

St. Joseph Catholic Church *Farmington, Missouri*

February 5, 2017
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Thank you for allowing us to represent you
in Washington, D.C. for the
44th Annual March for Life.*



Front: Chase Watson, Fr. Rickey Valleroy, Parker Hendrixson, John Maloney, Hannah Fingerhut, Joey Bender, Luke Maloney

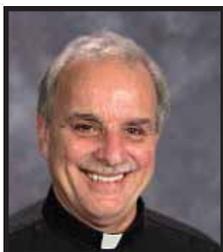
First Row: Janice Tedder, Dakotah Bender, Clayton Mullinax, Clare Maloney, Emma Watson, Wyatt Bender, Hayden Fingerhut, Cindy Kelso

Second Row: Sandi Brooks, Rob Grindel, Connie Grindel, Pattie Whitener, Jill Patton, Betty Combs, Joyce Summers, Zach Kelso

Third Row: Corey Hulsey, Connie Hulsey, Dylan Kelso, Maggie Carr, Dolores Eddleman, Jane Schmidt, Rick Bender, Jen Maloney, Tim Maloney

Fourth Row: Christy Watson, Scott Watson, Faith Watson, Mandy Hubbard, Bryan Hubbard, Gene Eddleman, Mary Ann Sullivan, Ruth Ann Kollmeyer,

Fifth Row: Mike Kelso, Ana Hendrixson, Cassi Hendrixson, Steve Hendrixson, Chris Fingerhut, Becky Fingerhut, Debby Hulsey, Jerry Hulsey, Mark Halter, Rosetta Halter



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

Some of my thoughts on our Pilgrimage to Washington DC ...

**A time of prayer, community
and spiritual growth...**

For 44 years, the March for Life has taken place in our Nation's Capital. I was present for at least 20 of the Marches for I believe that all life begins at conception and in the dignity of all human life... I believe that our physical presence truly makes a difference for our voice to be heard! For several years I had traveled with groups of teenagers from my previous parishes, but for the last 11 years it has been an extreme joy to make the pilgrimage that includes all ages from our parish family.

It is difficult to put into words what our group of **50** parishioners experienced last week on our **11th annual** pilgrimage to our Nation's capitol to participate in the 44th National March of Life. This year was just totally an awesome experience for all... To see the crowd quadruple in size was an amazing sight!!! To have our Vice President to speak on behalf of all the marchers was a moment that we had waited for 44 years for!!! For those who made the pilgrimage this year, they experienced a moment of a lifetime that will forever be etched in their hearts and memories as they continue their earthly journey homeward to God.

What is a pilgrimage? As I stated above, I have been blessed to lead various groups to Washington D.C. throughout the years but for the past 11 years, instead of a trip, it has become a prayerful pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is different from a trip, for a pilgrimage is a journey with the opportunity for spiritual growth and a time to draw closer to God.

Our pilgrims truly opened their hearts to be transformed, renewed, and refreshed in our Catholic identity, communion and faith journey. Through our novena and the intercession of **St. Teresa of Calcutta, our pilgrimage patron Saint**, we came to learn and know much more about our Catholic identity, through prayer, our faith tradition and the holy scriptures.

The bus ride? Being a pilgrim is not the same as being a tourist. The long hours of being on the bus overnight isn't the easiest mode of transportation, but it is a part of the offering of being on a pilgrimage. We do stop about every two hours for a break and a stretch. While enjoying a late evening meal at McDonald's and a nice breakfast at Cracker Barrel, the time seemed to fly this year in comparison to years past.



Being on the bus and the activities such as movies, prayer, card games and just being able to be among family and friends helped the pilgrims to slow down and enjoy the "moments" of the pilgrimage. The pilgrims were encouraged to lovingly place any trials, hardships, pain or brokenness into God's hands to hold throughout the pilgrimage so that they could be free to open their hearts to the "moments" and allow God's grace and peace to enter. We began this year's pilgrimage in Church gathered around our Altar praying over the St. Teresa of Calcutta rosaries and the names of our prayer partners.



The Eucharist is the center of our pilgrimage. We keep the Eucharist the center of our pilgrimage as we try to have mass each day of the journey. This year our Eucharistic celebrations were awesome and life-giving. Two of our masses were held on the bus and our mass on the day of the March is always one of the highlights of the pilgrimage. This year we were especially blessed to have mass in the Cathedral of Washington D.C. at St. Matthew's.



The Laying of the wreath at Arlington. Each year at our planning meeting for our Fall chicken fry to raise funds for the pilgrimage, we draw four names from all of the pilgrims attending. This year **Mary Ann Sullivan, Corey Hulse, Cassi Hendrixson and Jen Maloney** had the honor of representing our parish to lay a wreath in a formal military service at the Tomb of the Unknown. When the guard announced the name of St. Joseph Catholic Church from Farmington, Missouri, one felt an overwhelming sense of patriotic pride and communion with our parish family back home. When taps are played... tears usually follow for those having this once in a lifetime opportunity. Although we could see several of our Nation's landmarks on the pilgrimage, there is a difference: as an old saying sums it up, "Tourists pass through places, but pilgrims let places pass through them, allowing their hearts to be changed."



Participating in the 44th Annual March. This year we joined an estimated crowd of over 400,000!!! To have the opportunity to walk in the National March was truly a moment that touched all of our hearts. Here we were, a small faith community in southeast Missouri joining thousands of others to profess our faith and follow the teaching of St. Teresa of Calcutta to "**Do small things with great LOVE**".

So many parishes strive to fill a bus for this National March. Filling a bus with teenagers is one of the easiest ways. To fill a bus from a parish our size is truly amazing. We had parishioners from the ages of three to seventy on our pilgrimage! We are blessed to stay at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill which is within walking distance to the Capitol and Union Station.



We are so blessed by the support of our parish family for this annual pilgrimage. Thanks to the two fundraisers (the Fall chicken fry and Spring BBQ) as well as some very generous benefactors that provide most of the meals etc... the cost of the 5 day pilgrimage is very affordable for families or individuals.



My thanks to the 50 pilgrims for saying YES and joining us for the our 11th annual pilgrimage. It truly was a faith-filled experience! God blessed us amazingly and I'm sure the pilgrims will forever hold these memories in their hearts.

Next year's Pilgrimage... I thought for certain that this would be our last year attending the March for Life as a parish... Two reasons: One, you would not believe the huge amount of time and effort it takes in planning this pilgrimage and two, this year we had a bit of trouble filling the bus. **Thus, after experiencing this year's March, seeing the momentum and spirit of the crowd, and knowing that we have a President and Vice President in full support of reversing Roe vs Wade, our nation needs every body possible to be present for next year's March! The power of one!!!**

The bus is already filled for next year but we are taking names for the waiting list. This year we had several cancellations throughout the year! **To join us, one must be an active, practicing, contributing member of our parish.** We do allow siblings of parishioners to attend. If you want to join us for possibly our last pilgrimage to our Nation's capital for the 45th March for Life, please let me know soon. Names on the waiting list are taken strictly in the order that they are received.

Each year I experience such a great abundance of God's grace and great love through the pilgrims on this annual pilgrimage. Thank you Pilgrims for making this year's pilgrimage so special. I am so blessed to be your pastor.



The Daughters of St. Paul are joining our Doughnut Sunday Today in the Parish Center

I hope you will join us TODAY for our monthly Doughnut Sunday and visit the **Daughters of St. Paul!** Their publications of Catholic books, music, and DVDs --both for children and adults--will be available for perusal and purchase after this all masses.

Jake Whitener, Husband, father, teacher, coach and St. Joseph Parishioner will be the Guest Presenter at our Men's Evening of Lenten Reflection

On **Tuesday, February 28** from 6:30 - 9:00 pm all men of the parish are invited to an evening of spiritual reflection, awesome fellowship and great food. I am thrilled that our very own **Jake Whitener** will be the guest speaker. This year parishioner, **Ted Cassimatis**, will also give a brief reflection. If you would like to attend this awesome night, please RSVP to the parish office at 756-4250.

Please Note: CORRECTED Annual Contribution Report

Due to my absence last week, information was inadvertently left out of the bulletin and the tax letters that were sent to you. The **Annual Contribution Report** was not fully updated. Please see the following content that is correct and sent in on our Animarum to the Archdiocese:

We currently have **587** registered households here at St. Joseph. Of these, **458** made a monetary contribution in weekly envelopes at least once this past year.

- 67.....gave between \$1.00 - \$99.00
- 110.....gave between \$100.00 - \$499.00
- 83.....gave between \$500.00 - \$999.99
- 101.....gave between \$1,000 - \$1,999.99
- 71.....gave between \$2,000 - \$4,999.99
- 26.....gave over \$5,000.00
- 129.....did not contribute to the parish, of which:
 - 13.....are homebound
 - 44.....**ARE** actively involved
 - 72.....are **NOT** actively involved

Of the 129 households, there is no way to account for loose cash donations given weekly or monthly.

May God truly bless your faithfulness to your parish community. Great things are happening in our parish thanks to the Holy Spirit and to good and faithful people such as you!

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

“Do small things with Great Love...”

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

St. Joseph's 11th Annual Pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington D.C.



Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph,

Thank you for your tremendous support for our recent pilgrimage to Washington D.C. The picture above communicates more meaning than words can convey. It's hard to even begin to find words to express what we, the 50 pilgrims, experienced. Shown above presenting the wreath at the **Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington National Cemetery** are **Corey Hulsey, Mary Ann Sullivan, Jen Maloney and Cassi Hendrixson**.

This wonderful pilgrimage was prayerful and fun. Most of all, it was an experience of a Christ-centered community coming together in the desire to follow Jesus and to witness to our belief in the gift and dignity of life.

Our whole parish benefits in the blessings of the pilgrimage. It was made possible by the prayer and support of so many. We took you with us in our hearts and we could feel your prayers with us on our journey. With deep gratitude to God and to each of you, we pray that the Gift of Life that we hold so dearly, may come to be revered by our nation and our world.

Through the intercession of the St. Teresa of Calcutta, our patron, we were truly blessed again this year! With her help, we hope to live the theme for this year's pilgrimage, **“Do small things with great love” -St. Teresa of Calcutta.**

With our Thanks,
The 2017 D.C. Pilgrims of St. Joseph's



Remarks of Vice President Pence March for Life 2017



On behalf of President Donald Trump, my wife Karen, and our daughter Charlotte, I'd like to welcome you all to Washington, D.C. for the 44th annual March for Life.

And I am deeply humbled to be the first Vice President of the United States to ever have the privilege to attend this historic gathering. More than two-hundred and forty years ago, our Founders wrote words that have echoed through the ages. They declared “these truths to be self-evident.” That we are, all of us, “endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights,” and “that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Forty-four years ago, our Supreme Court turned away from the first of these timeless ideals. But today, three generations hence, because of all of you, and the many more who stand with us in marches just like this across this nation, life is winning in America again. That is evident in the election of pro-life majorities in the Congress of the United States...

...**Life is winning in America.** And today is a celebration of the progress that we have made in the cause.

You know, I have long believed that a society can be judged by how we care for our most vulnerable – the aged, the infirm, the disabled, and the unborn. We've come to a historic moment in the cause of life, and we must meet this moment with respect and compassion for every American.

Life is winning in America for many reasons. Life is winning through the steady advance of science that illuminates when life begins. **Life is winning** through the generosity of millions of adoptive families, who open their hearts and homes to children in need. **Life is winning** through the compassion of caregivers and volunteers at crisis pregnancy centers and faith-based organizations who minister to women, in cities and towns across this country. And **life is winning** through the quiet counsels between mothers and daughters, grandmothers and granddaughters, between friends across kitchen tables, and over coffee on college campuses the truth is being told and compassion is overcoming convenience, hope is defeating despair. **In a word, life is winning in America because of all of you.**

So I urge you to press on.

But as it is written, “**let your gentleness be evident to all.**” Let this movement be known for love, not anger – for compassion, not confrontation. When it comes to matters of the heart, there's nothing stronger than gentleness. I believe we will continue to win the hearts and the minds of the rising generation if our hearts first break for young mothers and their unborn children and we do all we can to meet them where they are, with generosity, not judgment. To heal our land and restore a culture of life we must continue to be a movement that embraces all and cares for all out of respect for the dignity and worth of every person.

Enshrined on the walls of the Jefferson Memorial are the words of our third president, who admonished us to remember that “**God who gave us life gave us liberty.**”

On behalf of the President of the United States, and my little family, we thank you for your stand for life, for your compassion, for your love for the women and children of this nation. Be assured, we will not grow weary. **We will not rest until we restore a culture of life for ourselves and our posterity.**

God Bless you, and God Bless the United States of America.

Remarks of Counselor to the President, Kellyanne Conway March for Life 2017



Good afternoon, March for Life.

I am Kellyanne Conway. Thank you.

I am a wife, a mother, a Catholic, Counselor to President of the United States of America, and, yes, I am pro-life.

It is such an honor to stand with the Vice President of the United States, and with so many leaders, families, and students from places near and far to defend the unborn. Your courage, your conviction, your resolve, and your faith are impressive -- and consequential.

This is a new day, a new dawn for life.

Why are we here? What does it mean to stand together to be part of this incredible movement -- to face criticism, ridicule, laws and lawmakers that diminish and erode our most basic right and the bedrock of our society?

It means, to protect and to promote the most precious the most precious gift in the world: the gift of life.

It means, to stand up, stand tall, and stand together against the indifference and the indefensible; and to stand up, stand tall, and stand together on behalf of babies in the womb.

It is no coincidence that the first right cited in the Declaration of Independence is the right to life. It is a right.

It is not a privilege. It is not a choice. It is God-given. It -- It is unique and it is beautiful.

This dismissive notion of "out of sight, out of mind" is over. Science and medicine have joined religion and morality in causing many Americans to rethink just how fragile and how triumphant human life truly is.

Look at a sonogram. Meet a thriving toddler who was born at 24 weeks and who, with proper medical intervention, goes on to have a long and healthy life. Speak to the many women who have faced challenges becoming and remaining pregnant -- and then welcomed a miracle. Talk to the couples who are now parents because adoption, not abortion, was the best choice.

Every day is a fight for life, yet today is also a celebration of life. It is a time to lift your voices and lift your spirits.

Steps away from here in the White House, a President and a Vice President sit at their desks and make decisions for a nation. As they sit there, they stand here with you. Their impassioned defenses of life as presidential candidates showed a nation that courage and commitment can overcome indifference and insults. And their decisive action as President and Vice President will further this conversation and this cause. This is a time of incredible promise for the pro-life, pro-adoption movement. Our message and our positive action must also reach those women who face unplanned pregnancies. They should know they're not alone; they are not judged. They, too, are protected and cared for and celebrated.

So, to the March for Life 2017, allow me to make it very clear: We hear you. We see you. We respect you.

And we look forward to working with you. And, yes, we walk, we march, we run, and we endeavor forward with you.

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

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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.



Happy Birthday



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| <u>February 5</u>
Bessie Hogenmiller
Mike Thebeau | <u>February 7</u>
Greg Barenbrugge
Rosetta Halter
Chuck Hayden
Chuck Koppeis | <u>February 10</u>
Mary Ann Burns
Jane Hardy
Jeremy Hinkebein
Michael McNamara
Cindy Smith
Corey Wolff |
| <u>February 6</u>
Benjamin Bono
Beulah Carrow
Pat Dastoor
Joan Hampton
Benny Howard
Brad Howard
Brian Odle
Reagan Ragsdale
Miriam Stein | <u>February 8</u>
Dolores Eddleman
Judy Montgomery
JC Odle
Joseph Reed | <u>February 11</u>
Paul Amsden
Mary Burcham
JoAnn Fortman
Shirley Hill
Crystal Hoffman
Norene Leonard |

Happy 70th!



How can we help you?

- I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- I would like to return to full participation in the sacraments.
- I am interested in joining your parish community.
- I am in need of sacramental support.
- I would appreciate a call by the pastor.

Name: _____

Number: _____

Email: _____

Happy Anniversary

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| <u>February 5, 2005</u>
Anton & Golda Aseniero | <u>February 8, 2003</u>
Joe & Michelle Hoffmeister |
| <u>February 6, 1981</u>
Kevin & Maria Adams | <u>February 11, 1956</u>
Carl & Sue Pruetzel |



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of February 6 - 12

- Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions**
Readings: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
7:00 am: **Orval Carrow Family**
- Tuesday: Weekday**
Readings: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
7:00 am: **Wilbert Farrar**
- Wednesday: Weekday**
Readings: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
7:00 am: **Catherine Tantillo**
- Thursday: Weekday**
Readings: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
7:00 am: **Tom Rigdon**
- Friday: St. Scholastica**
Readings: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
7:00 am: **Bertrand Hayden**
8:05 am: **Kathryn Hunter**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

- Saturday:**
5:00 pm: **K. Gandy & C. Thomas**
- Sunday:**
7:30 am: **Parishioners**
9:00 am: **Joe Maloney**
10:30 am: **Jerry Bush**

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

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, February 11

5:00 pm Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Rustico Ramos
Extraordinary Ministers:
Donna Conklin, Laura Denkler, Mark Halter, Jill Patton
Ushers: Buddy Bordewick, John Denkler, Gary Harris, Dylan Kelso
Servers: K. Ramos, K. Ramos, K. Ramos
Cantor: Terry Guiley

Sunday, February 12

7:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Stephen Hunter
Extraordinary Ministers:
Gail Dunn, Jack Neiner, Kathy Neiner, Scott Watson, Jayne Wooldridge
Ushers: Jerry Bieser, Phil Roth, Ed Weidenbenner, Ed Wooldridge
Servers: A. Crawford, J. Hulsey

9:00 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganiosa
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Vanessa Trokey
Extraordinary Ministers:
Rob Grindel, Jennifer Rhodus, Joe Rhodus, Charlotte Vander Bol
Ushers: John Podolak, Dale Springs, Don Trokey, Mike Ward
Servers: M. AuBuchon, E. Barnhouse, A. Coleman
Cantor: Michelle Podolak

10:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganiosa
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Chad Speaker
Extraordinary Ministers:
Maggie Carr, Deanna Dickerson, Phyllis LaPlant, Katie Rhodes
Ushers: John Bieser, James Cissell, Roy Henson, Travis Trolinger
Servers: E. Anderson, C. Cassimatis, E. O'Hara
Cantor: Rita Boyd

St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Mission Statement

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

Monday, February 13, 2017

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| <u>Sacristans</u> | <u>Money Counters</u> |
| Brenda Donze, Linda Gillespie, Karen Jones, Jo Rustemeyer | Donna Black, Mary Brady, Sue Brown, Kathy Neiner, Debbie Thomure |

Opportunities for spiritual growth this week in our parish...

Wednesday Reconciliation

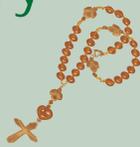
To help start your new year off right... A priest will be available for Reconciliation

**Wednesdays
6:30 - 7:00 pm**



Wednesday Rosary

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 God’s Grace to quiet our minds and listen to Jesus.”

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

“Be still and know the Lord.”

Jesus know everything about us. How well do you know Him? Close your eyes. Think of your favorite image of Him. Be Still! Listen!



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

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, January 29, 2017

Adult Envelopes	\$9,120.00
Loose	\$397.12
First Offering	\$20.00
Immaculate Conception	\$2.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00
Electronic Deposit	<u>\$500.00</u>
	\$10,044.12

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$10,044.12	\$379,892.23
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$11,350.00</u>	<u>\$351,850.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(1,305.88)	\$28,042.23

Partners in Education	\$110.00
Maintenance and Repair	\$100.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$107.00
Devotional Candle	\$3.00
St. Louis Review	\$205.00
Women of Mary	\$223.00
Our Father’s Table	<u>\$15.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$763.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

We pray for the repose of the souls of...

Carolyn Burnia
grandmother of Laina O’Farrell

Ruthie Black
mother of Byron (Donna) Black

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.)

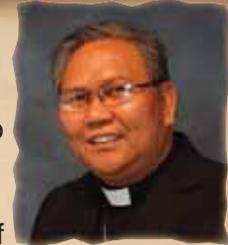
Please pray for: **Steve Paroski, Tammy Russell**, Jamie McHalfey, Shelley Washington, Jessica, Richard Reeves, **Carl Pruetzel**, Sharon Partney, Jim Neville, John Essner, Sandi Essner, **Rose Petinga, Sue Rariden**, Bill Janes, **Ethel Backer**, Alison Fischbeck, Tammy & Bill Mund, Jazlyn Versluys, Cathy Kurata, **Doris Schlosser, Mary Lou Schuler**, Jon Cozean, **Ollie Schumer**, C. Briley, Terry Edgar, **Lou Krapf, Padi Pettus, Loretta Forsythe**, Marilyn Krankel, Bob’s wife, Brenda Preast, Cathy Kurata, **Cathy Schuch, Lu Aldridge**, Mary Jane Huffaker, Ollie Ragsdale, Mark Huels, **John Crouch and Ben Schlager**.

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

A Message from Fr. Abe...

The Salt and Light of the World

By: Fr. Abe Arganiosa



The call to be the salt of the earth and light of the world [cf. Mt 5:13-16] is difficult to comprehend because it is too simple yet too deep for the human heart.

The salt of the earth. Salt preserves food from corruption. When the technology of refrigeration was not yet invented, people relied on the natural power of salts to preserve meat, vegetables and fruits to have enough throughout the seasons. Supplies of salt sustain life and the reverse spells disaster. In addition, salt brings out the flavor of food making it more delicious. It is also noteworthy that when applied on the food salt disappears leaving only its positive effects.

Christian mission then means helping our brothers and sisters be protected from sin. We cannot be like the Serpent who causes others to do evil or seduce them to sin. We baptized are called to help each other live a life of holiness. Much more, we also strive to bring out the goodness and the best in each person. Only an unselfish person can do so because by dying to self we allow the image of God to shine in our hearts and through our faces.

The light of God. In creation the Almighty declared 'Let there be light' [cf. Gen 1:1-2]. During the liberation from slavery, Israel was protected by the 'Pillar of Fire' [cf. Ex 13:21-22]. Then in Pentecost, the Spirit of God came 'like tongues of fire' [cf. Acts 2:3]. We can become a light for others then if we proclaim God's Word who is the light [cf. Ps 119:105; Jn 1:1-3], when the works of our hands are life-giving for others, when our person becomes a pillar of strength for the weak and we renew each day by the fire of charity. That is why St. Paul wrote that he proclaims Christ Crucified rather than worldly wisdom and the prophet Isaiah admonishes us to share our bread to the poor – the corporate work of mercy.

Jesus then is asking us to be His own hands in feeding the hungry, visiting the prisoners, educating the children, helping the weak and proclaiming the Gospel. By doing so we manifest that we are truly the Body of Christ [Church]. Thank God our parish is full of charitable works. Let us continue them and strive to give our best through these apostolates.



A Message from your Knights of Columbus...

Grand Knight, Mike Ward
Council #12332



Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, February 12
After 7:30 & 9:00 am
Masses • Cafeteria

Knights of Columbus Meeting:
Wednesday, March 8
7:00 pm • Parish Center



**"Let your light so shine
before men, that they
may see your good works
and give glory to your
Father who is in heaven."**

Matthew 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine!

Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.



Announcing...

St. Joe's Yesterday's Kids Upcoming Trips!!

FREE

Valentine's Day Bingo

(Hosted by St. Joseph Parish Staff)
Lunch Provided



February 14
1:00 pm

\$250

Nauvoo, IL Overnight Trip



June 13-15

\$40

Church Basement Ladies



September 20

Christmas in Branson



November 15-17

More details to come!
Mark your calendars!

Men's Lenten Night

A Special Lenten Evening for the Men of St. Joseph's Parish

"Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus."

with:

Father Rickey

presenter:

Jake Whitener
Husband, father,
teacher, coach
and St. Joseph Parishioner

Music by: **Daryl Buchheit**

Reflection by: **Ted Cassimatis**



Tuesday, February 28 • 6:30 - 9:00 pm • Parish Center

All men are warmly invited to join with our parish family for this special evening of reflection fellowship and friendship as we prepare for the season of Lent on the evening of Mardi Gras.

All proceeds from the evening will go to **Help the Hungry BakeSale** and to our **adopted school in the Philippines.**



Congratulations to Farmington High School's Sweetheart Queen, **Lucie Trokey** & her escort, **Ian Lamb.**

Our congratulations also to the following St. Joseph parishioners on the Sweetheart Court:

Emily Barnhouse,
Rebecca Colligan,

Grace Gilliam and her escort, **Alex Gerstner,**
Lillian Smith, Gracie Trokey and her escort,
Nick Westrich and **Abbey Winch.**



**Catholic Men
for Christ**
St. Louis, Missouri

Catholic Men for Christ
10th Annual St. Louis Conference

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Find conference details and complete your online registration at catholicmenforchrist.org.

Coming up in our Parish...



February 14
Yesterday's Kids
Bingo



February 26
Our Father's Table



February 28
Men's Lenten
Night



March 1
Ash Wednesday



March 3
First Fish Fry



April 14-16
Holy Triduum



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

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to St. Vincent de Paul.

Open Tuesday and Friday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
For assistance call 756-0997

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

This Week in Our Parish...

Tuesday • February 7

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
12:30 pm • Parish Center

Wednesday • February 8

PSR
6:00 pm • School

Rosary
7:15 pm • Church

Thursday • February 9

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

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

Sunday • February 12

Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Following 7:30 & 9:00 Masses
Cafeteria



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 healthminister@stjosephfarmington.com



With Our Heartfelt Thanks...

Our RCIA Leaders, Team and participants would like to thank **Jane Allen, Jackie Beck, Pat Boatright, Joanne Fortman, Linda Gillespie, John & Helen Thurman and Charlotte Vander Bol** for a great meal and dessert last week!!

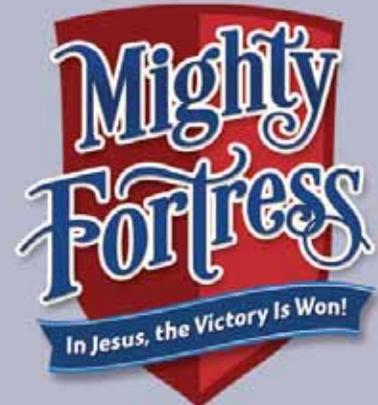
This week's topic will be:
The Holy Spirit & Life of Grace



?? **St. Joseph Catholic School** ??
Strong Academics in the Catholic Tradition

Save the Date...

Trivia Night
Saturday, March 11



Vacation Bible School
Save the Date
July 10-14, 2017



St. Catherine of Alexandria

Saturday, February 11

Celebrant

Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector

Marilyn Gegg

Extraordinary Ministers

Linda Smith & Cindy Coffelt

Offertory Bearers

Jimmy & Susie Herzog

Mass Intention

Dec. Members of
Elliot McDaniel family

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Saturday, February 4, 2017

Adult Collection	\$530.00
Loose.....	\$5.00
First Offering.....	\$1.00
St. Louis Review.....	\$30.00
Total.....	\$566.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness

Saturday 7:30 pm Mass

Happy Birthday



Rosie Eck
(Cinnamon Roll Queen)

February 8

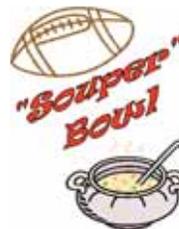
Teresa Gadell • February 10

Please join us TODAY in the parish hall

February 4, after mass for a

"SOUPER BOWL" gathering and

enjoy a bowl of chili or soup with
your parish family.



Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey