

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Farmington, Missouri

Join us for
Spanish Mass
TODAY
3:00 pm



Living the Gospel Message
Since 1890



Join us for the K of C
Breakfast **TODAY**
in the cafeteria
following **ALL**
the Masses!

Come enjoy Breakfast
with Santa!!

SECOND SUNDAY

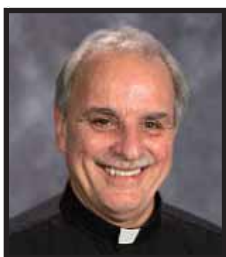
OF Advent

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

Isaiah 40:3-4



DECEMBER 10, 2017



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

Advent... A Season of Waiting A Season of Hope...

Preparing our Hearts for Christmas!

Today we celebrate the **Second Sunday of Advent**, a season of waiting... a season of Hope. This beautiful liturgical season is a time for us to prepare our hearts to welcome Christ anew this Christmas! I hope each of us will make time to prepare our hearts well by taking more time to pray, read scripture, reflect and to embrace the chances to be still during this holy season of Advent.

It is my prayer that as God's holy people that we take the time this Advent season to prepare our hearts for the sacredness that this season holds.

What an Awesome Advent by Candlelight Evening for Our Ladies...

\$10,416 was raised for Secret Santa!!!

Last Sunday evening **170** ladies from our parish gathered in a beautiful candlelight setting for a very reflective evening themed "**Love Came Down: Through the Eye's of Joseph**". Our heartfelt thanks to the **22** women who graciously hosted a table... to **Jake Whitener** for his heartfelt presentation... to **Jennifer Rhodus** for her beautiful reflection... to **Daryl Buchheit** for the gift of his awesome music and song...to all those that attended...to all of our guests that served as hostesses of their tables and for their awesome spirit of hospitality .

Please see the photos on the next pages. The proceeds from the evening will help several of our parishioners this Christmas through the **Secret Santa** fund.

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

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

Rite of Welcoming for the 23 Catechumens and Candidates Who Now Enter the Period of the Catechumenate

The celebration of the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens today during the 9:00 AM Mass can be understood in this way: "God showers his grace on the candidates, since the celebration manifests their desire publicly and marks their reception and first consecration by the Church." (From THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

What a joy it is to announce that this year we have **23** individuals in our RCIA class. Today at the 9:00 am mass we will welcome these 23 Catechumens and Candidates who will begin preparation for their final discernment to join us in the full Communion of our Church at the Easter Vigil.

It is with great joy that we welcome the following **CATECHUMENS** who are desiring the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Danyell Sweat

Nick Sweat

Children over age of 7 to be baptized

Josalyn Sweat

The following **CANDIDATES** already share our Christian Faith through Baptism. They will celebrate the "**Rite of Welcoming**" as they mark this moment of following God's call to live their Christian faith and their desire of initiation within the Catholic community.

Tiffany Aiello

Madison Kowalski

Terry Bates

Mary Miller

Jamie Conway

Alicia Nichols

Bud Davis

Colleen Nichols

Lisa Gibson

Katie Nichols

Mary Hafner

Lois Pallo

Neal Hudson

Billy Samfillipo

Mary Johnson

Martha Schwalenberg

Rite of Baptism for Children
of Candidates under age of 7

Nathan Conway **Maria Johns**
Sage Kofron **Savannah Kofron**

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

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

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

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

Remember Your Loved Ones at Christmas by the Gift of a Christmas Poinsettia

Memorials will be published in our bulletin

As is our custom, you can remember your loved ones by donating flowers to decorate the altar area for our Christmas season. An envelope is included in your December packet of offering envelopes. The names of those who are especially remembered in this way will be listed in our December 24 bulletin. The printer's deadline for this bulletin is **Tuesday, December 19**. Please note that the extra funds collected are placed in a restricted flower fund and are used for decorating our Sacred Space year round.

Remembering Those Serving in Our Military This Christmas. . .

In our Christmas issue of our bulletin we would like to remember those who are currently serving in our Military. Please call the parish office if you know of a parishioner or have an immediate family member serving in our military to have their name listed in this special section. We would also like to keep their rank and duty location up to date, so if these have changed, please let us know.

Secret Santa. . . Together we can help some of our own Parish Families to have a Merry Christmas

Again this year, I invite you to join me in helping some of our own parishioners who need extra help this Christmas. These are families or individuals that are registered in our parish and for various reasons are experiencing difficult times. Last year we assisted **35 families or individuals**. Some examples of folks who benefited are:

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

If you know of a registered active parishioner that needs a visit from Secret Santa, please let me know! They **must** meet the following requirements:

- Registered active parishioner
- Attends mass regularly
- Contributes their time, talents and treasure to the parish

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

Advent Meditation

They watch for Christ
who are sensitive, eager, attentive in mind,
who are awake, alive, quick-sighted,
zealous in honoring him,
who look for him in all that happens, and
who would not be surprised,
who would not be over agitated or overwhelmed
if they found that he was coming at once. . .

This then is to watch:
to be detached from what is present, and
to live in what is unseen;
to live in the thought of Christ as he came once,
and as he will come again;
to desire his second coming,
from our affectionate and grateful
remembrance of his first.

And Finally...

"Always remember that as long as we keep the Eucharist the center of our lives, everything else will fall in place...of that I am confident"!!!!

Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey



Advent by Candlelight 2017

Love Came Down: Through the Eyes of Joseph



A total of **\$10,416** was raised for our "Secret Santa" funds to help the needs of some of our parishioners this Christmas season.

A Special Thank You To

Jake Whitener
 Jennifer Rhodus
 Daryl Buchheit, musician

and to the special table
 hostesses for the evening:

Jane Allen	Mandy Hubbard
Shirley Bieser	Theresa Kellogg
Sandi Brooks	Cindy Kelso
Danielle Carron	Phyllis LaPlant
Jana Dore	Jen Maloney
Kathy Dziewa	Amy Martin
Michelle England	Kathy Neiner
Emily Hale	Gracie Trokey
Joyce Heberlie	Sam Wade
Cathy Holmes	Madgie Winch
Jessi Howard	Jayne Wooldridge



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

Eucharistic Prayer II

Our Pastoral Team

Very Rev. Rickey J. Valleroy, V.F.Pastor
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Scott Watson Pastoral Council

Jim Eaton..... Financial Commission

Rob Grindel.....Property and Maintenance

Ed Brown Cemetery Association

Mike Ward Knights of Columbus

Parish Business Office Hours

Monday thru Friday • 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Phone (573)756-4250 • Fax (573)756-6938

10 North Long Street • Farmington, MO 63640

Sacramental Life

Daily Mass Monday thru Friday 7:00 am

Friday (All School Mass Aug-May)..... 8:05 am

Sunday Mass Observance

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 10:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation..... 7 am, 8 am and 7 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4 pm, Sundays 7 am or by appointment

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month after the 10:30 am Mass. Baptismal preparation class required. Contact 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



&



Happy Anniversary



To All Our Parishioners Celebrating This Week!!!



For those needing to plan ahead...



First Communion

Saturday, April 7, 2018



Confirmation

Tuesday, April 10, 2018



- 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: _____



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of December 11 - 17

- Monday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
7:00 am: **Rev. John McEntee**
- Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Readings: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
7:00 am: **Catherine Tantillo**
- Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**
Readings: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4,8,10; Mt 11:28-30
7:00 am: **Margaret Kornhardt**
- Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor**
Readings: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1,9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
7:00 am: **Irene Eck**
- Friday: Advent Weekday**
Readings: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
7:00 am: **Chester Dziewa**

Third Sunday of Advent

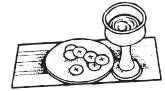
Sunday Readings: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Ps Lk 1:46-50,
53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Saturday:
5:00 pm: **Ted and Ann Meyer**

Sunday:
7:30 am: **Parishioners**
9:00 am: **Ralph Wozniak**
10:30 am: **Jesse and Dorothy Gandy**

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

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, December 16

5:00 pm Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganiosa
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Rustico Ramos
Extraordinary Ministers:
Adam Barhnhouse, Donna Conklin, Jill
Patton, Vanessa Trokey
Ushers: Buddy Bordewick, Gary Harris, Dylan Kelso,
Mike Kelso
Servers: K. Ramos, K. Ramos, K. Ramos
Cantor: Jane Ramos

Sunday, December 17

7:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Abe Arganiosa
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Jim Eaton
Extraordinary Ministers:
Steve Forsythe, Chuck Hayden,
Rose Hayden, Dottie Reeves
Ushers: Gerald Hulsey, Ed Weidenbenner,
Bill Jokerst, Dale Jones
Servers: L. Brockland, C. Watson

9:00 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Michelle Podolak
Extraordinary Ministers:
Jana Dore, Mitch Fuemmeler, Rob Grindel,
Jennifer Rhodus, Joe Rhodus
Ushers: John England, Jerry Morris, Dale Springs,
Mike Ward
Servers: L. Combs, O. Combs, J. Pikey
Cantor: Dawn Fuemmeler

10:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Helen Thurman
Extraordinary Ministers:
Theresa AuBuchon, Rita Boyd,
Phyllis LaPlant, Katie Rhodes, Terri Roney
Ushers: John Bieser, James Cissell, Chuck Koppeis,
Travis Trolinger
Servers: C. Cassimatis, A. Cummings, L. Dowell
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, December 11, 2017

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| <u>Sacristans</u> | <u>Money Counters</u> |
| Brenda Donze, | Beulah Carrow, |
| Linda Gillespie, | Jackie Maloney, |
| Karen Jones, Jo Rustemeyer | Nancy Ott, Carolyn Rigdon |

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

Our petition for this week will be:

“For Peace on earth and good will to men this Advent Season.”



St. Joseph Church
YOUTH GROUP

Meeting
When: December 10th, 2017
Where: The Whitener's Home
1561 Ste Genevieve Avenue
Time: 4:00-5:00pm

Work Our Father's Table
When: December 17th, 2017
Serve 4:00-6:00

Christmas Party
When: December 20th, 2017
6:00-7:00

WE WELCOME ALL 8TH-12TH GRADERS

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Adult Envelopes	\$12,827.00
Loose	\$385.83
Immaculate Conception	\$75.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$35.00
Children's Envelopes	\$1.00
Electronic Deposit	<u>\$420.00</u>
	\$13,743.83

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$13,743.83	\$281,577.87
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$12,125.00</u>	<u>\$278,875.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(1,618.83)	\$2,702.87

Partners in Education	\$822.00
Maintenance and Repair	\$210.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$275.00
Retired Religious	\$5.00
Seminaries	\$175.00
Christmas Flowers	\$385.00
Christmas	\$115.00
Secret Santa	<u>\$1516.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$3,503.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!



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

Next Meeting
Friday, December 15th
at 12:30 pm in
parish center

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

Please pray for: Janet Huck, Artie Detring, Pat Clark, **Wilma Kernan**, Laura Tellman, Bill Schaper, Carmen Christine Hall, Kathy Moorman, **Agnes Hinkebein**, Sharon Partney, **Joyce Wozniak**, Tom Christman, Paul Calbreath, Roberta Richards, Mildred Bourisaw, Jan Gilliam, **Cathy Barron**, Sharon Clark, Jim Dotson, **John Crouch**, Karen Abney, Jamie Bruenderman, Richard Gebhardt Jr., Charles Hafner, **Beulah Carrow**, Tim Evans, **Rita Boyd**, Robin Wessling, **Helen Mell**, Patricia Reed Finch, **Bev Bryant**, Tom Hunting, **Jessica Asher**, Stacy Harris, Bob Salzman, Jeff Boyer, Margarite Crown, **Lesley Hughes**, Neil Parrot, Francis Howard, Trent Podolak, **Louise & Jim Wieland**, Cathy Reichert, **Ralph Trepasso**.

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

A Message from Fr. Abe...

Jesus Comes To Hearts Made Pure

By: Fr. Abe Arganosa



This 2nd Sunday of Advent we lit the Candle of Faith in our Advent Wreath to continue the mission of the prophets, that is, proclaiming Jesus the Messiah as our Incarnate God, Lord, Savior and King. **Jesus is the Reason for and of the Season.** That is what we believe and that is what we proclaim... always.

Our Gospel [Mk 1:1-8] presents the beginning of the Gospel of Mark which opens with St. John the Baptizer roaring like a lion in the wilderness, heralding the coming of the Messiah. For that reason, the winged-lion is the symbol of St. Mark's Gospel. St. John the Baptizer's mission is to prepare the way of the Lord. That means he had to explain to people of his time that the Messiah coming is God and at the same time he has to convince them that the best way to welcome the Lord in their midst is by repentance from sins. The Baptizer fulfilled these two-fold tasks. He declared that Jesus is far greater than him and the need to bear witness to Him with faithfulness until the very end. He died a martyr of the faith on the hand of Herod.

Prepare the way of the Lord. **We are being called by the Church to continue the mission of St. John and look at him as our model of Christian evangelization.** We need to proclaim Jesus. *Catholics must be as bold in manifesting our faith as they are courageous in sharing political views or preference for basketball or baseball teams.* Parents should prepare their children for greater love of Jesus and teach them to have a deeper personal relationship with Him. We have to prepare the way of the Lord in our family, school, work and in every opportunity. This Season, do not be afraid to display the Nativity Scenes and declare the Birth of Jesus the Savior of the World.

The Way of Humility. The best preparation for us for the Solemnity of Jesus' Birthday is repentance. *Thus, we are invited to humble ourselves like St. John and go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.* **Let us confess our sins to the Lord so that we taste and see that His mercy endures forever and is greater than our sins.**

Let us celebrate this Advent Season following the spirituality of St. John the Baptizer: brave, humble and faithful servant of the Lord.



Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

5 pm & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

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

Feast of the Holy Family

Normal Sunday Masses



"Prepare the way
of the Lord..."

- MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

Daughters of St. Paul are Coming to St. Joseph's!

Daughters of St. Paul

Will be visiting your Parish!

December 16-17, 2017

St. Joseph's Church
We will be present after
Masses with books and
media materials.
Saturday 5pm
& Sunday Masses.

Visit Our Bookcenter:
5804 Watson Road
St. Louis, MO 63126
PH: 314-965-3512

@PBMSTL
www.pauline.org

The Daughters of St. Paul from Pauline Books & Media in St. Louis will be visiting St. Joseph's on **Sat. & Sun. Dec. 16-17.**

The Daughters of St. Paul are religious Sisters whose mission is to communicate the Gospel with the media, in the spirit of St. Paul. Their publications of **Catholic books, music, and DVDs --both for children and adults--** will be available for perusal and purchase after the weekend masses. This is a great opportunity to obtain some Advent and Christmas reading!

For more information or special requests call Sr. Laura at 314-965-3512.

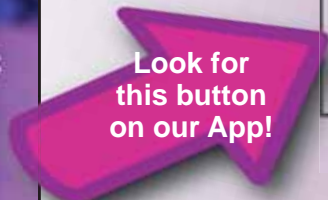


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Special Advent Features
Daily inspiration to help parishioners
prepare for the birth of Christ.



Advent

Special Advent Reflections Button

Myparish App is offering spiritual encouragement each day of this holy season. Many of us experience Advent as only four days a year (Sundays). These helpful reflections will aid us in reflecting on the Mass readings each day as we await Christ's coming.



With Our Heartfelt Thanks...

Our RCIA Leaders, Team and participants would like to thank **Jami AuBuchon, Joni Coleman, Risha Gaines, Connie Hulsey and Connie Grindel** for a great meal and dessert two weeks ago!!

This week's topic:
The Mass and the Paschal Mystery.



**Knights of Columbus
Council #12332**

The **Knights of Columbus** will still have apple butter and apple sauce on sale.

Just call **Mike Ward** at 760-8800

Copper Kettle & Wood Fired



Apple Butter

\$7.00

Apple Sauce

\$5.00

'TIS *(almost)* THE SEASON

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. Join our parish for Best Advent Ever, a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a unique way. Each day you'll receive an email with...

- Short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories of hope

TO SIGN UP, VISIT

BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope

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An Update on our Cemetery...

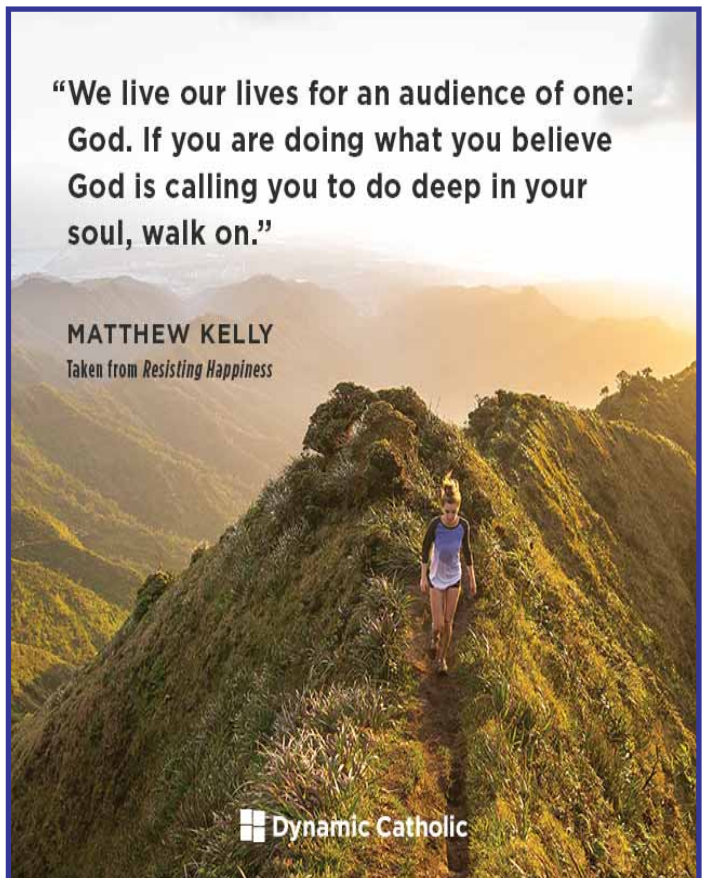
This past week, some vandalism occurred in our "Old Calvary" cemetery.

A number of monuments were pushed over by two juveniles who were "caught in the act" by Chuckie Koppeis. **We would like to thank Chuckie for his help in stopping the vandalism.** The culprits were made to upright most of the monuments they had over turned.

The juveniles were turned over to the Farmington police. This is the first case of vandalism in both of our cemeteries in over a decade.

**"We live our lives for an audience of one:
God. If you are doing what you believe
God is calling you to do deep in your
soul, walk on."**

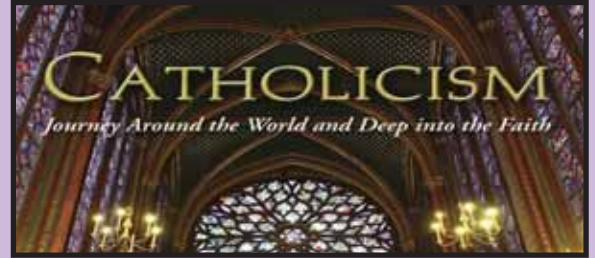
MATTHEW KELLY
Taken from *Resisting Happiness*



 **Dynamic Catholic**



THE CATHOLIC FAITH AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE.



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

Please join **Deacon Mark Byington** for a presentation of Catholicism a study program prepared by Bishop Barron. Join us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child this Advent. He will be covering the following three episodes:

- Dec. 5th** - The Ineffable Mystery of God: *That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought*
- Dec. 12th** - Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: *Mary, the Mother of God*
- Dec. 19th** - Amazed and Afraid: *The Revelation of God Become Man*

Meeting times:

Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm in parish center - led by Deacon Mark Byington

Program dates: **December 5, December 12, December 19**

Please RSVP to Abe AuBuchon at 756-4250 or [aubuchon@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:aaubuchon@stjosephfarmington.com) to register.



Knights of Columbus **Crappie Fish Fry** **Saturday, Dec. 16th**



Join us for our Crappie Fish Fry on Dec. 16th
from **4:00-6:30 pm** at the lober building parking lot.

**Meals include Fried Crappie, Coleslaw, Hushpuppie
and Fresh Cut French Fries - \$6 Plates**

School children will be having a competition to see
which class and individual can sell the most meals!!!

Order forms can be returned to school care of
Jodie Berkbigler or in the parish office.

Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Number of Orders: _____

Total Money Enclosed: _____



Checks payable to Knights of Columbus



Women of Mary Giving Tree

The Women of Mary are again happy to sponsor a "Giving Tree" to benefit our St. Vincent de Paul organization. Since the clients who visit our St. Vincent de Paul come only once a month, we are hoping to have plenty of great Christmas presents available for them and their

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Thanks to everyone for your support; each year you are so generous to those in need from our local community!!

Merry Christmas!



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Bell Ringing

Wednesdays • 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

December 14 • December 21

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

Baby Items For Christmas



A gift to the babies in our community.



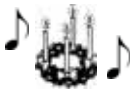
The Christmas season is a time to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. In the spirit of giving, the **Respect Life Committee** is asking families to **bring baby items to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and place them at the manger**. These items will be distributed to our Parkland Hospital and to the Parkland Pregnancy Resource Center.

They in turn will give the items to needy families. Items particularly needed are: newborn girl and boy outfits, sleepers, newborn mittens (so babies won't scratch themselves), onesies, undershirts, receiving blankets and heavier blankets. If you would like, the gift may be wrapped.



Thank you for your support!

Coming up in our Parish...



December 12
Advent Recital



December 12
Advent Catholicism
Class



December 16
KOC Crappie Fish Fry



December 16 & 17
Daughters of St. Paul
Book Sale



December 17
Our Father's Table

Searching?

Seeking?



**The Magi followed
the star to find
Jesus, we find Him in
Eucharistic Adoration.**

Eucharistic Adoration
Thursdays • 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
First Friday of the month
9:00 am - 2:15 pm

For more information contact
Charlie and Rita Boyd at
756-2383 •
ctboyd@sbcglobal.net



Let us Adore Him.

This Week in Our Parish...

Tuesday • December 12

Advent Catholicism Class
7:00 pm • Parish Center

Advent Recital
6:00 pm • Gym

Wednesday • December 13

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

Rosary
7:15 pm • Church

Thursday • December 14

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

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

Saturday • December 16

Daughters of St. Paul Book Sale
Following All Masses
Parish Center

KOC Crappie Fish Fry
4:00 pm • Lober Parking Lot

Sunday • December 17

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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



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

In today's Gospel John the
Baptist urges us to "Prepare the
way of the Lord.". We are called
to help prepare the way of the
Lord by making the real meaning
of Christmas come alive in our
own hearts, in our family and to
reach out to those in need.

**Is there a family you know
who needs assistance?**

Please call the Society of St.
Vincent de Paul so that
together we can help the
suffering and poor to celebrate
Christmas.

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

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Saturday, December 16

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Celebrant

Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector

Bobby Eck

Extraordinary Ministers

Helen McDaniel
& Joyce Heberlie

Offertory Bearers

Stan & Joyce Heberlie

Mass Intentions

James Herzog

Happy Birthday

Marion Webery
December 12

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Adult Envelopes	\$645.00
Loose.....	\$70.00
Human Development.....	\$20.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$10.00
Seminary.....	\$20.00
Christmas.....	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total.....	\$785.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness

Saturday 7:30 pm Mass

Parish Council President:
Jimmy Herzog

Coffman, Missouri
Founded in 1887
Canonical Parish 1919



**January 6th Old Fashioned
Country Christmas!!!**

“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