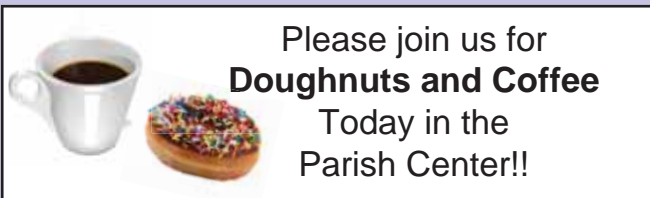


St. Joseph Catholic Church *Farmington, Missouri*

December 4, 2016 • Second Sunday of Advent



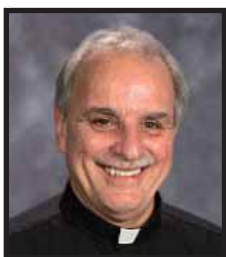
Please join us for
Doughnuts and Coffee
Today in the
Parish Center!!



Our Confirmation Class will
be collecting outside of
Church today for their
"Adopted" family!

Congratulations to
Chris and Amy
Martin who won
"Show your love
to the world" at
our last Young
Couple's Evening!
Happy 10th
Anniversary!!





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

THIS Thursday, 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...

\$10,656 was raised for Secret Santa!!!

Last Sunday evening **165** ladies from our parish gathered in a beautiful candlelight setting for a very reflective evening themed "**Mary's Yes**". Our heartfelt thanks to the **22** women who graciously hosted a table... to **Elizabeth Westhoff** from our Archdiocese for her heartfelt presentation... to **Shirley Bieser** for her beautiful reflection... to **Daryl Buchheit** for the gift of his awesome music and song... and to **Kathy Dziewa** 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 25 Catechumens and Candidates Who Now Enter the Period of the Catechumenate

What a joy it is to announce that this year we have **25** individuals in our RCIA class. Today at the 9:00 am mass we will welcome these 25 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.

Cassie Black	Cody King
Janel Egan	Kevin Jennings
Linda Hicks	Lane Tyler
Tabatha Hickson	Aiden Vaughn
Whitney Hutson	Rose Aramy Chavez

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.

Elizabeth Garcia	Nick Tyler
Jamie Henson	Jessica Vaughn
Jonathon Hickson	Patti Whitener
Connie Hulsey	Dakotah Bender
Corey Hulsey	Joey Bender
Madison Kowalski	Wyatt Bender
Kim Tyler	Isabella Sigafos
Robert Sigafos	

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

**Benjamin Egan Mia Garcia Carson Hickson
Samuel Egan Bentley Hickson Mia Hutson**

Take Home an Advent Booklet to help your spiritual preparation. . .

Please be sure to pick up an Advent booklet by **The Word Among Us** to take home with you. These are great spiritual books with daily meditations to aid in spiritual Advent preparation for Christmas. They are available in the back of church.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation to be Offered All Day Long Friday, December 9

On **Friday, December 9** we will offer an entire day from **8:00 am until 6:00 pm** for the reception of the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*. During Advent, families will clean and decorate their homes and plan for visits from relatives and friends. This invitation is about spiritual preparation of our hearts in order to welcome Christ. Please see page 9 for the schedule that outlines the time each priest will hear confessions.

The Confirmation Class is Collecting For Their “Adopted” Family...TODAY

Our Confirmation Class is "adopting" a family this year. The eighth grade will collect donations from our parish family to join with their own contributions after all masses **Today!!**

The Confirmation class is doing 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 a family in need by giving a donation during this special holiday collection.

Our Holiday “Giving Tree” is up and ready for you to pick an ornament to help those visiting St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

Our **Women of Mary** are again sponsoring a holiday **"Giving Tree"** to benefit our St. Vincent de Paul organization. Since many of our clients who visit our St. Vincent de Paul come only once a month, we are hoping to have some Christmas presents available for them and for their children in early December. The tree is located in the entry of the Parish Center.

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

Thanks to everyone for your support to our holiday giving tree each year. As always, you are so generous to those in need from our local community. May God bless your generous hearts.

Remember Your Loved 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 for our Christmas season. An envelope is included in your December packet of offering envelopes. The names of those who are especially remembered in this way will be listed in our December 25 bulletin. The printer's deadline for this bulletin is **Tuesday, December 19**. Please note that the extra funds collected are placed in a restricted flower fund and are used for decorating our Sacred Space year round.

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. Last year we assisted **38 families or individuals**. Some examples of folks who benefited are:

- A family that needed assistance with an electric bill
- Assisted a family with their moving expenses
- Assisted a family with funeral expenses after a loss in their family
- An elderly couple with their hospital expenses

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

If you would like to participate in this **“quiet holiness”**, please use the envelope found in your December monthly offering package.

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



Advent by Candlelight 2016

“Mary’s Yes”



A total of **\$10,656** was raised for our “Secret Santa” funds to help the needs of some of our parishioners this Christmas season.

A Special Thank You To

Elizabeth Westhoff
Shirley Bieser
Daryl Buchheit, musician

and to the special table
hostesses for the evening:



- Jami AuBuchon
- Sue Brown
- Pat Buessink
- Tiffani Busenbark
- Danielle Carron
- Jana Dore
- Kathy Dziewa
- Risha Gaines
- Dana Gilliam
- Emily Hale
- Joyce Heberlie
- Mandy Hubbard
- Phyllis LaPlant
- Jen Maloney
- Michelle Podolak
- Carol Rigdon
- Terri Roney
- Mary Ann Sullivan
- Sam Wade
- Mandy Whitener
- Madge Winch
- Jayne Wooldridge



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

Eucharistic Prayer II

Our Pastoral Team

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Happy Birthday



December 4

Nicole Dowell
Doug Johnson
Dolores Neumeier
Mary Neville

December 5

Julie Nicholson

December 6

Chris Fingerhut
Connie Jung

December 7

Sue Brown
Pamela
Jaycox

December 8

Joshua
Gerstner
Diep Phan

December 9

T. J. Benoist
Harold
Crawford, Jr.
Carol Hawkins
Kathy Hinkebein
Luis Ruiz
Jennifer Swinarski
Connie Thebeau

December 10

Carleen McDermott

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 the parish office.

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.



December 4, 1999

Sterling & Julie Pfeifer

December 7, 2001

James & Renee Johnson

15 Years!

For those needing to plan ahead...

Confirmation - Tuesday, April 4, 2017

First Communion - Saturday, April 22, 2017

Welcome...

We warmly welcome to our Parish Community the following Parishioners...

Thomas and Diane Hoehn

St. Joe's Yesterday's Kids



Holiday Brass Trip Reminder!!!

We will be leaving This **Tuesday, December 6 at 11:30 am** from the Lober Building parking lot.



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of December 5 - 11

- Monday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
7:00 am: **Paul Rottler**
- Tuesday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14
7:00 am: **Angela Wade**
- Wednesday: St. Ambrose, Bishop**
Readings: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10;
Mt 11:28-30
7:00 am: **Marilyn Trokey**
- Thursday: Immaculate Conception of BVM**
Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,
11-12; Lk 1:26-38
7:00 am: **Mildred & Francis Olmsted**
8:00 am: **St. Joseph Parishioners**
7:00 pm: **Joe Sansoucie**
- Friday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
7:00 am: **Todd Jokerst**

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday Readings: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10;
Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Saturday:
5:00 pm: **Eugene Smith**

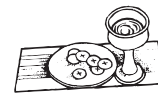
Sunday:
7:30 am: **Todd Jokerst**
9:00 am: **Harold Torrence**
10:30 am: **Parishioners**

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, December 10

5:00 pm Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: John Crouch
Extraordinary Ministers:
Mark Halter, Rosetta Halter, Cindy Kelso,
Mike Kelso
Ushers: John Denkler, Mark Kellogg, Dylan Kelso,
Don Trokey
Servers: B. Armes, A. Burcham, M. Burcham
Cantor: Terry Guiley

Sunday, December 11

7:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Vickey Damba
Extraordinary Ministers:
Charlie Dill, Marge Dill, Kathy Neiner,
Jayne Wooldridge
Ushers: Ed Brown, Gerald Hulsey, Ed
Weidenbenner, Ed Wooldridge
Servers: J. Hulsey, C. Watson

9:00 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganosa
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Dawn Fuemmeler
Extraordinary Ministers:
Jami AuBuchon, Maggie Carr, Rob Grindel,
Doak Holloway
Ushers: Mike Backer, Dale Springs, Mike Turner,
Mike Ward
Servers: M. AuBuchon, N. Berkbigler, M. Williams
Cantor: Michelle Podolak

10:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganosa
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Chad Speakar
Extraordinary Ministers:
Jane Allen, Deanna Dickerson, Phyllis
LaPlant, Terri Roney
Ushers: James Cissell, Roy Henson, Chris
McTearnen, Travis Trolinger
Servers: P. Borrego, C. Cassimatis, Y. Rizo
Cantor: Susan McMann

Monday, December 5, 2016

Sacristans

Sue Brown, Jayne
Wooldridge, Barb Doss,
Geneva Jokerst

Money Counters

Lori King, Ethel Backer,
Anne Crawford,
Carol 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 Peace on earth and good will to men this Advent Season.”

Your Gifts to God and Parish Sunday, November 20, 2016

Adult Envelopes	\$8,132.00
Loose	\$565.30
Spanish Mass	\$125.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$1.00
Electronic Deposit	<u>\$2,990.00</u>
	\$11,813.30

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$11,813.30	\$260,300.29
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$11,350.00</u>	<u>\$238,350.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	463.30	\$21,950.29

Partners in Education	\$95.00
Maintenance and Repair	\$25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$275.00
Retired Religious	\$102.00
All Souls	\$12.00
Human Development	\$541.00
Secret Santa	<u>\$300.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$1,350.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

We pray for the repose of the soul of...

Mike Fischbeck

brother of Mark (Leslie) Fischbeck



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

Your Gifts to God and Parish Sunday, November 27, 2016

Adult Envelopes	\$6,376.00
Loose	\$471.75
Immaculate Conception	\$5.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$1.00
Electronic Deposit	<u>\$465.00</u>
	\$7,318.75

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$7,318.75	\$267,619.04
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$11,350.00</u>	<u>\$249,700.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(4,031.25)	\$17,919.04

Partners in Education	\$120.00
Maintenance and Repair	\$45.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$185.00
Retired Religious	\$20.00
All Souls	\$20.00
Seminaries	\$5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$115.00
Human Development	\$120.00
Christmas	\$20.00
Secret Santa	<u>\$110.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$761.00



**Thanksgiving Day Collection
Thursday, November 24, 2016**

\$1,771.00

Donated to
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!



There will be Eucharistic Adoration
This Thursday, December 8,
The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Eucharistic Adoration will begin after the
8:00 am mass and will end with Benediction
at 6:15 due to the 7:00 pm mass.

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

Please pray for: Gary Bourisaw, Ardie Henson, Kelly Roberts, Sara Hershberger, **Maria Neurohr**, Adam Culley, Laura Johnson, **John Podolak**, **John Karl**, **John Crouch**, Madeline Marler, Carmen, Jason Turntine, Richard Reeves, Frankie Wilson, Hank Forsythe, **John Jones**, Carter Rustemeyer, **Ronnie Jones**, **Charmaine McFarland**, George Bennett, **Clinton Heberlie**, **Jeanie Gegg**, **Steve Paroski**, Charles Govreau, **Ben Schlager**, **Mary Carter**, Ellen Marquart, **Joel Hommelson**, **Mary Lou Schuler**, **Wilma Whitworth**, **Irene Eck**, **Weldon Sullivan**, Mark Huels, **Verna Springs** and **Renee Parmley**.

To add someone to the prayer list contact Pat Boatright at boat.pab75@gmail.com or 756-4169.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

For Advent to be Offered all Day Long
THIS Friday, December 9

8:00 - 10:00 am.....**Fr. Rickey & Fr. Abe**
(school children will be present)

10:00 am - noon.....**Fr. James Dyer**

noon - 2:00 pm.....**Fr. Mark Ebert**

2:00 - 4:00 pm.....**Fr. John Schneider**

4:00 - 6:00 pm**Fr. Abe Arganiosa**

Advent Prayer

Father in heaven,

our hearts desire the warmth of your love
and our minds are searching
for the light of your Word.

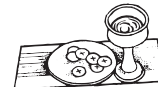
Increase our longing for
Christ our Savior

and give us the strength to grow in love,
that the dawn of his coming
may find us rejoicing in his presence
and welcoming the light of his truth.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.

Holy Day of Obligation Immaculate Conception Thursday, December 8

Ministers of the Liturgy



Thursday, December 8

7:00 am Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer

Lector: Rita Boyd

Extraordinary Ministers:

Charles Boyd, Ronald Brooks, Sandi Brooks, Brenda Donze, Tom Donze

Ushers: Buddy Bordewick, Jack Neiner, Chester Ott, Ed Wooldridge

8:05 am Mass

Priest: Fr. Abe Arganiosa

St. Joseph School Students and Faculty:

Lector, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers and Servers

7:00 pm Mass

Priest: Fr. Abe Arganiosa

Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington

Lector: Helen Thurman

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jana Dore, Mark Halter, Rosetta Halter, Sandi Kracke

Ushers: Jerry Bieser, Gerald Hulsey, Mark Kellogg, George Kracke

Servers: J. Hulsey, K. Gerwitz, S. Zaricor

Cantor: Judy Colligan



Holiday Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception
December 8 • 7, 8 am & 7 pm

Christmas Eve
5 pm & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am

New Year's Day
Normal Sunday
Masses



With Our Heartfelt Thanks...

Our RCIA Leaders, Team and participants would like to thank **the RCIA team and Sponsors** for a great meal and dessert last week!!

This week we will be attending Mass at 7:00 pm for the Holy Day of Obligation, The Immaculate Conception.

All RCIA Leaders, Team Members and participants, please join us in the parish center for cookies & coffee following Mass.

Our Parish is Forming a Youth Choir!



"What do you want of me Lord? Where do you want me to serve You?"

The Youth Choir is a group of middle school and high school students (grades 7-12) who lead the congregation of St. Joseph Parish in song at Sunday liturgies and other special events.

Schedule:

We will rehearse from 5:00-5:45 pm on certain Wednesdays of the month. We will lead the congregation in song at 10:30 am Mass 1-2 times each month.

Our first practice will be **Wednesday, December 14**. Our first mass will be **December 18 at 10:30 am**. Students must attend practice to sing in the choir on Sunday. Students may opt to participate in some or all of the Youth Choir liturgies for the rest of the school year.

* Prerequisite: Students must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph Parish or currently enrolled in St. Joseph Catholic School. Students must be in grades 7-12.

To register or for more information, contact Jane Ramos at 756-6312 or jramos@stjosephfarmington.com

Please join us!



New Adult Choir Forming!



Our parish is forming an adult choir to lead our congregation in song at the 10:30 am mass for the alternate weeks that our Youth Choir sings. **Choir practice will be on Wednesday evenings.**

To sign up or for more information, contact Jane Ramos at 756-6312 or jramos@stjosephfarmington.com

Special Advent Concert Performed by our School Children

Tuesday, December 13, 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**, our music teacher, for her many hours of labor in preparing for this special evening.



Knights of Columbus Council #12332

The Knights of Columbus will still have apple butter and apple sauce on sale. Just call **Mike Ward** at 760-8800

Copper Kettle & Wood Fired 

Apple Butter \$7.00
Apple Sauce \$5.00

A Message from Fr. Abe...

Jesus Comes To Hearts Made Pure

By: Fr. Abe Arganiosa



The first reading [Is 11:1-10] declares: '... a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse... from its roots a bud shall blossom.' It refers to the Kingdom of David that was destroyed, cut off and thought to be dead yet God promised that it will rise again by the birth of the Messiah-King which was fulfilled in Jesus – the Seed of David [Lk 1:35]. His birth then gives us hope that what was hopeless can be accomplished by God. How many of us have been in hopeless cases? How many have been in impossible situation or have carried burdens too heavy? Yet, by faith in Jesus we have surpassed them beyond expectations. **Human life can be simple but is also filled with wonders and miracles wrought by the hand of God working silently in the fiber of our being.**

Then the same prophecy narrated the effects of the coming of the Messiah: Justice and Peace. The Messiah is a Person filled with the Holy Spirit characterized by wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude and fear of the Lord. The Peace that He will bring is not only 'absence of war' [political] but restoration of the order and harmony of nature, i.e., He can reverse the effects of sin in the world back to its original state when everything is Good [Gen 1:31]. Indeed, the Lord Jesus was filled with grace and truth [Jn 1:14-17] and only He has the Word of eternal life [Jn 6:68]. **Jesus is our Teacher and only in Him do we find genuine-lasting Peace.**

In the gospel St. John the Baptist calls for 'Repentance' prior to the coming of God's Kingdom [Mt 3:1-3]. It means that Jesus will not come unless we purify our life from sinfulness. Only in hearts made pure will the Messiah be born for us and in us that is why He came through Mary the Virgin and in the home of Joseph the Just. John himself prepared for the coming of Jesus by prayer and fasting but most of all as he warned the Pharisees what is demanded are acts of goodness [Mt 1:8] and humility [Mt 1:11]. In this Advent Season, then, let us humble ourselves through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and allow the Spirit of Christ to renew us by the power of His love: '**Behold, He makes everything new**' [Is 43:19/ Rev 21:5].



A Message from your Knights of Columbus...

Grand Knight, Mike Ward
Council #12332

Knights of Columbus Meeting:
This Wednesday, December 7
7:00 pm • Parish Center

Breakfast with Santa:
Sunday, December 11
After All Sunday Masses
Cafeteria and Gym



"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

Matthew 3:10

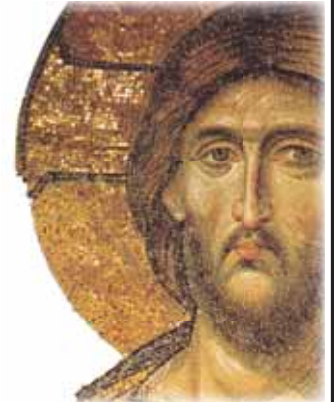
Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God.

What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?



How Well Do You Know **JESUS?** **Priest, Prophet, King**

This Advent Season, give yourself the gift of growing in faith and community!



Please join **Deacon Mark Byington** for a presentation of Priest, Prophet, King, a study program prepared by Bishop Barron.

Deacon Mark will lead us as we discover Jesus as the Anointed One--the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. This will be an opportunity to better understand Jesus and ourselves.

Join us in the school cafeteria on **Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm** to prepare our hearts for the Advent Season to experience Hope, Faith, Joy and Love.

Program dates: **December 7, December 14, January 11, January 18, January 25**

Please RSVP to Jane Ramos at 756-6312 or jramos@stjosephfarmington.com to register.



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 25 bulletin**. The printer's deadline for this bulletin is **Thursday, December 20**. 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 Meeting

Christmas Party
 & Meeting

Tomorrow, December 5
 6:30 pm • 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.

We will have a soup and salad potluck. Soup will be provided. Last names beginning with A-L, please bring a salad and M-Z, a desert. Please join us even if you can not bring a dish!! Plan to have fun... We will enjoy some activities and games and share some Christmas spirit!

Thank You to our Ushers...

I have had to use a walker for over a year, and it will, unfortunately, never change. I do not know what I would do without all of the help that our ushers give me. They take me to a pew when I arrive at Mass, when I am seated, they fold up my walker and take it to the back of the sanctuary so that it's out of the way. I do not want to put it on the side of a pew because it could fall or someone going to communion could collide with it. When it's time for communion, they bring me my walker, open it for me and help me up so I can receive communion. When the Mass is ended, they are there with my walker. They are great guys and it is so kind of them. I very much appreciate all of their thoughtfulness!!!

~ Joyce Wozniak



Women of Mary Giving Tree

The Women of Mary are again happy to sponsor 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 plenty of great Christmas presents available for them and their

children as soon as possible!!

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!!

Merry Christmas!

Santa Claus is Coming to Our "All You Can Eat Breakfast" December 11!!!



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!!!



Bell Ringing

Wednesdays • 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

**December 7 • December 14
December 21**

St. Joseph Parish will once again be participating in the **United Way Bell Ringing** at Walmart in Farmington. There are sign up sheets in the back of church on the windows. We will be ringing at the west door (pharmacy side). Please call Jessi in the Parish Office (756-4250) if you would like to sign up for a time slot, if you cannot make your time, or if you have questions. Dress warm if it's cold, and thank you for your participation!

Baby Items For Christmas



A gift to the babies in our community.



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 Parkland 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!

Coming up in our Parish...



December 6
Yesterday's Kids
Holiday Brass
Concert



December 11
Breakfast with Santa



December 13
Advent Recital



January 24 - 29
DC Pilgrimage



February 3
Young Couples
Evening

My heart sings for
joy and overflows
with gladness, for
the Lord my Savior
is born!



Visit our Newborn King during
Eucharistic Adoration

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



Let us Adore Him.

This Week in Our Parish...

Monday • December 5

Women of Mary Meeting
6:30 pm • Parish Center

Tuesday • December 6

Yesterday's Kids Holiday Brass
11:30 am • Leave St. Joe

Art Club
3:00 pm • Cafeteria

Story Night
6:00 pm • Cafeteria

Wednesday • December 7

Prayer Shawl
9:00 am • Parish Center

PSR
6:00 pm • School
Advent Confessions 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus
7:00 pm • Parish Center

Rosary
7:15 pm • Church

Thursday • December 8

**Holy Day of Obligation
Immaculate Conception**
7:00, 8:00 am & 7:00 pm Masses

Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 am - 6:30 pm • Church
(Due to Holy Day)

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

Sunday • December 11

Breakfast with Santa
Following All Sunday Mass
Cafeteria & Gym

Spanish Mass
3:00 pm • Church
4:00 pm • Potluck in Parish Center



**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."

This is what Advent is all about, for 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.

**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

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St. Catherine of Alexandria

Thursday, December 8
Saturday, December 10

Celebrant

Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector

Dec. 8: Peggy Adams
Dec. 10: John Adams

Extraordinary Ministers

Helen McDaniel
& Joyce Heberlie

Offertory Bearers

Curt & Lynette Heberlie

Mass Intentions

Dec. 8: James Herzog
Dec. 10: Susie Calvin

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Saturday, November 26, 2016

Adult Envelopes	\$365.00
Loose.....	\$46.00
Hall Rental.....	<u>\$150.00</u>
Total.....	\$561.00

Saturday, November 19, 2016

Adult Envelopes	\$705.00
Loose.....	\$65.00
Human Development.....	\$31.00
Retirement Fund	\$5.00
All Saints	<u>\$5.00</u>
Total.....	\$1,444.00



Saturday 7:30 pm Mass

Coffman, Missouri
Founded in 1887
Canonical Parish 1919

Happy Anniversary

December 9
Tom & Linda Smith

Happy Birthday

Alex Cummings	Cory Herzog
December 7	December 10