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Love is Our Mission



St. Joseph Catholic Church Farmington, Missouri

September 27, 2015 • Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PRAYER † PARTICIPATION † GENEROSITY

God's Love and Grace reflected and active in us.

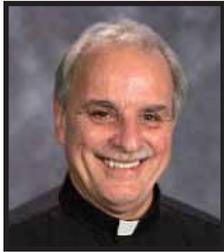
Prayer is best in a quiet space, detached from everyday life. It is there that true peace enters and a grateful and generous heart is born.

Stewardship Awareness Sunday



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From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph,

A Prayer for Faithful Stewardship...

Good and gracious God,
We thank you for the beauty of
the earth and all creation.

Help us to hear always the calling to be
good stewards of your gifts, the caretakers
of all you have entrusted to us on earth.

Let us always recognize, cherish, and
enjoy the goodness in all of creation.

Teach us reverence for every
person and all living things.

O God, help us to use your gifts
wisely and share them generously.

Whisper in our hearts the reminder that we are
but temporary guardians of your abundance;

We are called to pass your gifts
on to the next generation.

Let all that we do be a
reflection of your love and care.
Amen.

Thanks for Being Such Awesome and Faithful Stewards of Your Time, Talent, and Treasure...

Today throughout the Archdiocese we celebrate Stewardship Sunday. This year's theme is "**Stewardship: Build My Church**".

What is involved in this call of "Stewardship: Build My Church"? It is that of stewardship, a notion expressed in the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament (e.g., Mt. 25.14-30). Stewardship is the use of God-given talents and gifts in service to other people and, indeed, the whole creation. It is the building of the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Stewardship goes beyond tithing one's time, talent and treasure for the Church. Stewardship is a way of life in which every aspect of one's life is employed according to the divine plan and returned to God. Embracing stewardship involves true conversion, a fundamental reorientation of one's life, whether individually or in the context of the family.

I wish there was a way to keep track of the numerous hours of stewardship of our time and talent that was given to the parish this year! From working at the fish fry... to watering our plants... to sewing a quilt... to our children collecting can goods for St. Vincent de Paul... from making liver dumplings... to baking cakes for our bereavement dinners... from being an altar server... to being a money counter... from serving as a leader on our Pastoral Council... to cleaning our church... from working at our picnic... to visiting our homebound, and the list goes on and on... **Our parish is alive and well in Christ because of your faithful stewardship!**

Our Gifts to God and Our Community...

Your weekly tithing is one way of giving back to God the first fruits of His gifts to you! As your pastor, it is a heavy responsibility to make sure that your sacrificial financial gifts given freely to God each week, are used in a responsible manner to continue the mission statement of our faith community. My deepest gratitude goes to our parish finance committee whose advice and consultation has made my job much easier.

On page 4 you will find a letter from our finance committee that will explain how our parish is doing as stewards of our gifts.

We are sincerely grateful to have **Jenna Christisen**, our Archdiocesan Shared Accountant, as our resource and helping us with dual control of accounting.

It was another wonderful year at St. Joseph's!!! My deepest gratitude goes to each of you for your awesome faithfulness to be good stewards of God's gifts to us, and to the awesome pastoral staff we have!

The State of the Parish on this Stewardship Sunday...

On this Stewardship Sunday I'd like to provide you with an account of our parish's spiritual and communal well-being. As an act of accountability to the Archbishop for our ministry here at St. Joseph's, our **Status Animarum** (report on the state of souls) is submitted in August each year as a report on the prior fiscal year's time period. The data below accounts the sacramental and communal life of our parish from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015:

Sacrament of Baptism	3 adults, 18 children
Professions of Faith (converts already baptized)	10 adults
First Holy Communion	13 adults, 32 children
Sacrament of Confirmation.....	14 adults, 37 youth
Sacrament of Matrimony	6 couples
Convalidation of Marriage	3 couples
Rite of Christian Burial.....	14
Active households	601
Full time school (K - 8)	121 students
Preschool	33 students
PSR	78 students

We Have 15 Inquiring About Our Catholic Faith!!

What an amazing response we have this year. We currently have 5 adults seeking Baptism and full communion into our Church, 9 adults seeking to come into the full communion of the Church through the Eucharist and Confirmation. We have one child, under the age of seven who is a child of one of our Catechumens, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

This period of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is known as the Pre-Catechumenate stage, a time of reflection to help the inquirer discern God’s call in his or her life. It is also a time to learn about the Christian faith, Jesus’ teachings, and the Catholic Church. Classes begin with a eat and greet on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:00 pm. Do you know someone who would like to become Catholic? It’s not too late to join our RCIA.



An Ole’ Fashioned Parish Chicken Fry Next Sunday, October 4

Our annual “All You Can Eat” chicken fry will be on Sunday, October 4 from 11:00 to 5:00 pm in our gym. Those who have eaten at our parish picnic know that we have some of the best fried chicken in St. Francois County!!! Tickets for the Chicken Fry are \$9.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12, and children under 5 are FREE.



Our Pro-Life Billboards Speak Volumes to Thousands Each Week... Truly an Awesome Ministry of our Parish

Each week while traveling north on highway 67, just past Sam Scism Ford, one can see a billboard that proclaims our dedication to our core belief that all individuals have the Right to Life! Our Respect Life Committee designs and commissions these billboards throughout the year! One of the neatest features about our billboards is that the photos are of children that have connections with our parish. They are the children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren of our parishioners. For instance, the current billboard shown above, features Noah, son of parishioners Brock & Tiffani Busenbark. My compliments to the Respect Life Committee for the creativeness of their designs!

Each year on Respect Life Sunday we have a collection solely for the billboards. Next weekend, October 3 & 4, after all masses, members of the Respect Life Committee will be outside of church to take donations. The Respect Life Committee extends a tremendous thank you to all of the parishioners who have been so generous in supporting our billboards in the past. It is our hope to keep the billboards on-going as a sign of our Parish's commitment to the sanctity of life.

And Finally...

I hope you will join our neighbors at St. Catherine’s in Coffman TODAY for their annual Fall Festival and Turkey Shoot. Take a country drive and enjoy the day.

Thank you for the numerous birthday cards, presents, goodies, and good wishes that I received this past week. I really appreciate all of the thoughtfulness!

Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey

A Note from St. Joseph's Finance Committee

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph's,

Points of Interest

- We currently have **\$111,960.86** in our reserve funds (our savings). **We are proud to report we have not used any of our reserves for general operations for the last 10 years.**
- We currently have **\$40,511.38** in the Building and Maintenance account which is restricted for Parish Capital improvements. This restricted account comes from various funds from estates designated to this account.
- We have **\$105,678.20** in our future Building Fund. **\$18,868.54** of these funds are pledges that were restricted by parishioners to church expansion only and not to the parish center.
- We have **\$16,767.63** in our Parish Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund. It is truly a blessing that we have been able to maintain our two cemeteries the past ten years from the funds from the annual offertory envelopes and the sale of lots and have not had to tap into the perpetual care funds again this year.
- We have **\$798,533.57** in our Parish and School Endowment Fund, that includes an endowed gift of **\$657,968.06** in 2009/2010 from the **Velma Lober** estate. This account has fluctuated due to stock market changes. Due to new Archdiocesan guidelines, funds from any parish/school endowment can only be withdrawn once a year in January. These funds are then budgeted for the following fiscal year. **These new guidelines help tremendously in preparing a more actual budget for the parish and school.** This past year, our earnings were **\$34,296.28**. We have chosen to retain the full amount as undistributed income in our endowment to continue to build upon our funds.
- We are also pleased to share the good news of the Year End Review of our parish school. The amount of subsidy needed from our weekly Sunday collections to sustain our school this past fiscal year was **\$210,401**. This means that **34.18%** of our weekly contributions go towards maintaining a Catholic school. This is known as our "**school subsidy**".

As you can see from the report on the Year End Review of our Parish Subsidy to the school, we have made great strides at reducing the subsidy to our school. Our ultimate goal each year is to have the parish subsidy to the school at/or below **35%** which is recommended by the Archdiocese. We have achieved our goal this year. Our **budgeted** parish income has again been helped by the Lenten Fish Fries which brought an additional **\$20,471.25**, the annual Parish Dinner Auction which brought in additional revenue of **\$60,091.75**, and the Parish Picnic netted **\$25,785.92**. The Keep our Stars Shining Bright Raffle netted an income of **\$16,600.00** which went directly to the school budget for books and the school's computer technology.

We, the Finance Committee of St. Joseph's, once again salute the recommendation made seven years ago by our Pastoral Council to go with the Archdiocesan Shared Accounting program. All of our accounting is being done by the Archdiocese along with the verification of the Finance Committee. We are very pleased with the service they are providing. Our sincere thanks to **Jenna Christisen**, our Archdiocesan shared accountant, whose expertise is so greatly appreciated.

We thank you, the parish community of St. Joseph's, for entrusting your faith in us to oversee the gifts you have faithfully given to God and our parish. We encourage all within our parish to contact any one of us with any questions or concerns you may have.

We thank our Pastor, **Fr. Rickey**, for his pastoral leadership and constant dedication to our parish, and above all we thank our almighty God for His abundant blessings upon our parish.

Sincerely, (signed July 31, 2015)

Jim Eaton, Committee Chair; **Kevin Boatright**; **Rob Grindel** (Buildings and Renovation Chair Representative to the Finance Board); **Chuck Hayden**; **Dave Sansegraw**; **Jenna Christisen**, Parish Accountant; and **Lisa Cartee**, Parish Business Manager (ad hoc member).

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Sacramental Life

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.



Happy Birthday



September 27

Kayli Ballew

Charlie Dill

Ryan

Fuemmeler

Emily Jones

Mike Kelso

Helen Thurman

Julie Umfleet

September 28

Jackie Bates

Ava Greenstreet

Debbie Hulsey

Terry Westrich

September 29

Robert Bone

Rafael Figueroa

Keith Petty

Kevin Roney

October 1

Cassie Bone

October 2

Robert Morrow

Glore Ruiz

October 3

Rilee Allen

Laura Danieley

Kassandra Ramos

Happy Anniversary

September 27, 1997

Jeremy & Tiffany Armes

September 29, 1973

Philip & Sandy Roth

September 27, 1975

Walt & Debbie Douglas

October 2, 2004

Jason & Amanda Heberlie

September 28, 2006

Danny & Kristy Heberlie

October 3, 1975

Gary & Mary Gunter

October 3, 1998

Rusty & Jane Ramos



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: _____

"God made us for joy. God is joy, and the joy of living reflects the original joy that God felt in creating us."
John Paul II



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of Sep 28 - Oct 4, 2015

- Monday: Weekday**
Readings: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;
Lk 9:46-50
7:00 am: Jane Zelinski
- Tuesday: Archangels: Michael, Gabriel, Raphael**
Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
7:00 am: Bill Greif
- Wednesday: St. Jerome**
Readings: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
7:00 am: Michael Kopp
- Thursday: St. Therese of the Child Jesus**
Readings: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;
Lk 10:1-12
7:00 am: Harold Rustemeyer
- Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels**
Readings: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9;
Mt 18:1-5, 10
7:00 am Gerald Ellis
8:05 am Allison Schnettgoecke

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

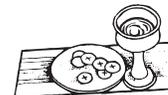
- Readings: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]
- Saturday:**
5:00 pm: Dolores Fitzgerald
- Sunday:**
7:30 am: Striebel Families
9:00 am: Willa Meyer
10:30 am: Parishioners

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

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.*

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, October 3

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

- Priest:** Fr. James Dyer
Lector: John Crouch
Extraordinary Ministers:
Adam Barnhouse, Kevin Boatright, Ronald
Brooks, Sandi Brooks, Laura Denkler
Ushers: Gary Harris, John Jones, Buddy Bordewick,
John Denkler
Servers: A. Burcham, M. Burcham, M. Williams

Sunday, October 4

7:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Stephen Hunter
Extraordinary Ministers:
Dotty Bach, Jerry Bach, Brenda Donze,
Tom Donze, Steve Forsythe
Ushers: Ed Brown, Dale Jones, Jack Neiner,
Scott Watson
Servers: K. Busenbark, C. Watson

9:00 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Joe Williams C.M.
Lector: Charlotte Vander Bol
Extraordinary Ministers:
Abe AuBuchon, Risha Gaines, Doak
Holloway, Sandi Kracke, Vanessa Trokey
Ushers: John England, George Kracke, Jerry
Morris, John Podolak
Servers: T. Benoist, N. Berkbigler, C. Brown

10:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Joe Williams C.M.
Lector: Helen Thurman
Extraordinary Ministers:
Theresa Aubuchon, Jana Dore, Phyllis
LaPlant, Katie Rhodes, John Thurman
Ushers: Bob Bone, Roy Henson, Travis
Trolinger, James Cissell
Servers: P. Borrego, C. Cassimatis, A. Roney

Monday, September 28, 2015

Sacristans

Pat Boatright, Rita Boyd,
Jeri Johnson, Charlotte Vander Bol

Money Counters

Marilyn Currington, Kathy Miller,
Bob & Mary Lou Govreau, Dottie Wade

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



Our petition for this week will be:

“Let us pray in thanksgiving for our Holy Father’s presence in America this past week”

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

Mandy (Jake) Whitener

Sarah (Adam) Gross

If you are carrying the gift of life and would like the prayers of your parish family please call Jessi in the parish office at 756-4250.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

We pray for the repose of the soul of

Harry Yurchak

brother of Loretta (Steve) Forsythe

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



Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, September 20, 2015

Adult Envelopes	\$9,614.93
Loose	\$450.19
Children’s Envelopes	\$13.10
Spanish Mass	\$388.00
Electronic Envelopes	<u>\$2,445.00</u>
	\$12,911.22

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$12,911.22	\$145,497.60
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$11,050.00</u>	<u>\$132,600.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	\$1,861.22	\$12,897.60

Partners in Education	\$10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	<u>\$584.93</u>
Total for Specials	\$594.93

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!



Children’s Envelopes

My good deed was...

Emma - I helped my mom collect all the chickens.

Chase - I helped my mom move all the chickens and feed all the animals.

Nora - I helped clean up the basement.

Trey - Made my bed by myself and picked up my toys.

Kate - Plant flowers.

Children’s envelopes are a great way to teach your child about the importance of giving our gifts back to God. If you would like to involve your child in using children’s envelopes, please stop by the Parish Office to pick up a box.



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

Please pray for: **Lois Whelehon**, Melinda Brown, John Sexauer, Ryan, Spencer Vincent, Debbie Crump, **Margaret Greif**, Anna Beckers, Bryan Gober, **Sue Pruetzel**, Barbara McNeal, Robin Robinson, Kim Allen, **Mary Ellen Jones**, Shelly Merrick, Carol Haddigon, **Steve Kaba**, Marlene Wallace, Joan Arnold, Kerry Wozniak, Maxine Pratte, Max, **Loretta Brundege**, Walter Ellis, Peggy Spilker, Rachel Hawkins, **Linda Hamill**, Adam and Alison, Noelle Beezley, Johnny George, Jeff George, Sandy Stein, **Paula Karl**, Larry Nelson, Mary Naeger, Jessica Bolten, Glen Rustemeyer, Mark Huels, **Hilda Hahn** and **Frank Roth**.

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



A Message From Our Pastoral Associate, Abe AuBuchon...



An Evening for Young Couples...
A Blessing for our Parish.

We had **38 young couples** attend our 2nd **Evening for Couples on September 18**, and it was a wonderful evening with great food, friends, and fellowship! Our guest speaker, **Brian Niebrugge** (Executive Director of Stewardship and the Annual Catholic Appeal), spoke on intimacy, and the theme of the evening was **“When Two Become One”**.

Brian spoke about how we as couples were made by God to be with each other and through the sacrament of marriage, we truly become one. The bond we form should be one that nothing or no one can tear apart. How do we achieve such a bond? By being there for each other through listening and understanding. To be open and vulnerable with each other. The world can lead us to the lesser reality of what God has intended for us. True intimacy, love, and marriage is not what we read about in many books or see on tv and in the movies. The Church teaches us what true intimacy and love is.

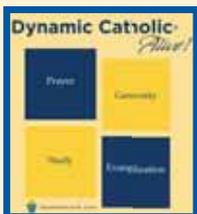
The entertainment was saved for the second half of the evening and was a blast. The newlywed game was a hit. Not only were the questions great but the attendance prizes were unbelievable (and non-transferable)! A special thank you to all of our sponsors of our attendance prizes: **Brock Busenbark, Paul Gaines, Jeremy Coleman, Whitney Busenbark, Jessi Howard, Danielle Carron, Tom Berkbigler and our Dinner Auction committee.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Jessi Howard** and **Lisa Cartee** for all the planning and preparations in making the evening a success. Of course the evening would never be the same without the pastoral guidance, games, and entertainment provided by **Fr. Rickey**. Thank you Father!

Thank you to all of the couples in attendance and especially our table hosts. Look for a two page spread in next week’s bulletin! Lastly, I would like to invite all young couples with children in school for our next Evening for Couples - **“Honey, look what ‘your’ son is doing.” on February 5, 2016**. It is sure to be another amazing night!



Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!*



Conscience

Conscience, in the heart of every person, guiding us to do good and avoid evil. Because of the importance of conscience, we must ensure that it is well-formed and not darkened by sin. Sacraments, Scripture, prayer, examination of conscience, and study can form our consciences. Are you hearing the voice of God in your life? “For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God.”



“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.”

(Mark 9:41)

Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

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The gift of the Spirit is given freely, not according to human expectations, but according to the generosity of God. Joshua wants Moses to stop Eldad and Medad from prophesying in the camp, when they were not with the others as the spirit was bestowed on them. Moses, so close to God's mind in the matter, wishes everyone could possess the spirit of God and proclaim it to the nations.

Psalm 19 celebrates the perfection of God's law, and how it brings joy and delight. It is better than the finest gold or the sweetest honey. Moreover, God gives the wisdom of the prophets to everyone, especially the simple and lowly ones, even to children. It is the "little ones" who proclaim the wonder of God to all.

Not Against Us

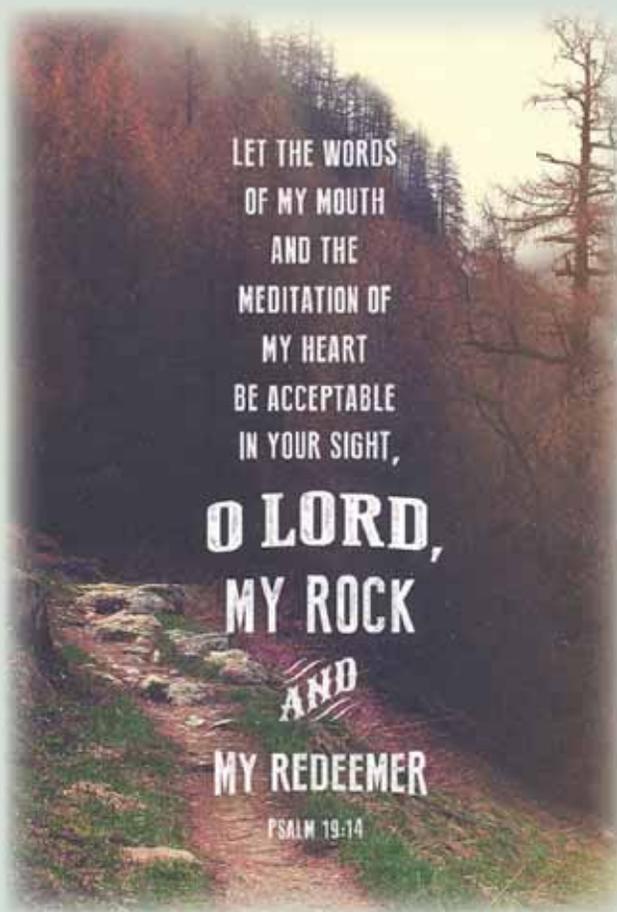
Like Moses before him, Jesus corrects his disciples' misunderstanding of the gift of the Spirit. They saw people who were not of their company casting out demons and doing other works such as Jesus had done. Jesus points out that no one who does a good deed in his name can be opposed to him at the same time! He goes on to point out the importance of the "little ones": the poor, simple people, children, the meek ones who are not important in the world. It is to them that he was sent, not to the wealthy and the self-righteous. He underscores the importance of small works done in faith, as well as big works like driving out demons. "Anyone who gives you a cup of water . . . because you belong to Christ . . . will surely not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41). God builds the coming reign little by little in our actions, however small and unassuming, when they are done out of love of God and neighbor.

For Us

Jesus then contrasts how we are not to behave. If we want to be his disciples, we must be careful not to be the cause of sin in one of these little, ordinary people. Harsh consequences follow if we cause scandal that leads them away from God. If the advice about cutting off hands and feet seems drastic, look at its deeper meaning. We are meant to recognize where each of us is susceptible to sin, and make a clean break with temptation. If we follow Christ, we do justice to our neighbors. If we are well off, it is through God's grace that we are able to help others. If the wages that have enriched us have been taken unjustly from those who deserved them, our wealth will stand as witness against us. God hears the cry of the little and the poor ones. If we are for Christ, we must hear them, too.

Today's Readings: Nm 11:25–29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12–14; Jas 5:1–6; Mk 9:38–43, 45, 47–48

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This Little Light of Mine

St. Joseph Catholic School 10th Annual Dinner Auction Saturday, October 24



Beauty and the Beast at the Fabulous Fox Theater!



Youth Turkey Hunt with Overnight Stay



4 Adult Tickets
2 Half Price ZipLine Tickets



Tickets on Sale Now In the Parish Office!

Women of Mary Mystery Day

Wednesday, October 7
8:00 am - 3:00 pm



Do you know where you're going?



Thank you for your service to St. Joseph!! To express our thanks, we have planned a special "Mystery Day" of fun and relaxation. You must join us to reveal the Mystery of the day... **food, travel, mysterious island, treats and exploration....**

We pray you are blessed and refreshed by this special day! **Don't miss it!!**

If you would like to join us, please contact the parish office at 756-4250

This Little Light of Mine

What are Your Gifts of Time and Talent?



Donations are currently being accepted for our dinner auction.

Do you own your own business? Do you have a skill or talent you would like to share with others? Are you a crafty person? Are you a handyman? Do you enjoy yard work or landscaping? Do you sew or hem clothing? Do you babysit? Do you love to bake or cook? Do you have a skill or knowledge you could teach or share with others?

Donations of your time and talents are always welcome for the dinner auction so please prayerfully consider what you could give to support our school. A couple of hours sharing what you love with others will bring great joy to you, those who receive your donation and the kids in our school.



Parish Missionary Disciples



Testimony from our Disciple Maker Team Member,
Shirley Bieser

Session 6, August 2015

When asked, "How am I growing as a Missionary Disciple?" I now realize through these sessions I am growing in competence and confidence in these three areas:

1. **Leading Prayer**- We have learned Lectio Divina, Ignatian style of prayer, the Examen and through a Catholic devotion (such as the Rosary).
2. **Inviting someone to Mass, Eucharistic Adoration or Reconciliation** and have had a conversation about these experiences.
3. Practiced effective listening using **L.A.E.R.** (**Listen** without distraction, **Acknowledge** without inserting your thoughts and feelings, **Explore** and reflect on others' feelings, ask questions: seek clarity about their thoughts and feelings and then **Respond** with your thoughts)

Our parish offers many things that would facilitate an encounter with Jesus such as: RCIA, Reconciliation, Adoration, Advent by Candlelight, Fish Frys, YACHT Club and many more.

The primary reason for evangelizing is the love of Jesus which we have received. We must move from a habit of Faith. Pope Francis says, "It is now more necessary than ever for all the faithful to move from a faith of habit, sustained perhaps by social context alone, to a faith which is conscious and personally lived.

In this session we learned what Prayer is. Being a prayerful person helps you pray. It is not about us, it is always about God! There are two types of prayer.

1. Liturgical prayer- the official, public prayer: Mass, Liturgy of the Hours and other Rites
2. Devotional prayer-can be highly scripted: Stations of the Cross, Novenas, the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet or it can be spontaneous which can be related to an immediate experience or reflects something about those gathered.

What stops us from praying more spontaneously with others? Are we afraid, inhibited, uncomfortable, have a fear of what others might think or will it be accepted? Most of the time we are:

1. unprepared-(what should I say?)
2. uncertain-(is there a right or wrong way to pray?)
3. unclear-(what is the purpose of a prayer right here, right now?)

When you pray always be **aware** of what is needed. Be **authentic** because the focus should be on God. Be **reverent** because God is already present. Be **hospitable** and use words that are inclusive rather than exclusive. Be **structured**.

I know you are probably wondering what is meant by the word structure. It is really simple. Your prayer should contain the following:

BEGINNING: a call to prayer

MIDDLE:

- Praise
- Thanksgiving
- Petition

END: a conclusion through Jesus

BEGINNING: "Let us Pray"

MIDDLE:

- Name God
- Name what God has done
- Name what we ask of God

End: "Through Christ our Lord. Amen"

We grow closer to God when we pray! I challenge each of you to say a spontaneous prayer by yourself or with a group this week using the structure I have listed above. Hit the "refresh button" and change what might be stagnant to what is fresh.

Coming up in our Parish...



October 4
D.C. Chicken Fry



October 14-15
Yesterday's Kids
Branson Trip



October 18
YACHT Club Hayride



October 24
Dinner Auction



November 7
Craft Bazaar



November 21
Help the Hungry
Bake Sale



November 29
Advent by Candlelight

“This is my Beloved Son with Whom I am well pleased, listen to Him.”

(Matthew 17:5)



Eucharistic Adoration :
Thursdays • 7:30 am -
5:15 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

**We are currently in need of
someone to fill a time slot:
10:30-11:30.**



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

In today's gospel Jesus tells his disciples: “**Anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without his reward.**”

**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 Father's Table TODAY



**4:00 - 6:00
Cafeteria**

*Sausage, Peppers
and Onions*



**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

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This Week in Our Parish...

Monday • September 28

Home & School Association Mtg
6:00 pm • Gym

Tuesday • September 29

Understanding the Mass Class
7:00 pm • Parish Center

Wednesday • September 30

Prayer Shawl
9:00 am • Parish Center

PSR
6:00 pm • School & Cafeteria

Rosary
7:15 pm • Church

Thursday • October 1

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

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

Friday • October 2

Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 am- 2:30 pm • Church

Sunday • October 4

D.C. Pilgrimage Chicken Fry
11:00 am • Gym



**Athletic
Association
News**



Volleyball Games Today
1:00 pm
Sat & Sun • Oct 3 & 4
1:00 pm

Soccer Games Thurs, Oct 1
5:40 • St. Joe
(2nd & 3rd)

Join Us & Be A Lifesaver!!



Saturday, October 10

Registration 9:00 - 9:45 am

Walk from 10:00 - 11:00 am (new time)

Meet at Columbia Park
10 Strauss Street, Park Hills

Thanks to all who are planning to participate in the Pregnancy Center Walk for Life. Brochures are in the back of church if you did not have a chance to stop by our table last weekend to pick one up. Please come join other churches in the area and show your support by getting sponsors, sponsoring a member of our parish, or just walking with us.

Register and donate online at
www.ministrysync.com/event/?e=7016

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 4
2:15 pm



Gather in Front
of St. Joseph Church
and proceed to Karsch Blvd

JOIN IN THE NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN!!

What is the Life Chain??

Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful stand for life. It is held each year in cities across the nation on the first Sunday of October. We will gather in front of St. Joseph Church at 2:15 p.m. for a short prayer service. Then we will proceed to the corner of "A" Street and Karsch Blvd. to join others in the area who are participating. Signs will be provided. **Dr. Tim McMann** from our parish has offered us the use of his parking lot (Karsch Family Dental) for parking and sign pickup.

As Mother Theresa said, **"Every child is a sign of God's love. A child is the greatest of God's gifts."** Each of us has an opportunity to **"do something beautiful for God"** and something beautiful for life by joining not only parishioners from St. Joseph's but from all churches and all walks of life who believe in the sacredness of human life. Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome. **Bring the whole family!** **(NOTE CHANGE FROM WASHINGTON STREET TO "A" STREET)**

Have you been on one of the pilgrimages to Washington DC for the annual March for Life? Will you be going on the pilgrimage this year? Please show your support locally by attending the Mineral Area National Life Chain.

This is a great opportunity for your family to stand together for a great cause. Head over to the National Life Chain after you enjoy a plate or two from **St. Joseph's All-You-Can-Eat Chicken Fry.**



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Sunday, October 4
11:00 am - 5:00 pm

St. Joseph Parish Gym

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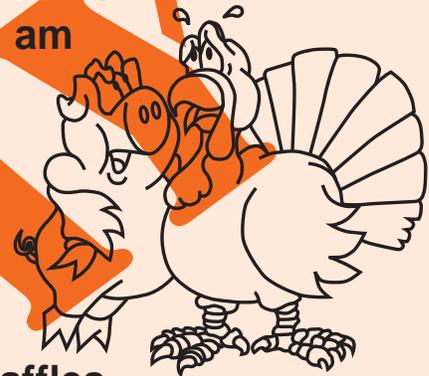
St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Coffman, Missouri



Annual Fall Festival and Turkey Shoot Sunday, September 27



- Country Pork Burgers, Hamburgers, Brats and refreshments beginning at 11 am
- Country Store filled with homemade pies, cakes, breads and home-canned goods
- Antique Silent Auction (from local area)
- Antique Tractor Show
- Quilts and Henry Golden Boy Gun Raffles
- Children's Games & Raffles



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Thank you for all the homemade goodies, cards, and gifts that I received last week for my birthday. I really am blessed to be your pastor.

Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey

Saturday 7:30 pm Mass

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Happy Birthday
September 28
Curt Heberlie