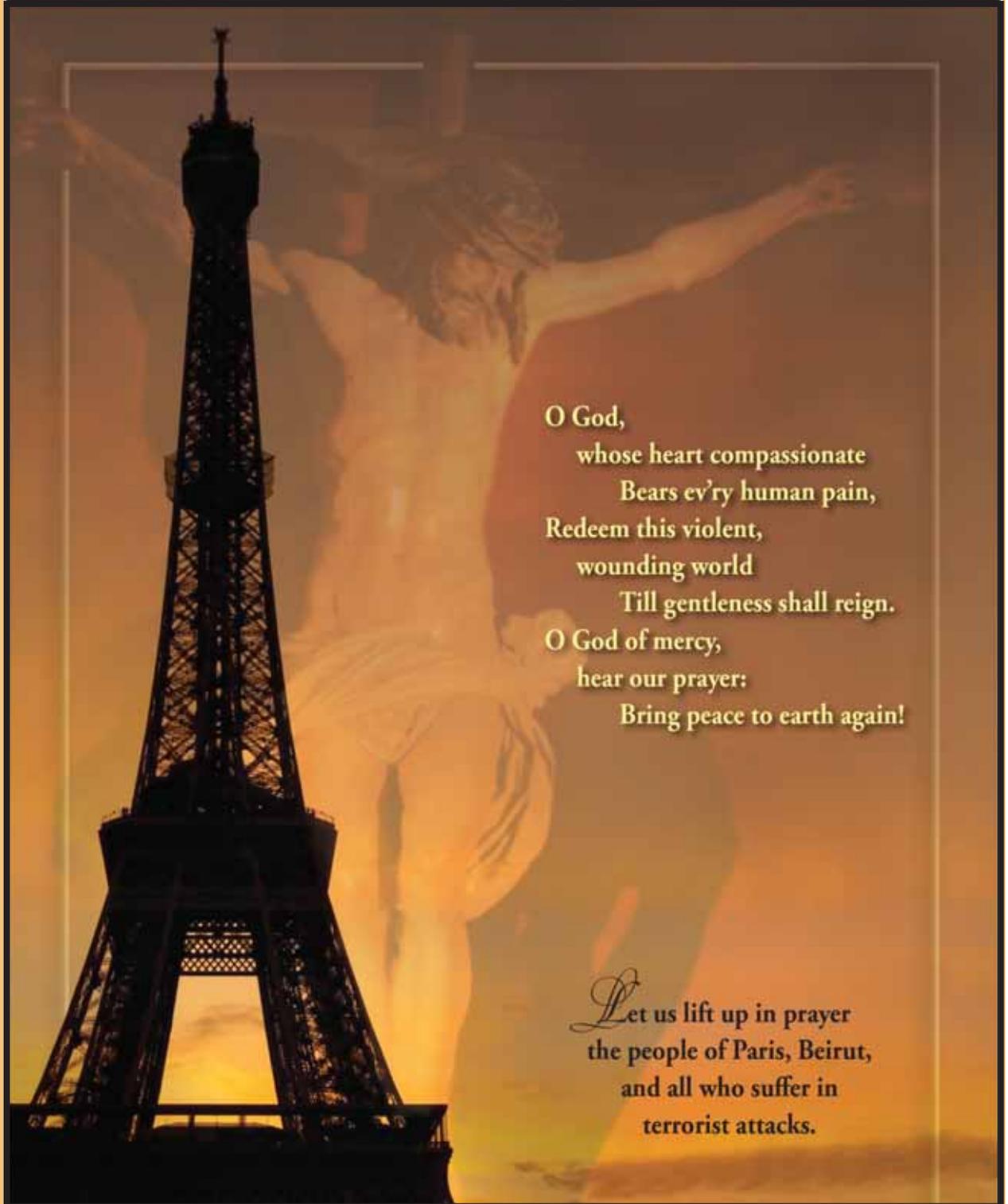


St. Joseph Catholic Church *Farmington, Missouri*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 22, 2015



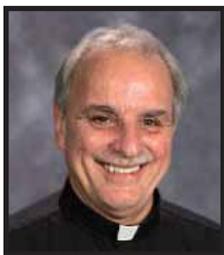
O God,
whose heart compassionate
Bears ev'ry human pain,
Redeem this violent,
wounding world
Till gentleness shall reign.

O God of mercy,
hear our prayer:
Bring peace to earth again!

*Let us lift up in prayer
the people of Paris, Beirut,
and all who suffer in
terrorist attacks.*

"We pray...for the victims of this cruelty – so many of them – and we pray also for the perpetrators of such cruelty, that the Lord might change their heart."

- Pope Francis



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph,

We end our Liturgical Year today on this Feast of Christ the King

Today we close our liturgical year as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Next week we begin the new Liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a season of waiting, a season of hope. This time of ending and beginning is a good opportunity for me to thank all of our liturgical ministers, our choir, our liturgy committee and those who faithfully clean the church each week. Our parish truly appreciates the gifts of your time and talent.

As you make your plans for Thanksgiving Day, Please Join Us for Mass at 9:00 am with our Tradition of Sending Home with You Blessed Loaves of Bread

As you make family plans for Thanksgiving Day, please consider joining us for the **9:00 am mass to give the ultimate gift of gratitude of Thanksgiving, the Holy Eucharist.**

For the past ten years, we have had the tradition of the blessing of loaves of homemade bread to be taken home and shared at your family's Thanksgiving meal. During the offertory collection, I will again invite you to bring can goods or monetary gifts for the poor to the altar. These items will be blessed at the end of the mass followed by the blessing of the bread.

Our sincere thanks to **Dolores Eddleman** and her family who will be baking the loaves of homemade bread for this special St. Joseph's Thanksgiving Day tradition.

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 One at Christmas by the Gift of a Christmas Poinsettia Memorials will be published in our bulletin

As is our custom, you can remember your loved ones by donating flowers to decorate the altar area for our Christmas season. An envelope is included in your December packet of offering envelopes. The names of those who are especially remembered in this way will be listed in our December 20 bulletin. The printer's deadline for this bulletin is **Thursday, December 10**. Hopefully we will have a complete list. However, any gifts received after the deadline will be listed in the December 27 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.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception A Holy Day of Obligation

On **Tuesday, 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, 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.** Mary, under the title of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is the patroness of the United States.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation to be Offered All Day Long Friday, December 11 for Our Advent Preparation

On **Friday, December 11** we will offer an entire day from **8:00 am until 6:00 pm** for the reception of the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*. During Advent, families will clean and decorate their homes and plan for visits from relatives and friends. This invitation is about spiritual preparation of our hearts in order to welcome Christ. A schedule will be published in next weekend's bulletin that outlines the time each priest will hear confessions.

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 **22 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
- A family that needed financial assistance for a house payment because of the loss of a job
- An individual that needed new clothes for a job interview

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.

Our Yesterday's Kids Holiday Trip to the Brass Concert and the Way of Lights is filling up fast . . .

Our annual holiday outing will be on **December 1**, as we will travel to Manchester for an enjoyable concert! In celebration of **Holiday Brass 20th anniversary**, Grammy Award-winning soprano Christine Brewer will sing "O Holy Night" and "Ave Maria." We will eat a delicious **buffet dinner at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows** followed by viewing the spectacular **Way of Lights**. If you are interested in attending the Christmas trip, please contact Jessi in the parish office to reserve your seat. Tickets are going quickly and **only 8 seats left!**

We try to keep the cost of our trips as low as possible. The cost of the Christmas trip is only \$65, which includes the cost of the bus, ticket, and your meal.

Advent Prayer

Father in heaven,
our hearts desire the warmth of your love
and our minds are searching
for the light of your Word.
Increase our longing for
Christ our Savior
and give us the strength to grow in love,
that the dawn of his coming
may find us rejoicing in his presence
and welcoming the light of his truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.



And Finally...

Mark your calendars to bring your children and grandchildren to **Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 13**. Santa is so awesome with our children and indeed makes each one feel so special.

"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

Very Rev. Rickey J. Valleroy, V.F.Pastor
email: frickvalleroy@aol.com

Rev. James W. Dyer Associate Pastor
email: jdyer@stjosephfarmington.com

Abe AuBuchonPastoral Associate
email: aaubuchon@stjosephfarmington.com

Jane RamosCoordinator of Religious Education
email: jramos@stjosephfarmington.com

Agnes HinkebeinPastoral Health Care
email: healthminister@stjosephfarmington.com

Shirley Bieser Principal
email: sbieser@stjosephfarmington.com

Lisa Cartee Office / Business Manager
email: secretary@stjosephfarmington.com

Jessi Howard Bulletin Editor/
..... Event Coordinator
email: bulletin@stjosephfarmington.com

Connie Grindel & Phyllis LaPlant.....RCIA
email: RCIA@stjosephfarmington.com

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

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



November 22

Whitney Busenbark

November 23

**Braden Greif
Shirley Martka
David Nichols**

November 24

**Mike Koppeis
Robert Schmidt**

November 25

**Gary Beck
Jodie Berkbigler**

November 25 cont'd

**Agnes Hinkebein
Joel Hommelson
Neil Jannin**

**Mary Ann McCann
Thelma McManus
Raymond Morrow**

November 26

**Kathy Dziewa
Luci Knight
Jenny Mattina
James Neville**

November 26

**Danielle Turner
Keith Wade
Louise Wieland
Jim Willis
Mary Jane Wulfers**

November 27

**Michael Backer
Izak LaFountain
Gina Sharp
Ed Wooldridge**

November 28

Joshua Zaricor



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: _____

Happy Anniversary



November 23, 1990

Joe & Esther Blum

November 25, 1996

Howard & Shirley Shelton

November 23, 1996

KJ & Carletta Genenbacher

November 26, 1966

Bob & Betty Medley

November 25, 2006

John & Amy Martin

November 27, 2010

Kenneth & Kay Pratte



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of Nov. 23- Nov 29, 2015

Monday: **Weekday**
Readings: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
7:00 am: Tom Freeman

Tuesday: **St. Andrew Dung-Lac**
Readings: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
7:00 am: Rose Walters

Wednesday: **Weekday**
Readings: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn
3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
7:00 am: Brown & Scherer Families

Thursday: **Weekday**
Readings: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
9:00 am: Sr. Clare Burke

Friday: **Weekday**
Readings: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
7:00 am Dolores Fitzgerald

First Sunday of Advent

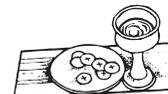
Readings: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14;
1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Saturday:
5:00 pm: David Keeven

Sunday:
7:30 am: Agnes Meyer
9:00 am: Helen Hillis
10:30 am: Parishioners

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

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, November 28

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer
Lector: John Crouch
Extraordinary Ministers:
Adam Barnhouse, Kevin Boatright, Donna
Conklin, John Denkler, Rosetta Halter
Ushers: Buddy Bordewick, John Jones, Mark
Kellogg, Ralph Trepasso
Servers: B. Harness, C. Harness, M.C. Harness
Cantor: Jane Ramos

Sunday, November 29

7:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Stephen Hunter
Extraordinary Ministers:
Dotty Bach, Jerry Bach, Brenda Donze,
Tom Donze, Melissa Mitchell
Ushers: Ed Brown, Jack Neiner, Phil Roth, Scott
Watson
Servers: E. Cummings, S. Heberlie

9:00 am Mass

Priest: Msgr. Jim Hanson
Lector: Mitch Fuemmeler
Extraordinary Ministers:
Abe AuBuchon, Jana Dore, Paul Gaines,
Rob Grindel, Sandi Kracke
Ushers: George Kracke, Jerry Morris, Dale Springs,
Don Trokey
Servers: T Benoist, N. Berkbigler, C. Brown
Cantor: Dawn Fuemmeler

10:30 am Mass

Priest: Msgr. Jim Hanson
Lector: Helen Thurman
Extraordinary Ministers:
Theresa Aubuchon, Shirley Bieser, Phyllis
LaPlant, Katie Rhodes, John Thurman
Ushers: Bob Bone, Roy Henson, Chuck Koppeis,
Travis Trolinger
Servers: P. Borrego, A. Werner, G. Werner
Cantor: Rita Boyd

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, November 23, 2015

Sacristans

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

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:



“In thanksgiving for our many blessings.”

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

Jami (Abe) AuBuchon



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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

We pray for the repose of the soul of

Maxine Snell

mother of Larry (Lisa) Pratte
grandmother of Larry and Eli



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

The Parish Office will be closed **Thursday, November 26** and **Friday, November 27** in observance of Thanksgiving. We will resume normal hours of 8:00 am until 3:30 pm on **Monday, November 30.**



Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, November 15, 2015

Adult Envelopes	\$7,952.96
Loose	\$410.00
Children's Envelopes	\$1.43
All Saints Day	\$80.00
Spanish Mass	\$310.00
Electronic Envelopes	<u>\$430.00</u>
	\$9,184.39

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$9,184.39	\$235,451.83
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$11,050.00</u>	<u>\$221,000.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(\$1,865.61)	\$14,451.83

All Souls	\$25.00
Partners in Education	\$95.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$15.00
Retired Religious	\$35.00
Human Development	\$35.00
Help the Hungry Bake Sale	\$25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$430.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!



Children's Envelopes

Their Stewardship in Action...

Claire & Paige - Donating to Farmington Snack Packs and making bags for them.

Attention Adorers:

There will be

NO Eucharistic Adoration

this Thursday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



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

Please pray for: Agnes Herzog, **Helen Naeger**, Kimberly Allen, **Loretta Brundege**, **Paula Karl**, Jacob Foley, **Charles Govreau**, Terry Edgar, Glenda Edwards, Jeremy, **Arlene Jones**, Joan Marler, **Lesley Hughes**, **Steve Paroski**, Randy Harrington, Nancy, Barbara Ashby, Mark Huels, **Cathy Barron**, Mari Stout, Garrett Aubuchon, Sherma McCarty, Remi Blum, Stacy (Justice's mom), Bob Cook, Tina Tharp, **Wilma Kernan**, **Karen Hommelson**, Colleen Harris, Jessie, Ashley, **Gloria Bruce**, Tracy Beussink, Grace Gilliam, Mercedes Grass, Barbara Jackson, and **Rose Petinga**.

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The Gospel message proclaimed throughout the New Testament invites us to live in harmony with the world. This is a challenge to care for the world and be stewards of all that God has given us. Like generations before us, we are entrusted with the care of the earth so that generations to follow may enjoy the same gifts. Sometimes, however, we are absorbed into the ways of the world. When we are of the world, we rely heavily on the power of wealth, beauty, fame, and accumulation of material possessions. We want earthly possessions and carelessly turn our hearts from the responsibilities of stewardship and conservation.

The readings today challenge us to walk away from the world so that we might inherit our share of God's kingdom. How we live our lives directly reflects our love for God.

The Ruler Of The Universe

In today's first reading, Daniel reports a dream in which he saw "one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven" (Daniel 7:13). This was the one to whom God would give everlasting rule. It was the idea of "rule" that may be challenged. Rulers of Jesus' day used their royal status to gain wealth and power. They dealt little in justice and fairness. Therefore, it was not uncommon for Jesus to tell those who listened that his kingdom was not of this world, a concept difficult for many to understand. Pilate did not understand.

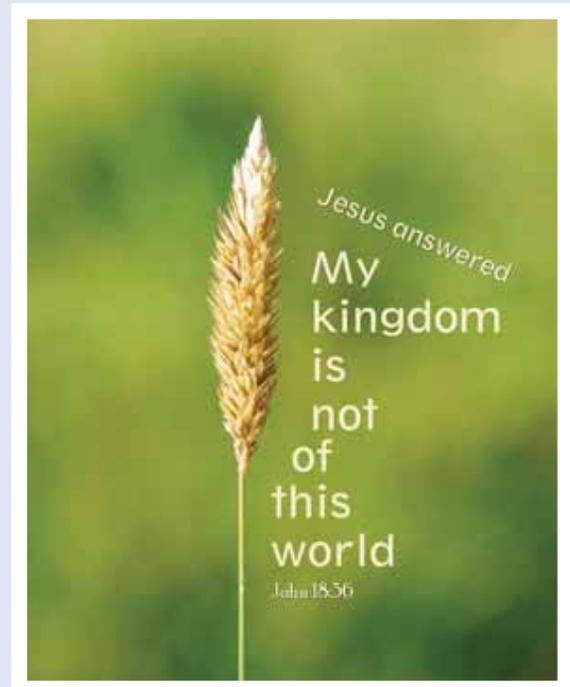
Pilate asked Jesus if it was true that he was the King of the Jews Jesus simply responded, "My kingdom does not belong to this world" (John 18:36). The kingdom Jesus described had nothing in common with the world, and the idea was impossible for Pilate to grasp. So Pilate became frustrated, irritated, and resorted to ridicule and mockery of Jesus.

The Lord is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. The Lord exists in all time: now, before, and ever after. The reason for Jesus coming into the world was to announce his kingdom and proclaim the truth. The truth means walking in the way of God and following Jesus into his kingdom even though both actions require a turning away from the world and its values.

Bearing Witness To God's Truth

We must discover God's truth in our own hearts and bear witness to it. While we live in the world that God gave us, we are responsible for its care. Sometimes our pursuit of earthly possessions causes us to turn our heads from our responsibilities as stewards and God's witnesses. Jesus calls us to walk away from the ways of the world, however, so that we might share in the ultimate gift: the Kingdom.

Today's Readings: Dan 7:13–14; Ps 93:1–2, 5; Rev 1:5–8; Jn 18:33b–37





27 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 6 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.



“Come as You Are”

Ana Hendrixson
Cassi Hendrixson
Katlyn Hubbard
Jack Parmley

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.

Joe Arnold
Shelly Ellis
Bobby Gawf
Steve Hendrixson
Bryan Hubbard
Ronnie Jones

Tim Kingdom
Mary Ann Sullivan
Weldon Sullivan
Janice Tedder
Tyler Wolff

Rite of Baptism for
Children of Candidates
under the age of 7
Parker Hendrixson



What a Beautiful Compliment to Our Faith Community





“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ (John 18:36)

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!*



Spiritual Direction

Today we celebrate Christ as the King of the Universe. It reminds us that God has a plan for our lives.

Determining God’s will is not always easy, and requires prayer and discernment. A spiritual director can help with your spiritual develop by providing guidance and discernment. Are you receiving spiritual direction, or are you considering seeking out a spiritual director? You can also attend a retreat offered by your parish or the Archdiocese.



Parish Missionary Disciples

a ministry of Catholic Leadership Institute

Conclusions from the gathering of South America’s Bishops (Aparecida)

“The Lord awakened the deep aspirations of his disciples and drew them to himself, full of astonishment. Following him is fruit of a fascination that responds to the desire for human fulfillment and to the yearning for full life. A disciple is someone who is passionate for Christ, and recognizes him as the master leading and accompanying him.”

APA 6.2

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



Jubilee of Mercy - “Merciful Like the Father”

Last week’s column was focused on the history and background of the Jubilee of Mercy. This week, let’s look at a more practical explanation of the Jubilee of Mercy.

(source: dynamiccatholic.com/year-of-mercy/).

What is the Year of Mercy?

Seeing the great need for mercy and healing in the world, Pope Francis called for the Year of Mercy—a special period, also known as a Holy Year or Jubilee Year, for the Catholic Church. It is a time for the Church across the world to take approximately one year to focus on forgiveness and healing in a special way.

Pope Francis has asked us as individuals and as a Church “to be a witness of mercy” by reflecting on and practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Beginning December 8, 2015, the Holy Year of Mercy will focus on studying and reflecting on mercy, receiving mercy, and being merciful towards others.

What is the Indulgence for the Year of Mercy?

Like any Jubilee Year, a person can receive a plenary indulgence for the Year of Mercy. A plenary indulgence removes all of what is called “temporal punishment” due to sins that have already been forgiven. Sin and evil are real. Every sin, large or small, is in some way a rejection of the-best-version-of-ourselves and a rejection of God. “Temporal punishment” is the natural consequence of that sin, the necessary purification following forgiveness of sin.

Yet another awesome aspect of our faith. I pray that we will all find ways to live our Church’s teachings on mercy!

Next week...
The Works of Mercy



Advent Begins Next Sunday. . .

What is Advent?

Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year for the Roman Catholic Church. On the first day of Advent, which begins next **Sunday on November 29**, the Church celebrates its New Year's Day. The date for the beginning of Advent falls each year on the Sunday closest to November 30 - the feast day of Saint Andrew the Apostle.



Is Advent the same as Christmas?

Sometimes people make the mistake of thinking that Advent is part of the Christmas celebration. In fact, Advent is a separate time of preparation all its own. For the Catholic Church, Christmas doesn't begin until the first Mass is celebrated on Christmas Eve and it continues until the "Octave of the Epiphany" on January 4.

Advent is given to us as a time to prepare our souls for the coming of the Lord. This season is very similar to Lent which helps us to prepare for Easter. In modern times we are tempted to skip over the penitential aspects of Advent and focus on the joy of Christmas. This is a great tragedy. Focusing only on the joy denies the truth: the Christ Child is our Lord and Savior Who will suffer and die for our salvation.

What is the history of Advent?

Originally Advent was celebrated over forty days, just like the Lenten season. This has now been shortened to four weeks, but the symbolism remains. You may notice another similarity to Lent when you attend Mass; although we still sing the Alleluia before the Gospel reading, we no longer sing the song of the angels - the Gloria. We will sing this song anew with the angels on Christmas day - just as they did over 2000 years ago.

The Scripture readings during Mass remind us of all the prophecies that point to the Lord's coming. We are called to keep watch and to leave behind our sinful ways. We also hear the recurring theme of a light shining through darkness. In Isaiah 60:19 we are reminded of this promise: "The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory."

What is the meaning of the Advent Wreath?

Since circles have no beginning and no end, the circular shape of the Advent Wreath is used to symbolize God the Father and eternal life. The wreath holds four candles which are lit over the four weeks of Advent. The light of the flame is a visual reminder that Christ is "The Light of the World" (John 8:12). There are three violet (purple) candles and one rose candle, each representing 1,000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the Savior.



Violet is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of penance, sacrifice and prayer. During the first, second and the fourth weeks of Advent we light violet candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for Christmas is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the rose candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

Traditionally, each of the four candles on an Advent wreath has their own meaning. The first Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the Prophet's Candle reminding us that Jesus is coming. The second Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the Bethlehem Candle reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The third Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the Shepherd's Candle reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus. The fourth Sunday symbolizes Peace with the Angel's Candle reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

When Advent Wreaths are decorated the materials often have symbolic meaning. The use of evergreens reminds us of our eternal life with Christ, holly represents the crown of thorns from the Passion of Jesus, and pinecones symbolize Christ's Resurrection.

How do I involve my children with our Advent Wreath?

Advent is a great way to keep children focused on preparing for the coming of the Christ Child instead of on materialistic desires. Each new week of Advent begins at Mass with the lighting of a new candle on the parish Advent Wreath. Our parish family is connected to our personal family when we light our own Advent Wreath at home. Explain to your children the meaning of this week's candle and what they should focus on during the coming week.





The Giving Tree

Women of Mary Giving Tree

The Women of Mary are again sponsoring a "Giving Tree" to benefit our St. Vincent de Paul organization. Since the clients who visit our St. Vincent de Paul come only once a month, we are hoping to have some Christmas presents available for them and their children before the end of November.

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

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



Liturgical Ministry Training

Through our Parish Missionary Disciple survey and training as well as our Parish Planning and Viability Study (completed during our Parish Leadership Day), God's people of St. Joseph Parish have indicated the importance of vibrant liturgies. Lay ministers must participate in spiritual growth and frequent training in order to fulfill the instruction and example of Jesus Christ.

Liturgical ministry is an excellent opportunity to fulfill your baptismal call of service to one another. Our liturgies utilize the talents and gifts that God has given this community to the fullest extent. Our parish has scheduled the following training sessions:

January 5 • Cantors

January 13 • Eucharistic Ministers

January 20 • Lectors

(Date to be Determined) • Ushers

(All trainings will be held from 6:30 - 8:30 pm)

These training sessions will be held in the church and led by Penny Arslanian, Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Gerard Majella Parish.

All Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors are required to attend their respective training session. Please RSVP to Jane Ramos at jramos@stjosephfarmington.com

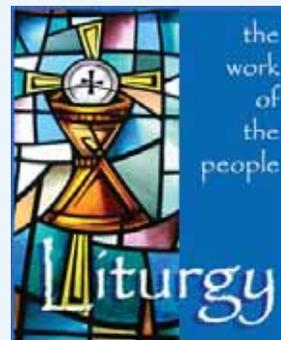
If you would like to participate in the ministries of cantor, lector, or usher, please contact Jane Ramos at jramos@stjosephfarmington.com



Bell Ringing

Wednesdays:
December 2 • December 9
December 16

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 Jessi 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!



"The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the church is directed; at the same time it is the fount from which all the church's power flows."
~Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (CSL), 10



Paul VI Institute

College Course

to be Offered Here at St. Joseph's
This Spring

**Catholic Sacramental &
Liturgical Theology**
(Theology of the 7 Sacraments)
Instructor: Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Class Begins: February 16

Class Ends: May 3

Tuesday Nights • Parish Center
7:00 pm - 9:15 pm

*Sign up online date is open or call
Abe AuBuchon in the parish office.

*2 hours of college credit

Course Description:

A study of the theology of the seven sacraments as revealed by their origin, development and liturgical celebration as described in Part II of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

We will look at the seven Sacraments, the sacramental symbols and signs, and an understanding of how Christ bestows the Sacrament.

It will help teachers discover deeper insights of teaching the Sacraments. The instructor's hands-on teaching approach will renew your faith and deepen your devotion to the Sacraments that are the heart of the faith of the Catholic Church.

There is no charge for this course for registered, active parishioners. Since our parish participates in the Comprehensive Catechetical Program with Paul VI institute. Non parishioner cost is \$240 for this class.

Our Beyond Sunday Campaign

54%
of our goal!

\$700,000

\$380,650

 **Beyond Sunday**
Education | Faith | Community



We are Half Way There!!!

We've received a total of 90 pledges making the average pledge \$4,229. We need your help so that we can reach our goal, a new St. Vincent de Paul building, additional parking and most of all, financial security for the future of our school.

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 am

with our Tradition of Sending Home with
You Blessed Loaves of Bread

As you make family plans for Thanksgiving Day, please consider joining us for the **9 am mass** to give the ultimate gift of gratitude of Thanksgiving, the Holy Eucharist.



Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve • 5 pm & midnight masses
Christmas Day • 7:30, 9 & 10:30 am masses
Feast of the Holy Family • Saturday, 5 pm
Sunday, Dec 27: 7:30, 9, & 10:30 am masses
New Year's Day (Holy Day) • 8 am and 7 pm

Coming up in our Parish...



November 29
Advent by Candlelight



December 1
Yesterday's Kids Trip
Holiday Brass &
Way of Lights



December 13
Breakfast with Santa



December 15
Advent Recital

We witness the miracle at every mass. Jesus, with His great love for us, remains with us to adore in tabernacles and chapels in all Catholic Churches throughout the world.



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.

This Week in Our Parish...

Monday • November 23

Priest, Prophet, King Class
1:00 pm & 6:30 pm • Parish Center

Preschool Thanksgiving Lunch
11:00 am • Parish Center

Wednesday • November 25

Early Out School
11:30 am

Rosary
7:15 pm • Church

Thursday • November 26

Thanksgiving Mass
9:00 am • Church

Sunday • November 29

Advent by Candlelight
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm • Parish Center

Advertiser of the Week...

This week we would like to thank....



910 E. Karsch, Farmington, MO
756-5380

Gary & Cathy Harris
(Parishioners)

for sponsoring our bulletin.
Please patronize our Advertisers!
Try Bulletin Advertising call
800-876-7000, Ext. 295.



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

Today as we celebrate **Christ the King**, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth.

**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 currently homebound or are hospitalized or know of a parishioner who is, please contact me at 756-4250 or email me at: healthminister@stjosephfarmington.com

Our Father's Table TODAY



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

Thanksgiving Dinner

St. Joe's Yesterday's Kids

\$65



December 1, 2015
Leaving: 11:30 am

Only 8 spots left!!

Contact the parish office now to sign up.



St. Catherine of Alexandria

November 28, 2015

Celebrant

Msgr. Jim Hanson

Lector

Rosie Eck

Extraordinary Ministers

Jimmy & Susie
Herzog

Offertory Bearers

Bobby & Rosie Eck

Mass Intentions

Nov 21 - Malachi McGuire
Nov 25 - Vernon Gegg
Nov 28 - John "Honsey" Fischer

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Saturday, November 14, 2015

Adult Envelopes	\$1295.00
Loose.....	\$188.00
Total.....	\$1483.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!

Happy Birthday

Doug Cartee • November 23
Johnny Adams • November 24
Doretta Herzog • November 24

Saturday 7:30 pm Mass

Coffman, Missouri
Founded in 1887
Canonical Parish 1919

Parish Council President:
Jimmy Herzog

Thanksgiving Day Mass

7:00pm, Wednesday,
November 25



Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey