

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Farmington, Missouri

Second Sunday of Advent • December 6, 2015



As We Begin the Jubilee Year of Mercy... A Prayer from Our Holy Father, Pope Francis



Lord Jesus Christ,

You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in
created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that
you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

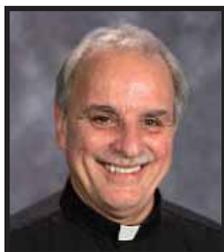
Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

Be Merciful, just as your Father is Merciful. Lk 6:36

December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph,

Advent...

**A Season of Waiting
A Season of Hope...**

Preparing our Hearts for Christmas!

Today we celebrate the **Second Sunday of Advent**, a season of waiting... a season of Hope. This beautiful liturgical season is a time for us to prepare our hearts to welcome Christ anew this Christmas! I hope each of us will make time to prepare our hearts well by taking more time to pray, read scripture, reflect and to embrace the chances to be still during this holy season of Advent. It is my prayer that as God's holy people that we take the time this Advent season to prepare our hearts for the sacredness that this season holds.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation

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.**

What an Awesome Advent by Candlelight Evening for Our Ladies...

\$10,028 was raised for Secret Santa!!!

Last Sunday evening **170** ladies from our parish gathered in a beautiful candlelight setting for a very reflective evening themed "**Prepare**". Our heartfelt thanks to the **23** women who graciously hosted a table... to **Sue Wilker, RN** from our Archdiocese for her heartfelt presentation... to **Jami AuBuchon** for her beautiful reflection... to **Daryl Buchheit** for the gift of his awesome music and song... and to **Anne Crawford** and her friends for their awesome spirit of hospitality to all of our guests by serving as hostesses for the tables.

Please see the photos on the next pages. The proceeds from the evening will help several of our parishioners this Christmas through the **Secret Santa** fund.

Rite of Welcoming for the 16 Catechumens and Candidates Who Now Enter the Period of the Catechumenate

What a joy it is to announce that this year we have **16** individuals in our RCIA class. Last year we had our third largest class ever as we welcomed **27** individuals into our faith community and in 2013 we welcomed our second largest class, **28** individuals.

Today at the 9:00 am mass we will welcome these 16 Catechumens and Candidates who will begin preparation for their final discernment to join us in the full Communion of our Church at the Easter Vigil.

It is with great joy that we welcome the following **CATECHUMENS** who are desiring the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

**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 their desire of initiation within the Catholic community.

**Joe Arnold Shelly Ellis
Bobby Gawf Steve Hendrixson
Bryan Hubbard Ronnie Jones
Tim Kingdon Mary Ann Sullivan
Weldon Sullivan Janice Tedder
Tyler Wolff**

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

Parker Hendrixson

The Sacrament of Reconciliation to be Offered All Day Long THIS 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 to welcome Christ. Please see the priest schedule on page 10.

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

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.



TODAY The Youth Group Will be Collecting For Their “Adopted” Family

Our Youth Group will again be “adopting” a family this year. The youth will collect donations from our parish family to join with their own contributions after all masses **THIS** weekend.

The youth do a great job of sharing their time, talent and treasure while striving to help make a difference in the lives of others. Please help support our youth group and the families in need by giving a donation during this special holiday collection.

Remembering Those Serving in Our Military This Christmas. . .

In our Christmas issue of our bulletin we would like to remember those who are currently serving in our Military. Please call Jessi at the parish office if you know of a parishioner or have an immediate family member serving in our military to have their name listed in this special section. We would also like to keep their rank and duty location up to date, so if these have changed, please let us know.

A Christmas Tradition. . . Bringing a Gift to Baby Jesus

Our parish has the wonderful tradition of giving gifts to Baby Jesus before all of the Christmas Masses. Children from ages “two to ninety-two” are invited to place a gift for Baby Jesus near the crib. This is an awesome way for parents to teach their children the true meaning of Christmas.

The tender gesture of placing a wrapped baby gift near the crib is a moving witness to us all. Our **Respect Life Committee** will distribute the donated items to local hospitals and the Parkland Pregnancy Center.

And Finally...

Just a reminder, today is Doughnut Sunday! Hosted by our RCIA team members and those entering into full communion with the Church.

Apple Butter will be for sale today in the Parish Center. A great stocking stuffer!

Santa will be here next Sunday! Come to our **K of C All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast** and bring the kids!

Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey

"PREPARE"

Advent by Candlelight 2015



A total of **\$10,028** was raised for our "Secret Santa" funds to help the needs of some of our parishioners this Christmas season.

A Special Thank You To

A Sue Wilker, RN
O Jami AuBuchon
B Daryl Buchheit, musician

and to the special table
 hostesses for the evening: **W**

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Pat Beussink | Cindy Kelso |
| Sandi Brooks | Phyllis LaPlant |
| Marsha Brown | Jen Maloney |
| Tiffani Busenbark | Kathy Neiner |
| Anne Crawford | Jill Patton |
| Risha Gaines | Carol Rigdon |
| Marilyn Gegg | Terri Roney |
| Dana Gilliam | Jennifer Swinarski |
| Connie Grindel | Phyllis Trollinger |
| Emily Hale | Sam Wade |
| Agnes Hinkebein | Jayne Wooldridge |
| Mandy Hubbard | |



*Lord,
 "We give thanks that you have held us worthy
 to be in your presence and minister to you"*

Eucharistic Prayer II



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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

(Except New Year's Day)

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



December 6

**Chris Fingerhut
 Connie Jung**

December 9

**T. J. Benoist
 Harold**

December 10

Carleen McDermott

December 7

**Sue Brown
 Pamela Jaycox**

Crawford, Jr.

**Carol Hawkins
 Kathy Hinkebein**

December 11

Kimberly Ramos

December 8

**Joshua Gerstner
 Diep Phan**

Jennifer

**Swinarski
 Connie**

December 12

**Chad Carron
 Gary Miller
 Rachel Pikey
 Mylene Robertson
 Nicole Schweigert**



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



December 7, 2001

**James C. & Renee
 Johnson**

December 13, 1996

Dave & Cynthia Werner

For those needing to plan ahead...



First Communion
Saturday, April 2, 2016



Confirmation
Tuesday, April 12, 2016



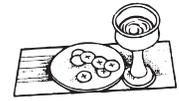
Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of Dec 7 - Dec 13

- Monday: St. Ambrose**
Readings: 181: Is 35: 1-10 Ps 85: 9ab, 10-14
Lk 5:17-26
7:00 am: Communion Service
- Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38
7:00 am: Rhonda & Didier LaPierre & Family
- Wednesday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8,10 Mt 11:28-30
7:00 am: Todd Jokerst
- Thursday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1,9-13b
9:00 am: Eugene Smith
- Friday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4,6 Mt 11:16-19
7:00 am Mildred & Francis Olmsted
8:05 am Mary Crouch
- Third Sunday of Advent**
Readings: 9: Zep 3:14-18a Ps Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18
- Saturday:**
5:00 pm: Catherine Tantillo
- Sunday:**
7:30 am: Parishioners
9:00 am: Jesse & Dorothy Gandy
10:30 am: Ted & Ann Meyer

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

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, December 12

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

- Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Charlotte Vander Bol
Extraordinary Ministers:
Ron Brooks, Sandi Brooks, Rosetta Halter,
Kevin Boatright, Adam Barnhouse
Ushers: Ralph Trepasso, Buddy Bordewick, John
Denkler, John Jones
Servers: N. Berkbigler, A. Burcham, M. Burcham
Cantor: Tom Berkbigler

Sunday, December 13

7:30 am Mass

- Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Chuck Hayden
Extraordinary Ministers:
Dotty Bach, Jerry Bach, Steve Forsythe,
Rose Hayden, Melissa Mitchell
Ushers: Dale Jones, Ed Weidenbenner, Phil Roth,
Chester Ott
Servers: P. Borrego, A. England

9:00 am Mass

- Priest: Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Brian McNamara
Extraordinary Ministers:
Jana Dore, Paul Gaines, Rob Grindel, Doak
Holloway, Vanessa Trokey
Ushers: John England, Dan Combs, Jerry Morris,
Don Trokey
Servers: T. Benoist, C. Brown, J. Pikey
Cantor: Michelle Podolak

10:30 am Mass

- Priest: Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Gary Berblinger
Extraordinary Ministers:
Phyllis LaPlant, Shirley Bieser, Katie
Rhodes, Theresa Aubuchon, Charles Boyd
Ushers: Bob Henson, Roy Henson, Chuck
Koppeis, Travis Trolinger
Servers: E. Anderson, A. Roney, S. Zaricor
Cantor: Susan McMann

St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Mission Statement

*We are called by our Lord Jesus Christ,
to be His church and live His gospel.
We strive to fulfill our baptismal calling
by prayer, worship, teaching and in
sharing our faith and serving others.
Guided by the Holy Spirit and
through our patron St. Joseph, we
commit ourselves to the responsible
stewardship of all God's gifts.*

Monday, December 7, 2015

Sacristans

Sue Brown, Jayne Wooldridge,
Barb Doss, Geneva Jokerst

Money Counters

Donna Black, Mary Brady,
Sue Brown, Kathy Neiner, Debbie Thomure

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, November 22, 2015

Adult Envelopes	\$7,958.00
Loose	\$373.01
Electronic Deposit	<u>\$2,445.00</u>
	\$10,776.01

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$10,776.01	\$246,227.84
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$10,850.00</u>	<u>\$232,050.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(\$259.99)	\$14,177.84

Partners in Education	\$475.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$30.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$316.00
Retired Religious	\$40.00
Christmas Flowers	\$45.00
Mission Sunday	\$10.00
Human Development	\$326.00
Permanent Deacon	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$1,103.00

Children's Envelopes

Scarlette & Shelbie - Reading the Bible every night and helping people that are sad.

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, November 29, 2015

Adult Envelopes	\$9,912.00
Loose	\$439.52
Children's Envelopes	\$25.39
All Saints Day	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$8.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$10.00
Electronic Envelopes	<u>\$430.00</u>
	\$10,834.91

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$10,834.91	\$257,069.75
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$11,050.00</u>	<u>\$243,100.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(\$215.09)	\$13,969.75

All Souls	\$10.00
Christmas	\$15.00
Christmas Flowers	\$197.00
Partners in Education	\$360.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$45.00
Retired Religious	\$10.00
Human Development	\$400.00
Secret Santa	\$225.00
Seminaries	\$10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	<u>\$306.50</u>
Total for Specials	\$1,578.50

Children's Envelopes

Claire & Paige - Gave my money I earned by doing chores.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

We pray for the repose of the souls of

Steve Turnbaugh

brother of Barb (Ken) Halter
uncle of Justin & Kyle Halter

Marilyn Trokey

sister of Carol (John) Vuichard
& Don (Vanessa) Trokey

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



We welcome into our faith community through Baptism...

Craig Duane Viele

son of Chad & Julie Viele

"May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways." Psalm 91:11



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

Please pray for: Ralph Di Tucci, **Carol Vuichard**, Cathy, Janet Hoene, **John Thurman**, Dallas Tiller, Seth Brown, Mike Simmons, Joan Arnold, **Sandi Kracke**, Rick Kinney, **Russ Buescher**, Gary Odle, Spencer Vincent, Agnes Herzog, Helen Naeger, Kimberly Allen, **Loretta Brundege**, **Paula Karl**, Jacob Foley, **Charles Govreau**, Terry Edgar, Glenda Edwards, Jeremy, **Arlene Jones**, Joan Marler, **Steve Paroski**, Randy Harrington, Nancy, Mark Huels, Garrett Aubuchon, **Karen Hommelson**, Colleen Harris, Jessie, Ashley, **Gloria Bruce** and Tracy Beussink.

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where we call home. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song—"Prepare the way of the Lord" (Luke 3:4)—for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyful for a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us.

Listening For The Call

John speaks to us from the desert, a quiet place. Jesus went there, too, we must now recall. Few of us, perhaps, spend much time there ourselves, for our world tends to be loud and boisterous and filled with commotion—especially these days as the holidays approach. But certainly each of us has a quiet place tucked away somewhere, and in our own individual quiet place—be it at the center of a crowded shopping mall during prime time or at the kitchen table at dawn—we are all called to embrace John's message of repentance and preparation.

Following The Calling

But it goes farther than that, much farther, for this is not only our call. This is our calling. Priest or congregation, teacher or student, accountant or zookeeper, parent or child—our collective work in this world is to heed the Baptist's directive to prepare the way of the Lord. And what better time than now, during Advent, to refocus on our mission and to rededicate ourselves to the most important task any of us will ever undertake—the gaining of God's salvation.

Remember Paul's letter to the Philippians? Let's personalize it. Let's each get rid of the "Brothers and sisters" line and replace it with our own name. And in keeping with today's protocol, let's even add a "Dear" to the salutation. Now let's read it again. "Dear Sarah " or "Dear Michael" or "Dear P. J." Suddenly Paul, with joy in his heart, is praying directly for us that we may live our lives in ways pleasing to God, thus following John's call—and our calling—to ready the way of Jesus. Connected in this fashion, we become pen pals from across the millennia, and Paul's joy becomes our joy at the coming of our Lord. And ultimately, Baruch's joy for Jerusalem becomes our very own "Joy to the World."

Today's Readings: Bar 5:1–9; Ps 126:1–6; Phil 1:4–6, 8–11; Lk 3:1–6



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 peace this Advent season"



Wedding Banns

Bann I

Cody Antonic & Kate Weidenbenner
December 22, 2015



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.



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Help the Hungry bake sale. The proceeds from the sale are going to be at least \$56,000 with each food pantry receiving a minimum of \$28,000! Your efforts, whether you baked, shopped, made calls, or worked at the sale, are greatly appreciated.

St. Joseph donated \$7,400 from our Men's Lenten Night, 50/50 raffle at our Fish Fries and Help the Hungry collection envelopes.

Thanks so much for your support.

Theresa Kellogg
and the Help the Hungry
Bake Sale Committee



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

For Advent to be Offered all Day Long
Friday, December 11

- 8:00 - 10:00 am.....Fr. Rickey & Fr. James (school children will be present)
- 10:00 am - noon.....Msgr. James Hanson
- noon - 2:00 pm.....Fr. Mark Ebert
- 2:00 - 4:00 pm.....Fr. William Baier
- 4:00 - 6:00 pmFr. James Dyer

Advent Meditation

They watch for Christ who are sensitive, eager, attentive in mind, who are awake, alive, quick-sighted, zealous in honoring him, who look for him in all that happens, and who would not be surprised, who would not be over agitated or overwhelmed if they found that he was coming at once. . .

This then is to watch: to be detached from what is present, and to live in what is unseen; to live in the thought of Christ as he came once, and as he will come again; to desire his second coming, from our affectionate and grateful remembrance of his first.

Cardinal Newman



Copper Kettle & Wood Fired Apple Butter

Apple Butter

\$7.00

Knights of Columbus will be selling apple butter after Sunday Masses Today.



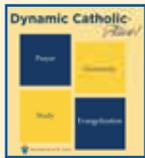
A Way of Life
STEWARDSHIP



“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...”
(Philippians 1:9-10)

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

Dynamic Catholic, Alive!



Looking Ahead to 2016

Building on a foundation of prayer, there will be a special emphasis on study in 2016. Saints such as Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, and Edith Stein point to the intellectual riches of Catholicism. Since there is a Genius to Catholicism, Dynamic Catholics are continuous learners. How well do you know the faith? Visit the Study section of the Dynamic Catholic, Alive! website for a list of recommended books and other resources.

MyParish App!

Click on the “Advent Icon” to find Advent readings, prayers and reflections.

Journey with our Parish this Advent

Text App to 88202

to download our parish app



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



Jubilee of Mercy - “Merciful Like the Father”

What should I do for Pope Francis’ Year of Mercy?

As we enter the Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us prepare our hearts and minds in order to fully experience God’s mercy. What can we do to make this happen? Here are a few ideas from Matthew Kelly and Dynamic Catholic:

1- Pray Pope Francis’ Year of Mercy prayer daily.

This is a quick, easy way to participate in the Jubilee Year.

2- Go to confession.

We cannot give what we do not have. Experience God’s mercy firsthand.

3- Forgive someone.

Do you have a difficult relationship in your life? Share God’s mercy with that person.

4- Read a good Catholic book on Mercy.

The Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis is a great place to start; he talks about it in 36 places.

5- Pick one spiritual and one corporal work of mercy.

Do not try and do them all at once! Take one of each, and focus on sharing mercy simply.

6- Sign up for Best Advent Ever.

With a variety of insightful voices, this daily email series is a great way to prepare for the Year of Mercy

7- Pray the Divine Mercy Novena.

Starting Good Friday, this is a typical nine-day novena to invoke Jesus’ mercy.

8- Take a pilgrimage.

It does not have to be far. Simply find a shrine or other spiritual site near you and support extra time in prayer.

Find someone to journey with, ask your spouse, parent, close friend or anyone else that would be willing to journey along with you during the Year of Mercy. Check out the bulletin and parish website for more opportunities to express our mercy throughout the next year!





Women of Mary Meeting

**Tomorrow, December 7
6:30 pm • Parish Center**

Women of Mary would like to invite all women of the parish, 18 years and older, to our meeting on Monday, **December 7 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.**

As Women of Mary, our goal is to create a warm and loving environment in which we share in a spiritual journey that is dedicated to Mary, our Mother, and service to our parish and community.

Through Women of Mary, we build lasting friendships with each other and those we serve. Come and spend time with the ladies of our parish to help develop the Dynamic Catholic in you!

This will be a potluck dinner, please bring a finger-food or dessert!

Baby Items For Christmas

The Christmas season is a time to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. In the spirit of giving, the Respect Life Committee is asking families to bring baby items to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and place them at the manger. These items will be distributed to our local hospital and to the Parkland Pregnancy Resource Center. They in turn will give the items to needy families. Items particularly needed are: newborn girl and boy outfits, sleepers, newborn mittens (so babies won't scratch themselves), onesies, undershirts, receiving blankets and heavier blankets. If you would like, the gift may be wrapped.



Thank you for your support!



Remember Your Loved Ones at Christmas by the Gift of a Christmas Poinsettia



Memorials will be published in our bulletin

As is our custom, you can remember your loved ones by donating flowers to decorate the altar area. An envelope is included in your December packet of offering envelopes. The names of those who are especially remembered in this way will be listed in our December 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.



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.

Special Advent Concert Performed by our School Children

Tuesday, December 15, at 6:00 pm, all parishioners are invited to attend a special Advent/Christmas musical performed by our school children in our gym.

Our sincere thanks to **Jane Ramos**, for her many hours of labor in preparing for this special evening.





Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24

Masses at 5:00 pm and Midnight
(Traditional Christmas Carols begin at 11:30 pm)
7:30 pm Mass at Coffman

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25

Masses at 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 am

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 27

Regularly scheduled weekend Masses.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 1 - New Year's Day

Thursday, December 31 - New Year's Eve:
Vigil at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm at Coffman
Friday, January 1: 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 3

Regularly scheduled weekend Masses.

Santa Claus is Coming to Our "All You Can Eat Breakfast"

December 13!!!

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



Mark your calendars to bring your children and grandchildren for **Breakfast with Santa** Sunday, December 13 after all 3 masses.

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



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: April 19

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.

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.

Coming up in our Parish...



December 13
Breakfast with Santa



December 15
Advent Recital



December 25
Christmas Day



January 19-24
DC Pilgrimage



February 2
First Reconciliation

“Advent is the spiritual season of hope”
(Pope Benedict XVI)



Come Lord Jesus, fill our hearts and souls with great love for You, as we faithfully pray with hope and joy, preparing ourselves for Your glorious return.

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

This Week in Our Parish...

Monday • December 7

Women of Mary Meeting
6:30 pm • Parish Center

Wednesday • December 9

Prayer Shawl Meeting
9:00 am • Parish Center

PSR Confessions
6:00 pm • Church

Rosary
7:15 pm • Church

Thursday • December 10

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

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

Friday • December 11

All Day Confessions
8:00 am- 6:00 pm • Church

Sunday • December 13

**Knights of Columbus
Breakfast with Santa**
Following All Masses

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

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about.

We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.



Thank you, St. Joseph parishioners, \$1,699 was donated at our Thanksgiving Mass to support St. Vincent de Paul!

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

**Prayer
Shawl
Ministry**



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting
This Wednesday, December 9
9:00 am • Parish Center

Together, we provide shawls and lap blankets for those in need of comfort and solace.
Please consider joining our group!



Saturday 7:30 pm Mass

Happy Anniversary
Tom & Linda Smith
December 9

Happy Birthday
Alex Cummings
December 7

St. Catherine of Alexandria

December 12, 2015

Celebrant

Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector

Rosie Eck

Extraordinary Ministers

Helen McDaniel
& Joyce Heberlie

Offertory Bearers

Curt & Lynette Heberlie

Mass Intentions

Dec 5 - Gladys Gegg
Dec 8 - Susie Calvin
Dec 12 - James Herzog

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Saturday, November 21, 2015

Adult Envelopes	\$180.00
Loose.....	\$63.00
Total.....	\$243.00
Human Development.....	\$15.00

Saturday, November 28, 2015

Adult Envelopes	\$360.00
Loose.....	\$35.00
Total.....	\$395.00
Human Development.....	\$20.00

Our Mass for the Feast of the **Immaculate Conception** will be on **Tuesday, December 8** at **7:00 pm**. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Please remember to sign up for our **Christmas party** on **Sunday, December 13** at **5:30 pm**.

Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey