

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Farmington, Missouri

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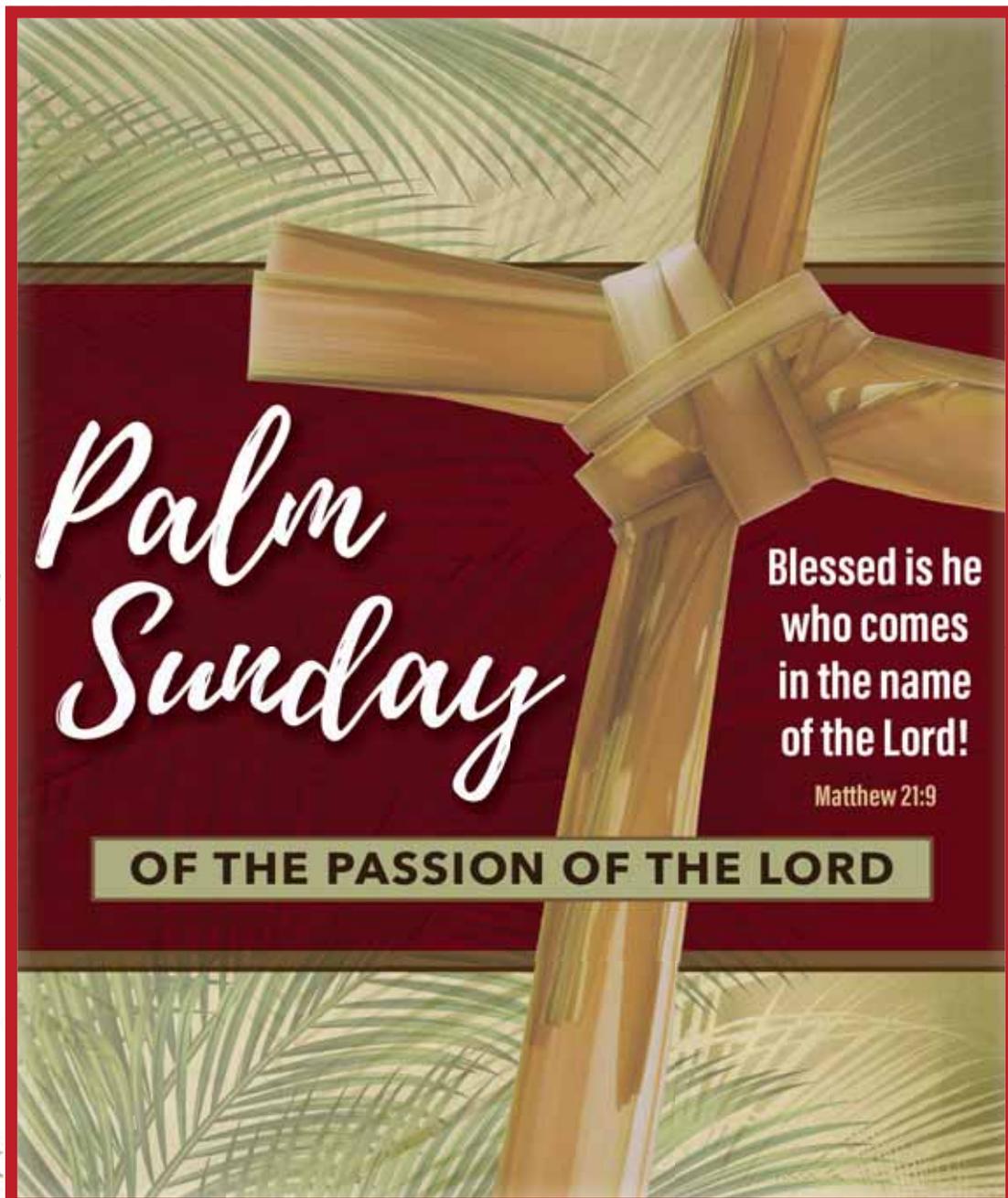
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

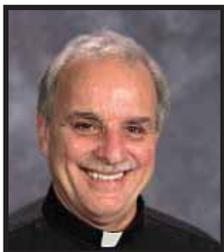


St. Joseph's Parish
Annual Spring Bake Sale
TODAY in the parish center!



Join us for the K of C
Breakfast TODAY in the cafeteria
following the 7:30 & 9:00 Masses!





From the Pastor's Pen

Palm Sunday The Holiest Week of the Year Begins Today. . .

Our Holy Week begins today with the Blessing of the Palms. All four Gospels describe a "grand entrance" of Jesus into Jerusalem on his final visit there, but only John has the detail of the palm branches - the symbol from which this Sunday has received this popular name.

As far back as the fourth century, Christians in Jerusalem reenacted this event. They gathered on the Mount of Olives in the late afternoon and carrying palm branches, they went in procession through the gates of the city to the Church of the Resurrection.

The custom of reenacting Christ's entry into Jerusalem gradually spread to churches around the world. The palm branches were blessed and carried home by the faithful as a symbol of Christ's presence in the place where they lived.

It has been a tradition for Christians to place blessed palms in their homes as a sacramental reminder of Christ's presence. **Where will you place your blessed palms today to remind you of Christ's presence in your homes?**

The Easter Triduum *Latin word meaning Three days. . .*

Christ redeemed us and gave perfect glory to God principally through the Paschal Mystery: *dying He destroyed our death and rising He restored our life.* Therefore, the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year.

Thus, the solemnity of Easter has the same kind of preeminence in our liturgical year that Sunday has in each week. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday.

Holy Thursday Morning Blessings of the Oils at the Chrism Mass

On **Holy Thursday morning at 10:00 am** at the New Cathedral Basilica, **Archbishop Robert Carlson** will celebrate the **Chrism Mass** with all of the priests of our Archdiocese. This Mass is a sign of unity and communion of the priests with our Archbishop. At this Mass, Archbishop Carlson will bless the three Holy Oils that express the tenderness of God in the use of our Sacraments. It is also at the Chrism Mass that I, along with all of the priests of our Archdiocese, renew our priestly promises that were made on our ordination day.

All of our Catechumens and Candidates have been invited to board a charter bus to attend the Mass. We will leave at 7:15 am and return by approximately 2:30 pm. This will be an awesome opportunity for them to enter the "holiness" of our Holy Week even more. **We have 9 seats open to all parishioners, please RSVP to Lisa in the office if you would like to attend.**

Congratulations to **Sandi Brooks** who has been chosen as the lector for the second reading and to **Cassie Black and Nick Tyler**, from our RCIA class, who will have the honor of presenting the gifts at this Holy Mass!

The 3 Holy Oils that Archbishop Carlson will bless:

Oil of the Catechumenate: in ancient times, athletes used oils to limber and strengthen their bodies for athletic contests. The Oil of the Catechumens draws on this symbolism, and its symbolism is best seen when an adult is approaching Baptism. During their time of preparation, they have to wrestle with temptations to say "no" to Christ's call.

Oil of the Sick: Oil was used for healing and is its primary significance when used in the Sacrament of the Sick. When anointing the sick, the priest says: *through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.*

Holy Chrism: Chrism is the Church's most Sacred Oil. When it is consecrated, perfume is mixed in. When it is used, it signifies that the recipient is enveloped by the Holy Spirit. This oil draws upon the imagery of Kings and Queens being anointed as part of their coronation. Used at Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders, it symbolizes that the person is part of heaven's "royal family" - a daughter or son of God. It is also used to consecrate an altar.

Holy Thursday Evening. . . Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

On Holy Thursday evening we are drawn into the whole event of Christ's dying and rising. It is at this Mass that we remember the celebration of the first Eucharist that Jesus celebrated with his apostles. We are reminded that we are called to be servants of the mysteries we celebrate. **One of the most powerful moments of this part of our Holy Week service is the washing of the feet.**

After the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we will walk in procession with the Eucharist to an Altar of Repose set up in the Parish Center for adoration.

You are then encouraged to continue adoration or come back for a visit before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight. I would encourage each of us to take some time this evening to spend with our Lord, just as Jesus spent time with his Father in the Garden.

Will you take the time to make this evening "Holy" by sharing in the Mass of the Lord's supper and taking the time to spend in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament? The opportunities to enter into the "holiness" of the week are there for us throughout this day!

Ending of the Lenten Fast. . . Beginning of the Paschal Fast. . .

I am often asked, "**When does our Lenten fast end?**" If one would count the days on a calendar, there are 48 days from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday. Why then, does the Church say we have 40 days of Lent? We do not count the Sundays as days of fast for we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus every Sunday of the year.

The Lenten Fast ends on Holy Thursday after the evening Mass celebrating the Lord's Supper.

On Holy Thursday evening we begin the Paschal Fast. The Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy states: "**The Paschal Fast must be kept Sacred. It should be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and where possible should be prolonged throughout Holy Saturday so that the faithful may attain the joys of the Sunday of Resurrection with uplifted and responsive minds.**"

Good Friday The Veneration of the Cross

According to the Church's ancient tradition, the Sacraments are not celebrated during the Triduum. **On Good Friday at 1:00 pm we will have the traditional Stations of the Cross.**

At 7:00 pm we will have the celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. At this service we will listen to the Passion, have the opportunity of venerating The Cross and to receive communion that was consecrated the evening before. There is no Mass celebrated this day anywhere in the world. This is the time to remember just what the wood of the cross did for our salvation and humanity.

The Easter Vigil. . .

This is the holiest night of our Church year. Holy Saturday is the only time when the Church's liturgical calendar uses the Jewish reckoning of days whereby, at nightfall, one day ends and the next day begins. Thus, Sunday begins at nightfall tonight. This is the night we welcome into our faith community our catechumen and candidates who will be received into full communion of our faith. This night is arranged in four parts:

1) A brief service of light; when the blessing of the fire takes place and we ask God to inflame us with new hope, to purify our minds by this Easter celebration, and to bring us one day to the feast of Eternal Light. We proclaim by the marking of the numbers on the Easter candle the **2017th** year of our Lord and that all time belongs to Him. **2) The Liturgy of the Word** proclaims our salvation history and when we, the Church, meditate on all the wonderful things God has done for his people from the beginning. **3) The Liturgy of Baptism**, when new members of the Church are reborn as the day of Resurrection approaches and **4) The Liturgy of the Eucharist**, when the whole Church is called to the table which the Lord has prepared for His people through His death and resurrection.

It would be awesome if every member of our faith community could be present this night. This would be the ultimate way of celebrating Holy Week by attending the holiest night of our Church's liturgical calendar. PLEASE consider coming to the Easter Vigil this year. On Sunday, the Church continues to celebrate Easter and its Octave for the next seven days.

Welcome New Members!

On Sunday, March 5, the **Catechumens**, those who have never been baptized and the **Candidates**, those who have been validly baptized in another Christian denomination, were blessed and received the Rite of Election by our community.

The Catechumens are now called **The Elect**. Together with their Godparents, the Candidates and their sponsors, they have been involved in an intense preparation during the Lenten Season. On Saturday at the Easter Vigil it will be a great joy to welcome them into our Catholic faith. **Please see pages 6-9 and welcome these new members!**

Please Return Your Lenten Rice Bowls at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday

On Holy Thursday we ask that you bring your Lenten Rice bowls to the Mass of **The Lord's Supper** at **7:00 pm**. You will be asked at the offertory to place your boxes or your offertory gifts in the basket at the altar. This long time tradition has been the center of many Catholic kitchen tables during the Lenten season as we remember our brothers and sisters who hunger throughout the world. Our sacrificial offering will go directly to help the hungry of the missions.

Mark Your Calendar!!! Young Couples of St. Joseph and St. Catherine's Parish!!

Please join us on **May 12** for an evening of planning for your families future, reflection and of course, great fun!

"Rules of the Road, Is Your Road Leading to Your Family's Future?" will be presented by parishioner **Jeremy Coleman**. Jeremy is a husband, father, member of the St. Joseph's Finance Committee and Financial Advisor for Edward Jones.

We would love for you to host a table of you and your friends! Call the parish office and let us know who you would like at your table...Or we will call you! (You Know We Will)

And Finally. . .

A very special thank you to the twenty-two women who provided the parish with an exceptional opportunity of prayer by leading us in the special Stations of the Cross through the eyes and heart of Mary.

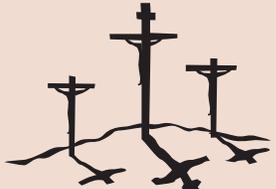
Our sincere thanks to our 7th and 8th graders for the very prayerful Stations of the Cross that they presented this past Friday, March 31.

On Thursday evening, after the Mass of the Lord's Supper, please take the time to come and visit our Lord at our **Altar of Repose** which will be set up in our Parish Center until midnight.

"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 during This Holy Week...Fr. Rickey

Please note that we will not have ANY morning masses this Thursday or Friday. Also, there will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday.



Easter Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper.....7:00 pm
Altar of Repose
(Adoration in the parish center) until 12 midnight

Good Friday
Stations of the Cross 1:00 pm
The Lord's Passion.....7:00 pm

Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil8:00 pm

Easter Sunday
Mass7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

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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



and



Happy Anniversary



To All of Our Parishioners Celebrating This Week!!!



Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Due to the holiday printing deadline, we could not include the offerings for April 2 in this issue.

They will be published in next week's bulletin.

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!



“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.” MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross”. These opportunities aren’t usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person’s needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

Monday, April 10, 2017

Sacristans

Brenda Donze, Linda Gillespie, Karen Jones, Jo Rustemeyer

Money Counters

Lori King, Ethel Backer, Anne Crawford, Carol Rigdon

Welcome Catechumens

Those who will be Baptized into our Faith this Easter Vigil



Cassie Black

Cassie is the daughter of Sandra Michielson and step daughter of Greg Thome. She attends Farmington High School and works at Beck's Tree Farm. She has been blessed to have two Godparents, Jackie Beck and Jerri-Jane Johnson. We welcome Cassie to the Catholic Church.



RoseAramy Chavez

RoseAramy (Ah-mee) is the daughter of Jamie Henson and Joel Chavez-Figueroa. She and her mother are both joining the church this Easter. Ami has one sibling, Yahiro. Ami's hobbies include piano, Girl Scouts, dance, horseback riding and soccer.



Linda Hicks

Linda has one son, Michael, who introduced her to the Catholic Faith. She is blessed with two wonderful grandchildren, Cole and Chloe. When Michael was in second grade, Linda met her best friend, Paulette, who has journeyed with her as her Godparent.



Tabatha Hickson

Tabatha is joining the church with her husband Jonathon and their two boys, Carson and Bentley. Tabatha joined RCIA to learn more about our faith, since her son, Carson, was attending school at St. Joseph. Tabatha and Jonathon are expecting their third son, Grayson.



Whitney Hutson

Whitney is the wife of Blake Hutson and the mommy of Mia and Beau. Her favorite thing to do is spend time with her family. Whitney comes from a Baptist background. She will be joining the church with her children and her husband, who has returned home to his Catholic faith.



Kevin Jennings

Kevin was born and raised in Farmington. He enjoys fishing, camping and hunting. Throughout the years, he has become friends with several of our St. Joe families and decided to learn more about our faith. Kevin is happy to make our church and his new Catholic faith his home!



Lane Tyler

Lane is the son of Kim Tyler. He is in the fourth grade. Lane likes playing with his friends and riding his bike. He is also taking guitar lessons! Lane is joining the church with his mom and his brother, Nick. We welcome all of them to St. Joseph.



Aiden Vaughn

Aiden is eight years old and a third grader at Roosevelt Elementary School. He has two cats and loves video games. Aiden will be joining the church with his mother, Jessica, at the Easter Vigil. We welcome them to St. Joseph's!

Welcome Candidates

Those who will receive full initiation into our Faith Community



Dakotah Bender

Dakotah joined RCIC with his brothers, Joey and Wyatt. He is 11 years old and is a student at St. Joseph Catholic School.

He and his brothers are joining the church with their father Rick. Dakotah enjoys playing soccer, basketball and football.



Joey Bender

Joey is 8 years old and a student at St. Joseph. He was baptized in 2015 with his brothers, Dakotah and Wyatt.

His dad wants to give the boys the same, strong Catholic faith that his parents instilled in him.

Joey likes to play basketball and soccer, but really enjoys baseball!



Wyatt Bender

Wyatt is the brother of Dakotah and Joey. He is 10 years old and in 4th grade at St. Joseph Catholic School.

His dad, Rick, wanted to give his boys a good catholic education!

Like his brothers, Wyatt also enjoys playing soccer, basketball and football.

We welcome the whole Bender family.



Elizabeth Garcia

Elizabeth is the mother of 4 children and the wife of Romeo Garcia. She runs their family farm and loves riding horses.

When asked what brought her to the Catholic faith, her response was "All I can really say is God." We welcome the whole Garcia family!



Jamie Henson

Jamie is joining the church with her daughter, Ami. Jamie is the daughter of Ray Davis and Cynthia Henson and has seven siblings.

Jamie was brought to the Catholic Church by Ami's father, Joel. She originally joined for her daughter, but has found a home for herself in the Catholic Church.



Jonathon Hickson

Jonathon is the husband of Tabatha and father of Carson and Bentley. He loves spending time with his family and says being a father is one of the best things in his life.

Jonathon has always been intrigued by the Catholic faith and has always felt at home in the Catholic Church.



Connie Hulsey

Connie is joining the church with her husband, Corey.

Connie was drawn to the church through the tragic loss of her brother-in-law, Sam. It's was through the strength of her family's faith that has brought Connie and Corey to the Catholic Church. Welcome home "Cousin" Connie!



Corey Hulsey

Corey is joining the church with his wife, Connie. He is the son of Jerry and Debby Hulsey.

Corey was brought to the faith through the strength of his family after the loss of his brother, Sam. He and Connie have stated that Fr. Rickey's love toward their family was a big part of their decision to join the Catholic

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Isabella Sigafoos

Isabella will be joining the church with her mother, Elizabeth Garcia, and her siblings, Robert, Sam and Mia.

Isabella and her family live on a farm, where they have horses, chickens, pigs and dogs!

It has been a joy having her in RCIC!



Robert Sigafoos

Robert is the oldest of the Garcia children. He attends RCIC with his sister, Isabella. He is joining the Catholic Church along with his mother Elizabeth, and sisters, Isabella and Mia, and his brother, Sam.

He and his family were introduced to the Catholic faith by his step father Romeo.



Kim Tyler

Kim has 3 children, daughter Katy and 2 sons, Nick and Lane.

Kim was baptized in the Methodist Church, but has attended the Catholic Church with her father, Warren, throughout the years. Her biggest reason for joining our faith is that this is where her heart feels at home.



Nick Tyler

Nick is the son of Kim Tyler. He and his brother, Lane, along with their mom, will be joining the church at Easter.

Nick is a freshman at North County High School. He plays baseball and says that summer is his favorite time of the year!



Jessica Vaughn

Jessica is the mother of Aiden. She is engaged to the love of her life, Ben Essner. They will be married in October.

Jessica joined RCIA to learn more about the Catholic Church, since Ben was Catholic. She was a member of the Nazarene Church, but has found her love for the Catholic faith. We welcome her and Aiden to the St. Joseph family.



Patti Whitener

Patti is the mother of 4 children and has 5 grandchildren. Her son, Clayton, joined the church, 2 years ago, through RCIA. It was going on a pilgrimage to DC with Clayton and her mom, Sandi, that brought her to RCIA to learn more about the Catholic faith. Her St. Joseph family has welcomed her with open arms.

Baptismal Promises

Do you reject satan?

And all his works?

And all his empty promises?

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the father?

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Children of the Elect who will be Baptized at the Easter Vigil



Mia Garcia
Daughter of
Elizabeth & Romeo
Garcia



Bentley Hickson
Son of Jonathon &
Tabatha Hickson



Carson Hickson
Son of Jonathon &
Tabatha Hickson



Beau Hutson
Son of Blake & Whitney
Hutson



Mia Hutson
Daughter of Blake &
Whitney Hutson

Welcome Home...

Those who will return to full communion with our Faith Community



Rick Bender
Rick is the father of Dakotah, Joey and Wyatt. He has returned to the Catholic Church, because it is important to him to raise his children with the strong Catholic faith that his parents instilled in him. Welcome home Rick!



Kelly Eckhoff
Kelly is returning to the Catholic Church with his wife Mary. Both had left the church, but have found their way home, through the love and support of their family. Welcome home Kelly!



Mary Eckhoff
Mary has come back to the Catholic Church, along with her husband, Kelly. Mary was born and raised Catholic at St. Joseph's in Bonne Terre, where her father served as deacon for several years. Welcome home Mary!



Blake Hutson
Blake is the husband of Whitney and father of Mia and Beau. Blake grew up attending Immaculate Conception in Park Hills. He returns to the church, bringing his family to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Welcome home Blake!



Archbishop's Easter Letter

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

TO THE FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE
OF ST. LOUIS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Good Friday, April 14, 2017, the annual collection for the Holy Land will be taken up in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis. I am requesting all parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis take up this collection on Good Friday in support of the Holy Land.

The Gospel message of compassion confirms the need for the Good Friday collection in support of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. We must recognize how much the generous concern of Catholics around the world has already accomplished in this tumultuous area of the world. Our financial assistance supports the Holy Sites, but also those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works, which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

More specifically, these resources come to the aid of families, often enhancing or saving the lives of the old, the sick, and the disabled. In addition, aid is provided to the unemployed and to youth that seek a brighter future.

I want to ask you for your generous support of the collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday, April 14, 2017.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis



Archbishop's Easter Letter

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis,

I offer to you my deepest greetings of joy and peace on the Solemnity of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ - Happy Easter!

Easter is to the Church year what Sunday is to each week - a highlight of rest and rejoicing. Its vivid symbols of fire, water and exultant song remind us that Christ has overcome sin and death. Because of that we know, in the words of Pope Francis, that when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved by God.

Let us pray that the light of Christ will shine in our hearts this Easter, and reach out to others through us. We know that our Savior lives. Let us share with others the joy of knowing that they are loved by God!

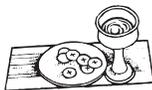
I ask that you keep in mind that the Archbishop's Easter Appeal for Retired Priests is today. You know how generously the retired priests served you, and how you counted on them. Now, in turn, they count on you, and are grateful for your generous support and prayers.

I pray these are days of blessing for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis

Ministers of the Liturgy



Holy Thursday, April 13

7:00 pm Mass

Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lectors: Phyllis LaPlant & Helen Thurman
Extraordinary Ministers:
 Deacon Mark Byington, Charles Boyd, Rita Boyd, John Denkler, John Thurman
Ushers: John Bieser, Tom Donze, George Kracke, John Podolak
Servers: N. Berkbigler, C. Brown, K. Wade
Cantor: Terry Guiley

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

April 14

7:00 pm Mass

Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Priest: Fr. Abe Arganiosa
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lectors: Chuck Hayden & Helen Thurman
Servers: K. Ramos, K. Ramos
Cantor: Jane Ramos

Reminders for Holy week...

No Rosary on Wednesday, April 12

No Daily Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday

No Adoration on Holy Thursday

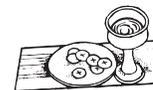
No RCIA on Holy Thursday

Parish Office will be Closed on Good Friday

Employment Opportunities at St. Joseph Catholic School for the 2017- 2018 School Year

St. Joseph Catholic School seeks an enthusiastic, dynamic 5th grade teacher for intermediate and middle school in varied subject areas for the 2017 - 2018 school year. Applicants must be Catholic, possess proper Certification, be familiar with Chromebook technology and be willing to work toward religious certification. Duties include assisting with after school activities. If interested, please submit a cover letter and resume by April 21 to Shirley Bieser, principal, at sbieser@stjosephfarmington.com.

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, April 15

The Easter Vigil of the Holy Night

8:00 pm Mass

Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Deacon : Mark Byington
Lectors: John Crouch, Mitch Fuemmeler, Chuck Hayden, Phyllis LaPlant, Helen Thurman
Extraordinary Ministers:
 Deacon Mark Byington, Cindy Kelso, Mike Kelso, John Thurman, Vanessa Trokey
Ushers: Jerry Bieser, John England, John Podolak, Don Trokey
Servers: J. Hulsey, Z. Kelso, C. Watson
Cantors: Tom Berkbigler, Dawn Fuemmeler, Michelle Podolak

Sunday, April 16

Easter Sunday

of the Ressurrection of the Lord

7:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. Abe Arganiosa
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Vickey Damba
Extraordinary Ministers:
 Deacon Mark Byington, Dotty Bach, Jerry Bach, Steve Forsythe, Melissa Mitchell, Kathy Neiner
Ushers: Ed Brown, Jack Neiner, Chester Ott
Servers: As Scheduled

9:00 am Mass

Priest: Fr. Abe Arganiosa
Lector: Jami Aubuchon
Extraordinary Ministers:
 Jane Allen, Adam Barnhouse, Maggie Carr, Rob Grindel
Ushers: Mike Backer, Dan Combs, George Kracke, Jerry Morris
Servers: M. AuBuchon, T. Benoist, L. Gaines
Cantor: Michelle Podolak

10:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Phyllis LaPlant
Extraordinary Ministers:
 Theresa AuBuchon, Shirley Bieser, Charles Boyd, Deanna Dickerson
Ushers: Bob Bone, Roy Henson, Bryan Hubbard, Chris McTearnen
Servers: E. Anderson, Y. Rizo, M. Williams

A Message from Fr. Abe...

WILLINGNESS TO EMBRACE THE CROSS

By: Fr. Abe Arganiosa



'The Lord's Passion' is popularly known as Palm Sunday. The usual focus of the celebration is the blessing of palms and Jesus entering Jerusalem, hailed as a King with 'hosannas'. In addition, this first day of Holy Week offers important spiritual lessons:

The humility to serve. The liturgy today is so rich in proclaiming two beautiful truths: Jesus is King and an Obedient Servant. He is the true king of Israel, not Herod, because He belongs to the line of David by Joseph and Mary and also because He is God [cf. Is 9:6-7]. However, he refused to ride a chariot or a horse to signify military and political power. Instead, He chose a donkey which signifies meekness and poverty. As the second reading declares: "... **He emptied himself and took the form of a slave.**" By this, Jesus gave us an example that the true exercise of authority is not in dominion over others but in 'service'. The true leader, either parents, teachers, managers, politicians or military officers, must not forget that they are servants of God and of the people. It is in loving, dedicated service, where they will find true greatness.

The willingness to suffer. Jesus knew that the Pharisees were intensely looking for His arrest. Instead of hiding in Galilee, He entered Jerusalem amidst shouts of jubilation. **He practically told His executioners: 'Here, I am!'** Jesus was the turkey shoot; He made Himself vulnerable to the spies and the traitors. He accepted the Cross; He was ready to be the Lamb of Sacrifice. In our life, there are a lot of times we enjoy the beauty and joys of life, but when we are confronted by demands to sacrifice or to suffer, many of us are running away, unwilling to bear the cross. Heroes are not only great because they achieved lofty things, but because they suffered much that others may live. Our working parents, scientists, soldiers or athletes are heroic, not only by their achievements, but because they endured so much for the sake of others who most probably are not even aware of the degree of their sacrifice.

As we start Holy Week, let's implore the Holy Spirit to grant us the gift of humility and willingness to carry the cross of life, so that as we share His Passion, we shall also share His Resurrection.

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

Please pray for: Bee Todd, Jennifer Jones, Kate Jones, Blaise Guerrero, Sharon Partney, **Jim Wieland**, Laura Tellman, Joshua Vander Bol, Dianna Caritoni, Terry Edgar, **Greg Barenbrugge**, **Brad Proctor**, Gene Blankenship, Cathy Reichert, **Marilyn Currington**, Joanna Ward, Betty Eddings, **Mandy Whitener**, Kim Nece, Ana Perez, Sheila Allen, Jennifer B., Mildred Bourisaw, Daryl Buchheit, **Doretta Herzog**, Debbie Frein, **Mary Lou Schuler**, Mark Huels, **John Crouch**, Mary Jane Huffaker, Thomas Taylor, **Jerri-Jane Johnson**, Mary Lou Schuler, Jean Allen, Jerry Gascic, Paul Richardson, **Margaret Barth**, **Rose Petinga**, and **Irene Eck**.

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

To the parishioners of St. Joseph's and St. Catherine's Church.

The love and generosity that you have shown me and my family in our time of need has reached the heights of heaven. Some might say that this is an overstatement, I would not.

The Word among us "Jesus" came to this earth, His creation, to show us how to live to attain a life in heaven. Part of that is living as brothers and sisters helping each other in time of need. With your generosity, you have lived that. I have never known a more vibrant community who lives their faith. Celebrate that in your hearts. God has given you a gift to live closer to His heart. You should be proud of that. Not in a way of boasting, but in the way of living it with joy and peace in your heart, living to worship God in every way.

So I humbly thank you from the bottom of my heart, all the way through my heart, with praise and glory to God.

**Celebrate your catholic faith,
it is a treasure.**

Your brother in Christ,

Daryl Buchheit

Hoping to see you soon.



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of April 10 - 16

- Monday: Monday of Holy Week**
Readings: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
7:00 am: **Robert Klein**
- Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week**
Readings: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17;
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
7:00 am: **Everett Dee Akers**
- Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week**
Readings: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
Mt 26:14-25
7:00 am: **Violet Hayden**
- Thursday: Holy Thursday**
Readings: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc,
17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
7:00 am: **Melissa Ann Heacock**
- Friday: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**
Readings: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13,
15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn
18:1 — 19:42

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- Saturday: Easter Vigil**
Readings: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]
b) Gn 22:1-18
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1
d) Is 55:1-11
e) Rom 6:3-11
8:00 pm: **Parishioners**
- Sunday:**
Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17,
22-23; Col 3:1-4
7:30 am: **Vel Schnurbusch**
9:00 am: **Martin Kracke & Michael Kracke Jr.**
10:30 am: **Mary Lou Lodholz**

Sacristans Needed!!!

We are looking for several people to share their gift of time by helping to clean our church. We have several spots available. We need one volunteer for the 4th Monday of each month @ 8:00 am and several for the months that have a 5th week, also @ 8:00 am. Please contact Linda Gillespie @ 756-6010 or Pat Boatright @ 756-4169 for more information.



Coming up in our Parish...



April 14 - 16
Holy Triduum



April 22
First Communion



April 30
Our Father's Table



May 3
Women of Mary
Retreat Day



May 6 - 7
D.C. BBQ
Fundraiser



May 17
8th Grade
Graduation



June 18
Corpus Christi
Procession



June 24 - 25
Parish Picnic



July 10 - 14
Vacation Bible
School



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

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: **"My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work."**

Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins donated by others to St. Vincent de Paul.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

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

For assistance call 756-0997

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

This Week in Our Parish...

Tuesday • April 11

Mystery of God Class
7:00 pm • Parish Center

Wednesday • April 12

Prayer Shawl
9:00 am • Parish Center
PSR
6:00 pm • Church & School

Holy Thursday • April 13

No Eucharistic Adoration
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 pm • Church
Alter of Repose
after Mass-12:00 am • Parish Center

Good Friday • April 14

Stations of the Cross
1:00 pm • Church
The Lord's Passion
7:00 pm • Church

Saturday • April 15

Easter Vigil
8:00 pm • Church
***Please Note: There will be no 5:00 pm Mass**

Easter Sunday • April 16

Masses • 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am



Our RCIA Leaders, Team and participants would like to thank **everyone** for the great meals and desserts provided so far this year!! We appreciate kindness and generosity. **Have a Blessed Holy Week and There Will Be No RCIA , April 14**



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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Easter Sunday, April 16

Celebrant

Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector

Rosie Eck

Extraordinary Ministers

Helen McDaniel & Joyce
Heberlie

Offertory Bearers

John & Peggy Adams

Mass Intention

Susie Calvin

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Due to the holiday printing deadline we could not include the offerings for April 1 in this issue. They will be published in next week's bulletin.

A Note from Fr. Rickey. . .

Stations of the Cross will be
Good Friday,
April 14 at 1:00 pm.



Easter Mass will be
Sunday, April 16 at 10:00 am.
Please note the time change!



Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey