

Where Hospitality and Love Meet
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Farmington, Missouri

February 12, 2017
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**-LENTEN-
FISH FRY**
EAT IN
OR
CARRY OUT
St. Joseph
Parish of Farmington
Ste. Genevieve Avenue
FRIDAYS 4-7

Please stop
by the parish
center hall if
you need a
Fish Fry sign!!

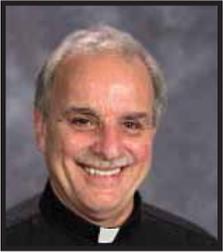


Please turn in your
old palms from
Palm Sunday last year.
These palms will turn from
blessed palms to Lenten Ashes
for Ash Wednesday.

If you
TRUST IN GOD
you too shall live;
God has set before you fire and water;
to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.

- Sirach 15:15-16





From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parish family of St. Joseph's,

Webster's dictionary defines the word **Communication** as the means of connection between people or places, in particular. One of the blessings of St. Joseph's parish is the communication tools that we've been blessed with, such as our weekly bulletin, our website and our new parish app. Communication is such a vital part of any parish.

Thus is the reason for this letter being mailed to every registered and active family in our parish, to our non-parishioner school families, faculty/staff, neighboring pastors and to our Archdiocese. **We have some important announcements and we want to communicate the information so that ALL will be fully informed.**

Tuition Increase for the 2017-2018 School Year

When I was assigned as pastor here at St. Joseph's in June of 2005, our parish school, at the time, was financially struggling and had the highest tuition rate among the three area schools in our Ste. Genevieve Deanery that had a school from K-8th grade. We've made many sacrifices through the years to keep our tuition affordable for our families and only once during those 11 years did we raise our tuition and only very slightly.

For the past several years, we have had the lowest tuition rate among the two other comparable schools, Valle in Ste. Genevieve and St. Vincent's in Perryville. During the earlier years, our Deanery had a different pay scale for our teachers since the cost of living was thought to be lower in our area compared to the city. Our tuition was lower because of this pay difference between our Archdiocesan teachers scale vs Ste. Genevieve Deanery's teacher scale. In the past few years, it was recommended that all teachers within the Archdiocese be on the same pay scale. **As of this school year, all of our teachers are currently being paid according to the Archdiocesan Elementary Teacher pay scale.**

To give you a clear example, our highest paid teacher's (not principal) total compensation package is \$53,026.55. It is so important to note that all teachers are entitled to a full family insurance package. One can imagine the rising cost each year due to **family** insurance packages that are given to our contracted teachers. Our lowest paid teacher's total compensation package is \$31,866.31. **The median compensation package for our 9 full time teachers is \$379,864.02 / 9 = \$42,207.11** Almost **80%** of our school budget goes toward salaries. These days are much different than when most of our parish schools were staffed by religious who mostly worked in those bygone days for room and boarding.

Archbishop Robert Carlson had a great vision in 2012 that our schools are to be **Alive in Christ**, to be kept viable, affordable and that the strong Catholic history of our schools continue for the next generation. I hope you remember his well executed vision of the **Alive in Christ Initiative** that is being implemented throughout the Archdiocese. The recent **Beyond Sunday Campaign** has helped to ensure that tuition is affordable for all who wish for their child(ren) to have a Catholic Education. Currently we have **85** households registered in our school with a total of **133** children. This past year, our school had **30** families that received tuition assistance in the amount of **\$31,950** from both the Alive in Christ and Beyond Sunday Scholarships.

The Archdiocese recently did a review of every school within the Archdiocese. Each parish school received a **School Viability Dashboard**, an accounting of their schools using systematic and holistic numbers and presented to all schools as a unified and more meaningful way to access the viability of schools to the school leaders and decision makers. This included academic performance comparisons of all schools within the Archdiocese and the financial arenas that easily show the financial stability of the schools.

The Pastoral Leadership of our parish, our Pastoral Council, our Finance Board, our School Board and our Pastoral Team thoroughly reviewed the dashboard that was prepared for our parish during the past few months. **We had some exceptional areas, but were red-flagged in two areas.** The Archdiocese considers a vibrant school to have the school subsidy be no more than 20% of the parish income.

You may recall, in 2005 the parish subsidy was over **67%** and through the years, with many sacrifices on our parish, we have decreased it significantly. The dashboard for the fiscal year 2015-2016 showed our school to be **44.5%** with the Deanery average being **29.9%** and the Archdiocese average being **30.2 %**. **They are mandating that all parish subsidies to schools be at 20% of the parish income.**

We have managed to keep our tuition low the past few years and have kept a balanced budget but in the past 11 years, we still have the same amount (plus interest) of \$113,038.58 in our savings that was present when I arrived. Anyone in business knows that this can barely keep a business afloat for over a year or so.

The other red-flagged area on our School Viability Dashboard is the teacher vs student ratio. Currently we have a **9.92** ratio compared to the deanery of **12.55** and the Archdiocesan average of **12.69**. **Thus, after the 2017-2018 school year we cannot have any classes with a full time teacher that has ten or less students.** It is just good stewardship to not pay the price of a teacher for a classroom of less ten students. If this combination of a class does occur, I can assure you that we have done it before and it worked well with two classes combined with only one homeroom teacher.

We do have a **School Endowment Fund** with the net assessed value of **\$811,638.15**. These funds are in an endowment and only the undistributed earnings received each year based on the market on our December 30 statement can be budgeted for the school for the next fiscal year. To give you an example, in December of last year, we received **\$746.33** from the endowment. Our Finance Committee chose to retain it in our endowment.

I think it is important that we each know the current tuition rates of schools within our Deanery before you see the increase of our tuition for the 2017-2018 academic year.

<u>St. Paul Lutheran School</u> <u>2017-2018</u>	<u>Ste. Genevieve Catholic School</u> <u>2016-2017</u>	<u>St. Vincent de Paul</u> <u>Catholic School</u> <u>2017-2018 Grades K-6</u>
<u>Lutheran Families</u>	1 Child \$3,035	1 Child \$3,447
1 Child \$3,250	2 Children \$5,320	2 Children \$6,633
Family \$5,500	3 Children \$7,280	3 Children \$9,439
<u>Non-Lutheran Families</u>	4 Children \$9,015	4 Children + \$9,693
1 Child \$5,125	5 Children \$10,550	
Family \$8,250	Non-Catholic Families - add \$275 per student	

With the consultations of our Pastoral Leadership, our Pastoral Team, our Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee, the following tuition increase will take effect for the 2017-2018 academic year.

<u>St. Joseph Catholic School 2017-2018</u>		
<u>St. Joseph Parishioner Families</u>	<u>Catholic Non-Parishioner Families</u>	<u>Non-Catholic Families</u>
1 Child \$3,850	1 Child \$5,500	1 Child \$5,500
2 Children \$4,950	2 Children \$6,600	2 Children \$6,600
3 Children + \$6,050	3 Children + \$7,700	3 Children + \$7,700
<i>The home parish of non-parishioner families is responsible to pay the difference of parishioners vs non-Catholics</i>		

A **“Non-Parishioner”** rate is applied to a Catholic child who is registered in another parish and who can produce a letter from his or her pastor attesting to membership in that parish and the pastor agreeing to pay the subsidy difference.

A Non-Catholic rate is applied to students who are not Catholic, even if his or her parents are Catholic. **The Parishioner rate is made possible because of the subsidy from the Parish to the School.** It is understood that parishioners will be supported in their endeavors to provide a Catholic Education for their children because of their support of the parish. The religion of the child is the basis for determining the rate to support and encourage Catholic parents in their obligation to raise their children in the Catholic Faith.

Our school depends on our parish subsidy, fund-raising and grants, as well as tuition. It is so important to note that we are **DEPENDANT** on our two-annual fundraisers to keep the tuition at the above rate. We have budgeted **\$45,000** for our school dinner auction and **\$17,000** from our spring Keep our Stars Shining Bright raffle. **If we do not achieve these fundraising goals, it will increase the school subsidy and may cause us to be red-flagged again.** Some schools have a mandatory fundraising fee per family. We try hard to avoid this by having the two fundraising opportunities.

As a matter of justice, report cards will not be issued to those students whose tuition and/or fee payments are not current, including payments, which have not cleared the bank. Registration for the following year will not be accepted until tuition and all outstanding fees are paid in full. Students will not receive their report cards nor will their permanent records be forwarded to another school, until all outstanding balances are paid.

During the past years, our contracted teachers at times have received an annual cost of living increase from the Archdiocese. As a matter of justice for all Archdiocesan and Parish Employees, this has changed and **ALL** parish employees will now receive the same cost of living increase as the Archdiocese mandates each year. **This too was influential in the decision of the cost of the tuition increase.**

It is the hope of our Pastoral Leadership here at St. Joseph's to produce to our Archdiocese our plan that St. Joseph Parish Grade school will be a vital and self-sustaining school for the next five years with the hope of NO further tuition increases. National statistics have shown that when tuition is raised each year, the enrollment tends to decline more steadily.

There will be no tuition increase for the 2017-2018 school year for preschool. It is important to note that there is no financial aid available for any preschool program due to the fact that preschool is not a requirement.

We must be realistic and also know the latest statistics of Catholics within our Archdiocese. The median age for marriage has increased to 28 years of age and the birth of a first child is nearing the the age of 31. A big change from the large Catholic families from the 50's and 60's. One can tell from our weekly bulletin that we are just not having the numbers of infant baptisms like we used to... but as a parish we are so blessed with our RCIA that is shown to bring several students into our school each year.

Our **Parish School of Religion** will also be raising their tuition for the 2017-2018 school year. Currently we have **70** students in our PSR. **\$100.00** for one child, **\$150.00** for two and **\$175.00** for three or more children. Our PSR teachers receive a small stipend of only \$15.00 per night.

As your Pastor, it is my hope and that of our Principal, that our school will become a Missouri Blue Ribbon School within the next five years.

What Defines an Active Parishioner vs Non-Active

The recent statistics on the State of our Archdiocese shows a slight decrease in mass attendance the past few years. Here at St. Joseph we have been very fortunate to maintain a steady number of registered parishioners. We indeed have very clean books when it comes to accounting for our parishioners. An **active member** is listed in our parish directory. This means that they attend mass regularly, contribute to the parish and are actively involved in the life of the parish, the most minimal way is working at our parish picnic each year (if age and health allows).

A non-active parishioner, is still Catholic but if after three years there is no contribution record, or if no one on the Pastoral team recognizes their name from any ministry, or if they do not work at our parish picnic, we remove their name from our active list and remove their name from the directory. Interesting fact, is that we have done this for almost 12 year and never once has any one complained. We consider our homebound parishioners active if they are on our communion call list. **I believe there is a great dignity in saying that you are a parishioner of St. Joseph's.**

Our Annual Contribution Report

Due to my absence while I was on the March for Life Pilgrimage, 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 (45 of these are new households that registered within the past year). Of these, 458 made a monetary contribution by using their weekly envelope 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 in their weekly envelopes, but please note the breakdown of these households as such: 13 are homebound, 44 ARE actively involved and 72 are NOT actively involved.

Of the above, there is no way to account for loose cash donations given weekly or monthly. This past year we received a total of \$29,858.40 in loose cash in our weekly offertory collections. **An amazing amount considering the above contributions.** May God truly bless your faithfulness to your parish community. Great things are happening in our parish thanks to the Holy Spirit and to your sacrificial giving!

Fish Fry Update...

Our Prices Will Increase this Lenten Season

One of our greatest blessings for our parish are our Lenten Fish Fries... its takes many of us each week to cater and to minister to the crowds that we attract... our average fish fry last year brought in 1,100 individuals. Divide that number by 3 (hours) and divide that number by 60 (minutes) and you will see we are serving a minimum of six people per minute!!! It takes a lot of people to pull that off! Remember 12 years ago, our fish fry prices were \$5.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children 5-12. In **2011** we raised the price to \$8.00.

After discussion with our Finance Committee it was encouraged that we raise our prices to \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children between the ages 5-10. Children under five eat free. We want to support our young families.

Our fish fries are becoming known as the best in the county! I would like to ask each of you to please consider picking up a Fish Fry Sign from our parish center next weekend, or stop the office at anytime to pick one up. The Fish Fry signs are not really all about advertising... its much more about our Catholic identity within our community. When we first purchased fish fry signs in 2006 the signs helped us to identify who was Catholic and members of St. Joseph parish. You can help us to evangelize in this small way by simply placing one of our Fish Fry Yard signs in your yard.

This year we have t-shirts available for \$10.00 for all parishioners to wear so that we are easily recognized as a parishioner. Just like our parish picnic, the t-shirts speaks volumes as to who we are as a community!

Our Father's Table, A Beautiful Ministry of our Parish...

Each month our Father's Table continues to grow... Anyone needing a warm meal served with warm and caring hospitality is welcomed! Our thanks to all of those who work so faithfully on the last Sunday of each month to lovingly provide a warm meal to anyone in our community. If you haven't stopped by yet, please do so. I guarantee that you will receive a fantastic homemade meal and that your heart will be nourished by seeing our faith community living the Eucharist by serving the many guests present!

Our 12th Annual Pilgrimage to Washington DC for the 45th Annual March for Life in 2018

This past month, 50 members of our parish family experienced an amazing spiritual pilgrimage to our Nation's Capital for the 44th annual March for Life.

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 last 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.

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 provided most of the meals etc... the cost of the 5 day pilgrimage was very affordable for families or individuals.

Each year, I experience such a great abundance of God's grace and great love through the pilgrims on this annual pilgrimage. Thank you to our pilgrims for making this year's pilgrimage so special.

Why is the Construction Going So Slow on our New St. Vincent de Paul Building

Many have asked why we are not seeing much movement on the construction of our new St. Vincent de Paul facility in which we broke ground for this past September. The first phase was to purchase the ground for the new facility. We purchased the land with the two dilapidated homes for \$100,000 plus the cost for demolition, both of these costs have been paid in full. The second phase is the construction of the new 36 space parking lot. It is here that we are still waiting for the final approval of the City Council in regards to the drainage etc... The new facility is the third phase. The funds from our Beyond Sunday come to us as they are received from the pledges as they are paid.

From the beginning it was a five year plan knowing that the funds would be paid in installments through the five year payment plans. It is my hope that we can begin construction sooner on the building, if somehow the needed funds come available through bequests, gifts or fundraisers.

Our RCIA is an Amazing Journey of Faith This Year we will Welcome a Total of 23 Individuals into our Faith Community Through the RCIA

We have 6 adult catechumens, those who have never been baptized, 3 child catechumens, those between ages 7-14 who have never been baptized. 9 adult candidates, those who have been baptized and now becoming Catholic, 5 child candidate between ages 7-14 who were baptized and now becoming Catholic.

We will also have 7 infant baptisms, those under the age of seven and 4 adults who are coming back home to the Catholic faith. What a testament to you, the parish family of St. Joseph's! They have seen faith being lived in you and are now wishing to become a part of this faith community! Wow, **34** new individuals for us to welcome!

My sincere and heartfelt thanks to our RCIA team and all of the sponsors who meet weekly to help our catechumens and candidates to understand and learn about our Catholic Faith!

Thanks for the Warm Welcome to Fr. Abe

This past June, we welcomed Fr. Abe Arganiosa as our new Associate pastor. Fr. Abe is from the Philippines and wishes to be incarnated into our Archdiocesan Priesthood. What a wonderful gift he is to our parish. His warm, kind, gentle and joyful spirit is contagious! My sincere and heartfelt thanks to each of you for giving him such a warm welcome!

Fr. Abe is much more of a morning person than I, and it is a joy that he wishes to have the daily morning masses! I already feel healthier by having normal sleeping hours. Our children love having him visit their classes weekly in our full time and PSR classes. He is also teaching a Spanish class and a chess club! He is an absolute joy to have on our Pastoral team!

Thanks for the Warm Welcome to our New Deacon Mark Byington

A warm thank you for your exceptional welcome of our new Deacon Mark Byington. Deacon Mark came to us from the parish of St. Joseph's in Bonne Terre. He had a desire to be active in a more larger community and to learn as much as he could in Pastoral Leadership. Many churches are becoming priestless parishes due to the shortage of priests and are being led by Parish Life Coordinators with a guest priest coming in only on weekends to offer the Eucharist. Deacon Mark is a real gift to our parish in many ways... and is a great homilist! He will be teaching a class this Spring on Tuesday evenings in our Parish Center on **The Mystery of God**. If interested in attending, please call the parish office to sign up.

A Special Note of Thanks from Your Pastor

It has truly been a blessing to be your pastor for the past 11 years. In the coming year, I will be blessed to celebrate several milestones on my journey... this June I will have the honor of serving you as the longest serving pastor in the history of St. Joseph's parish... In September, I hit a major milestone of my life's journey by turning 60 and next January I will celebrate my 25th anniversary of my Priestly Ordination.

I have heard some of my brother priests say that priesthood is certainly different than it was 25 years ago. I often had the desire to say these words... Being a pastor is hard work... 16 hour work days seems to be the norm... if you want someone to get upset with you, all I need to do is use the word NO! If someone doesn't get their way, a very small few will strike by cutting the contributions to the parish... and some, if they do not like something just walk away from the faith and join another local church. But here at St. Joseph's it is different, you are a people formed in Eucharistic Spirituality... you are faithful to the Communion of the Holy See... you truly are trying to become what we Celebrate each Sunday! You understand what the Sacramental Ordination of a priest is all about! It is Christ among you... our job is to lead you to heaven by the Sacramental life of the Church!

The gift of Ordination is God's grace given freely to those whom serve him as a Priest. Priesthood has and always will be the same... by serving you I am serving Christ... as our Eucharistic prayer II so beautifully states, "giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you."

No matter how heavy the cross is at times to lead God's faithful people, I am so blessed with the lay Pastoral Leadership of this parish.... **our Pastoral Council, our Finance Committee, our School Board and our Pastoral Team!!!**

and Finally....

As I stated in the beginning of this letter, communication is the means of connection between people. Thanks for being so **connected** to your Parish family, the Faith community of St. Joseph's! I thank you for taking the time to read the above information. Communication is such a vital part of any parish. **Humbly, I pray that by good communication and partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ we may continue to be gathered into ONE by the Holy Spirit!** I am so fortunate and blessed to be your pastor and to serve you!

"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

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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



February 12
Andrew Hamill
Christopher
Harness

February 13
Dan Combs
Ken Halter
Karac Knight

February 14
Lilly Combs
Linda Hamill
Kathy Neiner

February 14 cont.
Lauren
Vessell-Pinkston

February 15
Deacon Mark
Byington
Ken Doromal
Risha Gaines
Kevin Rariden

February 16
Les Busenbark
Valerie Schwent
Katherine Werner

February 17
Jane Basler
Chris Knight
Betty Krapf
Paityn Miller
Marcia Randoll
Tom Wilson

February 18
Paige Carron
Cecilia Crawford
Charlie Hayden
Jacob Lasmarias



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

February 13, 1993
Tony & Michelle Cheaney

February 14, 1992
David & Jane Howard

February 14, 1980
Keith & Karen Hutson

February 18, 1984
Mike & Lori King

February 14, 1991
Lee & Katie Schwent

February 14, 2009
Don & Gloria Shaw

February 18, 1984
Mark & Theresa Kellogg



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of February 13 - 19

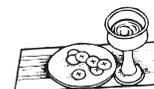
- Monday: Weekday**
 Readings: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
 7:00 am: **Herman Niedert**
- Tuesday: Sts. Cyril and Methodius**
 Readings: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
 7:00 am: **Al Dziewa**
- Wednesday: Weekday**
 Readings: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
 7:00 am: **Jim & Eric Baechle**
- Thursday: Weekday**
 Readings: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
 7:00 am: **Craig Schnurbusch**
- Friday: Weekday**
 Readings: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
 7:00 am: **Francis & Mildred Olmsted**
 8:05 am: **Murrell & Anna Blankenship**

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

- Saturday:**
 5:00 pm: **Mary Franklin**
- Sunday:**
 7:30 am: **Marie Burton**
 9:00 am: **Mary Rose Farkas**
 10:30 am: **Parishioners**

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, February 18

5:00 pm Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganiosa
Lector: Sandi Brooks
Extraordinary Ministers: Kevin Boatright, Ronald Brooks, John Denkler, Mike Kelso, Vanessa Trokey
Ushers: Buddy Bordewick, Gary Harris, Mark Kellogg, Don Trokey
Servers: K. Halter, B. Harness, M. Harness
Cantor: Jane Ramos

Sunday, February 19

7:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganiosa
Lector: Melissa Mitchell
Extraordinary Ministers: Charlie Dill, Marge Dill, Brenda Donze, Tom Donze, Chris Westrich
Ushers: Ed Brown, Bill Jokerst, Scott Watson, Ed Weidenbenner
Servers: K. Busenbark, C. Watson

9:00 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Mitch Fuemmeler
Extraordinary Ministers: Adam Barnhouse, Maggie Carr, George Kracke, Sandi Kracke
Ushers: Mike Backer, John England, John Podolak, Mike Turner
Servers: T. Benoist, N. Berkbigler, A. England
Cantor: Tom Berkbigler

10:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Helen Thurman
Extraordinary Ministers: Theresa AuBuchon, Phyllis LaPlant, Joe Rhodus, John Thurman
Ushers: John Bieser, James Cissell, Chuck Koppeis, Travis Trolinger
Servers: A. Werner, G. Werner, K. Werner
Cantor: Susan McMann

St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Mission Statement

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

Monday, 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 presence to be known in our country and in our leaders.”

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

“Jesus concealed in the Host is everything to me. From the tabernacle, I draw strength, power, courage and light. Here, I seek consolation in time of anguish.”

-St. Faustina, Diary

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, February 7, 2017

Adult Envelopes	\$11,893.00
Loose	\$581.50
First Offering	\$5.00
Electronic Deposit	<u>\$1,695.00</u>
	\$14,174.50

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$14,174.50	\$394,066.73
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$11,350.00</u>	<u>\$363,200.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	2,824.50	\$30,866.73

Partners in Education	\$249.00
Maintenance and Repair	\$278.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$170.00
Devotional Candle	\$.12
St. Louis Review	\$60.00
Women of Mary	\$20.00
Christmas	\$5.00
Our Father’s Table	<u>\$600.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$1,382.12

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

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



Glen Schweigert

father of Keith (Nicole) Schweigert
grandfather of Jaden and Livia

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

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

Please pray for: Burton Adams, Nick Hafner, Debbie Frein, Ross Asher, Phyllis Yost, Lynn Sauer, **Ben Schlager, 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, **Loretta Forsythe**, Ollie Ragsdale, Mark Huels, **John Crouch, Cathy Schuch, Lu Aldridge** and Mary Jane Huffaker.

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

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

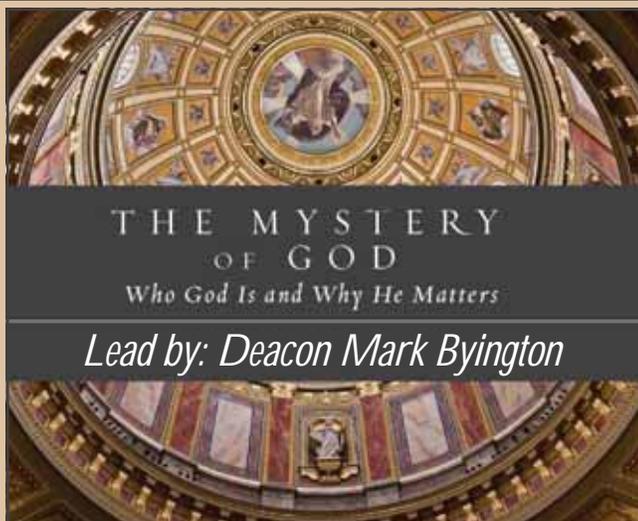


Music by: **Daryl Buchheit**
Reflection by:
Ted Cassimatis

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.**



THE MYSTERY
OF GOD
Who God Is and Why He Matters

Lead by: Deacon Mark Byington

What Do We Really Mean By "God"?

Deacon Mark Byington will lead us in this new six-part film series and study program as **Bishop Robert Barron** explores: Who is God? And why does he matter? Watch this series and you'll not only learn the answers yourself, but you'll discover how to share them with others - especially those who no longer believe.

Classes begin the first
Tuesday of Lent
March 7 • 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm
Parish Center
\$5.00 fee for Study Guide



A Message from Fr. Abe...

The Magna Carta of Christ's Kingdom

By: Fr. Abe Arganiosa



Our Gospel today enters into the soul of Jesus' message. Scholars call this the magna carta of Christ's Kingdom through which He unfolds the most sublime moral code ever proclaimed - Sermon on the Mount. **The Mosaic Law is being replaced by a New Covenant.** Jesus is now the New Moses – the greatest Lawgiver and Shepherd (King) of Israel. The righteousness of God has been revealed by God who became man [Mt 1:23].

In the Old Testament, the criterion for righteousness is strict obedience to Mosaic Law. So, the Pharisees were memorizing the 613 provisions of the Torah by which they were convinced of being righteous but they were self-deceived. The Lord clarifies, it is not only knowledge of Commandments that leads to righteousness but the Spirit of the Law rooted in Love of God and neighbor. The Lord Himself gave us practical examples in life wherein we must apply the virtue of charity:

We are not murderers but if we harbor hatred in our hearts, contemplate revenge, try to destroy other's reputation or malign their honor, then we are killing them not physically but morally and spiritually. In turn we endanger our souls. That's why Jesus is demanding us to forgive, to defeat evil with good and remove anger through inner peace. We must not be criminals, yes, but we are also called to be agents of peace.

We don't commit adultery but our hearts could be poisoned by pornography and impure thoughts. Unfortunately, our media today use images of human bodies as objects of lustful desires. On the contrary, **Jesus wants us to be pure in mind and heart and see others as image of God.** Moreover, Jesus reminds us that the people of Israel demanded 'Divorce' from Moses but He is quick to remind us not to forget that Marriage is sacred. It is designed by God as a life-long commitment. The Lord reminds husbands and wives of their sacred vow of fidelity. It is not mere contract but a holy oath to be fulfilled.

Today promises are easily broken and the sacred is easily rejected. **Let's trust in Jesus.** Cherish what is holy; don't throw them to pigs. Let's preserve the purity of our body, the sanctity of our heart and strengthen our family bond. **May the Holy Spirit help and protect us to remain faithful in Christ!**



A Message from your Knights of Columbus...

Grand Knight, Mike Ward
Council #12332



Knights of Columbus Breakfast TODAY

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

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



"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.



*Life is Sacred
at Every Age
— AND —
Every Stage*

Current Pro Life Billboard features the daughter of Abe and Jami AuBuchon and granddaughter of Rob & Connie Grindel and Jim & Lou Aldridge and also features the mother of Connie Grindel.

Miller's Feed & Pet, Herbst Farms

 *& Black Knight Stables* 

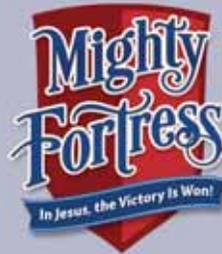
Invites you out for a fundraiser for
Alison Fischbeck
February 18 * 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Herbst Farms
2119 Possum Hollow Rd
Farmington, MO 63640
benefit4alison@gmail.com

Alison was a volunteer volleyball coach for our St. Joseph students and is a niece of Mark and Leslie Fischbeck. She had 2 heart attacks and has been through several surgeries and had been on full life support for 2 weeks. She is a Special Education Teacher at the Central School District.

Hot Dogs, Popcorn, Beer, Soda
Music 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Soup and Chili Cook Off, Silent Auction,
Bake Sale, Pasta Cook Off, Wine Tasting,
Pony Rides, Raffles, Trivia and More!



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

 **A Special Valentine
Wish to our
Longest Married Couples...** 

A special valentine wish to our longest married couples of St. Joseph's! **Ralph & Rose Trepasso**, 69 years; **Charles & Agnes Davis**, 67 years; **Floyd & Charmaine McFarland**, 66 years; **Richard & Mary Hafner**, 66 years; **Francis & Beulah Carrow**, 65 years; **Ed & Joann Thebeau**, 64 years; **George & Louise Wieland**, 63 years; **James & Mary Neville**, 62 years.

A special wish to our couples who entered in the blessed Sacrament of marriage on Valentine's Day: **Keith & Karen Hutson**, 37 years; **Lee & Katie Schwent**, 26 years; **David & Jane Howard**, 25 years and **Don & Gloria Shaw**, 8 years.

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 Jesus says: **"Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God."**

By your gift to St. Vincent de Paul, you indeed put your faith into action as you fulfill the commands of Jesus.

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 14

St. Valentine's Day

Yesterday's Kids Bingo
1:00 pm • Parish Center

Wednesday • February 15

Prayer Shawl
9:00 am • Parish Center

First Communion Parent Mtg
6:00 pm • Parish Center

PSR
6:00 pm • School

Rosary
7:15 pm • Church

Thursday • February 16

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

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

Sunday • February 19

Spanish Mass
3:00 pm • Church
4:00 pm • Reception Parish Center



A Note from our Pastoral Health Care Minister,

Agnes Hinkebein, RN

If you are currently homebound or are hospitalized or know of a parishioner who is, please contact me at 756-4250 or email healthminister@stjosephfarmington.com



With Our Heartfelt Thanks...

Our RCIA Leaders, Team and participants would like to thank **Louis Brewer, Betty Combs, Shelly Ellis, Phyllis LaPlant, Brenda McKee, Mary Ann Sullivan, John & Helen Thurman and Vanessa Trokey**, for a great meal and dessert last week!!

This week's topic will be:
The Sacrament of Holy Orders & The Sacrament of Marriage

Advertiser of the Week...

This week we would like to thank....



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

Trivia Night
Saturday, March 11

St. Catherine of Alexandria



Saturday, February 18

Celebrant

Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector

Bobby Eck

Extraordinary Ministers

Linda Smith & Cindy Coffelt

Offertory Bearers

Jimmy & Susie Herzog

Mass Intention

Linus Rottler

Saturday 7:30 pm Mass

Coffman, Missouri
Founded in 1887
Canonical Parish 1919

Happy Anniversary

♥ **Denny & Agnes Herzog** ♥
February 14

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Saturday, February 11, 2017

Adult Collection	\$500.00
Loose.....	\$70.00
Total.....	\$570.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness

A special Valentine wish to our longest married couple of St. Catherine's:
Wayne & Dolores Kraemer, 61 years!!

“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