

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Farmington, Missouri

May 8, 2016 • The Ascension of the Lord

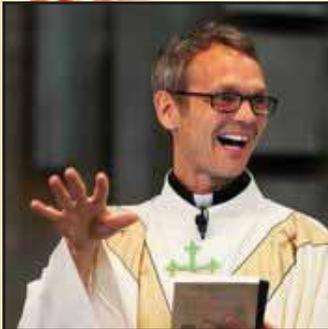
Happy  
Mother's  
Day

*Her children rise up and call her blessed,  
her husband also, and he praises her.  
Many women do noble things,  
but you surpass them all.*  
Proverbs 31:28

## 3 Day Parish Mission Retreat

St. Joseph will be blessed to have:  
Fr. Ron Hoye, C.M., a Vincentian priest

**Starting TODAY**



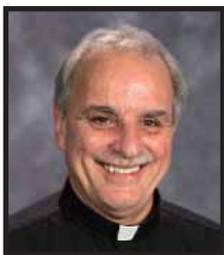
**May 8 - 10**  
**Sunday - Tuesday**  
**7:00 - 8:00 pm**



Fr. Ron has been leading parish missions on and off for more than 10 years. He has taught Business Ethics at DePaul University in Chicago, been heavily involved in youth and young adult programs across the country and continues his interest and involvement in Leadership and Evangelization Outreach.

**We welcome Father Ron this morning to St. Joseph!**

**Join us in the church at 7:00 pm TONIGHT through Tuesday night to enrich your spiritual journey and find friendship in Jesus.**



## From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

### Happy Mother's Day to All of Our Mothers...

During the month of May, we as a Church give special honor to our Mother, Mary, the Mother of our Lord. This weekend we also honor all mothers on this special day known as Mother's Day. We warmly welcome all mothers that are with us this weekend.

#### A Prayer for Mothers Day

*All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise  
for mothers young and old.*

*We pray for young mothers,  
who give life and count toes and tend to our every need;  
May they be blessed with patience and tenderness  
to care for their families and themselves with great joy.*

*We pray for our own mothers  
who have nurtured and cared for us;  
May they continue to guide  
in strong and gentle ways.*

*We remember mothers who are separated  
from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict;  
May they feel the loving embrace of  
our God who wipes every tear away.*

*We pray for women who are not mothers  
but still love and shape us  
with motherly care and compassion.*

*We remember mothers, grandmothers,  
and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us  
but who live forever in our memory  
and nourish us with their love. Amen.*

**Hope to See You at  
Our Parish Mission  
STARTING TONIGHT  
7:00 pm!!!**



I am very much looking forward to attending our 3 day Parish Mission starting TONIGHT at 7:00 pm!!! Our presenter, **Father Ron Hoye, C.M.** will lead us to, **"Friendship with Jesus."** He will explore how to **"focus on the relational aspect of our faith with Jesus and how to live our lives more completely for the Lord."** Do not miss this powerful opportunity to strengthen your spiritual life!!

## New Bricks Placed at Our Infant Memorial for Mother's Day Weekend

We hope everyone has had the chance to visit our Infant Memorial this Mother's Day weekend which was dedicated three years ago. Memorials of new bricks ordered over the past year have been placed in time for today, Mother's Day.

So often when a parent experiences the loss of a child through death, miscarriage or abortion there is no place for the them to grieve such a heavy loss. Here at St. Joseph's we have a Sacred Space in our cemetery that is dedicated to all the children born and unborn who are now sharing the joys of eternal life in the Kingdom of God. This is truly a beautiful space for parents to come, to pray and to grieve for their child.

Our sincere thanks to **Kevin Hale of Eternal Etchings** for his continued dedication to create these beautiful memorial bricks for us.

## Our Women of Mary Retreat Day was a Day of Joy and Blessings

It has been the tradition of our Holy Catholic Church for centuries to honor **Mary, the Mother of God**, during the month of May. Here at St. Joseph's we are so blessed to have our women's organization named in her honor and under her patronage. Our lady's group is called the **Women of Mary** and all the women of this organization play such a vital part of the heartbeat of St. Joseph's parish.

It was truly a joy for me to spend this past Wednesday with a group of our ladies for a retreat day at St. Joseph Church in Apple Creek, MO with **Elizabeth Westhoff** as our guest presenter. It was a privilege for me to spend this day with them as a way to say thank you for the many awesome, loving, compassionate and sacrificial hours of time and talent that they so lovingly give to our parish family. My sincere thanks goes to each of these ladies for their tremendous gift of service to our parish.

**It is your presence at the numerous events throughout the year in our parish, that we have felt God's presence through YOU!!!** You truly make it a joy to be the pastor of such an awesome parish!!!

## Our Annual Cemetery Appeal

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

## Adoration Appreciation Dinner Thursday, May 19

The date for the Adoration Appreciation Dinner has changed to **Thursday, May 19**. I look forward to sharing this evening with you and presenting our guest speaker for the evening, **Phyllis LaPlant**. **A note for our Adorers: Adoration hours are permanently extended on Thursdays to end at 7:30 pm!**

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

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

I hope that you will take some time to prayerfully reflect if God is calling you to serve our parish in one of these leadership roles. **We need individuals who want to serve...those who hold a vision for the future.** These key roles are for people of prayer and for individuals who are willing to become considerably involved in the parish, in its life and activities. These positions require a greater commitment in time and energy than just attending monthly meetings. **Is God calling you to serve your parish?** Please give it some prayerful discernment!

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

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

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

Our thanks to **Maggie Carr**, our First Grade Teacher, who has volunteered to lead our Vacation Bible School. Our vacation bible school will be held earlier this year, **June 6 - 10** and is a very established tradition of our parish's spiritual life. If you would like to volunteer for this special week please call the parish office to leave your name so that Maggie may contact you when the first planning meeting has been set.

## Kenrick-Glennon Seminary Summer Camp

The purpose of Kenrick-Glennon Days is to help boys think about what God wants to do in their life. This mission will be accomplished through cool talks and activities, by introducing them to priests and seminarians, giving them a taste of seminary life, and by providing the information and support they need to make the best decision.

Kenrick-Glennon Days 2016 will be held at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis Session I will be held **June 6-8, 2016** for students in grades 6 and 7. Session II will be held **June 9-11, 2016** for students in grades 8 and 9. For more information visit [www.archstl.org](http://www.archstl.org).

## PSR Registration Due Soon for 2016-2017 School Year

Registration for the upcoming 2016-2017 PSR school year is due on or before **Wednesday, May 18**. If you are enrolling a child for the first time and your child was not baptized at St. Joseph's, a copy of their Baptismal Certificate is required at the time of registration. The fee for the classes is as follows: 1 child: \$75.00, 2 children: \$125.00, 3 or more children: \$150.00. If enrollment does not take place on or before May 18 the fee will increase by \$10.00. Please contact **Lisa** at the parish office with any questions at 756-4250.

## And Finally...

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

**Blessings of Easter Joy...Fr. Rickey**

### Our Pastoral Team

Very Rev. Rickey J. Valleroy, V.F. .... Pastor  
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Brian Wade ..... 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

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

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

Sunday Mass Observance

Saturday ..... 5:00 pm

Sunday ..... 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 10:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation ..... 7 am, 8 am and 7 pm

#### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4 pm, Sundays 7 am or by appointment

#### The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month after the 10:30 am Mass. Baptismal preparation class required. Contact 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



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| <u>May 8</u><br><b>Mike Boyd</b><br><b>Sarah Gross</b><br><b>Karen Hommelson</b>                                  | <u>May 10</u><br><b>Rachael Layton</b><br><b>Lee Roy Politte</b> | <u>May 13</u><br><b>Abe AuBuchon</b><br><b>Bob Hisserich</b><br><b>Sue Rariden</b>                                                  |
| <u>May 9</u><br><b>Megan Howard</b><br><b>Zachary Kelso</b>                                                       | <u>May 11</u><br><b>Alex England</b>                             | <u>May 14</u><br><b>Max AuBuchon</b><br><b>Mary Harness</b><br><b>Mandy Hubbard</b><br><b>Jeff Mattingly</b><br><b>Alex Speaker</b> |
| <u>May 12</u><br><b>Emily Hale</b><br><b>Catherine Harris</b><br><b>Shawn McCarver</b><br><b>Catherine Schuch</b> |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                     |



### Happy Anniversary



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| <u>May 11, 1963</u><br><b>Robert &amp; Dolores Schmidt</b> | <u>May 13, 1987</u><br><b>Wayne &amp; Jean Scroggins</b> |
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### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### Thank you from Mary Teder...



Mary Teder would like to send a heartfelt thanks to her parish family for their prayers and loving support when she had her knee surgery.

*Your love and prayers are very much appreciated!!*



## Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of May 9 - 15

- Monday: Easter Weekday**  
Readings: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;  
Jn 16:29-33  
7:00 am: **Al Dziewa**
- Tuesday: Easter Weekday**  
Readings: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;  
Jn 17:1-11a  
7:00 am: **James Spengler**
- Wednesday: Easter Weekday**  
Readings: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;  
Jn 17:11b-19  
7:00 am: **Mary Crouch**
- Thursday: Easter Weekday**  
Readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;  
Jn 17:20-26  
7:00 am: **Perry & Pam Rariden**
- Friday: Easter Weekday**  
Readings: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;  
Jn 21:15-19  
7:00 am: **St. Joseph Parishioners (All Souls)**  
8:05 am: **Travis AuBuchon**

### Pentecost Sunday

Sunday Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23

**Saturday:**  
5:00 pm: **Delassus Family**

**Sunday:**  
7:30 am: **Pat Garlic**  
9:00 am: **Ralph & Lori Wozniak**  
10:30 am: **Parishioners**

## Ministers of the Liturgy



### Saturday, May 14

#### 5:00 pm Mass

- Priest:** Fr. John Schneider  
**Lector:** Sandi Brooks  
**Extraordinary Ministers:**  
Ronald Brooks, Laura Denkler, Rob  
Grindel, Mike Kelso, Vanessa Trokey  
**Ushers:** Buddy Bordewick, John Denkler, John  
Jones, Don Trokey  
**Servers:** K. Ramos, K. Ramos, K. Ramos  
**Cantor:** Terry Guiley

### Sunday, May 15

#### 7:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. John Schneider  
**Lector:** Melissa Mitchell  
**Extraordinary Ministers:**  
Jack Neiner, Kathy Neiner, Scott Watson,  
Chris Westrich, Jayne Wooldridge  
**Ushers:** Ed Brown, Bill Jokerst, Phil Roth, Ed  
Weidenbenner  
**Servers:** N. Berkbigler, K. Busenbark

#### 9:00 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. James Dyer  
**Lector:** Mitch Fuemmeler  
**Extraordinary Ministers:**  
Adam Barnhouse, Paul Gaines, Margaret  
Greif, Doak Holloway, George Kracke  
**Ushers:** Mike Backer, Dan Combs, John England,  
Jerry Morris  
**Servers:** T. Benoist, C. Brown, K. Wade  
**Cantor:** Dawn Fuemmeler

#### 10:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. James Dyer  
**Lector:** Helen Thurman  
**Extraordinary Ministers:**  
Charles Boyd, Deanna Dickerson, Phyllis  
LaPlant, Jill Patton, John Thurman  
**Ushers:** Bob Bone, Roy Henson, Chuck Koppeis,  
Chris McTearnen  
**Servers:** E. Anderson, G. Bone, S. Zaricor  
**Cantor:** Judy Colligan

## St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Mission Statement

*We are called by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
to be His church and live His gospel.*

*We strive to fulfill our baptismal calling  
by prayer, worship, teaching and in  
sharing our faith and serving others.*

*Guided by the Holy Spirit and  
through our patron St. Joseph, we  
commit ourselves to the responsible  
stewardship of all God's gifts.*

## Monday, May 9, 2016

### Sacristans

Brenda Donze, Linda Gillespie,  
Karen Jones, Jo Rustemeyer

### Money Counters

Marilyn Currington, Kathy Miller,  
Bob & Mary Lou Govreau

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 our mothers.”**



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

**Jami (Abe) AuBuchon**  
**Kelsey (Eric) Koppeis**  
**Corey (Scott) Schrum**

Congratulations to **James & Nikki Sheets** on the arrival of **Wesson James** on April 21



## Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Adult Envelopes	\$12,008.00
Loose	\$634.26
Electronic Deposit	\$435.00
Spanish Mass	\$299.00
Children’s Envelopes	<u>\$15.00</u>
	<b>\$13,092.26</b>

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$13,092.26	\$522,563.75
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$11,050.00</u>	<u>\$486,200.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	<b>\$2,042.26</b>	<b>\$36,363.75</b>
Partners in Education		\$510.00
Maintenance & Repair		\$210.00
St. Vincent de Paul		\$601.00
Regina cleri		\$30.00
Holy Land		\$30.00
Cemetery Perpetual		\$240.00
Respect Life		<u>\$170.00</u>
Total for Specials		<b>\$1,791.00</b>

**Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!**



**“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”**

REVELATIONS 22:13

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle, it’s how I make all my decisions.

We welcome into our faith community through Baptism...

**Sofia Elena Figueroa**  
 daughter of Rafael & Carla Figueroa



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

**Our Thanks To**

**Dotty Bach**

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




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

Please pray for: Dewayne Petty, Laura Tellmann, Noel and Josh Vander Bol, Sue Cook, Mike, Susan Struna, Clayton Phillips, **Floyd McFarland**, **Connie Harness**, **Ronnie Jones**, Terry Edgar, **Cathy Barron**, Brother Richard Hermann, Butch Eichhorn, Nan Link, Joyce Judd, Deanna Stenger, Brenda Andrews, Heather Forsythe, Mark, Margaret Beckett, Betty Young, **Mark Fischbeck**, **Ron LaPlant**, Rhonda LaPierre, Paul Oder, Joachim Rausch, **Sue Rariden**, **Simon Gross**, **Deacon Al and Jeanie Gegg**, Phyllis Pyatt, Janice Douglas, Margie, Karen Blair, **Mary Teder**, **Helen Thurman**, Martha Ellen Jarden, **Vicky Cunningham**, Carol Barnard, **Helen Mell**, Beth (Schnurbusch) Nielsen, **Warren Lodholz** and **Seery Saurage**

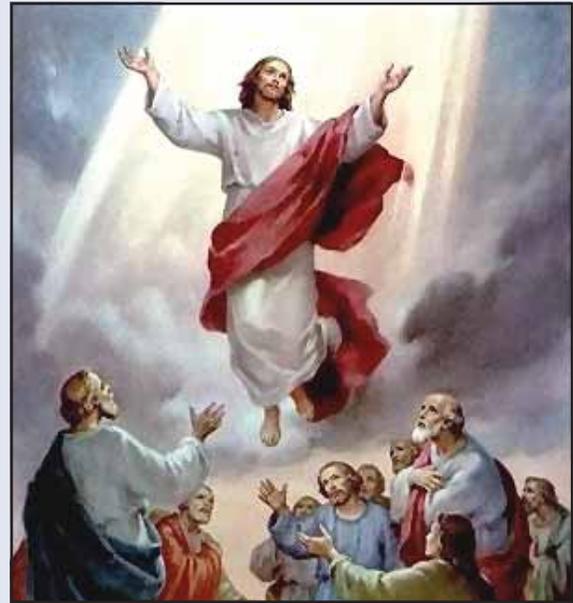
To add someone to the prayer list contact Pat Boatright at [boat.pab75@gmail.com](mailto:boat.pab75@gmail.com) or 756-4169.

## Ascension of the Lord

“Until next week, keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars!” Not today’s scriptural wisdom, but legendary DJ Casey Kasem’s sage advice, heard across America for generations, American Top 40’s challenging sign-off. Though Casey wasn’t quoting scripture, today’s Acts of the Apostles offers similar advice. As Jesus ascended, disciples “were looking intently at the sky.” Wouldn’t we prefer a soul-relaxing gaze into peaceful blue skies to a heart-breaking focus on this blood-stained earth? But heavenly questioners asked Jesus’ first disciples, “Why are you standing there looking at the sky?” Earth awaited their mission! While our hearts should “keep reaching for” heaven, we need to “keep our feet on the ground.” Ascension’s scriptures and the Jubilee of Mercy remind us: the Jesus we revere as “ascended into heaven” lives right here among us on earth, awaiting our recognition and loving service.

### Wait for the Spirit, Go Be My Witnesses

Dear God, what is your will for me—exactly? Your plan—for this whole world? Your path to peace—guaranteed? How discouraging when sometimes we don’t understand. Or have to admit that, though being Jesus’ disciples forever, we still don’t love as Jesus taught us. But take courage! “Are you going to restore the Kingdom to Israel now?” Imagine! After three years of enjoying Jesus’ daily teaching and devoted friendship—Jesus, who declared, “my kingdom is not of this world”—disciples still asked the wrong question—even after Jesus had been crucified! So, almost wearily, Jesus answered, “Not for you to know. You’ll receive power when the Spirit comes.” Power for what? “You will be my witnesses—to the ends of the earth!” We’ve also received that Spirit—and assignment. Now Jesus, ascending to enter heaven’s sanctuary, lifts us up from discouragement and bestows hope. In today’s Gospel, Jesus declares that not even cruelly inflicted suffering can frustrate God’s saving plan. Jesus crucified still reaches out, unconditionally, to heal every broken heart with reconciling love.



### Prayer and Service, City and Temple

Jesus’ ascension sent those first disciples—and now sends us—down the mountain that Jesus had left, to serve him still living and needy in the world. But today’s Gospel also shows those disciples “continually in the temple praising God.” The Acts of the Apostles adds a further detail, quite appropriate for May, the month traditionally dedicated to Mary. Until Pentecost, the apostles “devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with Mary the mother of Jesus.” Announcing this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis described Mary’s life as modeled on Jesus, God’s mercy-made-flesh. At the foot of Jesus’ cross, when Mary heard Jesus forgive the executioners, she understood that her Son’s mercy is unconditional, extended to everyone, no exceptions. From now until Pentecost, we should pray the Holy Spirit to pour forth upon us, and upon the whole world, the grace to live Jesus’ unconditional, forgiving mercy.

Today’s Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Ps 47:2–3, 6–9; Eph 1:17–23 or Heb 9:24–28; 10:19–23; Lk 24:46–53



## A Wonderful Opportunity to Support Respect Life!

### Mother's Outreach Ministries... MOMs' Day

The Pregnancy Resource Center has asked local churches to host a **MOMs' (Mothers Outreach Ministries) Night Out** during the summer for clients and their families. Our parish has agreed to sponsor MOMs' Night Out on **June 13 from 6:00-8:00 pm**. The two hours are broken down into several segments, including childcare, providing a practical lesson, touring our church and giving moms and their families a small meal or snack. By inviting them to visit our church, we have the opportunity to impact not only the clients but also their families. Many of the clients have never attended a church and this gives them a chance to experience the love and care a church family has to offer.

**If you can help, we will have a planning meeting on May 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please come!** If you can't come to the meeting, please call Dotty Bach (756-1357) or Pat Boatright (756-4169) and they can give you the details. We appreciate any help you can give - the clients are so grateful for the support they get at these events!

## Employment Opportunities at St. Joseph Catholic School for the 2016- 2017 School Year

Join our team of dedicated teachers as we strive to place Christ at the center of all we do. We are seeking candidates for two positions for the upcoming school year. Candidates should possess a commitment to the educational mission of the Catholic Church and display the ability to cultivate critical thinking. Candidates should possess good leadership and communication skills as well as the ability to use instructional technology in order to enhance and encourage curricular objectives.

### Fourth Grade Teacher:

Requirements: active practicing Catholic; state certified in Elementary Education 1-6, Religious education certification or willingness to work toward this certification

### Eighth Grade Homeroom

### Middle School English/Language Arts:

Requirements: active practicing Catholic; state certified in English/Language Arts, Religious education certification or willingness to work toward this certification

Send letter of interest and resume to Mrs. Shirley Bieser, St. Joseph's principal by **Friday, May 20** at [sbieser@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:sbieser@stjosephfarmington.com).

*All Parishioners who spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic  
Adoration or Anyone who is interested in Adoration  
are invited to an Appreciation Dinner...*



*Guest Speaker for the evening:*

**Phyllis LaPlant**

**Thursday, May 19, 2016**

*Benediction at 6:00 pm • Dinner will Follow*

We are having a dinner to say thank you to all the parishioners who spend time with the Lord in Eucharist Adoration as well as anyone who would like to find out more about Eucharistic Adoration.

Please RSVP by **May 12** to Rita Boyd at 756-2383 or email [ctboyd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ctboyd@sbcglobal.net)

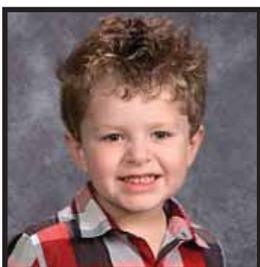




Congratulations to Our Young Adults Who Received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 12.



## Congratulations to Those Completing Prekindergarten at St. Joseph Little Saints Preschool!!





# Parish Missionary Disciples

## Session 10, January 2016

Testimony from our  
Disciple Maker  
Team Member,  
**Connie  
Grindel**



Session 10 as well as all others began with sharing our experiences of what we learned and what we had shared since our last session. This sharing opportunity is fruitful in itself because it holds each team accountable to pass on what we learned.

Each session consists of 5 topics which are **Prayer, Scripture, Sacraments and Tradition, Discipling, and Leadership**. I will share our discipling topic of **Teaching Testimony** and our leadership topic of **Values "Point of View"**.

The Christian testimony consists of:

- Our firsthand account of what God has done in our own life and the difference that has made.
- It communicates your life is different and more meaningful with Christ.
- It is an authentic personal experience of Christ's work in someone - real, heartfelt, relevant.
- It is not abstract nor tutorial.
- It includes reasons why we are committed to Christ
- It helps others relate to us and to the realities of who a Christian is.

Our testimony should consist of three key elements:

**1. Our life before our current relationship/level of trust with Jesus.**

**2. What happened to bring that about?** Here they asked us to identify ourselves in our journey of faith and used different types of stones to help us describe ourselves.

- Sedimentary **Stepping Stones** (progression over time)
- Igneous **Eruption** (did-not-see-it-coming event)
- Metamorphic **Moment** (complete "yes," faith solidified)

**3. Current experience:** how Jesus is acting in your life now, making life meaningful; the daily relationship with God.

We were then asked to look closer into our God incidents and share with another person. This gave us a starting point in our testimony. Many of you are familiar with sharing God moments from the DC trip on the way home. These God moments in our life give us the ah-ha moments that can give us a jump start in sharing our faith testimony.

*It is hard to express the appreciation I feel for the opportunity of the Parish Missionary Disciple experience. It gave me the tools to better share my faith with others and reinforced what we are put on this earth for, to spread the good news! Our faith is not to be kept to ourselves. We are all called to be parish missionary disciples, within our parish and also beyond our parish boundaries. I would encourage all of you to read books, listen to cd's, watch dvd's, whatever is easiest for you. We have numerous opportunities for spiritual growth within our parish with FORMED, with Lighthouse books and cd's in the parish center, with the RCIA program and the additional group studies offered in our parish. I promise the more you learn about our beautiful Catholic faith the more empowered you will feel to share your faith with others!*

*Please pray for me as I pray for you!*

# St. Joseph's Little Saints

## Summer Scholars!

### May 23 - July 1

### Enrolling Now!



This year's themes:

- May 23 - 27 .....A Hawaiian Luau
- May 30 - June 3.....Creative Artists
- June 6 - 10 .....Vacation Bible School
- June 13 - 17 .....Outer Space
- June 20 - 24 .....A Bug's Life
- June 27 - July 1 .....Campfire Cookout

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

For enrollment information please contact  
Principal, **Shirley Bieser**, (573) 756-6312  
[sbieser@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:sbieser@stjosephfarmington.com)

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



A reflection from Msgr. Charles Pope of the Archdiocese of Washington, titled "The Legacy of Love". Please visit <http://blog.adw.org/> for the entire reflection. Enjoy.



The 5th Sunday of Easter: the text says, ***I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.***

When we hear the phrase "Love one another as I have loved you." we can fall into the trap of thinking, "Uh oh, I have to do more! I have to try harder. Because He loved me, now I, with the power of my own flesh, have to love others." But this is not the gospel. The phrase is not about rules; it's about relationship. Jesus is not just saddling us with more responsibilities. He is equipping, empowering, and enabling us to love with the same love with which He has loved us...

Msgr. Pope continues...The Lord does not just say, "Love." Rather, He says, "Receive love and then love with the love that you have received."

**In other words**, we have the power to keep His commandments and to love others to the degree that we receive and abide—that is, remain—in His love. We love with His love, not merely with our own love.

**Do not miss this point! Do you see it? This is the Gospel:** by the power of His love and grace we are empowered to love and keep His commandments and to see our lives changed. The Gospel is not a moralism that tells us to obey a bunch of rules. The Gospel is that God has sent His Son, who died for us and rose to give us a wholly new and transformed life, a life that keeps the commands and loves others with the power of God's own love, received and experienced.



**Vacation Bible School**  
**Now Enrolling!!!**

**June 6 - 10, 2016**




**Games & Crafts!!**

**Music, Story and Fun!!**

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





*Thank You*



Parish School of Religion

*for your hard work  
and dedication to  
our Parish School  
of Religion.*

### Parish School of Religion Faculty and Staff

Sitting left to right: Debbie Douglas (first grade), Barb Halter (second grade), Michelle England (second grade), Dolores Eddleman (third grade), Cathy Holmes (fourth grade) and Julie Umfleet (fifth grade). Standing left to right: Cindy Kelso (sixth grade), Louise Brewer (seventh grade), Marge Dill (eighth grade), Fr. Rickey Valleroy (Pastor), Jane Ramos (Coordinator of Religion Education) and Terri Roney (secretary).

### Great Job 4th Grade PSR!!

Students in the St. Joseph's 4th Grade PSR class have been learning about the 10 Commandments this school year. After learning about each Commandment, they made a "stone" naming the Commandment. As a year-end project, they assembled their stones on a poster.

**Front Row:** Alana, Emma, and Emily **Back Row:** Piper, Elena, Sam, Elijah, Eli, and Jaden



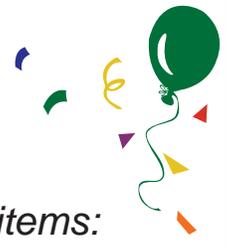
### Picnic Bottle Booth



Our Picnic Bottle Booth has absolutely NO overhead and always generates a good profit. Every year we run out of bottles with people still wanting to play. Please bring all donations into the parish office. As long as it is a nonperishable, unopened, and not expired bottle item, we would love to have it! Thank you!



# St. Joseph's 42nd Annual Parish Picnic!!



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

## The Country Store

- Handcrafted Items
  - Baked Goodies
  - Garden Vegetables
  - Homemade canned jellies, jams and vegetables
- Drop off donations in the parish center.

## Bottle Booth

- Nonperishable, Unopened Bottles
- Drop off donations in the parish center.

## The Greenhouse

- Potted House Plants
- Perennials
- Hanging Baskets

## Silent Auction

- New Items
  - Paintings/Framed Art
  - Gift Certificates, Tickets to Ball Games, Six Flags...
  - Antiques
  - Electronics
- Drop off donations in the parish center.

**Last day for Silent Auction donations  
Friday, June 17**

## Flea Market

- All Unwanted Treasures in good condition (no clothing)

**Thank you for your generous donations!!!  
Picnic Committee will determine where donated items will be placed.**



# Be a Part of St. Joseph's 42nd Annual Parish Picnic

***Our Parish Picnic is only 7 weeks away!!***

***To have a successful picnic we need your help!***



If you have never worked at the parish picnic before and/or if you would like to volunteer to work in an additional or different area please fill out the form below and turn into the parish office, drop in the collection basket or email: [bulletin@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:bulletin@stjosephfarmington.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Area Requesting to Work \_\_\_\_\_

## Coming up in our Parish...



**May 8 - 10**  
Parish Mission  
with Fr. Ron Hoye



**May 15**  
Preschool  
Graduation



**May 17**  
Last Day of School



**May 19**  
Adoration  
Appreciation Dinner



**May 21 & 22**  
Picnic Volunteer  
Sign up after Masses



**May 22**  
Our Father's Table



**June 6 - 10**  
Vacation  
Bible School



**June 19**  
Fr. Dyer  
Farewell Mass



**June 25 & 26**  
Parish Picnic

“Rejoice in hope,  
endure in affliction,  
persevere in  
prayer.”  
**Romans 12:12**



Eucharistic Adoration  
Thursdays • 7:30 am - 7:30 pm  
First Friday of the month  
9:00 am - 2:15 pm

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

**Thursday Adoration  
New Extended Hours:  
7:30 am - 7:30 pm**  
We have time slot that  
needs filled:  
**5:30 - 6:30 pm**  
Please contact Rita to sign up.



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

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

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

**Open Tuesday and Friday  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

For assistance call 756-0997

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

## This Week in Our Parish...

### Monday • May 9

**Parish Mission**  
7:00 - 8:00 pm • Church

### Tuesday • May 10

**Parish Mission**  
7:00 - 8:00 pm • Church  
Reception Following • Parish Center

### Wednesday • May 11

**Prayer Shawl**  
9:00 am • Parish Center

**PSR Living Rosary/ May Crowning**  
6:00 pm • School

**Knights of Columbus Meeting**  
7:00 pm • School

**Rosary**  
7:15 pm • Church

### Thursday • May 12

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

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

### Friday • May 13

**8th Grade Graduation**  
7:00 pm • Church

### Sunday • May 15

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Preschool Graduation**  
11:45 am • School Gym

**Spanish Mass**  
3:00 pm • Church  
Reception Following • Parish Center

## Prayer Shawl Ministry



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

**This Wednesday, May 11  
9:00 am • Parish Center**



### 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



# St. Catherine of Alexandria

**Saturday, May 14**

**Celebrant**

Fr. John Schneider

**Lector**

Betty Vogt

**Extraordinary Ministers**

Wilma McGuire &  
Rosie Eck

**Offertory Bearers**

Curt & Lynette Heberlie

**Mass Intentions**

May 14 - Ralph & Hilda Vogt

**Your Gifts to God and Parish**

Sunday, May 8, 2016

Adult Envelopes .....	\$420.00
Loose.....	<u>\$32.00</u>
Total.....	<b>\$452.00</b>

**Thank You For Your Faithfulness**

***A Note from Fr. Rickey . . .***

Thank you for the great meal provided by the gentlemen of the parish for Mother's Day last Sunday!

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

**Blessings of Easter Joy...Fr. Rickey**

**Saturday 7:30 pm Mass**

Coffman, Missouri  
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Canonical Parish 1919

Parish Council President:  
Jimmy Herzog