</u><br><b>Jill Kiefer</b>                                                                                                                                                                     | <u>May 20</u><br><b>Bob Bone</b><br><b>Matthew Eaton</b><br><b>Sarah Heberlie</b><br><b>Jeffrey Layton</b><br><b>Kylie Melton</b><br><b>Rose Smith</b> | <u>May 23</u><br><b>Mark Bieser</b><br><b>Sue Pruetzel</b>                                                                                                           |
| <u>May 18</u><br><b>Jill Kiefer</b>                                                                                                                                                                     | <u>May 21</u><br><b>Stacey Cassimatis</b><br><b>Vicky Damba</b>                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                      |



## Happy Anniversary



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|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>May 17, 1969</u><br><b>Gene &amp; Dolores Eddleman</b> |                                                        |
| <u>May 18, 1991</u><br><b>Byron &amp; Donna Black</b>     | <u>May 22, 1999</u><br><b>Mark &amp; Liz Anderson</b>  |
| <u>May 19, 1998</u><br><b>Jeffrey &amp; Julie Umfleet</b> | <u>May 22, 1954</u><br><b>James &amp; Mary Neville</b> |



## Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of May 18-24, 2015

**Monday: Easter Weekday**  
 Readings: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;  
 Jn 16:29-33  
 7:00 am: Harry & Wanda Hutcheson

**Tuesday: Easter Weekday**  
 Readings: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;  
 Jn 17:1-11a  
 7:00 am: Dorothy Corbett

**Wednesday: Easter Weekday**  
 Readings: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;  
 Jn 17:11b-19  
 7:00 am: Helen L. Ponder

**Thursday: Easter Weekday**  
 Readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;  
 Jn 17:20-26  
 7:00 am: Everett Dee Akers

**Friday: Easter Weekday**  
 Readings: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,  
 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19  
 7:00 am: Susie Calvin

### Pentecost Sunday

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;  
 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25;  
 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**Saturday:**  
 5:00 pm: George Boyd

**Sunday:**  
 7:30 am: Paul Raymer  
 9:00 am: Ralph Wozniak  
 10:30 am: Parishioners

visit [www.stjosephfarmington.com](http://www.stjosephfarmington.com) and click on  
 "daily mass readings" for easy reference.

## Ministers of the Liturgy



### Saturday, May 23

#### 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

**Priest:** Fr. John Schneider  
**Lector:** Sandi Brooks  
**Extraordinary Ministers:**  
 Adam Barnhouse, Ronald Brooks, Donna  
 Conklin, John Denkler, Laura Denkler  
**Ushers:** Buddy Bordewick, John Jones,  
 Gary Harris, Ralph Trepasso  
**Servers:** E. Barnhouse, C. Brown, M. Williams

### Sunday, May 24

#### 7:30 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. James Dyer  
**Lector:** Chuck Hayden  
**Extraordinary Ministers:**  
 Dotty Bach, Jerry Bach, Jim Eaton, Steve  
 Forsythe, Rose Hayden,  
**Ushers:** Austin Bequette, Ed Brown, Chester Ott,  
 Phil Roth  
**Servers:** K. Galczynski, S. Heberlie

#### 9:00 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. James Dyer  
**Lector:** Margaret Greif  
**Extraordinary Ministers:**  
 Abe AuBuchon, Paul Gaines, Doak  
 Holloway, Sandi Kracke, Vanessa Trokey  
**Ushers:** Dan Combs, George Kracke,  
 John Podolak, Don Trokey  
**Servers:** P. Borrego, M.K. Burcham, E. O'Hara

#### 10:30 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. James Dyer  
**Lector:** Helen Thurman  
**Extraordinary Ministers:**  
 Theresa Aubuchon, Shirley Bieser, Phyllis  
 LaPlant, Katie Rhodes, John Thurman  
**Ushers:** Travis Trolinger, Bob Bone,  
 Chuck Koppeis, Roy Henson  
**Servers:** L. Colligan, F. Hulsey, J. Hulsey

## 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, May 18, 2015

### Sacristans

Pat Beussink, Jana Dore',  
 Marie Hermann, Jo Rustemeyer, Sandi Brooks

### Money Counters

Beulah Carrow, Jackie Maloney,  
 Nancy Ott, Carolyn Rigdon

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

Our petition for this week will be:

**“For Fr. Rickey’s mother and his family.”**



### In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

We pray for the repose of the soul of

**Mary Crouch**

Mother of John (Kathy) Crouch

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



### Wedding Banns

**Bann III**

Richard Black & Deborah Gebhardt

May 23, 2015

Phineas Troy & Courtnie Byrne

May 24, 2015



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

**Anne (Matt) Abt**

**Ashley (Matt) Bono**

**Katie (Casey) Goodson**

**Amanda (Bryan) Hubbard**



*Congratulations  
Doug & Maggie Aholt  
on the arrival of  
James Michael Aholt  
on April 23*

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

## Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, May 10, 2015

Adult Envelopes	\$11,164.10
Loose	\$626.80
Electronic Envelopes	<u>\$1,465.00</u>
	<b>\$13,255.90</b>

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$13,255.90	\$521,387.62
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$10,850.00</u>	<u>\$488,250.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	<b>\$2,405.90</b>	<b>\$33,137.62</b>
Partners in Education		\$685.00
Maintenance & Repair		\$95.00
St. Vincent de Paul		\$617.90
Cemetery Perpetual		\$285.00
Respect Life		<u>\$25.00</u>
Total for Specials		<b>\$1,707.90</b>

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!



**“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.” – 1 John 4:15**

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to defend your faith or clarify a question about your faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in your faith and share your witness with others.



## Stewardship:

A Lifestyle of Partnership with God

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

Please pray for: **Esther Miller**, Harvey Gillam, Aline Valleroy, Kevin Manion, Lavane Weiler, Elaine Edwards, **Charmaine McFarland**, Spencer Vincent, Laura, Donna Rickus, **Sue Pruetzel**, **Pete Dastoor**, Fred Thomure, Elaine, Marge, Stephanie, Peggy Walton, Adele deGruy, Travis Hardy, **Rose Petinga**, **Karen Ellis**, Don Bathe, **Robert Dzewa**, Bob Cook, Don and Deb Allison, Tracy Beussink, **Paula Karl**, Francis Montroy, Norman Blankenship, Frank Roth, Helen Naeger, **Karen Hommelson**, **Sue Bryant**, **Jim Spengler** and **Rita Hirsch**.

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

## *The Ascension of the Lord*

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke's description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark's account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus' name.

Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ—a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ's messianic mission on earth.

### *"Be My Witnesses . . . To The Ends Of The Earth"*

The scriptural accounts do not agree on how long Jesus continued to appear to the disciples before his ascension. Only Acts refers to forty days. Until recently every diocese has followed this forty-day chronology in the liturgical calendar, but the time period is not essential to grasp the meaning of Christ's ascension into heaven. For Luke, it marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led mission.

It is common for parishes and businesses to create mission statements to guide their work. Often such statements begin with a vision for the institution. They go on to state what the institution seeks to do—how it puts its vision into practice. For example, a parish mission statement might say: "We are the Body of Christ. Utilizing the gifts of each member we collaborate to bring more and more people into God's reign of freedom, justice, holiness, and love."

Today's scriptures give us a mission statement for the church. It goes something like this: Christ is now working with and for us "at the right hand of God" (Mark 16:19). Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are to be Christ's witnesses "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). We seek to do so by "proclaiming the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15) and "building up the body of Christ, until we all attain the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God" (Ephesians 4:12–13).

### *"A Cloud Took Him From Their Sight"*

How many CEOs (or pastors!) would have the courage to leave their corporation and trust the employees to run things in their absence? How foolish! How risky! Yet, that seems to be just what Christ did: "He was lifted up and a cloud took him from their sight" (Acts 1:9). Christ knew that the Holy Spirit would always guide the Christian community in continuing his messianic mission on earth.

Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Ps 47:2–3, 6–9; Eph 1:17–23 or Eph 4:1–13 [1–7, 11–13]; Mk 16:15–20

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## The Knights of Columbus Essay Contest First Place Winner Jamie O'Hara



### "The Importance of Religious Freedom"

Religion has played a huge part in nearly every culture for thousands of years. Many societies and communities are built on religion. From the ancient Egyptians to modern-day Christians, religion has always played a major role in everyday life for the people of every nation. There are different religious communities all across the world. Everyone should have the right to express his or her beliefs openly without the fear that he or she will be punished. This free expression of belief is called religious freedom. In some nations, people have been and continue to be persecuted for their beliefs, just as the early Christians were persecuted for believing in Jesus Christ. The first colonists came to America in search of religious freedom and a place where they could share their beliefs. The colonies were each settled by a different religious group, which made them as a whole a place of religious diversity. Even today, there are people seeking religious freedom. After the United States of America claimed their independence from Britain, the Constitution was written. The Bill of Rights is now a part of today's Constitution. The First Amendment to the Bill of Rights states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. . . ." The First Amendment forbids the government from establishing a national church. This allows every citizen to practice his or her religion freely.

Many places in the world allow religious freedom. In these places, people can express their faith in public. Expressing beliefs in public could range from something as simple as praying before a meal in a restaurant, to going to a temple to worship, to reading the Qur'an. Religious freedom is something that is greatly appreciated, yet it is sometimes taken for granted in the places where people are privileged to have it.

Although many citizens of various countries have religious freedom, there are many people who are oppressed in other countries and do not have the right to freedom of religion. In these countries, citizens can be imprisoned or even put to death because of their beliefs or lack of beliefs. Even in some countries where there is religious freedom, people question how much "freedom" there actually is. One example of this is the controversy in the United States over businesses feeling they are forced to offer forms of birth control in their insurance policies. Many Christians, Buddhists, Hindus, and Muslims do not believe that the use of any form of birth control is moral and will sometimes even excommunicate a member of that assembly if that person were to get an abortion. Many people are outraged that a business owner who does not believe these practices are moral is still required to offer insurance policies that cover these procedures to their employees.

In many places in the past and present there has also been religious hostility. Religious hostility is growing at a frightening rate. According to the FBI's report on hate crimes in 2010, 19 percent of hate crimes in the United States are committed because of religious hostility. Of these religious hate crimes, 67 percent are committed because the victim is Jewish, 13 percent are committed because the victim is Muslim, and 4 percent are committed because the victim is Catholic. The remaining hate crimes that are "religion-motivated" are committed because the victim is Protestant or of another religion. Other than religious hostility, many people face religious discrimination, or harassment and unequal treatment because of someone's beliefs. In 168 countries, Christians are most commonly harassed, and Muslims are commonly harassed in 121 countries.

Religious freedom has been sought out by people throughout the course of history. Religious freedom is something that many people guard with their lives because not everyone is fortunate enough to have it. People face religious hostility and religious discrimination all over the world. I am thankful to live in a place where I can express my beliefs without fear.



## 10th Annual Women of Mary Retreat Day at Apple Creek

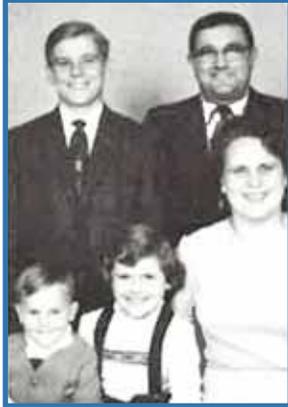
May 6, 2015  
with Sue Wilker, RN  
and Fr. Rickey



*"In a Christian, the works of service and charity are never detached from the main source of all our actions: listening to the Word of the Lord, staying – like Mary – at the feet of Jesus, in the attitude of a disciple."*

**- Pope Francis**





# "Remembering Yesterday..."

Last weeks picture...

The family from our 1971 photo directory was **Harry L. Morris and Family**

We did not receive a call with the correct answer for last week's picture.

Can you identify this family from our 1971 photo directory?

The first person to call the office Monday morning with the correct answer will receive a special St. Joseph rosary commemorating our 125th

*St. Joseph Catholic Church*  
Farmington, Missouri

**CELEBRATING**

**125 YEARS**

Where Hospitality and Love Meet

**1890-2015**

**Our parish will celebrate our 125th anniversary on June 27 with an outdoor mass at 5:00 pm.**

## 9th Annual Black Knight Stables Horse Daycamp

**June 8 - 13, 2015**

**Monday - Friday • 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**Horse Show Saturday 9:00 - 11:00 am**

Instructors with experience! Fee is \$325, includes snacks, lunches, and craft supplies. Camp is for those 7 -15 years of age. Campers will have individual daily riding lessons, activities, "hands on" ground work, a trail ride and horse show practice.

For more information call Phyllis LaPlant at **573-756-3261** or email [laplantphyllis@gmail.com](mailto:laplantphyllis@gmail.com)  
**Hurry! Space is limited!**  
**(10% discount for multiple family members)**

Games

**NOW Enrolling**

Music

Fun

## Vacation Bible School

**July 6 - 10 • 8:00 - 11:45**  
Ages 3 - entering 4th grade

Story

Crafts

For more information please contact Maggie Carr at [mcarr@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:mcarr@stjosephfarmington.com) or stop by the parish office

**KEEP CALM ONLY 1 WEEK TO GO!!!!**

We will be Launching our Brand New Website....

**May 24 PENTECOST SUNDAY!!**



## *A Thank You from the Hulsey Family...*



*"We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the outpouring of love and support our family received in our time of need. A special thanks to Alan and Becky Gremminger for helping bring Sam home. Fr. Rickey, for his wisdom and guidance. Boyer's Funeral Home in Desloge, for their quiet professionalism in handling the service. The Women of Mary at St. Joseph's in Farmington for the luncheon made with love. The amazing tributes made in flowers, food, monetary donations, raffles, gifts, pictures, post cards, prayers and the stories shared of how Sam touched our lives and how much we miss him. We will never forget the love and support shown to us by our community, church, family and friends. The depth of our gratitude can never be measured. Each of you hold a special place in our hearts."*

*~ ~ Debby and Jerry Hulsey and all the family of Sam Hulsey*

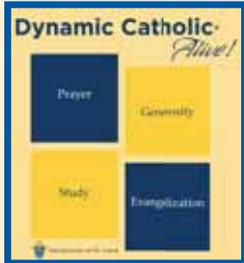


### **Congratulations St. Joseph 2015 Graduating Seniors!!**

Pictured above are the 2015 graduating seniors of St. Joseph Parish that attended the mass and brunch in their honor on Sunday, May 3. Left to right First Row: Veronica Halter, John Burcham, Miriam Colligan, Second Row: Andrew Willis, Mitchell Harris, Jordan Roney, Dylan Kelso and Trevor Holloway

## Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!*

### The Virtues



A virtue, as opposed to a vice, is a habitual and firm disposition (quality, or condition) to do the good. Virtues can be human or theological. The 4 principal (cardinal) virtues are prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. The theological virtues are faith, hope, and charity. Are you cultivating virtue in your life? Is there a particular vice that you struggle with?

“The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God”  
(St. Gregory of Nyssa).

archstl.org/dynamic

### *New to the Church? How can we help you?*

- I am a visitor and would like to learn more about what our parish has to offer.
- I am not Catholic but would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- I would like to return to full participation in the sacraments. I need your support.
- I am interested in joining your parish community. Please tell me how to go about it.
- I am in need of sacramental support.
- I would appreciate a call by the pastor.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop in offertory basket and our Parish Staff will contact you with help and support.

## St. Joseph's Little Saints

### Summer Scholars!

June 1 - July 24

Enrolling Now!



This year's themes:

- June 1 - 5 .....A Hawaiian Summer
- June 8 - 12 .....Creative Artists
- June 15 - 19 .....Chefs in the Classroom
- June 22 - 26 .....Science and Sensory
- June 29 - July 3 .....Little Patriots
- July 6 - 10 .....Vacation Bible School
- July 13 - 17 .....Games and Sports
- July 20 - 24 .....Ending Summer with a Splash

Enroll for whichever weeks you would like!  
Children Ages 3 - entering Kindergarten

For enrollment information please visit the St. Joseph Preschool Website or contact Preschool Director Kari Scott, (573) 756-4250  
kscott@stjosephfarmington.com

### 15th Annual Craig Schnurbusch Memorial Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament



May 22, 2015

St. Francois Country Club

4 Person Scramble • 1:00 pm start time

\$300 team entry that includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, a very nice dinner at the end of the day, and attendance prizes! **Table and hole sponsorships also available, donations for attendance prizes appreciated.**

For more information please call 756-4202 or 756-2280 or email craigstourney@gmail.com

### Reminder to all of our Eucharistic Adorers...

#### Adoration Dinner

with Guest Speaker  
Ed Brown

Thursday, May 28

Prayer Service • 5:30 pm Dinner • 6:00 pm

# St. Joseph's 41st Annual Parish Picnic!!



To have a successful picnic we are in need of the following items:

## The Country Store

- Handcrafted Items
- Baked Goodies
- Garden Vegetables
- Homemade canned jellies, jams and vegetables

Drop off donations in the parish center.

## Bottle Booth

- Nonperishable, Unopened Bottles

Drop off donations in the parish center.

## The Greenhouse

- Potted House Plants
- Perennials
- Hanging Baskets

## Silent Auction

- New Items
- Paintings/Framed Art
- Gift Certificates, Tickets to Ball Games, Six Flags, etc.
- Antiques
- Electronics

Drop off donations in the parish center.

## Flea Market

- All Unwanted Treasures in good condition (no clothing)

Thank you for your generous donations!!!

Picnic Committee will determine where donated items will be placed.

We will have worker sign up sheets...

**THIS WEEKEND!!** • After all Masses in the Parish Center!!

## Picnic T-Shirts for NEW Volunteers

NEW volunteers will receive a free t-shirt for the picnic. Please fill out the form below and turn it into the parish office or drop it in the collection basket by **June 12**.  
 Shirt sizes available are: Adult: small, medium, large, x-large, xx-large, and xxx-large.  
 Child: x-small (size 2-4), small, medium, large, and x-large.



Name	Phone #	Shirt Size	Area working or would like to work
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Note: no youth x-small t-shirts will be given out free (cost is \$7 per shirt, \$8 for XXL, \$9 for XXXL).  
 No child t-shirts will be given out free unless the child is actually **working**.



## Coming up in our Parish...



**May 20**  
Last Day of School



**May 28**  
Yesterday's Kids Trip  
Church Tours



**May 28**  
Adoration Dinner



**June 27-28**  
Parish Picnic

**"I have risen:  
I am with you  
once more."**



*Our Blessed Lord has indeed risen, and awaits our visit in Eucharistic Adoration.*

Eucharistic Adoration hours:  
Thursdays • 7:30 am - 5:15 pm  
followed by Benediction.

For more information contact  
Charlie and Rita Boyd at  
756-2383 • ctboyd@sbcglobal.net

## This Week in Our Parish...

**Tuesday • May 19**

**SVDP Meeting**  
12:30 pm • Parish Center

**Wednesday • May 20**

**Last Day of School Early Out**  
11:30 am

**Rosary**  
7:15 pm • Church

**Thursday • May 21**

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
7:30 am - 5:15 pm • Church

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

**Sunday • May 24**

**RCIA Brunch**  
Following 9:00 am Mass  
Parish Center



We have some great  
NEW CD's and Books!!

**New!** Visit the **New!**

Lighthouse Catholic Media  
kiosk in our Parish Center!!!

**Visit our NEW kiosk  
outside the Parish Office**



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

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.

Open Tuesday and Friday  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
For assistance call 756-0997

Our food pantry serves people in the St. Francois county regardless of race, sex, national origin, religion, or age.

A Note  
from our  
Pastoral Health  
Care Minister,



**Agnes Hinkebein, RN**

If you are homebound or are hospitalized or know of a parishioner who is, please contact me in the parish office, 756-4250 or email me at healthminister@stjosephfarmington.

## St. Joseph Catholic School

*Strong Academics in the Catholic Tradition*

**Now Enrolling**

Preschool through 8th Grade  
for the 2015 - 2016 school year

## Advertiser of the Week...

This week we would like to thank...

**Oral Surgery**

**Steven Hribernik, DMD**  
*Gen Anesthesia • Implants  
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for sponsoring our bulletin.

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## Our Thanks To..

**Donna Conklin**

of St. Joe's Garden Club for watering and tending to our potted plants this week.





# St. Catherine of Alexandria

May 16, 2015

Celebrant

**Fr. John Schneider**

Lector

Betty Vogt

Extraordinary Ministers

Rosie Eck

Wilma McGuire

Offertory Bearers

Mike & Linda Hagan

Mass Intentions

May 16 - Emile & Margaret Vogt

May 23 - Dec. Members of

Vic Jokerst Family

## Your Gifts to God and Parish

Saturday, May 10, 2015

Adult Envelopes .....	\$435.00
Loose.....	<u>\$175.00</u>
Total.....	<b>\$610.00</b>

### Thank You For Your Faithfulness!

Congratulation to Tyler Herzog on his 8th Grade Graduation from St. Joseph grade school this past Tuesday. May God continue to bless all your footsteps as you travel on your journey.

As we celebrate this Easter Season...

“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 Easter joy...Fr. Rickey

### Saturday 7:30 pm Mass

Coffman, Missouri

Founded in 1887

Canonical Parish 1919

Parish Council President:

Jimmy Herzog