

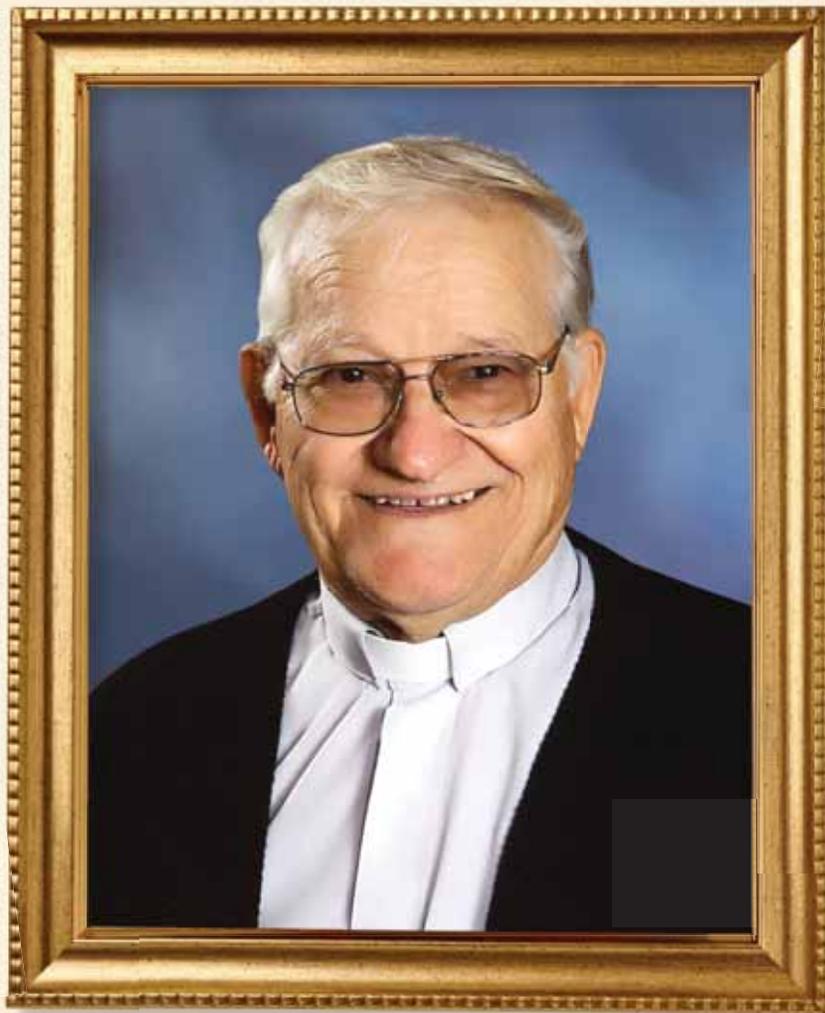
# *St. Joseph Catholic Church*

*Farmington, Missouri*

August 14, 2016

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*In Loving Memory of . . .*

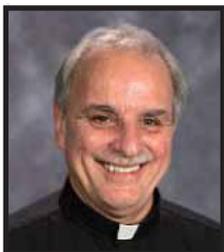


*Our Good and Faithful Servant*

**Deacon Albin A. Gegg**

**November 21, 1931 • August 4, 2016**

**Ordained Deacon: June 6, 1992**

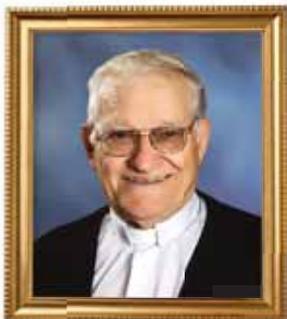


## From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

**We will miss you  
Deacon Al Gegg...  
You Were a Big Part  
of the Heart of  
St. Joseph's**

"What a beautiful celebration to an awesome Deacon"... these are the words that echoed throughout our community this week after we gathered for the funeral mass of **Deacon Al Gegg** this past Monday.



Deacon Al was truly a gift to this parish. Being born and raised in Coffman, his faith was formed from his parish community of St. Catherine's of Alexandria. For over 64 years he and Jeanie were united in marriage, they were members of our parish and raised their family here. Deacon Al was ordained into the Permanent Diaconate of the Catholic Church on June 6, 1992 by then Archbishop John L. May. He faithfully and lovingly served St. Joseph Parish as a Deacon for twenty years until his health forced him to retire in 2012.

**For over 20 years he faithfully served us as an Ordained Deacon of our Church and was always there to support us, our parish, our school, our parish picnic, and always ready to pray for us and with us. Without a doubt we will miss Deacon Al immensely in so many ways.**

I had a tremendous respect for Deacon Al and was sincerely honored to be the main celebrant at his funeral mass. I admired his servant heart... his humble ways and his deep faith. Both Fr. Dyer's heart and mine were touched immensely by his faith and love of the Church. Deacon Al was our friend.

Fr. Dyer's remark during his homily said it well... **"Deacon Al never preached the Gospel from the Ambo but preached it exceedingly well in his living actions of being a deacon and servant to God's people"**.

Our sincere thanks to our Vicar General, **Msgr. Mark Rivituso**, who represented our Archbishop and prayed the final commendation at the Mass, Our thanks to **Fr. Jim Dyer** who truly gave us the message of hope during his homily, to our **choir** for the beautiful music and song, and to our **Women of Mary** for the awesome luncheon that followed the funeral mass, and the many deacons present that came to say farewell to one of their own.

It was his big heart that we loved... and may that heart continue to intercede for us on our journey. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon him, as his faith united him to your people on earth, may your angels now join him to the angels in heaven. Please see the page following my column for memorial pictures of Deacon Al.

***Well done good and faithful servant!***

**Wow. . . Eleven Years  
of Blessings of being your Pastor. . .**

Last week I began my **twelfth** year as your pastor. It's hard to believe how fast the past eleven years have gone by! I am so thankful for the wonderful gift of priesthood God has chosen for me. There are days when the joy of being a priest almost overwhelms me; and of course, as with every vocation, there are those days when the trials can weigh heavy on the heart.

I thank God every day for the gift of priesthood and I pray that He will give young men in our parish who are being called to be a priest the courage and trust to respond generously to that call. Thanks for your continued support and for being such an awesome and faith-filled community. I am blessed to be your pastor.

If I am blessed to be your pastor for one more year, I will have the distinction of having the longest stay of any pastor in our history!!

**Our First All School Mass  
of the New School Year will be  
Friday, August 19**

Our first all School mass for our new school year will be held **Friday, August 19, at 8:05 am**. All parishioners, parents and grandparents are most welcome to come to this mass as we **"officially"** begin our new school year by celebrating the Holy Eucharist, the very center of why they are in a Catholic School.

## We Welcome Our Students Back to Our Parish School This Week

This Wednesday, we will warmly welcome our students, their families and our faculty to a new school year. Our school is part of our parish mission to fulfill our baptismal calling by prayer, worship, teaching and in sharing our faith and serving others. **St. Joseph Parish is committed to our Parish School being a school in which our Catholic faith permeates all facets of the educational process and program.**

As a community we continue to strive to promote the development of the whole person by sharing our faith and seeking to provide opportunities for the growth of all. **The community of St. Joseph's gives witness to our faith through our way of life, the Eucharist we celebrate and the service we render.** Prayer and the Eucharist are celebrated joyfully and with full participation of our children and teachers.

Everyone at St. Joseph's School, staff members, parents/guardians, and children, are asked to be **committed** to forming a community of faith which gives witness to Jesus' message and to God's goodness and holiness through our service to others. We are committed to excellence in education, to the development of our shared faith-life, and to the personal growth of each person.

**Parents** have the primary role in the education and self-development of their children and we at St. Joseph's are responsible for **assisting** parents/guardians in the fulfilling of these responsibilities.

Our principal, **Mrs. Shirley Bieser**, is truly committed to providing an environment in which our children can grow into mature and integrated persons through the development of his/her spiritual, cognitive, moral, emotional, social, and physical gifts and talents. To continue to grow in self-esteem and self-discipline; learn to work, play, and pray with others in ways that are mutually supportive, enriching, and respectful.

Please join us at our Open House **Tomorrow, August 15 at 6:00 pm!!** We will begin in the Church with our guest speaker from the Archdiocese, **Lynne Lang**, teaching our families about the importance of **Virtue Based Restorative Discipline** and how to implement it in our homes followed by a prayer to begin our school year!! We will then dismiss the children to their classrooms. Children are welcome to bring in their school supplies at this time.

We hope that each child registered at St. Joseph's Catholic grade school and their family will demonstrate a desire for the special kind of school where Catholic teaching and moral information is an integral part of the school. **We hope that all families participate fully in the social and spiritual life of the parish.**

A gentle reminder to parents, if your child is going to a Catholic school, please make sure that they attend mass on Sunday. **If the Eucharist is the center of your family's life, I promise you a very life giving and rewarding experience of true Catholic education here at St. Joseph's.**

Like the marks of the Church proclaimed in our Creed, - **One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic** – so, too, does the Holy See identify the principle features of a school as Catholic: **1) A Catholic school should be inspired by a supernatural vision, 2) founded on Christian anthology, 3) animated by communion and community, 4) instilled with a Catholic world view throughout its curriculum, 5) sustained by gospel witness.** These benchmarks help to answer the critical question: **Is this a Catholic School according to the mind of the Church?**

## PSR Open House Wednesday, August 31

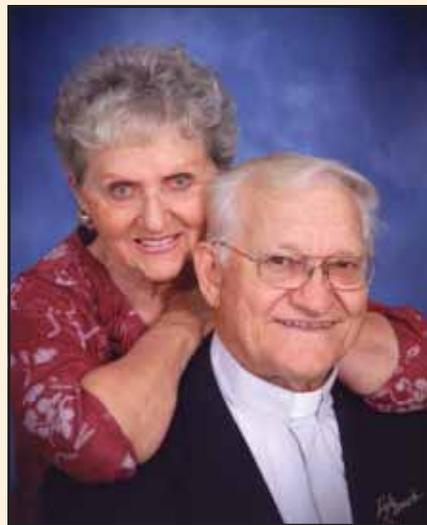
Our PSR program will begin on **Wednesday, August 31** in our **school gym** with the family rosary and open house to follow. **All parents and children are expected to attend.** If you have not returned your registration form please do so as soon as possible so that we can organize classes and supplies. You may return the forms by bringing them to the parish office.

All students preparing for their First Holy Communion this year must have participated in last year's first grade class. Any student wishing to be confirmed this spring **must** have attended our PSR program since receiving their First Communion. Looking forward to another great year!!

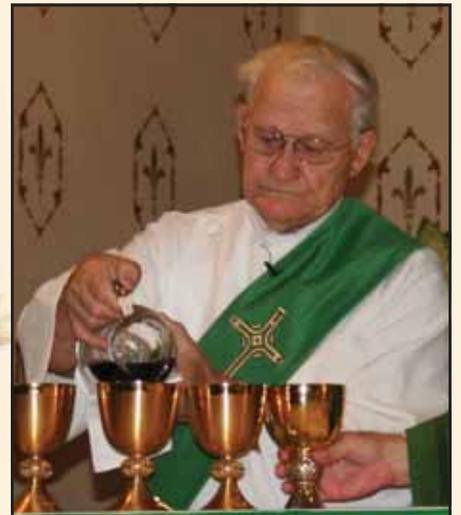
## And Finally...

**"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 Peace...Fr. Rickey**



*As his faith united him to your people on earth, may your mercy now join him to the angels in heaven...*





# St. Joseph's Parish Ministry Weekend

## after all Masses

### NEXT WEEKEND,

### August 20 & 21

### St. Joseph Parish Center



Please join us after Mass for snow cones, popcorn & a snapshot of our parish ministries! Ask questions, sign up and find the perfect ministry to fit your life.

## Parish Ministries and School Organizations

- |                      |                           |                             |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Pastoral Council     | Preschool                 | Garden Club                 |
| Knights of Columbus  | School Teachers           | Prayer Power                |
| St. Vincent de Paul  | Parish School of Religion | ACTS                        |
| Women of Mary        | RCIA                      | Parish Missionary Disciples |
| Athletic Association | Art Club                  | Choir                       |
| Yesterday's Kids     | Our Father's Table        | Dinner Auction              |
| Prayer Shawl         | Lighthouse Catholic Media | Home & School Association   |
| Rosary               | Respect Life Committee    | Eucharistic Adoration       |
| School Board         | Art Club                  | Youth Ministry              |

**Be sure to stop at each table and sign up for attendance prizes!!**

### Our Pastoral Team

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

Scott Watson ..... Pastoral Council

Jim Eaton ..... Financial Commission

Ed Brown ..... Cemetery Association

Mike Ward ..... 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



August 14

**Rick Conklin  
Tim Kingdon**

August 15

**Marty Colvin  
Jenny Davault  
Bobbie Gaines  
Denise Gober  
Kevin Hale  
Emma Hernandez  
Keith Ratliff  
Mary Lou Schuler**

August 16

**Alison Burd  
John Miller**

August 17

**Genevieve Fedele  
Zoey Gerwitz  
Matt Greif  
Nick Juliette**

August 18

**Benjamin Dore'  
Maria Neurohr**

August 19

**Chris Hennes  
Collin Huitt**

August 20

**David Blunt  
Caitlyn  
Cassimatis  
Dylan Patton**

### Spanish Mass Next Sunday



All are welcome to join our Hispanic community for our monthly Spanish mass next **Sunday, August 21 at 3:00 pm.** A pot luck gathering will follow in the parish center.

### Happy Anniversary

August 14, 1995

**Ron & Sandi Brooks**

August 14, 2008

**Matt & Tonja Herbst**

August 16, 2008

**Keith & Liezl Blessing**

August 16, 1970

**Denis & Patricia Moore**

August 18, 1993

**Dwayne & Vicky Damba**

August 20, 1994

**Ted & Stacey Cassimatis**



## Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of August 15 - 21

- Monday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 Readings: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56  
 7:00 am: **Clarence Dollinger**
- Tuesday: Weekday**  
 Readings: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30  
 7:00 am: **Frieda Brown**
- Wednesday: Weekday**  
 Readings: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16  
 7:00 am: **Charles & Matilda Ganning**
- Thursday: Weekday**  
 Readings: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14  
 7:00 am: **Dale Meyer**
- Friday: Weekday**  
 Readings: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40  
 7:00 am: **Marie Niedert**

### Twenty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time

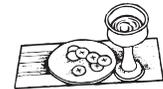
Sunday Readings: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

- Saturday:**  
 5:00 pm: **Michael Sales**
- Sunday:**  
 7:30 am: **Johnson Family**  
 9:00 am: **Everett Dee Akers**  
 10:30 am: **Parishioners**

## St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Mission Statement

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

## Ministers of the Liturgy



### Saturday, August 20

#### 5:00 pm Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganosa  
**Deacon:** Deacon Mark Byington  
**Lector:** Rustico Ramos  
**Extraordinary Ministers:**  
 Kevin Boatright, Laura Denkler, Ron Brooks,  
 Sandi Brooks  
**Ushers:** Buddy Bordewick, John Jones, Dylan Kelso,  
 Mike Kelso  
**Servers:** K. Ramos, K. Ramos, K. Ramos  
**Cantor:** Jane Ramos

### Sunday, August 21

#### 7:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganosa  
**Deacon:** Deacon Mark Byington  
**Lector:** Jennifer Rhodus  
**Extraordinary Ministers:**  
 Jerry Bach, Charlie Dill, Marge Dill,  
 Joe Rhodus  
**Ushers:** Gerald Hulsey, Chester Ott, Phil Roth,  
 Scott Watson  
**Servers:** K. Busenbark, C. Watson

#### 9:00 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy  
**Deacon:** Deacon Mark Byington  
**Lector:** Vanessa Trokey  
**Extraordinary Ministers:**  
 George Kracke, Sandi Kracke, Charlotte  
 Vander Bol, Jayne Wooldridge  
**Ushers:** Mike Backer, Dan Combs, John England,  
 Ed Wooldridge  
**Servers:** C. Brown, J. Pikey, K. Wade  
**Cantor:** Tom Berkbigler

#### 10:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy  
**Deacon:** Deacon Mark Byington  
**Lector:** Helen Thurman  
**Extraordinary Ministers:**  
 Jane Allen, Theresa AuBuchon, Charles  
 Boyd, Jill Patton  
**Ushers:** Bob Bone, James Cissell, Chuck Koppeis,  
 Chris McTearnen  
**Servers:** L. Colligan, O. Rastorfer, Y. Rizo  
**Cantor:** Susan McMann

## Monday, August 15, 2016

### Sacristans

Pat Beussink, Jana Doré,  
 Marie Hermann, Jo  
 Rustemeyer, Sandi Brooks

### Money Counters

Beulah Carrow, Jackie  
 Maloney, Nancy Ott,  
 Carolyn Rigdon

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

*Our petition for this week will be:*

*“For all of our students, faculty and staff as they prepare for a new school year.”*



**Join Father Abe for our Parish Rosary each week!!**

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

**Kelsey (Eric) Koppeis**

**Corey (Scott) Schrum**

**Lauren (Rodney) Vessel-Pinkston**

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



**“Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”**

Luke 12:51

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today’s world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

**Your Gifts to God and Parish**  
Sunday, August 7, 2016

Adult Envelopes	\$12,024.72
Loose	\$486.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$1.00
Assumption	\$95.00
Electronic Deposit	<u>\$1,630.00</u>
	<b>\$14,236.72</b>

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$14,236.72	\$69,476.94
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$11,350.00</u>	<u>\$68,100.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	\$2,886.72	<b>\$1,376.94</b>

Latin American Collection	\$3,196.62
Partners in Education	\$405.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$331.00
Peter’s Pence	\$10.00
Our Father’s Table	\$363.00
Cemetery Perpetual	\$5.00
Secret Santa	\$5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	<u>\$5.00</u>
Total for Specials	<b>\$4,320.62</b>

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

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers...**

We pray for the repose of the souls of

**Deacon Albin Gegg**

husband of Jeanie, father to Tim (Barb) Gegg and brother-in-law to Marilyn Gegg

**Dr. Dominador Santos**

husband of Mamerta and long time parishioner

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

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

Please pray for: Karen Wahoff, Laura McFarland, Carl Holmes, Luz Arganiosa, Gabe Hendricks, Linda Cosby, John Miller, **Jody Miller**, **Loretta Brundege**, Diane McCall, Noel VanderBol, Pat Heys, Sue Riutta, Sherrie Calbreath, David Calbreath, Brandon Boucher, Dorothy Wolff, Kevin Kemp, Nathan Pyatt, Joanna Ward, Justin Brooks, Jimmie Boyd, **Genny Bailey**, **Dottie Reeves**, **Verna Springs**, Norman Blankenship, **Lesley Hughes**, Chaeleigh Concannon, **Wilma Whitworth**, **Cathy Barron**, **Wilma Kernan**, Jim Pope, Doug Cartee, **Russ Buescher**, **Joyce Wozniak**, Jeremy and Mark Huels.

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

## *A Message from Fr. Abe...*

### **The Fire of the Spirit**

*By Fr. Abe Arganiosa*



The Lord Jesus is the Man of Peace, the Lamb of God who was meek on the cross. Yet in our Gospel [Lk 12:49-53] Jesus is talking of fire and division... of dividing families. In what way must we understand this difficult passage?

First, the fire mentioned by Jesus reminds us of the Spirit [Pentecost] that came to the Apostles like tongues of fire [Acts 2:3]. It removed their fears, transformed them into courageous witnesses of the Gospel. The Lord is challenging us not to be afraid to face the challenges of life and to proclaim the faith with fire of the Spirit. In the Old Testament, the People of God were protected from the forces of Pharaoh by the pillar of fire [Ex 13:21] and so Jesus reassures us that we shall be protected from the power of Satan if we put our trust in Him as Moses did. Those who put their trust in the Lord find their strength renewed. They fly like an eagle and they overcome all obstacles of life [Is 40:31].

Second, about family relationship the Lord is telling us that indeed there are wars and fighting in the family. Yes, even at home there are battles to be fought. There are a lot of occasions wherein family members oppose our faith or even invite us to sin or to accept a mindset and lifestyle contrary to Gospel values. The Lord Jesus is telling us to be strong: to stand in the path of goodness and truth even when those who are closest and dearest to us are asking us to do the contrary. This is what the Church calls 'moral fortitude' which is the inner resolve to stand for what is right and true even in difficult situation. Fortitude is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is asking us to fight, but not in the way of the world where good is disposed and life is trampled upon. Fight in the way of love, goodness and truth. Evil can only be defeated by good and the power of love. The weapon of Jesus is the Sacrifice not violence, fear or intimidation.

May the Lord send forth His saving grace so that we can proclaim the faith with courage and win over the difficulties of life with fortitude of the same Spirit.

## **Protecting God's Children Upcoming Workshop**

**Tuesday, September 6**

6:00 - 8:30 pm

Parish Center

For more information contact  
The parish office at 756-4250 or  
[secretary@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:secretary@stjosephfarmington.com)  
Please, no children allowed.

***This will be the only workshop offered  
at our parish this year!!***



## **Celebrating the Year of Mercy...**

Mark your calendars for  
a one night class with  
**Fr. Abe Arganiosa on ...**

***"God's Gift of Mercy Through the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation"***

**Tuesday, August 23**

**JUBILEE  
OF MERCY**

**7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Parish Center**



**Please call the parish office to sign up!**

# Daddy thinks I'm quite THE CATCH!

**Choose  
Life**



The current respect life billboard features the grandson of Charlie and Rita Boyd.



## Parkland Pregnancy Resource Center RN Job Opportunity!!!



The Parkland Pregnancy Resource Center non-profit charity organization is seeking a part-time **Medical Services Director**. The Medical Services Director will meet with patients, conduct pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and STI testing; will oversee nurse volunteers; will coordinate the CARE abstinence program in local schools; and will seek to promote the PRC in the community. A qualified applicant must be a licensed RN with a heart for ministry, serving the community, and an active member in their home church. The PRC will provide ultrasound training if needed. Hours are Monday – Thursday 9 am – 4 pm with occasional early or evening appointments as well providing 25-30 hours per work week. Resumes can be hand delivered to the PRC Monday – Thursday between 9am and 4pm. For questions, please call 573-431-6001 and ask for Linda or Becky.

**Parkland PRC • 815 E. Main St. • Park Hills, MO 63601 • 573-431-6001**



*Want an Amazing Opportunity in your life  
and the lives of others??*

In search of a loving family for who are interested in making a difference in not only their lives but another's as well! Meet Jose, 16 yrs old from Spain. Jose enjoys bicycling, cooking, going to sporting events, rollerblading, sailing. High School aged students from a variety of different countries are still waiting to hear that a family has chosen them to host. Host families must be able to pass a criminal background check, be open to a host family interview and would have a local coordinator for assistance. Students have their own spending money and medical insurance while here. The host families provide a loving environment, a bed to sleep in, & an extra dinner plate at the table. Once you make the decision to broaden your horizons and just go for it, you will be living an amazing experience! You will develop lifelong friends and enjoy a forever relationship with an international teenager and their family! Please contact me for details and to view student profiles! This is an exciting opportunity for all involved! Email Julie at [j.orr@cetusa.org](mailto:j.orr@cetusa.org) or call me at 314-703-6070.

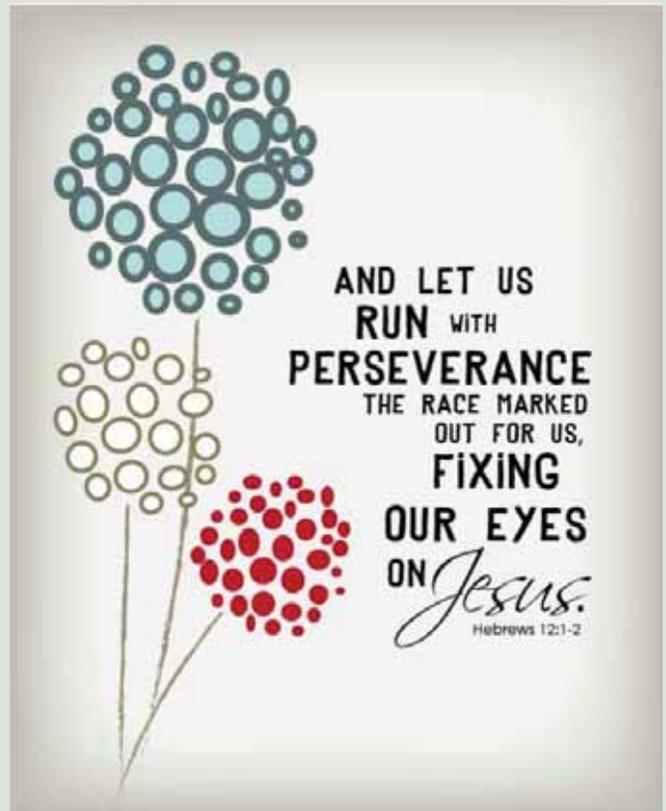
## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen.

### *A Prophet's Lot*

Jeremiah loved Jerusalem and its people. He spoke the word of God to them, that they might change their evil ways and return to the Lord with prayer and supplication for deliverance from their foes. The city of Jerusalem was under siege, threatened by famine and in dire straights. The king and the people believed, as false prophets told them, that because they inhabited the holy city and held the Ark of the Covenant, no one could conquer them, and that God would save them. Jeremiah told them the opposite.

He said that if they did not turn back from their unfaithfulness, they would be conquered and destroyed, and the people taken into slavery. They did not want to hear this, and plotted against Jeremiah. But God saved him from their hands, and although they were conquered and taken into slavery in Babylon, Jeremiah went with them to their fate, ever the faithful prophet.



### *The Greatest Prophet*

Jesus tells the disciples what they do not expect to hear. He tells them that he has not come to bring peace, but division. He prophesies that people will be divided by the power of his words, families torn by disagreements. We are seeing the same in our own country and in our Church at the present time. Paul teaches that, surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, the saints, we should keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. He endured the cross for the sake of believers, enduring its shame and pain for the sake of the reign of God. He endured opposition so that we might "not grow weary and lose heart." We have not resisted "to the point of shedding blood." So we must be brave, trust in Jesus to be telling us what we may be puzzled to hear, and walk in faith toward "the joy that [lies] before [us]."

Today's Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

## New to our Parish?

You enter this Church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. As a baptized person, you enter it as a son or daughter of the Father in Christ. This House of God, therefore, is your family home. Come in then with humility of mind, joy of heart and thanks on your lips. Acknowledge the Lord's presence in the Tabernacle and adore Him. Come in and pause in prayer in the midst of your busy life and its many worries. Be grateful to those who, for the glory of God and in honour of St. Joseph, built this place of worship with faith and sacrifice, and sanctified it with their songs and prayers.

Anyone who wishes to practice the Catholic faith by attending this Church may consider St. Joseph's as their own parish.



## Pope Francis

### *"Speaks to Families"* Put on Faith

"Put on faith": what does this mean? When we prepare a plate of food and we see that it needs salt, well, we "put on" salt; when it needs oil, then you "put on" oil. "To put on," that is, to place on top of, to pour over. And so it is in our life, dear young friends: if we want it to have real meaning and fulfillment, as you want and as you deserve, I say to each of you, "Put on faith," and life will take on a new flavor, life will have a compass to show you the way. "Put on hope," and every one of your days will be enlightened and your horizon will no longer be dark but luminous. "Put on love," and your life will be like a house built on rock; your journey will be joyful because you will find many friends to journey with you. Put on faith, put on hope, put on love!...

But who can give us all this? In the Gospel we hear the answer: Christ. "This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to him!" Jesus brings God to us and us to God. With him our life is transformed and renewed, and we see reality with new eyes, from Jesus' standpoint, with his own eyes. For this reason, I say to everyone of you today: "Put on Christ!" in your life, and you will find a friend in whom you can always trust; "Put on Christ," and you will see the wings of hope spreading and letting you journey with joy towards the future; "put on Christ," and your life will be full of his love; it will be a fruitful life. Because we all want to have a fruitful life, one that is life-giving for others.



## How can we help you?

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

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

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

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

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



## Our Thanks To

Linda Gillespie

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



## Paul VI Institute College Course

### The Gospel of Luke & ACTS

Instructor: Fr. Rickey

Class Begins: September 20

Class Ends: November 22

Tuesday Nights • Parish Center

7:00 pm - 9:15 pm

\*Sign up online date will open soon

\*2 hours of college credit

### Course Description:

This class provides a study of the main themes of St. Luke's Gospel and the account of the early Church as found in the Acts of the Apostles.

**It will help teachers discover deeper insights of Sacred Scripture.** The instructor's hands-on teaching approach will renew your faith and deepen your devotion to the Eucharist so to easily bring it to the classroom.

## St. Catherine's Turkey Shoot

We are having our **Bottle Booth** again this year and need your help! This booth has absolutely NO overhead and generates a good profit. All donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at St. Catherine's Parish Hall or St. Joseph's Parish Office. Any nonperishable, unopened, unexpired bottle items will be accepted.



## St. Joseph Catholic School

*Strong Academics in the Catholic Tradition*

### Open House

**Tomorrow, August 15**  
**6:00 pm • Church & School**

Please join us in commencing our **2016-2017 school year** with our guest speaker from the Archdiocese, **Lynne Lang**, who will speak to us about Virtue Based Restorative Discipline and how to bring it into our homes.

We will gather in the church, listen to our speaker, connect in prayer and then hear a message from our principal, **Mrs. Shirley Bieser**.

Your teachers will be excited to see their new students in their classrooms! Students are welcome to bring their school supplies to their classrooms following the gathering in the church.

We look forward to a year of enrichment and blessings for our students, teachers and faculty.



**Now Registering  
for PSR Classes**



Parish School of Religion is now registering both "new" students and re-registering returning students. Registration forms are available in the back of Church or in the Parish Office.

**PSR begins Wednesday, August 31.** Please make sure your child is registered. Children will not be admitted to class until they are registered.

### Advertiser of the Week...

This week we would like to thank...

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## Coming up in our Parish...



**August 17**  
First Day of School  
Early out



**August 20 & 21**  
Parish Ministry Social  
After all Masses



**August 22**  
Money Counter  
Appreciation Breakfast



**September 12-14**  
Yesterday's Kids  
Eureka Springs Trip

**"We adore You,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
here and in all Your  
churches in the  
whole world, and we  
bless You because  
by Your holy cross You have  
redeemed the world."**



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

We have an open slot:  
**3:30 - 4:30 pm • Thursdays**  
Please contact Rita to sign up.

## This Week in Our Parish...

### Monday • August 15

**School Open House**  
6:00 pm • Church & School

### Wednesday • August 17

**First Day of School**  
11:30 am Dismissal

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

**Rosary**  
7:15 pm • Church

### Thursday • August 18

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

### Saturday • August 20

**Parish Ministry Weekend**  
After 5:00 pm Mass • Parish Center

### Sunday • August 21

**Parish Ministry Weekend**  
After All Masses • Parish Center



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

In today's Gospel Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it be accomplished!

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

For assistance call 756-0997

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



## Our Gifts to St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you St. Joseph for your generosity for the month of July to St. Vincent de Paul, **\$1,299.00** was given in our monthly S.V.D.P. envelopes.



**Eucharistic  
Adoration  
First Friday  
of the Month**  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

## Interested in Adoration? Volunteers Needed!!

We are scheduling First Friday Adoration time slots from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm in one hour increments. If you would like an opportunity to spend time with Jesus but can't commit weekly, Here is your chance!

**Please call the parish office today to sign up for a one hour, once a month commitment to rest in the presence of God.**

Please note it is required that **two individuals be present during Adoration at all times.** If we do not have committed individuals for each hour, we may have to reevaluate the parishioners need of this devotion.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

**This Wednesday, August 17**  
**9:00 am • Parish Center**

All are welcome!! We provide shawls and lap blankets for those in need of comfort and solace. We also invite you to contact **Sandi Brooks 756-4250** if you know of individuals who may want to receive a prayer shawl.



# St. Catherine of Alexandria

**Saturday, August 20**

Your Gifts to God and Parish

**Celebrant**

Fr. Rickey Valleroy

**Lector**

Rosie Eck

**Extraordinary Ministers**

Helen McDaniel &  
Joyce Heberlie

**Offertory Bearers**

Jimmy & Susie Herzog

**Mass Intentions**

Aug 20 - Ronnie Hahn Jr.

Saturday, August 6, 2016

Adult Envelopes .....	\$560.00
Loose.....	\$94.00
Assumption of Mary.....	\$10.00
Latin America Apostolate.....	<u>\$185.00</u>
Total.....	<b>\$849.00</b>

Thank You For Your Faithfulness

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

Please Note: **Lisa will be gone two weeks in September, so we will need ALL Silent Auction items turned in to the parish hall by August 31!!!**

There will be a Ladies of Sodality meeting following Mass TODAY, **August 13.**

**Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey**

Saturday 7:30 pm Mass  
**Happy Anniversary**  
**Francis & Betty Vogt**  
August 20

**Happy Birthday**  
Wilma McGuire • August 19